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## **President's Report**



#### **Rodger Oswald**

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In last month's Linksletter, I tried to "gently" stress that our club needs YOU! Without a committed Board of Directors, we cannot provide tournaments, NCGA involvement, and the other perks such as tournament prizes, dinners, lunches and all the fun that goes with competing and enjoying company in a round of golf.

I mention this again this month because we know that we have approximately 6 or 7 Board members rotating off the Board. Our By Laws call for Board members to serve a 2-year term with a maximum of 2 terms before rotating off. Without wanting to sound like a dripping faucet, I am asking all of you to consider serving on the Board. The new term does not begin until January, but we need to nominate and elect new Board members prior to then. All of this is to encourage you to think about serving our club by becoming a Board member. If you are inclined to serve, but you have questions, please give me a call (cell: 916-204-9576) so we may talk about it.

I also want to take this opportunity to acquaint you with the fact that our club (as well as the 2 women's clubs) have been meeting with Billy Casper Golf with discussions on ways to improve course conditions. One of the items under discussion is for each club to participate in divot repair in the fairways, ball mark repair on the greens and littered tees on the tee boxes (particularly the par 3's). I know it would be easy to say "That's their problem", or "I pay my green fees and let them keep up the course." The fact is that none of us wants to miss a putt due to unrepaired or poorly repaired ball marks. None of us wants to find our ball lying in a divot. This is our "home course" and our playing experience would be better if we pitch in and help. A strategy is being developed where we would use our tournament dates to leave the course a bit early and do some of this repair (15 minutes' worth) prior to teeing off. We will keep you apprised of how this is going and we will welcome your feedback.

By the way, congratulations to Steve Brown who is our President's Cup Champion. Steve won the Match Play Championship and Frank Burkhead won our Men's Club Championship and are wearing the "Champion's Crown" for 2015. Kudos to both!

Rodger

#### Rules

#### JACK DRINKARD

#### Rules

#### No.71 Improving a Stance

#### **Question 1:**

In order to get them out of the way of his stroke, a player deliberately backed into branches, bending them with his arms and legs and then holding them back with his body while making his stroke. Did he incur any penalty?

#### **Answer 1:**

Yes, a penalty of two strokes in stroke play or loss of hole in match play. Rule 13-2.

Note: The player must 'fairly' take their stance. They may not bend an interfering branch with their hands, legs or body in taking their stance when it could have been taken without bending the branch. Decision 13-2/1 provides a detailed explanation.



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## Dave Jenson Handicap Chairman

Lately I have been asked about what an "R" means next to a player's index. The "R" means that a player's *Handicap Index* has been reduced by the NCGA because the player has 2 eligible tournament score differentials that were at least 3.0 better than the player's Handicap Index. In other words, if a player plays in 2 or more tournaments and shoots significantly better than his handicap, the NCGA's program will automatically run a calculation to determine if a player qualifies for a reduction. If it does, the NCGA Program determines how much of a reduction by using a Handicap Reduction Table . This calculation can be found under Section 10-2 in the USGA Handicap Manual (usga.org/Rule-Books/Handicap-System-Manual). You will see that the calculation is somewhat involved and therefore I will not go through the steps here.

You should know that our Club only has 5 qualified Tournaments. They are: The Club Championship (X2), NCGA Senior 4 Ball Qualifier, Member/Member, and the Tournament of Champions. Even if you just play in the *Just for Fun* part of it, it is classified as a tournament. All the other club events are **not** classified as a tournament. Therefore, please do not post a score with a "T" type score unless you are told to do so. In our club events we post all scores and note it as a "T" when it is relevant. If you play in the weekly sweeps, do not designate your score as a "T" score.

The NCGA keeps the eligible tournament scores on a revolving 12-month basis. Any T-scores older than 1 year may be included if the score is part of the 20-score history that makes up your index. The best "T" scores are used to determine if you qualify for an adjustment. Your "R" adjustment will be kept until your play changes the parameters that caused the adjustment in the first place.

## **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.





### **TOURNEY REPORT**

By Gene Andrews

**Upcoming Tournaments:** 

July 21 North / South Tourament

Aug 4 To be announced

Sept 14 / 15 Member / Member == Member / Guest



The President's Cup has a winner, Steve Brown outlasted Bruce Lyau to become the 2015 match play champion.

We just wrapped up the 2-man scramble and it seems like everyone enjoyed playing a different format than our usual ones. A special thank you to the 10 players who came forward in the last 2 days before the tournament.

Thank you to the members who helped out at the scoreboard. Thanks Dick DiBiaso, Dan Kramer, Warren Mercer and Rich Yoshikawa. Thanks also to Bill Rapp for going out early to put out the sponsor signs, and afterwards for going back out to pick them and the par 3 signs up while everyone else was done with their day.

Next up is the North/South Tournament on July 21st with half of our members representing each side. Sign up now online at LHMGC.org

The following tournament will be an individual event. Each player will use only 3 clubs and leave the rest at home. This tournament will be played August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Each of the next 2 tournaments will be played on the Hills Course.

Gene

#### **CVS REPORT**

## By Karl Williams

Our next tourament is at Stockton Country Club July 27 Rancho Murieta Country Club Aug 10 Woodbridge Country Club Aug 24





## **Sunshine Alert**

### By Bob Emge

From time to time, someone in the Men's Golf League, their spouse, close friend or some one in their family 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. Your name can be kept anonymous if you like. If you know of some in this situation, please contact Bob Emge at

remge@starstream.net or (916) 434-6712



#### **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.

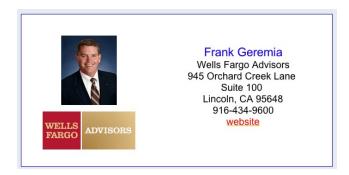




## LINCOLN HILLS MEN'S GOLF CLUB WEBSITE

by Al Soares

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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