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Presidents Report



By Rodger Oswald

PRESIDENT'S REPORT


Well, we all made it through Thanksgiving ... possibly with our belt moved over one notch. We now approach that special time of the year we call Christmas. I am grateful for this opportunity to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. May this season focus on what we can give rather than what we receive . . . including putts :>)

I also want to take this opportunity to thank you for the privilege of serving as your President for the last two years. This is an awesome club and I appreciate having been able to serve you. I also want to thank the Board of Directors – a fantastic group of men who are dedicated to serving you, as well, and to making membership in our club a genuine value. May you see this service to you as one of your Christmas gifts! As you continue to “open this gift” during 2017, perhaps you might consider giving it as a gift in 2018.


I would like to close out my presidency by quoting Arnold Palmer. “Golf is deceptively simple and endlessly complicated. It frustrates the intellect and satisfies the soul. It's the greatest game ever created.” Play often and enjoy it!

Rodger

Editors note: A BIG thank you to Rodger for his great Leadership!



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2017 Early Registration

Returning members registering before 12/31/16, the cost is \$85.00 - this includes NCGA dues.

Returning members registering 1/1/17 or later the cost is \$95.00 - includes NCGA dues.

Fees for New Members and Lapsed Members are \$95.00 includes NCGA dues.

Applications will be in Pro Shop above the Men's Club drawer.

or

Applications can also be downloaded on our new Website.

Log in at lhmgc.org, under Join Us right click the 2017 application and print.

Have you checked out the new improved website?

lhmgc.org

Lots of information and easy to use!

The menu is fun to check out as follows:

- Home
- About us
- Blog
- Events – this is where you can get sign up forms for tournaments
- Handicap Policy
- Join Us – you can get you the 2017 application
- Local Rules
- Members

- Tournaments
- Sponsors
- Support – if you need more information this area is easy to use.

It's appreciated if you can re-join ASAP so we can set our budget for the year. We have a great slate of tournaments for 2017!

This is really COOL! From webmaster Al Soares:

Beginning this month, December 2016, we are posting a number of reports to the website. The reports will be created during the first week of each month. The information comes from the NCGA and GHIN Handicap databases. The reports are located under the Members section of the Main Menu. We hope you enjoy these new reports.

[Course Handicap Table \(Hills\)](#)

[Course Handicap Table \(Orchard\)](#)

[Handicap Index](#)

[Handicap History](#)

[Handicap Range](#)

[Most Improved Golfer](#)

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Report Descriptions

Course Handicap Tables - These two reports will allow you to lookup your course handicap based upon your handicap index for all tees on the course.

Handicap Index - This report will list your current & previous handicap index at the beginning of each month. It also shows your GHIN number for reference when entering a tournament.

Note - this report will not be created for the index revision on the 15th of the month.

Handicap History - This report shows your handicap history for the past 6 months.

Handicap Range - This report shows your Starting & Ending handicap index for the past 12 months.

Most Improved Golfer - This report shows the Top 100 Most Improved Golfers for the past 6 months.

Rounds Posted - This report shows the number of rounds you posted during the current calendar year.

Sponsor Report: Every month will feature one of our Sponsors

By Bob McCollum

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We look forward to meeting you!

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RULES CHAIRMAN

ROGER VAL

Now that our web site has been up graded our local rules are now listed on the home page which makes it easier to get to. Everyone should not only read them but make a copy to carry in your golf bag. Remember these local rules pertain to all our tournaments and must be followed. The general penalty for not following a local rule is two strokes. We are all required to protect the field and make sure that all players in your group follow the Rules of Golf and the Local Rules as written. It is easy to turn your back on a fellow competitor if there is a rules violation but remember it isn't fair or right when the rest of the field is following and playing according to the Rules of Golf and Local Rules that are in effective.

The following is a TRUE FALSE 1 thru 5 and MULTIPLE CHOICE 6 thru 8 rule quiz with the answers listed on the last page of the Linksletter. Enjoy!

1. The original ball is deemed lost if the player has made a stroke at a provisional ball from the place where the original ball is likely to be or from a point nearer the hole than that place.
 2. In taking relief from a cart path the player drops the ball in a wrong place. The ball rolls and comes to rest within the prescribed area for relief. He plays the ball. There is no penalty.
 3. In match play, a player who has not started play of a hole may concede the hole to his opponent.
 4. Proceeding under Rule 26-1c, a player drops a ball within the prescribed area for relief from a lateral water hazard. As the ball rolls towards the red line marking the margin of the lateral water hazard, a fellow-competitor picks up the ball. The fellow-competitor did not want the player to lose his ball in the water. There is no penalty to the fellow-competitor since the fellow-competitor is an outside agency.
 5. Information on matters such as the location of a bunker or a water hazard is not advice.
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6. Which of the following statements about score cards is FALSE?
 - a. The committee is responsible for the addition of a score card
 - b. If a player returns a score card with a hole showing a score higher than actually taken, the score stands.
 - c. An error on the score card discovered after the score card has been returned may be corrected by the player prior to the close of competition.
 - d. There is no penalty if a marker signs the competitor's score card in the space provided for the competitor's signature and vice versa.

7. In stroke play, a player announces that he will play two balls under Rule 3-3 (second ball) and selects the second ball to count. The player plays the original ball in accordance with the Rules and the second ball from a wrong place. What is the ruling?
- The score with the original ball counts
 - The score with the second ball counts
8. Which of the following is TRUE with regard to the nearest point of relief for taking relief under Rule 24-2 or Rule 25-1
- This point must be determined prior to the drop; the player may use any club in his bag.
 - It is a point where of the ball were so positioned, no interference (as defined) would exist.
 - While deterring this point, the location of the ball's original position must be marked.
 - The ball's original location must not be nearer the hole than this point.

Answers on the last page.....



Congratulations go to Bruce Lyau for his recent hole in one on hole #7 of the Hills Course. When last seen, Bruce was in the bar buying drinks!

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TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

PETE SACO and TOM TRAXEL

The New Year will be upon us very shortly. First of all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all LHMGC members and their families. The first event planned for 2017 will be the Winter Slosfest on Tuesday, January 10. It will be a green tee event and individual stroke play is the format. Enjoy the Holidays!

REMINDER: All players must check in the Pro Shop before all 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 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 post-able 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

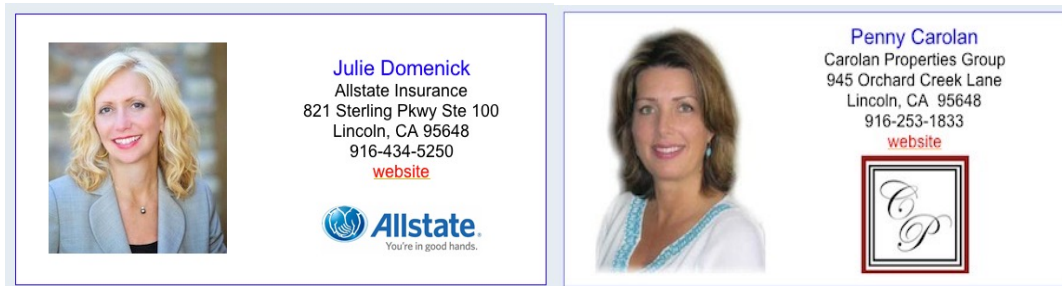
#9 Ratings Issued by an Authorized Golf Association

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



MEMBERSHIP

By *ROGER CUMMINGS*

EARLY REGISTRATION IS NOW

For Renewing Members the dues now though December 31, 2016 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 Dec 13th Pinehurst tournament.

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.

If you have renewed your membership or are a new member and have not received a welcome message, please let Roger Cummings know.



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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.

NAVIGATING THE NEW WEBSITE

Al Soares, Webmaster

The new website is hosted at GoDaddy and built with the WordPress software which powers 25% of the Internet. Hopefully, you'll find this website easy-to-use. You can contact me @ tincupal@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions.

This new website is based upon the Responsive WordPress Theme. It has an intuitive foundation with a fluid grid system that automatically adapts your website to mobile devices including smartphones, tablets and desktops so your website looks incredible on any device.

The website has 2 main sections: the “Blog” and the rest of the website. The Blog allows authorized individuals (not the Webmaster) to post information to the website such as; Tournament Flyers & Results, LinksLetters, Golf Items for Sales, etc. This means the club is not dependent upon the Webmaster to post all the information to the website. The Webmaster will maintain the rest of the website.

TABS:

Home Page – is divided into an upper and lower section. The upper section contains announcements while the lower section contains the Blog divided into 3 sub-sections. The lower left section contains the 10 Most Recent Posts. The middle section contains the next 5 Tournaments. The lower right section contains the Sponsors of the Month, Blog Categories, Blog Archive Folders and 5 day Weather Forecast.

Tournament Schedule – the tournament schedule will now be listed on an “Event Calendar” under the Menu item [“Events”](#). The Event Calendar can be viewed in either calendar or list (default) format. Each tournament will contain dates, time, course, Flyer & Signup Link. Remember, the next 5 tournaments will be listed on the Home Page in the lower center section. The Tournaments section will contain a summary of the year’s tournaments in spreadsheet format.

Join Us – this new webpage will contain the latest information and application regarding joining the Lincoln Hills Men’s Golf Club.

LinksLetters – are now listed in the Blog under the category “LinksLetters”.

Sponsors – the sponsors “business cards” are listed on the summary page [Sponsors](#). Also, each sponsor has their own webpage that contains contact information, map, description of their business & maybe a discount coupon.

Equitable Stroke Control – this new webpage contains an informational video describing the procedure whereby abnormally high individual hole scores are adjusted downward prior to the score being posted. Check it out, it describes the process pretty well.

Color Scheme – the color scheme in general is: **Blue for headings** & highlighted text; **Red for Links** and **Black/Dark Brown for normal text.**

In closing, please browse every page on the website to familiarize yourself with the layout and content of the website. You can't break it! If you have any questions please contact me @ tincupal@sbcglobal.net.



"Our company is giving you 10,000 free golf balls with our company's info on them. Since you'll lose everyone of them, it'll be good advertising for us."

Answers to the Rules Quiz

1. True Rule 27-2b
2. False Rule 20-2b
3. True Rule Rule2-4
4. False Rule 1-2 (i)
5. True See the definition of Advice
6. c Rule 6-6d
7. a Rule 3-3b(i)
8. b Definition of Nearest Point sec (ii)

Remember "It is what you think you know is what you don't know"

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