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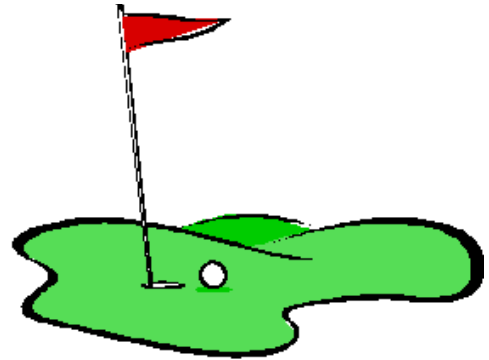
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## President's Report



*By Rodger Oswald*

### President's Report

I am really looking forward to our Memorial Tournament (also known as our Member-Member-Guest Tournament). The entire Board is working hard to make this the most outstanding tournament of the year. John Garfein has negotiated a great menu that includes wine with dinner Tuesday night as well as a fantastic barbecue lunch on Monday. Pete Saco is orchestrating the tournament as well as the Horse Race, while Denny Wong is coming up with a new wrinkle for our putting tournament. I think he might be rigging it so John Vass doesn't win again. Roger Cummings has put together some great tee prizes and Bob McCollum has worked with our sponsors to provide some "extras" for the tournament. It has been a pleasure working with Billy Casper Golf, led by new Director of Golf Tony Marino and Head Pro Jason Koskela. We appreciate all the set up help they are providing as well as managing the Horse Race for us. If you have not signed up, all I can say is "You snooze; you lose."

In an effort to maintain a strong working relationship with BCG in order to respond to our members' concerns regarding the golf courses, there are quarterly "Course Care" meetings with representatives from each of the main men's and women's golf groups, the Director of

Golf, the Pro Shop and the Course Superintendents. I encourage you to go to our website and see the results of the latest meeting. There is some excellent information relative to concerns you might have.

One final item, it has been noted that un-repaired ball marks and divots are more noticeable on Tuesdays – days when we have Sweeps and our tournaments. Since this is our “home course,” please be diligent to fill or replace divots and repair your ball marks (and a couple of others) on the greens. We all will enjoy our course more if we all will be a part of the solution for this problem.

Thank you.

Rodger

### **Call for Volunteers for New Lincoln Hills Men’s Golf Club Board Members**

Our Lincoln Hills Men’s Golf Club (LHMGC) is looking for a few good men to become volunteer members of our Board of Directors! And if you don’t want to become a board member, we also need volunteers for several committees, which assist some of the board members.


You don’t have to be a golf expert to volunteer. You simply have to be willing to give of your time for the greater good for our community, better camaraderie, and fun!

Some of our current board members are leaving the Board at the end of this calendar year.

Our community is a great place to live and play golf. If you would like to be a volunteer either for our board or one of the committees, please send an email expressing your interest to R. Gil Lucas, board member and chairman of the Nominating Committee, at [rglucas55@gmail.com](mailto:rglucas55@gmail.com).

Thank you for helping us to improve our wonderful community for the good of so many.

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

Great news for Lincoln Hills residents- home values continue to rise!

Bad news for Lincoln homeowners- Placer County Tax Assessor is raising property taxes at the maximum rate in most cases to catch up from the down years.

We have received many calls from residents that are surprised by their new tax bill. We are happy to provide you the data you will need to challenge your new tax bill. Just give us a call. So far, we are not seeing that the new tax rates are higher than market value in almost all cases we have looked into. The formula the Assessor uses is pretty complicated. They are now using recorded sales data as current market value markers like never before. In the current 'information age', the data is there to be mined and the Assessor's office has caught up with this technology.

It seems the other hot topic in the community is concern over plumbing.

We are receiving lots of calls on this topic each week. We are not plumbing experts, but we have sold many hundreds of homes here. One thing we see more often than not is very high water pressure. Folks have been learning that they have a water pressure regulator valve that controls water pressure in their home. During the sale of a home, the home inspections have been discovering that these valves have become frozen open and are not controlling the pressure thru all the plumbing in the home. High pressure puts an inordinate amount of stress on all plumbing and appliances. This will lead to early breakdown of appliances and quite possibly a plumbing leak. It doesn't matter what brand or type of plumbing fittings you have, high water pressure will increase your risk of plumbing failure.

We are not in favor of replacing plumbing. We're very concerned that some plumbing contractors are preying on fears and taking advantage of residents here. Just take a quick look on the internet and read some of the statements and opinions out there. It can really scare you. Never forget that things you see on the web are not always factual and that the person writing the item can very well have a financial motive.

We recommend having your water pressure checked and if needed replacing the water pressure valve. The city of Lincoln Water department will check it for free. Replacing the valve should cost no more than \$500. Any leak in your plumbing is covered by homeowners insurance. Replacing your plumbing does not increase the value of your home.

We recognize that in sharing our opinions, not all will agree with us.

We respect that completely. Your home is your sanctuary and you must do what is best for you.

Please consider us for any real estate matter- we work with Sellers-Buyers-Landlords and Tenants here in the community and are proud of the work we do.

Penny Carolan

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### Article from Jason Wolf Head of Course Maintenance:

As we get later into the season we start to see many areas on the course that hold water and other areas that are thin and bare. Unfortunately, these areas are difficult to manage do to the clay/rock soil conditions and the other areas infested with bent grass that is very thatchy. Something we did last month to reduce the thin areas is sprigged three spots with Bermuda grass. The fairway areas we sprigged are on #9 and #17 Orchard and #11 Hills. We are planning to do more sprigging next season, but in the meantime we will be slit seeding fairways with ryegrass to help fill in these eyesores. Below is something that I have used in the past that explains what thatch is and shows what we are battling. What is thatch? Thatch is a tightly intermingled layer of living and dead stems, leaves, and roots which accumulates between the layer of actively growing grass and the soil underneath. The photo below is from #18 approach Hills. The portion that I painted white is where the soil starts. Above the paint is the thatch layer that holds the water making these areas soft and somewhat wet. Irrigation set up is difficult in these areas

because if the water is turned down to dry out the thatch layer the surrounding “normal” area will become very dry and we may possibly see some turf loss.

Jason



## RULES CHAIRMAN

### ROGER VAL

The following four incidents occurred during an individual stroke play event. What are the rulings involved with each situation?

(The answers are located on the last page)

1) As Player A approaches the putting green, Player A finds his ball on the fringe and sees a ball belonging to Player B in his group about 5 feet farther from the green behind his ball in the short rough. To be thoughtful, Player A marks and lifts his ball so that his ball does not interfere with the ball to be played by Player B. Player A cleans his ball and replaces it on the fringe after Player B has played.

- 2) Player B and Player C have the same line to the hole on the putting green. It is Player C's turn to play. Player B stands behind Player C while Player C putts.
- 3) Player D picks up a ball on the putting green believing the ball is a stray ball. The ball is the ball in play of a fellow competitor.
- 4) While Player E's ball, after a stroke on the green, rolls towards a flagstick that was placed on the fringe, Player F picks up the flagstick to prevent Player E's ball from striking the flagstick.

The Rulings answers at the bottom of this Linksletter



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## TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

PETE SACO and TOM TRAXEL

The Memorial is just around the corner on September 26-27 The deadline is September 15.

The [Tournament of Champions](#) event will be held on Tuesday, October 25 with the annual luncheon meeting following golf. Information will be sent out as soon as The Memorial is completed.

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



## HANDICAP

DAVE JANSEN, DIRECTOR

### **Ten Things that the USGA has put in Place to ensure your Handicap Index measures your potential ability.**

This is the third Linksletter article that shares what the USGA feels are 10 areas that help control your Handicap Index as well as accurately measure your potential ability.

The first two Linksletter articles addressed the Handicap Committee and Peer Review.

This Linksletter will address the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> controls that deal with computing the Handicap Index.

#### **# 3 Removing the Worst 10 Handicap Differentials**

“A player's worst 10 of the last 20 Handicap Differentials are not used in computing the Handicap Index since these scores do not represent the player's potential ability.”




#### **#4 Fewer than 20 Scores Posted**

“A player who has posted fewer than 20 scores have a Handicap Index that is based on a lower percentage of scores than the 50 percent ideally used (best 10 Handicap Differentials of the last 20). The accuracy and reliability of the USGA Handicap System improves as the number of acceptable score approaches 20. A Handicap Index based on 20 acceptable scores is more representative of a player's potential ability than one based on fewer than 20.”

#### **#5 Equitable Stroke Control**

“Equitable Stroke Control” (ESC) is the downward adjustment of individual hole scores for handicap purposes in order to make handicaps more representative of a player’s potential ability. ESC sets a maximum number that a player can post on any hole depending on the player’s Course Handicap. ESC is used only when a player’s actual or most likely score exceeds the player’s maximum number.” Note ESC tables are available in the Pro Shop.





**Note:** Quotations are from the USGA Handicap Manual

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## MEMBERSHIP

By *ROGER CUMMINGS*

We are now at 288 renewing and 47 new 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 after June 1<sup>st</sup> is now \$73.00.

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# CVS [CENTRAL VALLEY SENIORS]

KARL WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR

Gentlemen, Steve Beebe has volunteered to be a LH Men’s Club Board member and the CVS Director for the 2017 season.

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 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.

## LINCOLN HILLS MEN'S GOLF CLUB WEBSITE

by Al Soares

Check the 'Golf Clubs for Sale' on a monthly basis to view any golf clubs and equipment listed for sale.



*"Remember I said I wanted you to stop golfing so you could spend more time at home? Well if you don't mind, I'd like you to go back to golfing."*

## ANSWERS to Roger's 'Rulings'

### The Rulings

1. Except on the putting green, a player is not permitted to lift a ball that might interfere with another player's play without a request from the other player. Player A incurs a penalty of one stroke under Rule 18-2. See Rule 22-2. There is no additional penalty for cleaning the ball — see Note 1 to Rule 22-2 and Decision 21/4.
2. Rule 14-2b prohibits a partner or caddie from being positioned behind the player while a stroke is made. There is no prohibition for a fellow-competitor who stands behind the player during a stroke (presuming no serious breach of etiquette). Player B is permitted to stand (quietly) at a reasonable distance behind Player C while Player C plays a stroke.
3. Rule 18-4 is the applicable Rule. Player D is not penalized. The ball may be replaced by Player D or the owner of the ball — see Rule 20-3a.
4. Rule 24-1 clarifies that when a ball is in motion after a stroke a flagstick that has been removed may be moved even if the lifted flagstick might have influence the movement of the ball. No penalty is incurred by Player F.

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