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President's Report



By Rodger Oswald

Have you ever arrived at the same conclusion? The fact is golf can be a love-hate relationship. The demonstration of love is evident on our part. We purchase an expensive set of irons that are supposed to be forgiving, accurate and make our ball land on the green. We get ourselves “fitted” for the driver that allows us to achieve MOI, LA and all those other initials that are supposed to equate to yards. After all, Jordan, Rory and Jason use them and they work for them. We buy colorful, coordinated outfits so that we can keep clothing manufacturers in business and our opponents in stitches. We do an extensive search for the ball that has the right combination of distance and spin ... but they do not float, nor do they let us know where they are when we allow them to visit the forest. Certainly love is expressed through our time and attention. Five hours is a lot of time and the additional attentiveness is evident when my wife is talking, but I’m trying to understand how I five-putted. (The answer of course is that on my fifth putt I made a 20 footer.) The fact is our commitment to the game and all the equipment and attire to play it is evidence of our love. But does the game love us back? Hardly. I live on the 9th hole of the Hills and often sit on my patio and watch golfers go by. The language makes ladies blush (unless it is a lady waxing eloquently and profanely), the flying clubs defy gravity, punishment is taken out on the golf bag, golf cart or anything handy ... like a tree.

Can we really love something that causes such angst? Produces frustration that gives way to rage? Causes us to lose sleep and more money to buy better equipment? Surely a new putter will help me stop three-putting.

The fact is we do love it. Nothing compares to the feeling of hitting the ball in the middle of the club. Little produces as much exhilaration as a booming drive splitting the fairway or a downhill, breaking putt settling in the bottom of the cup. There is such contentment when we produce a shot that we have been practicing for weeks. If it isn't love, why do we keep scorecards that reflect stellar rounds or stimulating victories; why do special shots and moments preoccupy us so often?

Ah, yes, and what about the company? The game is satisfying enough, but golf also gives us time with friends. In our community, it is also time to observe wildlife that abounds, beautify trees and ponds (at least they are beautiful when I am not in them) and simply being away from the telephone, computer, yard work or the inevitable "honey'do" list. Golf really is a game to be loved.

Rodger Oswald

Solar update: Effective June 7, a 45 Day Moratorium, putting on hold ANY Near Term, Solar Farm Construction other than residential roof tops. This Moratorium can be extended, should circumstances require. The intent of this Moratorium is to allow All involved Entities to Step Back & Review ALL Option's possible to this Golf Course Solar Project that would result in bringing this matter to a positive closure for ALL Involved.



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Sponsor Report: Every month will feature one of our Sponsors

By Bob McCollum

Folsom Lake Bank opened its doors for the first time on April 3, 2007. The Bank was founded and capitalized with the enthusiastic financial support of hundreds of investors... local residents who wanted true independent banking for business and consumers... people who recognized that widespread, local ownership meant the creation of a bank truly committed to the communities surrounding Folsom Lake.

The bank is led by Robert Flautt, President & CEO. Mr. Flautt has over a 40 year career in banking, including senior management positions and senior credit positions with commercial banks located in the Sacramento area. David J. West is Chairman of the Board and has over 40 years as a banking veteran. West was the founding Chair of the Folsom Economic Development Corporation as well as a former president of the Folsom Chamber of Commerce.

The organizing group for the bank was formed in May of 2006. An application for a state banking charter and FDIC insurance was submitted on August 31, 2006 and the bank received conditional approval to organize on November 2, 2006. The bank raised \$15.9 million in capital, spread across 406 shareholders primarily from the Folsom, El Dorado Hills, Granite Bay and the surrounding communities.

Folsom Lake Bank is a full service commercial bank offering a complete range of services to consumers and businesses. The bank focuses on small business clients, professionals and individuals in the communities surrounding Folsom Lake. The bank occupies 5,376 square feet of new ground floor space at the corner of Sutter and Decatur Streets in historic downtown Folsom. The Sutter Court building is the first of several new buildings planned for Folsom's railroad block, and is the first mixed use building in Folsom. The building has first floor retail, including the Bank, and on the second floor commercial office space and residential lofts. The building has a historic Folsom motif in brick, granite and iron.

The bank has a full service ATM located in the courtyard along with a merchant depository for after hours deposits. Folsom Lake Bank also offers online banking and bill pay completely free of charge. Because the bank is new, it utilizes the most current products and the latest technology.



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ROGER VAL

This month I want to discuss the water hazard on hole #2 on the Hills Course when playing from the fairway side of the hazard and the provisions which apply to dropping and re-dropping of a ball in a drop zone.

Hills Course Water Hazard on Hole #2

The water hazard (yellow) on hole #2 of the Hills Course needs some clarification when playing a ball from the fairway side of the water hazard. If a ball is played from the forward tee (red) or from the drop zone or from the fairway and it enters the water hazard (yellow) on the right, the water hazard changes its status and needs to be played as a lateral water hazard (red) even if it is marked as a water hazard. Therefore a ball may be dropped within two club lengths from where the ball last crossed the margin as an additional option. I will edit our local rules to include this language so there isn't any uncertainty on where to play the next shot.

Drop Zones

Our local rules provide as additional options drop zones on the Hills Course hole #2 and on the Orchard Course holes #s 3, 6 and 7. When using one of these dropping zones the following provisions apply regarding the dropping and re-dropping of a ball:

1. A player does not have to stand within the dropping zone when dropping the ball.
2. The dropped ball must strike a part of the course within the dropping zone.
3. If the dropping zone is defined by a line, the line is within the dropping zone.
4. The dropped ball does not have to come to rest within the dropping zone as long as it does not roll more than two club lengths from where the ball first struck part of the course.
5. The dropped ball may roll nearer the hole from where it first struck part of the course in the drop zone provided it doesn't roll more than two club lengths from where the ball first struck part of the course.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR



PETE SACO and TOM TRAXEL

The Tahoe Classic in Lincoln (Stableford Scoring) is full with 132 players, and will be played on June 21. The next tournament will be the two-man scramble, which is scheduled for July 19. Information will come out around June 24-25 for that event. Sign up early as it appears that our tournaments are starting to fill up. There will be green tee flights and white tees flights, depending on the number of signups. Both players must play from the same tees.

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

HANDICAP

DAVE JANSEN, DIRECTOR

The USGA has spent many years improving the competitiveness between golfers of different abilities by using Handicap Indexes. They have put in place what they call Handicap Controls which they feel will help prevent scores that are not representative of a player's potential ability and thus distorting a player's Handicap Index. Furthermore, they feel that these handicap controls which are incorporated into the USGA Handicap System will produce a reliable and equitable Handicap Index. Over the next few months I will share with you the ten controls they have put in place. Remember, playing by the rules does affect your handicap and allows all of us to play competitively against each other.

Handicap Controls

#1 Golf Club Handicap Committee

The Handicap Committee is viewed by the USGA as an essential element in ensuring that every golf club is following the USGA Handicap System. The expectation of the USGA is that the committee will ensure that scores are posted, all elements of the USGA Handicap System are followed, and the integrity of each Handicap Index issued is maintained.

Our club Handicap Committee is made up of myself, Chuck Edmonds, and Denny Wong. Basically, the committee gets together on issues related to the Handicap System. Typically, I will review with Chuck and Denny, new proposals the Board is considering or discuss with them an issue that one of our members may be concerned about, relating to his index.

Last year I reviewed a sampling of the scores turned in from the Tuesday sweeps and sent emails to a small percentage of our members about posting errors. This year we have put in place a process to ensure that we have 100 percent compliance to posting by asking the Pro shop to post the Tuesday Sweeps scores, and they agreed. This of course does not help the committee ensure that our members post their scores when they play outside of the Tuesday Sweeps. All we can do is reiterate the importance of posting your scores every time you play. Thank you!

Dave Jansen, Handicap Chairman

MEMBERSHIP

By *ROGER CUMMINGS*

We are now at 282 renewing and new members. 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 after June 1st is now \$73.00.

Holes in One!

Congratulations to Jesse Reuter and Richard Albright for their holes in one on the same day on a recent Tuesday sweeps. Had to take their photos out, you can see them in the Compass.



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KARL WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR

Gentlemen, I would like to thank all you for be patient with me the last few months you have all been great. That being said, I have to regretfully retire from as the CVS Chair at the end of this season. So I am looking for someone to take this position on the Board of Directors of the Lincoln Hills Men's Club as the CVS Director for the 2017 season. I will be glad to train anyone who would be willing to volunteer for this position. Please contact me ASAP if you would like to do this. I would like to see players to be able to play golf at the local Country Clubs for such a small fee.

Thank you,

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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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