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President's Report



By Rodger Oswald

While the chairmen from the different committees will have content similar to this, please let me simply draw your attention to a couple of things. First, I'm sure Dave Jansen and his committee will include information about the handicap policy we will be implementing. I want to assure you that, while Dave and his committee have been working on this, the entire Board is "on board." I have often expressed my desire that your membership in our club is a quality experience. That is impossible, apart from our golfers carrying a handicap that reflects NCGA standards to make sure everyone has an equal chance to win. Dave, his committee and the Board do understand that some failures to record are honest omissions. We also understand that sometimes an error is made between what the scorecard says and what is posted with NCGA. However, should you get a phone call or a letter, we are not calling anyone a cheater. We simply want to correct the mistake and encourage our membership to be diligent and careful in posting.

The "proof in the pudding" will be found in the results of our tournaments when some golfers regularly have extraordinary results and regularly win money. These results will be monitored as well. Enough said!

Second, in Board meetings there has been extensive discussion about how to distribute the winnings from our tournaments. Gene Andrews and Dick DiBiasco have labored diligently to get money to winners, but I want to remind you that it is your responsibility to pick up your winnings. Dick will continue to try to find people in the Pro Shop or by the carts before events, but it would be better if you tried to find him. In addition, the "winnings" can be found at the scoreboard after each tournament. Thank you for your cooperation. I know Gene and Dick will appreciate it.

I want to remind our membership about two course care issues. In a meeting with Course Superintendent Jason Wolfe, he has clarified that the preferred method of dealing with divot holes is to replace the divot; if, however, there is insufficient turf to replace, sand the divot. The second issues is the rakes. Rakes are to remain IN the bunker. Please leave the rake you use in the bunker and place those you encounter outside the bunker back IN the bunker.

Lastly, congratulations to Rich Long – our Low Gross Club Champion and Jason Hong – our Low Net Club Championship. Well done, Rich and Jason.

Rodger

Rules


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Unplayable Lie


Option 1 – Take 2 club lengths relief no closer to the hole and assess a 1 stroke penalty.

Option 2 – Replay the shot from the original position incurring a stroke and distance penalty.

Option 3 – Take the ball back as far as you want, keeping the point where the ball lies between you and the hole, incurring a 1 shot penalty.



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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

Upcoming Tournaments:



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May 26

June 9

June 22

Presidents Cup, Beginning of Match play

Lone Ranger 4 Man Team

Sun City Cup On the Hills course [Sun City Roseville]

Club Champion

RICH LONG Low gross

JASON HONG Low Net

Turnout has been good this year. We have the President's Cup Match Play Tournament coming up that is always lots of fun. It is played at full handicaps allowing all of us to have some blowup holes and still be in the match. Sign up early at LHMGC.org. Next is the Sun City Cup, our annual tournament with Sun City Roseville on June 22nd. Cost for our players is \$30 covering the cost of the lunch and continental breakfast. You will be responsible for your green fees. This tournament is limited to 60 players from each club. The Signup Form will be in the clubhouse on the 26th of May and you will need to attach your check for \$30. We average the score for each team and the team with the lowest average score takes home the trophy.

Gene

CVS REPORT By Karl Williams

We started the year off right with 46 players at the Sierra View Country Club on April 13th. The weather was great and so was the turnout. Sierra View did a wonderful job and the lunch was great as always. On April 27th the Timber Creek Golf Club hosted their event and again the weather was great. We had 46 players signed up. They too did a wonderful job, especially since there was some construction going on in the parking area. Again, their lunch was equally as good.

On May 18th, the Cameron Park Country Club will be hosting our next event. We have 54 players signed up to play and they expect a full field this year. We have had a great time playing and meeting new people. Lincoln Hills will be hosting on June 1st; it is our hope to sell out as well.

Karl Williams
CVS Director

HANDICAP By David Jansen

LHMGC Handicap Reduction Policy

Club Members: Article II of our By-Laws states: "This organization is formed for the express purpose of promoting the sport of golf at Sun City Lincoln Hills Club in accordance with these By-Laws and The Rules of the Game of Golf". Your current board, as well as past boards, has a responsibility to make sure that our members post their scores. The posting of scores is essential to have accurate CHIN Index Numbers for a club's membership. Thus, the CHIN Index is

By-Laws and The Rules of the Game of Golf". Your current board, as well as past boards, has a responsibility to make sure that our members post their scores. The posting of scores is essential to have accurate GHIN Index Numbers for a club's membership. Thus, the GHIN Index is essential for maintaining equity in competition among members in both club tournaments and Tuesday Sweeps.

If you have been reading the Handicap Chairman's Linksletter Reports this year, you probably understand that the Board wants to ensure that all of our members in all skill levels can compete against each other on an equitable basis. This action, mandated by the USGA, is to ensure that our Men's Club is complying with the USGA Handicap System. Consequently, as directed by Article VI, Section E, the Handicap Committee has the responsibility of making sure that each player has a Handicap Index that reflects potential ability. From time to time, the Handicap Committee, Board Members, members of the Club, and even the NCGA may feel that there are exceptional scores being turned in during our events that may suggest that an individual's index is in question. When this occurs, the Handicap Committee, with the Board's approval, will be initiating the following rules that are in agreement with the rules set by the USGA, as it pertains to a player's Handicap Index. The Handicap Committee will use the following process to address an index concern as raised by the NCGA.

First, when the Board receives a letter from the NCGA about one of our members playing to their handicap with unusual regularity and/or outperforming their handicap by wide margins in NCGA events, the NCGA will reduce our member's handicap for all NCGA competitions. Consequently, the Handicap Chairman will also adjust our member's handicap to be in agreement with the NCGA. This will stay in effect, until such time the NCGA removes the adjusted score.

Second, for those members that do not regularly play in NCGA events but also play consistently below their index in our events, the Handicap Committee, along with the Board's approval, will follow the same standard that is set for the NCGA, by following the USGA formula for an index reduction. This reduction will remain in place for 90 days and will be reviewed every 90 days. The Handicap Committee will lift a modified Handicap Index when subsequent scores posted to a player's scoring record produce a lower Handicap Index.

In summary, this action being taken by the Handicap Committee, along with the Board's approval, is not to suggest that we have a serious problem within our Club. In fact, the opposite is true. Over the past 4 months that I have been reviewing the Sweeps, I have found that our members are making a concerted effort to post their scores accurately and on time. There are, on occasions, when I have to call a member about posting or correcting a score where I find honest mistakes occurring, and a pledge to do better.

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 270 members.



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LINCOLN HILLS MEN'S GOLF CLUB WEBSITE

by Al Soare

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.



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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 may 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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