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President's Report



By Rodger Oswald

TEAM PLAY

For some of you this may be news - that one of the features of our Men's Golf Club is we are involved in the NCGA Team Play. During the summer months, the Lincoln Hills Men's Golf Club Team - composed of 12 men - competes against other clubs in match play. Last year our matches were on Thursdays with tee-off times (mostly) at 1:00 PM; however, the dates are established by the NCGA and the 2015 Schedule has not been published yet. If you are interested in being a part of this traveling team, below is some information about Team Play that will help you make that decision about being a Team Play member:

1. Because this is Match Play, it is imperative that **Match Play Rules are clearly known** and that you are prepared to enforce the rules on yourself and your opponents. (By the way, you might talk with former team members, as **this sort of competition is rather intense.**) In general, **all golf rules are strictly enforced.**
2. There are **6 matches** in the initial phase of competition with 3 matches at Lincoln Hills Golf Course and 3 at other courses (last year we played at Wildhorse in Davis, Empire Ranch in Folsom and Haggin Oaks in Sacramento). Players are responsible for their travel costs. Should we win our regional competition, there is a district playoff with winners going to the NCGA Team Play finals in Carmel.
3. **Some costs are involved** in being a part of this team: 1) A team shirt is required that each player will need to buy; 2) At home

matches we collect money to buy ourselves and our opponents lunch; 3) Costs and the responsibility for getting to away courses is borne by team members (there is ride-sharing); and 4) Qualifying rounds at LHGC is at the expense of those who wish to play on the team.

4. To send the most representative team, a **36 Hole Qualifying Tournament** is held. The first round is medal play and based on the scores, players compete against a similar score in match play. Playing in the qualifying tournament is not a guarantee that one will be on the team. While each match uses 12 players, the team will be composed of 15-20 players, allowing for vacations, injuries and competing schedules.
5. Because rules are so important (a breach of rule can result in loss of hole and/or disqualification that affects you as well as the team), we will have a **Match Play Rules Seminar and quiz to prepare players.**

If you are interested in playing or if you have questions, email Rodger Oswald at rodgeroswald@gmail.com.



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TOURNEY REPORT



By Gene Andrews

Up coming Tournaments:

April 7	TBA
May 4 and 5	Club Championship
May 26	Presidents Cup Match play

The Lone Ranger has now received 144 entries. This means that we will have 2 foursomes on each tee. Thanks to all who signed up for this event. Since this is written prior to the tournament, I can't comment on how long it took to play, but I feel that everyone will have put an effort into keeping a good pace. We have 4 flights and will have 12 winning teams, plus the Closest to the Pin winners. Many players will receive a payout. Our next tournament will be on April 7; sign-ups and details will be out soon.

HANDICAP

By David Jansen

The USGA spends a lot of time talking about posting scores and the consequences if a player consistently neglects to post their score or they post the wrong score. The USGA says, *“If a player fails to post an acceptable score as soon as practical (within 7 days) after completion of the round, the Handicap Committee should post the score and/or a penalty score equal to the lowest Handicap Differential in the player's scoring record. If the score is unusually high, the Committee should post the score and/or a penalty score equal to the highest Differential in the player's scoring record.”*

So what is your Handicap Committee planning to do to try and be consistent with what the USGA expects? For now, we plan to do a random sampling of a player's postings from the weekly Sweeps scores, as well as review all the postings of the players who are Flight Winners. If it is found that a player made an error in posting, or did not post at all, within the 7-day period after playing a round of golf, a number of things will happen.

First, I will call the player to make him aware of the error and discuss the adjustment that is expected to be made. Second, the Pro Shop will be notified of the error and will reverse the credit for the week in question. Third, if it is deemed that an individual is taking

advantage of the handicap system, the Committee will meet to determine what corrective action (stated in the USGA Manual) is required. However, that being said, it is the belief of the Committee that all of our golfers do make every effort to post correctly all of their postable ESC scores.

Therefore, we would expect to **not** have to deal with the penalties that the USGA spells out. Remember, it is your responsibility to make every effort to post your scores every time you play and to ensure that the score is correct. Failure to post, or posting the wrong score, causes a loss of any credit you may have won in the Pro Shop for the day the error occurred. Over time we will see if we really have a problem with golfers not following the rules that consequently requires us to go through the penalty process.

Some of you may ask about golfers who play in the Sweeps, but are not members of our Men's Club. Billy Casper Management will use my spreadsheets to **reverse** the Pro Shop credit for the week in question and adjust the player's score accordingly.

In the next Linksletter, I will summarize what the USGA expects the Handicap Committee to do relative to making Handicap Index Adjustments to a player who isn't following the rules.

MEMBERSHIP

By Roger Cummings


The club had a great year and everyone who participated enjoyed the tournaments and events. Membership is an ongoing activity and we would like to invite any new residents to join.

We have over 260 members.




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Sponsor Report


By Tuck Halsey

For this month, the Home Page is featuring, on a sponsor rotation, Mercer Tyson of Tyson Real Estate and Nelson Wong of Life Enhancing Dental Care. Thanks to all our sponsors for coming on-board for our Men's Golf Club.

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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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 will always have the flyer for the next tournament and the sign-up buttons. It will also contain 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 own website by clicking on their website link. Please patronize our sponsors whenever possible.


If you have questions, please feel free to contact me via email @ tincupal@sbcglobal.net I hope you all continue to enjoy the website.




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