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President's Report



By Rodger Oswald

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, New Year, (seven new Board members), but the same great Men's Club. Welcome back to our returning members and a hearty welcome to our new members. According to Roger Cummings (Membership Chairman), we have 29 new members. If you see a new face, introduce yourself and welcome them to the club.

It is important that our membership understands the Board exists to serve you. If you have issues that you would like addressed, please contact the chairman who has responsibility for the area of your concern. There is a list of Board members on our website (www.lhmgc.org) as well as in the glass case at the entrance to the Pro Shop.

While our first tournament has been delayed due to inclement weather, I would still like to approach an issue that has plagued us from time to time ... SPEED OF PLAY. I would like to encourage our members to think about how they can keep our playing time to 4 ½ hours. The following are some suggestions:

1. Play "ready golf." If other players are selecting clubs, determining distance, etc., but you are ready, hit away. (Obvious exception would be in match play.)
2. Consider putting out rather than marking when you are close to the hole and will not disturb someone's line.
3. If you need extra time to get to your cart, consider starting early (before the others have holed out).
4. Read your putt while the first person to putt is reading his; don't wait until it is your turn to prepare to putt.

5. While keeping a safe distance/location, move as close to your ball as possible in preparation to hit.

6. Drop your cart partner off to hit, then go to your ball to hit and come back to pick up your partner.


If you have other suggestions, let me know and we will add them next month.

I'm looking forward to a great year of competition. Again, to all our members, WELCOME! Hit 'em long and straight and, if long is not possible, go for straight.


Rodger

NEW BOARD FOR 2016

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Sponsor Report: Every month will feature one of our Sponsors

By Bob McCollum

This month is: Carolan Properties

At Carolan Properties, our focus is on you, our client. We understand that each client has a unique situation and it is our job to create a personalized real estate solution for you. As a boutique real estate firm, we do not have a “cookie cutter” approach to real estate. Instead we offer a team of caring, trustworthy, and experienced professionals who know how to get the job done well. We are family business that represents Sellers, Buyers, Rental Property Owners and Tenants in Lincoln Hills.

Penny Carolan, a successful real estate broker with twenty nine years in the Sacramento/Placer real estate market, founded Carolan Properties in 2004. Having been a top producing agent for the Del Webb/ Pulte Corporation, she founded the company with a commitment to working exclusively with the active 55 market. In 2011, the Carolan Properties joined forces with Keller Williams Realty, the largest brokerage in Placer County and the largest in the US. This partnership has allowed them to remain a boutique firm but have all the benefits of a national company for their clients. We are full time Realtors with an on-site office that is open seven days a week.

We are very pleased to be a Lincoln Hills Men’s Club sponsor again in 2016. We have been committed to sponsoring as many clubs and activities as we can in the community since 2004. We believe that lifestyle is the very essence of living in this community. Club sponsorships are a way for us to give back to our clients and thank them for their business and loyalty to our company.




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RULES CHAIRMAN ROGER VAL

Rules of Golf

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.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR



PETE SACO and TOM TRAXEL

The Sloshfest Men's Tournament was rained out until Jan 19th. The winners will be listed on the Men's club website under 2016 Tournaments; **results**.

The next tournament is the ABCD Scramble on February 9th, sign up by Feb 5th.

Some players will tee off from white tees some from green. This will allow all players to be competitive on drives. ABCD computer generated tournament with all levels of players to form a team 100% of handicap. There will be team prizes and closed to the pin prizes. LH Men's Club golf Tournaments are fun!

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

COURSE CARE SUGGESTION: When waiting for others to hit their shots, look around and fill divots you see either by replacing the patch of grass or with divot mix. After all, we want our courses to look and play as good as possible!

HANDICAP

DAVE JANSEN, DIRECTOR

January 2016 Linksletter report

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.

MEMBERSHIP


By *ROGER CUMMINGS*

We are now at 229 renewing members and 29 new members. Last year we finished with 280 members and we are ahead of that pace this year. If you have not received an email from me welcoming you to our club or a renewal letter from me, you are probably are not signed up for 2016. Membership for new and renewing members is now at \$93.00.



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CVS [CENTRAL VALLEY SENIORS] KARL WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR


WHAT IS THE CVS?

The CVS stands for Central Valley Seniors which is an association of 11 golf clubs in the Central Valley area. This gives it's members the opportunity to play at these 11 great golf clubs with a cart, range balls and a wonderful hot sit down meal. All for the amazing price of \$45.00.

At Lincoln Hills we have a limit of 60 CVS members. To qualify for CVS Membership you must be a Lincoln Hills Men's Club Member. The membership fee is \$60.00 per year.


The Lincoln Hills Men's Club joined this association in 2009 when one of our Board members (Paul Apfel) was approached by the CVS Secretary (Ralph Hilber). Ralph asked Paul if Lincoln Hills Golf Club would like to join the CVS association. Paul headed up the Lincoln Hills CVS for a couple of years, and then on the third year Paul presented the CVS to the Lincoln Hills Men's Club Board of Directors. At this time, creating another seat on the Board (CVS Director). After another year Paul resigned

from the Board and John Engelmann took the seat of CVS Director for the next two years. Then John moved to another position on the Board. In 2015 the seat was taken over by Karl Williams




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Sunshine Alert

By GIL LUCAS

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

Just a reminder, our website now contains a Golf Club & Equipment For Sale or Wanted page. It's located under the "Members" section. Terms & Conditions are listed on the page. To post an item please send me the following information: Name, phone number, email name, item description, amount and picture(s) are always good to have..

A special note regarding our Sponsors: since our sponsors provide the prize money for our tournaments, they are going to be displayed more prominently though out the website. They have their own section on the main menu: "Sponsors". You can also go to the sponsor website by clicking on the website link. Please patronize our sponsors whenever possible.



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