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Presidents Report



By Rodger Oswald

TIME'S A'FLYIN'


Hard to believe but the holiday season is not far away. I'm starting to see Christmas trees before I've even seen a turkey!! As our Men's Club moves toward this time, there are a couple of issues that I would like to impress on our membership. FIRST, we are now in the Fall Early Registration period. Our membership Chairman Roger Cummings has shared details in the Membership section of the Linksletter, but I wanted to put in a plug for registering early. The sooner you members "re-up" the sooner our Treasurer can construct a budget for 2017. If you are in the Pro Shop, please pick up a registration form (yes, even if you have filled one out before), fill it out and attach a check for \$85 and leave it in the Men's Club drawer. Should you wait to register after December 31st, the dues will increase to \$95. By the way, all lapsed or new members' dues are \$95.

SECOND, we have a few Board members who have "termed out" and they need to be replaced. In addition, several of the Chairmen need folks to serve on their respective team. Please consider serving the Men's Club. I have termed out, but plan to return in a year. In the meantime, I wanted to encourage new folks to step up and serve. I have thoroughly enjoyed it, and the returning Board members are great guys and have been fantastic to serve with. If you have a particular area of interest in which to serve, please let Gil Lucas know (rglucas55@gmail.com)


FINALLY, there has been a bit of confusion about our Hole-in-one policy. Those policies are now on our website, but, in brief, as a club member you have hole-in-one insurance which means the club provides \$250 for a bar bill. The player does not receive \$250, but is protected up to \$250 at the bar. Guests please remember that this is for beer and wine ... no mixed drinks. **If** we are successful negotiating with Meridians, you will be able to pay the difference between a beer and a mixed drink. We will keep you informed.

That's it. Hope to see you at our Tournament of Champions as well as at the post-tournament lunch (it's free :>)

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RULES CHAIRMAN

ROGER VAL

I want to take a moment this month to discuss completing your score card properly and posting scores. It is required to post your score by the rules of handicapping. Since your scores are posted for you by the tournament committee or the golf shop on sweep days it is essential that you record your scores properly. On sweep days you are required to putt out every hole even if your score is higher than your ESC. The computer program will automatically manage your ESC when posted. If you pick up and do not hole out and tee off on the next hole you are disqualified and ineligible for the pay outs for the day. If you pick up you are required to replace your ball and hole out with an additional one stroke penalty. If you turn in a score card that was not played by the rules of golf it should be so noted so the committee (Golf Shop) knows you are disqualified for that day.

In our Four Ball (Best Ball/Better Ball) gross and net team play events you are required to complete the score card by having both players scores recorded. If you pick up because your partner has holed out and you cannot better the score, you post the score you most likely would have gotten (not your ESC) by placing an x with the score. The rules of golf require that in team play the card must indicate which players score is being counted for the gross and net score for each hole. If the card does not record which players score counts for each hole the team is disqualified.

The following list is taken from the USGA Handicap Manual and should help you understand posting requirements.

ACCEPTABLE SCORES FOR POSTING:

When at least 7 holes are played

Made in an area of the country observing an active season

Played under The Rules of Golf

On all courses with a valid USGA Course Rating and Slope Rating

In all forms of competition: match play, stroke play and team competition where players play their own ball

Note: In match play if your opponent concedes your next stroke you indicate the score you most likely would have gotten. If you loose the match 4&3 you and your opponent must use par plus on the last three holes for posting.

Played under the local rules of preferred lies (winter rules)

When a player is disqualified from a competition but has an acceptable score for handicap purposes

UNACCEPTABLE SCORES FOR POSTING

When fewer than 7 holes are played

When a majority of the holes are not played in accordance with the Rules of Golf

When the length of the course is less than 3,000 yards for 18 holes (1,500 yards for nine holes)

When the competition requires less than 14 clubs or restricted to just irons as an example

When the course does not have a rating or slope

When a player carries or uses a non-conforming clubs or uses non-conforming balls or tees
When artificial devices are used during the execution of a stroke
Remember "It is what you think you know is what you do not know".



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PETE SACO and TOM TRAXEL

The Memorial went very well and congratulations to all the winners. The next event is the Tournament of Champions (TOC), which will be held October 25th on the Hills Course. The Penny Carolyn Shoot out will begin at 8 am on the first hole of the Hills Course at the 150 yard marker. You can sign up until October 18 and you can sign up by going to lhmgc.org, fill out the form. We will have our lunch and a short member meeting after the TOC in the Ballroom. The lunch is free and you can sign up for that online as well if you are not playing golf that day.

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

Kudos to maintenance from Tom T: I have notice the cut fairways have started to improve – wider, short grass in the rough has improved. Golfers should be pleased and pace of play may pick up. Just a thought to give Casper management a pat on back for these noticed improvements. Also, the workers on the equipment often shut down and giving better consideration for the golfers as they play through.



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 fourth and final article dealing with the ten USGA handicap controls they have developed to ensure your Handicap Index measures your potential ability. It is also why the USGA/NCGA believe that if properly controlled and followed a golfer will consistently play 1-3 strokes worse than his handicap. In fact, shooting below one's handicap, assuming a player posts all postable scores, a table has been developed showing the probabilities scoring under your handicap by tracking some 7.2 million posted scores. Of the remaining five things listed below, three deal with your handicap index directly.

#6 Reduction of Handicap Index Based on Exceptional Tournament Scores.

Just to make clear, when you play in the Tuesday Sweeps that is sponsored by the Pro Shop, or you play in one of our Men club events, the scores posted are not considered Tournament Scores (T-Scores). The Men's Club has only five (5) T-Score events and they are posted with a "T" next to the score. If you look at your GHIN card, sent out by the NCGA, you will see the date and type of score posted. When **you** post a score **you** designate the score with either an "A" (away) or "H" (home) you almost never post a T-score. Below you will understand why it is best to post T-Scores for only special events. If a golfer has two or more eligible Tournament Scores (T-Scores) and their average differentials are at least 3 better than a golfer's Handicap Index, an additional algorithm is

used to determine if a reduction is necessary to be applied to a golfer's handicap. If this happens, the golfer would see his reduced handicap posted with an "R" after it. The algorithm is explained in the USGA handicapping section 10.2. The top 6 T-Scores are kept for one year and are used in the algorithm.

The USGA has gone to great lengths to make it as fair as possible for golfers to compete against one another using the USGA handicap algorithms. It is rare for a player to play better than his index. As an example, a player with an Index of 10.5, shooting a 74, course rating of 70.2, and a slope rating of 126, the **probability of this occurring is 1 in 535**.

Typically, it is expected that an average golfer will have net handicap differentials greater than 3. In this case, if this were a tournament score, it would be considered

EXCEPTIONAL.

#7 Handicap Index Adjustment or Withdrawal

"The Handicap Committee is authorized to modify or withdraw a Handicap Index of a player who does not post all acceptable scores, or does not otherwise observe the spirit of the USGA Handicap System. The Handicap Committee has the authority to increase the Handicap Index of a player who, because of exceptional circumstances, has a Handicap Index that is too low. The Handicap Committee must review a Handicap Index that is modified, reduced, or withdrawn at each revision."

#8 Penalty Scores for Failure to Post

If a player fails to post an acceptable score as soon as practical after completion of the round, the Handicap Committee has three options:

1. Post the actual score made by the player
2. Post a penalty score equal to the lowest/highest Handicap Differential in the player's scoring record
3. Post the actual score and a penalty score

#9 Ratings Issued by an Authorized Golf Association

All courses must be rated in accordance with the USGA approved procedures by a course rating team representing an authorized golf association.

#10 Ratings Issued by Authorized Golf Association

Only a Golf Club or authorized golf association that issues and maintains each Handicap Index in full accordance with the USGA Handicap System, may use the term Handicap System and is licensed by the USGA for this purpose.

Dave Jansen, Handicap Chairman

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A Hole in One for Bob Williams on hole 16 of the Hills Course at the M/M/G Memorial Tournament.
Congratulations Bob!



MEMBERSHIP

By *ROGER CUMMINGS*

EARLY REGISTRATION BEGINS [OCTOBER 1](#).

The Lincoln Hills Men's Golf Club and the NCGA will begin the 2017 **“Early Registration” period now.**

For Renewing Members the dues [from October 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017](#) will be \$85. Beginning [January 1, 2017](#), the Renewing Members dues will increase to \$95.

For New Membership to our club, the fee will be \$95, but will entitle the New Member to play in the club events from [October 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017](#). This is a great time to encourage your friends and neighbors to consider joining our club.


The fee for 2017 includes your hole-in-one insurance. Any member who has a hole- in-one in a club tournament/event will receive up to \$250 to pay their Hole in One bar bill on **all holes, including** the \$500 Hole(s) in One.

By registering early, it will help the Board construct a realistic budget for 2017.


Thank you for your Early Registration and for being an emissary for our club.



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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.



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