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President's Report



By Gene Andrews

We have made changes to the Member/Member tournament this year and I wanted to let you know early so that you can plan ahead. This year the tournament will be a Member/Member and Member/Guest tournament. That means that you can play with another member or invite a guest to play with you.

This year we also will be honoring our members that have passed away since the last Member/Member tournament. Please let us know who we have lost so that we don't miss out on honoring everyone. The Member/Member Member/Guest Memorial Tournament will be held on July 14-15 with the putting championship and the horse race on Monday the 14th and the Tournament on Tuesday the 15th. It is a 2 man best ball tournament and you will be able to signup about the middle of June.

Hope everyone has a great Club Championship Tournament



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TOURNEY REPORT

By John Vass

This is just in from the NCGA East Sacramento Zone Championship. April 22, Lincoln Hills has come storming back to take the title. Lincoln Hills posted a final round 19 under 125 and defeated Serrano Country Club on the first sudden death playoff hole to win the NCGA East Sacramento Zone Championship at the historic Del Monte Golf Club in Monterey. Denis Neimeyer chipped in for a birdie in the playoff to seal the victory.

For the second year in a row the team of Walter Burke, Bill Bowen, Jess Linville and Denis Neimeyer representing Lincoln Hills are the East Sacramento Zone Champions. The April Fools' Tournament winners are listed below. The teams and the scores as well as the cash prize for individual players are included.

April Fools' Tournament Overall

First Place (107) \$25

Peter Harper, William Langley, and Larry Brenden Second Place (109) \$20

Howard Hamilton, Dennis Beldon, and Phillip Steinbock *Third Place (111) \$15*

Roy Jordan, Walter Burke, Bob Varley, and Tom Cauge Fourth Place (111) \$10

Doug Swanson, Ross Burkett, Bob Arts, and Ron Dawson

Scramble Holes 1-6

First Place (20) \$15

Cliff Slotsve, Skip Greilich, Karl Williams, and Steve Wilson Hole 7 (Penny Carolan Shoot-Out Qualifer)

Glenn Arney 6' 3"(\$15) and Larry Weber 6' 11" (\$10)

Hole 12

Jerry Woodard 2' 1" (\$15) and Steve Wilson 3' 1" (\$10)

Thanks to Penny Carolan of Carolan Properties who is sponsoring one of the Par 3's in each of our tournaments. Carolan Properties will provide an additional cash prize for first place

on one of the holes close in the amount of \$20. At the end of the year there will be a "Hole in one Shootout." Into the shoot out goes Glenn Arney, it should be exciting. It was a complicated format and as you can imagine some mistakes were made on the scorecards. Our Tournament Committee is working hard to make sure the tournaments go well. Many thanks to Tony Dipaola, Les Hanson, Bill Rapp, Jason Hong and Steve Mumma who served in that capacity. It is important to point out the scoreboard is not official. But it is nice to see the scores posted to get an idea where you stand after the round. As always if you have any suggestions to improve our tournaments or if you for see any problems or situations that we should be aware of please contact John Vass at 916 209 8430 or jvass@sbceo.org. We will try to do our best to make things enjoyable for all.

The next tournament is the Club Championship and Just For Fun Medal Play tournament. The tournament will be played Monday, May 12 and Tuesday May 13. The member meeting will take place in the tent after the golf round on Tuesday. The Championship is two days and the Just For Fun is only Tuesday on the Orchard.

Here is something of interest from Dave Pelz out of Golf Magazine. It's a tip for saving time.

Always pull a club while replacing another. For example, keep your putter in your hands for the cart ride to the next tee after you hole out, then, place it in your bag as you pull your driver. Then keep your driver in hand until you pull your approach club.

The minutes you save by limiting club swaps will add up quickly



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SUNSHINE ALERT

From time to time, someone in the Men's Golf League or their spouse will have a serious illness or pass away. As head of the Sunshine Effort,

I would like to be informed of this so I can send the person or their family an appropriate card. Also, if the member agrees, this information will be publicized in our monthly Linksletter so all members will be aware. If you know of someone in this situation, please contact Bob Emge at remge@starstream.net or (916) 434-6712





Superintendents Corner By Jason Wolf



Turf damage golf carts

Golf carts have made the game accessible to many golfers who otherwise couldn't play the game, they give access to the course when conditions would otherwise be unbearable (like 108 degree days), they can be fun to drive and for the most part they have helped the game grow to the level it is now. However, like most other things in life, with the good comes the bad, and in this case the bad is damage to the turf which is also vital to a good game of golf.

Most folks don't realize the impact on soil and turf conditions caused by carts. I can find areas of cart damage on every single hole we have here at Lincoln Hills, some areas that are quite significant. Damage can occur in two different forms, soil compaction and turf injury. Soil compaction can happen instantly on a wet area, or over time in dry areas. Turf damage happens much quicker, however, depending on the time of year it can usually heal quicker too.

Soil compaction creates a unique problem for turf grass. As soil becomes compacted by the weight of a cart, or even by humans walking on it, the ground becomes hard and dense. As compaction increases it reduces air and water porosity in the soil as well as the ability for

water to move through the soil. This reduces the shoot growth rate of turf grass and the recuperative properties of damaged areas. In addition, it allows invasive weeds that favor compacted areas to grow there instead of grass. Walking and riding both affect compaction, and interestingly enough walking actually puts more pressure on the ground than a cart traveling in a straight line does. The problem is that cart wheels travel on about 50 times more surface area than walking does, and when the cart turns and weight is shifted to the outside of the tires compaction increases in that area dramatically.

The other form of damage is turf injury. While the weight of the cart is a factor just as it is in compaction, starting, stopping, and turning are the larger problem here. Under these conditions the grass is not only crushed flat, but also twisted and pulled. This bruises the leaves and ruptures the cells in the grass leafs, eventually causing the damaged blades to die. Consequently we end up with grass that is dead, patchy, or matted flat, and these areas are much harder to chip and pitch from than a fluffy, pristine patch of grass.

The above information is why we have specific rules on cart usage out on the golf course. We want to keep the carts away from sensitive areas such as tees, greens and approaches completely. Rule of thumb is at least 30 yards away from any green, or farther if a section is roped off. The majority of all shots on the golf course are closest to the green so we want to protect these areas as much as possible, nobody wants to chip and pitch off hardpan or damaged turf.

Bottom line is this: Keep the cart on the cart path around the tees and greens, don't pull off at all when you park, maintenance vehicles and the beverage cart can go around you if necessary. Also, please obey all cart signage. It makes a difference for every player on the golf course, the long term health of the golf course depends on it. If you are asked by anyone on the golf course staff to avoid parking in various areas, we make this request because we invest hundreds of thousands of dollars every year trying to maintain a playable turf. We want to protect our investment and give you a golf course worth playing.





CVS Report

By John Engelmann

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We will be kicking off our season April 14 at Sierra View Country Club. Look for the sign up e-mail.

Our schedule is as follows:

SIERRA VIEW COUNTRY CLUB	APRIL 14
TIMBER CREEK	APRIL 28
CAMERON PARK COUNTRY CLUB	MAY 05
EL MACERO COUNTRY CLUB	MAY 19
WOODBRIDGE COUNTRY CLUB	JUNE 09
PEACH TREE COUNTRY CLUB	JUNE 23
VALLEY HIGH COUNTRY CLUB	JULY 07
STOCKTON COUNTRY CLUB	JULY 21
RANCHO MURIETA	AUG 04
NORTH RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB	AUG 18
LINCOLN HILLS	SEPT 08
YOLO FLIERS GOLF CLUB	SEPT 22

