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President's Report



By Rodger Oswald

A special shout out of thanks to Board members who are **retiring**: Gene Andrews, Dick DiBiaso, John Engelmann, Bob Emge, Tuck Halsey, Jim Page, and Jack Drinkard; as well as those who will **continue to serve**: Roger Cummings, Phil Steinbock, Dave Jansen, and Karl Williams. Thanks to the **new Board members** who have stepped forward to serve: Bob McCollum, Pete Saco, Tom Traxel, Gil Lucas, Doug Hinchey, John Garfein and Roger Val. I also want to express thanks to Al Soares who is our **webmaster** and who does a fantastic job keeping our website current and interesting.


Thank you for your participation in our club meetings. As you can see, the Board is responsive to your suggestions - evident by the new green tee usage. I encourage you to continue to express concerns or make suggestions to Board members. It is our desire to serve you well, to be responsive and make LHMGC the best club to which you have ever belonged.

In the last edition of the Linksletter, I encouraged all of us to have an attitude of gratitude and would like to continue that theme adding my wishes that you all have a fantastic holiday season and that the joy and peace of the season bless you and your loved ones. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT


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Rodger Oswald

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Sponsor Report


By Tuck Halsey

Our members and friends are encouraged to check out all the sponsor websites for what they offer; we owe them our complete support for their contributions to golf, especially to our club here at Lincoln Hills. Again, if any of our sponsors have

anything they would like to be included in our monthly Linksletter, please don't hesitate to let us, or me, know.



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TOURNEY REPORT

By Gene Andrews



Tournament Report

We have now reached the end of the year and had our last tournament (The Pinehurst). Hopefully everyone had fun playing in our 13 Tournaments this year.

I was fortunate to have help with the tournaments this year. Dick Dibiaso as assistant chairman and official winnings distributor made my job easier. Among the others who have help make your tournaments run smoothly are Bill Rapp who went out early before our tournaments and put up the signs on the course, sometimes in the dark and then had to pick them up after the tournament. Others who helped were Les Hansen at the scoreboard, Rich Yoshikawa, Dennis Cumiford, Dan Kramer and I am sure that I am forgetting some of the others who have pitched in during the year.

Please make yourselves available next year to help out Pete Saco the new Tournament Chairman. The assistant Chairman is Tom Traxel. The club works best when the members volunteer to help out the Board.

We have tried new things like green tees and both green and white tees in the same tournament. We hope that you have all signed up for the men’s club for next year and if you haven’t do it before the end of December to save yourself some money.

The next tournament is the Winter Sloshfest on January 5 and signups will be open by the 16th of December. You will be notified with an email that has the signup link.

Thank you all and I am wishing all of you a very happy holiday season.

Gene Andrews Retiring Tournament Chairman.

REMINDER: All players must check in in the Pro Shop before all tournaments. Some seem to be forgetting to do this.

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FINAL

<u>Tournament</u>	<u>Sign-up</u>	<u>Tournament</u>	<u>Format</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Comments</u>
5-Jan	31-Dec	Winter Sloshfest	Stroke Play	9:00 AM	Hills	Green Tees
9-Feb	4-Feb	ABC&D Scramble	Scramble	9:00 AM	Orchard	Multiple Tees
15-Mar	10-Mar	Lone Ranger Tournament	4 Man Teams/ 1=2net BB	8:00 AM	Hills	
5-Apr	31-Mar	NCGA 4 Ball	2 man BB	8:00 AM	Orchard	July 17 DL/Aug. 10 Qual

11-Apr		Sierra View	CVS	8:00 & 1:00		Lunch
25-Apr		Timber Creek	CVS	8:00 & 1:00		Lunch
2-May	28-Apr	Club Championship	Stroke Play (T)	8:00 AM	Hills	
3-May		Club Championship & JFJ	Stroke Play (T)	8:00 AM	Orchard	Lunch in Tent Members
9-May		Valley High	CVS	8:00 & 1:00		Lunch
16-May		Lincoln Hills	CVS	8:00 & 1:00		Lunch
May30/ June	26-May	President's Cup	Match Play (T)	Player Arranged	Hills	
6-Jun		Stockton	CVS	8:00 & 1:00		Lunch
21-Jun	16-Jun	TBD	TBD			
27-Jun		Yolo Fliers	CVS	8:00 & 1:00		Lunch
11-Jul		El Macero	CVS	8:00 & 1:00		Lunch
19-Jul	14-Jul	2 Man Scramble	2 Man Scramble	8:00	Orchard	
25-Jul		North Ridge	CVS	8:00 & 1:00		Lunch
8-Aug		Rancho Murieta	CVS	8:00 & 1:00		
16-Aug	11-Aug	Chairman's Choice	2 Man total par pts.	8:00 AM	Hills	

22-Aug		Cameron Park	CVS	8:00 & 1:00		Lunch
29-Aug		Woodbridge	CVS	8:00 & 1:00		Lunch
26-Sep	21-Sep	Member/ Member&Guest	Putting & Horse Race		Orchard	Hor's D'oeuvres
27-Sep		Member/ Member&Guest	2 man best ball (T)		Hills	B'fast / Dinner OCB
25-Oct	20-Oct	TOC & JFF	Stroke Play (T)	8:00 AM	Hills	Lunch in O C Ballroom
15-Nov	10-Nov	Monster Tournament	Mixed Format	9:00 AM	Orchard	
13 - Dec.	8-Dec	Pinehurst	Pinehurst	9:00 AM	Orchard	

RULES

Roger Val, Rules Chairman

As your new incoming Rules Chairman, I would like to first introduce myself. My wife (Mary) and I moved here three plus years ago after retiring from a 30 year career with the Northern California Golf Association (NCGA) as Director of Rules and Competitions. It is an honor and privilege to now serve on the LHMGC board and become an added resource.

The coming year 2016 is the year of rules changes. The Rules of Golf are updated every four years and the Decisions on the Rules of Golf are updated every two years. The United States Golf Association and the R&A Rules Limited validate all changes involving the rules and decisions.

Significant Changes for 2016

Rule 18-2b (Ball moving After Address)

Rule 18-2b Ball Moving after Address has been withdrawn. This rule stated that once the player addressed the ball and the ball moved the player is deemed to have moved it. Now that 18-2b is no longer even after address the player is no longer automatically deemed to have caused the ball to move. A one-stroke penalty under Rule 18-2 will be applied ONLY when the facts show that the player has caused the ball to move.

Rule 6-6d (Wrong Score for Hole)

A new exception has been introduced to Rule 6-6d to provide that a player is not disqualified for returning a lower score for a hole than actually taken as a result of failing to include a penalty stroke(s) that the player did not know was incurred before returning the score card. Instead the player incurs the penalty under the rule that was breached and must add an additional penalty of two strokes for the score card error. In all other cases in which a player returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken, the penalty will continue to be disqualification.

Rule 14-3 (Artificial devices, Unusual Equipment and Abnormal Use of Equipment)

The penalty for a player's first breach of rule 14-3 during the round has been reduced from disqualification to loss of hole in match play and two strokes in stroke play. The penalty for any subsequent breach of rule 14-3 will continue to be disqualification.

Note: The additional change is if an artificial device is multi functional such as a smart phone or PDA it can be used as long as it is used for measuring distance ONLY. If the other functions are used then the penalty procedure is in effect.

Rule 14-1b (Prohibition on Anchoring the Club While Making a Stroke) New

This new rule was announced in May of 2013 to become effective in 2016 to give enough time for all to make the change in a reasonable amount of time. The rule simply prohibits anchoring the club either "directly" or by use of an "anchor point" in making a stroke. The penalty is loss of hole in match play or two strokes in stroke play.

Note: For a more complete explanation use the USGA web site (usga.org) click on rules and then click on rules resources for additional information including a video explanation.

Hopefully this is a good start regarding the rule changes for 2016. There are many more minor changes along with new and revised decisions. By the time this is published the 2016 Rules of Golf should be on the USGA web site. As the year progresses, I will try and provide information on the rules that relate to our courses. If you see me around and have questions let's chat.

MEMBERSHIP

By Roger Cummings

The dues to renew your LHMGC membership remains at \$83.00 until the end of the year. As of January 1, 2016 all non-renewing members will be removed from the NCGA rolls and renewal membership will increase to \$93.00 to get reestablished. Posting scores for handicap purposes will not be possible at that time. Please make sure to renew before the end of the year. Have a great Christmas holiday and a very good New Year.


All renewing members and new members for 2016 have been emailed a message from me confirming your 2016 membership. If you have not received my confirmation. I may have entered your email incorrectly. Please contact me and let me know you have not received my confirmation. Thanks

Roger Cummings



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HANDICAP REPORT by

DAVE JANSEN

This is the last month of the year and I thought that I would go back and cover a topic that continues to confuse some of our members. The confusion comes when trying to decide when to post a tournament score. We have some members that are posting most of their scores as tournament scores, also called “T” scores. This is NOT correct and can have an adverse effect on your handicap. (If you want to understand why this is true, go to our website LHMGC.org and read my July Linksletter report). It is safe to say that 99% of the scores YOU post at Lincoln Hills will NOT be “T” scores. When you play in our club events, we post the scores for you so you do not have to worry about this issue. When you play in the Tuesday Sweeps, that are run by the Pro Shop, ALL of those events are NOT considered “T” scores. If you play in the Tuesday Sweeps and you post it as a “T” score it will be considered an incorrect posting and it will be treated the same as posting a wrong score or posting no score and will disqualify you from winning any “money” (credit from the Pro Shop) that you would have won for having a low score in your flight for that Tuesday play. Those that play in the CVS (Central Valley Seniors) events, those also are NOT “T” scores.

CVS

Karl WILLIAMS

Sign up start Jan 1 2016, Applications will be in the Pro Shop

Sunshine Alert

By Bob Emge

From time to time, someone in the Men's Golf Club or their spouse will have a serious illness or pass away. As head of the of the Sunshine Effort, I would like to be informed of these events 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.



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LINCOLN HILLS MEN'S GOLF CLUB WEBSITE

by Al Soares

I am reinforcing some highlights of our website @www.lhmgc.org:

The Home Page always has the flyer for the next tournament and the sign-up buttons. It also contains the 2 highlighted sponsors for the month and the current registration information for new people wishing to join the club.

The Board of Directors' Page is updated with your 2015 Directors. Their contact information and pictures are also located on this page.

The Members Section contains golf equipment for sale, past copies of the Linksletter and a Post-a-Score. Terms and Conditions for selling golf equipment are listed here. To post an item, please send me the following information: Your name and email address, along with your telephone number and your posting information.

The Post-a-Score Web Page allows you to post a score from home via the website. It also contains the rules for adjusting your score per Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) before posting. Just click on the Post-a-Score red button and follow the NCGA Instructions on their website.

The Tournament Section contains the 2015 Tournament Schedule and Results, as well as the Schedule and Results for 2013 and 2014. The CVS 2015 Schedule is in this section too, plus the bottom of the Men's Club 2015 Schedule.

Last, but not least, are our Sponsors. Since they provide some of the prize money for our tournaments, they will be displayed more prominently throughout the Website. They have their own section containing contact information and maps. You may also go to their individual website by clicking on their website link. Please patronize our sponsors whenever possible.



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