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President's Report



By Rodger Oswald

As this Linksletter goes out to our Men's Club membership, I want to take this opportunity to express thanks to the Board of Directors. Your Board consists of 13 men who "donate" their time and energy to make everyone's Club experience a good one. The list of Board members is in the glass display just outside the Pro Shop. I encourage you to take a look at those names and when the opportunity arises, express thanks to them for the service they perform for you.

A special shout out to Gene Andrews. One of the most demanding (and often under appreciated) tasks is the Tournament Chairman. Gene puts in a ton of time to make your tournament experience a good one.

Another shout out goes to Dave Jansen who serves as our Handicap Chairman. This is not always a popular position to have as Dave holds us accountable for posting our scores in order to achieve equitable competition. No one wants to be a part of a club that has vanity or inflated handicaps and Dave is working hard to give everyone an equal chance to win. One more shout out goes to Al Soares who manages our website. Our club has a first-class website with outstanding information that is helpful to you. I encourage you to access the website for that information as well as to register for our events. (www.lhmgc.org) By the way, we will be posting the results of meetings with the Lincoln Hills Club leadership regarding course conditions, speed of play and other issues. If you have issues for which you would like a response, please let me know and I will take it to those meetings.


Since this article is the first in the Linksletter, I also want to take time to direct you to other portions of this letter. Jason Wolf, Course Superintendent, and Ryan Peterson, Director of Golf will be making contributions to our Linksletter in order to keep you informed regarding course issues – including Lincoln Hills Club events.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you.


Rodger

Rules

Grounding Your Club in a Hazard Practice swings may be taken inside a hazard as long as you don't touch the ground, sand or water with your club. The top of the grass may be touched during a practice swing. The penalty for grounding your club is loss of the hole in match play or a 2 shot penalty in stroke play. 11. Accidentally Moving Your Ball There is a 1 stroke penalty for accidentally moving your ball and it must



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Sponsor Report

By Tuck Halsey

We have a new sponsor **RMF [Revers Mortgage Funding]** located in the Town Hall Business Center. Ask for Hank Rhoads.

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.

TOURNEY REPORT



By Gene Andrews

Up coming Tournaments:

April 21 NCGA Four Ball Qualifier / Just For Fun

May 4 and 5 Club Championship

May 26 Presidents Cup Match play

The Lone Ranger Tournament Hole In One
Setve Mumma Hills Course Hole # 7



HANDICAP

By David Jansen

What the USGA expects of the Handicap Committee within the Golf Club.

From time to time you might get a call from me telling you that you missed posting a score or you didn't post a correct score based on a score card that was submitted by you or a person that played with you. Although the error may be a mistake, I am not trying to judge why, I am just wanting to make sure you are aware of it and how we are going to get corrected. If you were in the top 5 in your flight, you will lose your credit that the Pro Shop would have given you. You might question why I am taking the time to ensure our members are posting, and posting the correct scores. The USGA makes it quite clear

stating: *“An essential element of the USGA HANDICAP SYSTEM is the HANDICAP COMMITTEE. Each GOLF CLUB or AUTHORIZED GOLF ASSOCIATION utilizing the USGA HANDICAP SYSTEM must appoint a HANDICAP COMMITTEE to ensure the integrity of each HANDICAP INDEX it issues. This Committee must make certain that the members comply with the USGA HANDICAP SYSTEM.”* It goes on to say: *“The HANDICAP COMMITTEE must verify that all acceptable scores are reported for handicap purposes, and that recorded scores are available for PEER REVIEW.”*

Currently, the Pro Shop does not do this for the Sweeps but we are working on it.

Furthermore, the USGA expects: *“The Handicap Committee should examine results of competitions. If net scores of any players appear exceptional, the Handicap Committee should take appropriate action under procedures in Sections 89-4 and 10-3. The Handicap Committee has the ultimate authority to adjust a Handicap Index under any circumstance that it feels necessary to do so.”* Basically, what the USGA wants is to have all competitions being played on a level playing field. They go to great lengths to try to ensure that all Handicap Committees are overseeing their membership and that they are following the rules. I have mentioned before, that the USGA has a who manual dedicated to Handicapping and if you have any questions, feel free to call me or go on-line and read the Manual.

Dave Jansen, Handicap Chairman

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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Jason Wolf Superintendent

The season begins.

As most of you are aware aerification took place on the Orchard March 30th and the Hills was just finished up April 13th. Both aerifications went well and things are recovering nicely.



75 tons of sand was distributed between all 38 greens. The type of sand we use is fines free kiln dried sand. This sand is cleaned and screened to remove all imperfections. The final step is a drying process. The sand is loaded into a large spinning drum that is heated to 400 degrees to remove all moisture from the sand. This sand is a bit more expensive, but we are able to fill in the aeration holes much easier creating a better putting surface.





If you look at the right photo, you can clearly see the two aeration holes filled with sand. That is our goal, to create areas for new root development and water infiltration to get through the heat of the summer.

Early fall aerification dates:

Hills- August 23rd and 24th

Orchard- August 30th and 31

Divot replacement

The Exploding Divot

In the event your divot does explode, simply fill the divot with the sand on your golf cart. Be careful not to overfill the divot because this not only wastes sand but is damaging to our mowers when they run across it. It is always good to step the sand pile down with your foot once you fill it. Replacing a divot like this is not worth it. If there is not soil attached to the turf, it will simply dry up and die. Straight sand is the best option here.

The 'Sod' Divot

When you take a divot that does have a nice soil layer attached to it, it is important to replace the divot. New roots will emerge from the turf and it will simply re-root. Like any type of sod, adequate moisture is essential. If the divot dries up, it will die. Therefore, when you replace the divot, step it down to ensure good soil to soil contact. Then sprinkle sand around the edges. This does two things. One, it fills the seams to ensure the divot is level. Secondly, it helps prevent moisture loss around the edges. All too often I see golfers replace their divot by using the 10 yard approach. This is where they essentially throw the divot back in the void from 10 yards away. You might as well not replace the divot if you use this method. By not stepping it down, it will either dry up and die or be dragged off by a fairway mower. Lincoln Hills gets a large number of rounds compacted into a small time frame. To keep your course in top shape, you help is required!



Rakes

Please remember to place our bunker rakes inside the bunkers. This helps them from been broken by carts and equipment. We will be placing stickers on the rakes as reminders.



Cart directional signs

Please respect our directional signs. They are placed in specific areas to help manage traffic. Unfortunately, the effects of constant golf cart traffic in the same areas causes a lot of unseen damage in the forms of turf wear and soil compaction. From a maintenance point of view, it can be very difficult to get some of these

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heavy traffic areas to recover and fill in. You can help too, by avoiding driving in any areas that look like they may be struggling.

The general rule is to keep carts 40 yards from the green. If you have one of the “handicapped” blue flags, carts must remain 10 yards from the green. That doesn’t mean that you can drive everywhere to drop your buddy off at his ball. This will benefit all of us.



Please follow the preferred divot patterns on the driving range.





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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 ad 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.




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