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President's Report



By Rodger Oswald



I want to thank those of you who took the time to complete the survey at our last golf tournament. In general, the results were very good (see charts below) and we received a number of excellent suggestions. We are working on several of those suggestions and appreciate your interest in making our club "First Class." By the way, thanks to Gil Lucas who created the graphs for the survey.

After the Lone Ranger tournament, we received a number of unfavorable comments regarding the pace of play. I want you all to know that the Board agrees with you, but the solution lies with all of our players. Sometimes we are our own worst enemy. In order to help with pace of play, Pete Saco is going to initiate a couple of time saving measures; however, again, we – the players – need to be conscious of how much time we take to hit the ball (multiple practice swings don't help) as well as being prepared to hit/putt. Golf is a great game to share stories, but please let that be as you move along in the cart and not on the tee or green.

The following are some additional suggestions to help us complete our rounds in 4 ½ hours:

1. Play "Ready Golf." If you are ready, hit the ball.
2. Drop your cart partner off and go to your ball; after you hit, go back and pick up your partner.
3. Read your putt while you are waiting for your turn to putt.
4. Avoid marking putts close to the hole; putt out. (Assuming you will not stand in someone's line.)
5. If you think your ball may be OB or lost, hit a provisional. (Remember to declare it.)

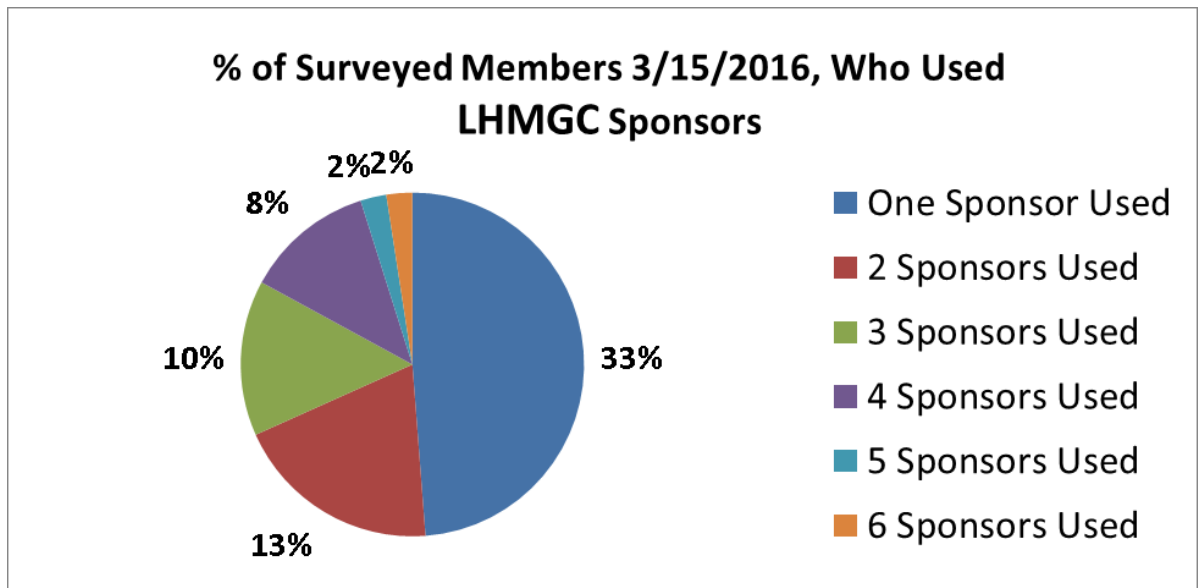
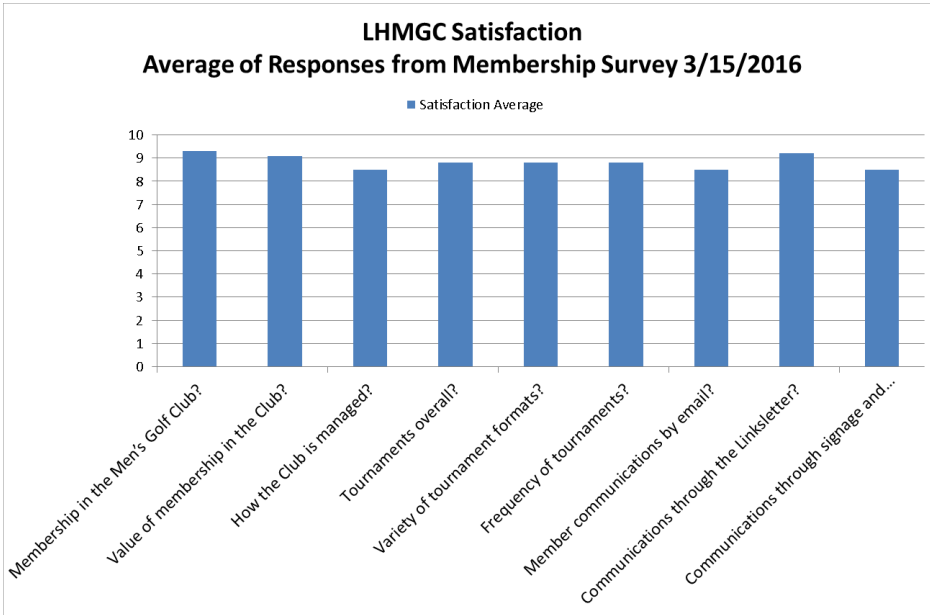
6. If you need extra time to get to your cart, start early.

7. After you hit, take your club with you into the cart; you can put it away when you get your next club.

Yours for a swift but enjoyable round of golf,

Rodger

Results from the surveys:



In case you missed it, here's an article about our **Tournament Director Pete Saco** that appeared March 26th in the Sacramento Bee:

Pete Saco still has key role at CIF championships

Retired section commissioner serves as tournament director

Saco will present annual awards during Sunday's Kings game



Former Sac-Joaquin Section commissioner Pete Saco retired two years ago, but that doesn't mean he hasn't stayed busy. Brian Baer Sacramento Bee file

It's been a busy week for **Pete Saco**, even though he retired as the Sac-Joaquin Section commissioner two years ago.

On Tuesday at Lincoln Hills, SACO HAD HIS FIRST HOLE IN ONE. On Thursday, he was in typical full-speed mode as the tournament director for the CIF championships. Saturday's five games will be the last ever at Sleep Train Arena.

"I'm retired," Saco insisted, "but this is fun. This is the easy stuff."

Then on Sunday, Saco will return to Sleep Train to present the Sacramento Kings Foundation's Pete Saco Awards, given to area high school basketball players and coaches who exemplify his vision of achievement, character and sportsmanship.


"Amazing how one swing of the club changed my whole week," Saco said. "I had to buy everyone a round, but that's OK. Then we went to the Italian Club in Lincoln, and I got a standing ovation. How cool is that?"

The Saco award winners were announced Friday:


- Pete Saco Scholarship Award: **Kelsey Wong**, McClatchy. The senior set the tone on offense and defense for the Lions, and the 4.7 grade-point-average student mentored at local elementary schools.
- Community Impact Award: Sacramento High boys team. The Dragons visited children in area intensive care units and worked with the Sacramento Food Bank to assist those in need.
- Lifetime Achievement Award: **Ron Pucci**, former Colfax boys basketball coach. Saco's favorite story about Pucci, who coached the Falcons for 35 seasons, is about what happened when Colfax reached the NorCal finals in 1999. Someone on the Colfax bench called a timeout the team didn't have in the closing seconds. The technical foul helped the other team win.

"How Ron handled that, even now, with such class in such a hard defeat, tells you everything you need to know about the man," Saco said.

THANK YOU, PETE, FOR ALL YOU HAVE CONTRIBUTED....AND YOUR HOLE IN ONE!



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Sponsor Report: Every month will feature one of our Sponsors
By Bob McCollum

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Once in a while, even when there is risk at hand, you've got to take a shot at making something special happen. Whether that entails going for the green in two on a Par 5 or, getting up the courage to ask that special someone to share their life with you.

Life and golf are games of calculated risk based on circumstances, opportunities and self-knowledge.

Julie Domenick takes pride in 'making something special happen each time she provides protection for a client. Being sure their coverage meets their budgetary requirements, reviewing each family's circumstances, while still protecting all that they have worked so hard for.

Julie has participated on lobbying and advisory committees, including currently contributing to the National Advisory Board with Allstate. Advancing her expertise to not only understand the ins-and-outs of insurance, but also provide her with the ability to serve thousands of families regarding their insurance needs. She is also decorated within the Allstate Family, earning many awards.

Julie's husband Rick has over 28 years of experience in financial services and life insurance. He provides asset protection solutions and provides you with choices, suggestions and the level of service you deserve.

Rick and Julie are also very active in the community with local Civic and community service organizations.

Please feel free to stop by and see Julie and Rick in the Lincoln office
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ROGER VAL

Now that we have started our tournament season, I want to discuss two rules of golf that are very helpful and will speed up play. These two rules are Rule 3-3 Doubt as to Procedure and Rule 27.2 Provisional Ball. These rules are not one in the same.

Rule 3-3 Doubt As To Procedure (Second Ball)

During a stroke play competition (this rule can not be used for Match Play) you are not sure of your rights or the correct procedure to use during play of a hole you may without penalty, complete the hole with two balls. What is important about this rule is that you must proceed correctly. Before any action, you should announce that you will be playing two balls because you believe you can take relief from the situation your ball is in. You also must announce which ball you wish to score with. Before you turn in your score card you must report the facts of the situation to the Committee. If you do not report the facts (even if you have scored the same with both balls) you will be disqualified. If you proceeded incorrectly the score with the original ball will count.

Rule 27.2 Provisional Ball

The Provisional Ball rule was written to speed up play. It should be used if your ball might be lost outside of a water hazard or may be out of bounds. The procedure is very important in that you must announce to your fellow competitors that you intent to hit a provisional ball and the play of the provisional is completed before you leave the tee and go forward. If the procedure is not followed properly the ball put into play becomes the ball in play under stroke and distance. The provisional ball should be played after the rest of your group has played their tee shots. The procedure is the same when hitting anywhere else on the course.

Note: 1 – The provisional ball must be abandoned if the original ball is found even if it is in an unplayable situation.

2 – If your provisional ball is short of where your original is likely to be, you can hit your provisional ball again and it still remains your provisional. It is encouraged to follow this procedure in order to speed up play.

3 – If you play your provisional ball from a place a head of where your original ball might be, it becomes the ball in play under penalty of stroke and distance.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR



PETE SACO and TOM TRAXEL

Congratulations to Roger Cummings and Virgil Dahl for their first place finish in the NCGA and to Dennis Cumiford and Doug Swanson for their sudden death second place finish beating out Jack Dillon and Hal McLaughlin. Tournament payouts were a total of \$640. All ties except the NCGA Qualifier #2 was done utilizing the USGA tie-breaker which is the back nine, last six, last three, and the 18th (if necessary). Good luck to Roger, Virgil, Dennis and Doug in the next round of qualifying on August 10th!

Thanks to everyone for keeping the pace of play up considering we had 120 players.

Next month's Club Championship flyer is on the website.

REMINDER: All players must check in the Pro Shop before all tournaments.

HANDICAP

DAVE JANSEN, DIRECTOR

April 2016 Linksletter Article

Do you know the difference between the USGA, NCGA and GHIN?

The **USGA** is a National governing body for amateur golf. They conduct National Championships, are responsible for the Rules of Golf for Amateur status. They are the author and architect of the Handicap System and Course Rating System. All handicaps across the country are computed using their system.

The **NCGA** is the governing body of amateur golf in Northern California along with two separate women associations (PWGA and WGANC). They are completely separate organizations from the USGA, PWGA and WGANC. All of these organizations are non-profit. The NCGA conducts amateur championships, is responsible for running a Junior Tour, Publishes the NCGA quarterly magazine, offers rules seminars and promotes a Youth on Course for \$5. In addition, they are responsible for measuring and determining the Course Ratings of golf courses in accordance with the USGA rating system. They also provide the Handicap System to member clubs like ours.

GHIN is a handicap computational service operated by the USGA in New Jersey. The NCGA thinks this is the best service, but there are others being used. The NCGA uses them because GHIN follows the USGA guidelines, thus making them official.

Local Rules and Conditions of Competition

Roger Val, our Rules Chairman, has recently updated our local rules for competition in our tournaments. It is important that we all keep a copy of them in our golf bags and refer to them when in doubt of what to do, when you hit a wayward shot that causes you to move your ball in order to hit it again. **Playing by the rules does affect your handicap.**

Dave Jansen, Handicap Chairman

MEMBERSHIP

By ROGER CUMMINGS

We are now at 277 renewing members. We are on the way to having over 300 members 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 \$83.00.



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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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by Al Soares

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