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## Presidents Report



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*By Gene Andrews*

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Most of you are familiar with me as I have served for several previous years on the board but for those who have not met me. I have been here and a member of the Lincoln Hills Men's Golf club for the last 11 years. Our club has been holding tournaments each year for the member's enjoyment and that is our goal this year.

I wanted to thank the members of the board that left at the end of last year, Rodger Oswald, Roger Cummings, Dave Jansen and Karl Williams. We all appreciate the effort that these volunteers have made to keep this club running. Our new board members are Vice President George Porzio, Handicap chairman Brian Wanzer, CVS Steve Beede and Tom Traxel who has over to the position of Membership Chairman.

The full list of the current Board is posted on the bulletin board outside the Proshop and on our website ([www.lhmgc.org](http://www.lhmgc.org)) along with our sponsors, tournaments and lots more information for our members. Our sponsors also have coupon special so check it out . Have fun and enjoy golfing with LHMGC this year.

Gene



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### **George Porzio – Vice President**

I moved here in 2011 from the Bay area and retired in 2013 from a career in medical imaging and life sciences. I am very active and participate in golf, tennis, pickleball and table tennis (served on the table tennis board for 4 years, 1 1/2 as president). I am also an avid skier/snowboarder. I have been a member of the Men's golf club for 4 years and look forward to contributing my efforts as vice president in 2017.

George

**\*\*\*NEW DRAWER IN THE PROSHOP! You will find a NEW Men's Club drop off drawer in the table just below the bulletin board.....the Lady's Golf Club has the drawer on the left of ours.**

### **From Webmaster Al Soares:**

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 \(Orchard\)](#)

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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*


Gilchrist Golf Carts is offering discount coupons:

January 2017 Coupons for SCLH Men’s Club:


1. New Cars. \$500 OFF any 2016-2017 new car purchase when mentioning the Sun City Lincoln Hills Men’s Club Linksletter
2. Reconditioned Cars. \$400 OFF any 2013 reconditioned Club Car Precedent purchase when mentioning the Sun City Lincoln Hills Men’s Club Linksletter
3. Service and Repairs. 20% OFF any service or repair invoice when mentioning the Sun City Lincoln Hills Men’s Club Linksletter



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## RULES CHAIRMAN

### ROGER VAL

#### New Local Rule

In 2016 the USGA added a decision concerning Rule 18-2 Ball at Rest Moved by Player, Partner, Caddie or Equipment. The purpose of the decision was to help understand how to weigh the evidence for determining whether the player caused the ball to move on the putting green. It still didn't work. This was witnessed by all during the US Open with the Dustin Johnson incident which almost cost him the title of US Open Champion. The pressure that the USGA received from players, officials, administrators and the general public produced a new local rule blessed by the R&A and the USGA to be effective January 1, 2017. In my opinion this is one of the better rules to come along to make it easier for everyone to understand that when a ball is accidentally moved on the putting green what will be the procedure.

#### Ball Accidentally Moved on the Putting Green

When a player's ball lies on the putting, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.

This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

If you wish to read more on this new local rule you can visit [usage.org/2017localrule](http://usage.org/2017localrule).

This new local rule will be added to our overall local rules for our club championships and events. The local rule sheet for 2017 will be available on our website after the January board meeting.

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



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## TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

PETE SACO

The Sloshfest was delayed until January 24 due to the rain. You can sign up by Monday January 16 to play in the Sloshfest. You will find the link to the tournament at [lhmgc.org](http://lhmgc.org). The February tournament will be the ABCD Scramble and that email will be sent out by January 25-26. The tournament date is February 14 for the ABCD Scramble. **You can always go to our website to find the link to sign up for all of our Men's Club Events. Again the website is [lhmgc.org](http://lhmgc.org).**

Pete Saco

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



## HANDICAP

BRIAN WANZER, HANDICAP CHAIR

Handicap Reduction Policy Revised 8/24/2016

Members: Article II of our By-Laws states: This organization is formed for the express purpose of promoting the sport of golf at Sun City Lincoln Hills Club in accordance with these By-Laws and Rules of the game of golf. Your current board, as well as past boards, has had a responsibility to make sure that our members post their scores. The posting of scores is essential to have accurate GHIN index numbers for a club's membership. Thus, the GHIN index is essential for maintaining equality in competition among members in both club tournaments and Tuesday sweeps.





If you have been reading the Handicap Chairman's Linksletter reports this past year, you probably understand that the Board wants to ensure that all of our members in all skill levels can compete against each other on an equitable basis. This action, mandated by the USGA, is to ensure that our Men's Club is complying with the USGA Handicap System. Consequently, as directed by Article VI, Section E, the Handicap Committee has the responsibility of making sure that each player's a Handicap Index that reflects potential ability. From time to time, the Handicap Committee, Board members, members of the club and even the NCGA, may feel that there are exceptional scores being turned in during our events that may suggest that an individual's index is in question. When this occurs, the Handicap Committee, with the Boards approval, will be initiating the following rules that are in agreement with the rules set by the USGA, as it pertains to a player's Handicap Index. The Handicap Committee will use the following process to address and index concern as raised by the NCGA.

First, when the Board receives a letter from the NCGA about one of our members playing to their handicap with unusual regularity and/or outperforming their handicap by wide margins in NCGA events, the NCGA will reduce our member's handicap for all NCGA competitions. Consequently, the Handicap Chairman will also make sure that this adjustment is also applied to any of our NCGA Tournaments.

Second, for those members that do not regularly play in NCGA events but also play consistently below their index in our events, the Handicap Committee, along with the Board's approval, will follow the same standard that is set for the NCGA, by following the USGA formula for the index reduction. This reduction will remain in place for 90 days and will be reviewed every 90 days. The Handicap Committee will lift a modified Handicap Index when subsequent scores posted to a player's scoring record produce a lower Handicap Index or is no longer needed.

In summary, this action being taken by the Handicap Committee, along with the Board's approval, is not to suggest that we have a serious problem within our club. In fact, the opposite is true. So, thanks in advance for posting accurate scores every time you play.

Brian Wanzer, Handicap Chairman

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## MEMBERSHIP

TOM TRAXEL

We have 265 members, 239 renewed member and 26 new members. If members have not renewed their membership SOON they will lose their NCGA card with LHMGC and must be deleted. The Men's Club has to pay for anyone on the 2016 list. The applications are in our website or at the pro shop. **Member's dues are \$95, which includes your; NCGA Membership, 12 Tournaments, 2 Lunches, and the Linksletter.** 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.

Also, the Lincoln Hills Men's Golf Club is not the Lincoln Hills (Billy Casper) Club.

Tom



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### **2017 Central Valley Seniors Applications are in the Pro Shop**

*Here's your Opportunity to Play Great Golf Courses at Reasonable Rates, Annual Dues \$60.00. Make checks payable to: LHMGC Tournaments Include Lunch \$45 with cart \$24 walking. Most Tournaments will have a Morning and Afternoon Shotgun. You Must be a Member of the Lincoln Hills Men's Golf Club  
We are Limited to 60 CVS Members*

Central Valley Seniors ("CVS") is an association of 11 golf clubs including several private country clubs that give CVS Members the opportunity to play. For the amazing low price of \$45, you get golf, a cart, range balls and a wonderful hot sit down meal. Our 2017 Schedule is outlined below and includes opportunities for morning or afternoon play at most Events.

For 2017, Steve Beede and Jesse Reuter will become co-leaders of our CVS group with Steve serving as CVS Director on our Men's Club Board of Directors. If you have any questions, please e-mail Steve Beede at [sjbeede@att.net](mailto:sjbeede@att.net).



### *2017 CVS Tournament Schedule*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tournament</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Comments</u>
April 10	Sierra View	8:00 & 1:00	Lunch
April 24	Timber Creek	8:00 & 1:00	Lunch
May 8	Valley High	8:00 & 1:00	Lunch
May 22	Lincoln Hills	8:00 AM	Lunch
June 5	El Macero	8:00 & 1:00	Lunch
June 19	Stockton CC	8:00 & 1:00	Lunch
June 28	Yolo Fliers	8:00 & 1:00	Lunch
July 10	Northridge	8:00 & 1:00	Lunch
July 24	Rancho Murrieta	8:00 & 1:00	Lunch
August 21	Woodbridge	8:00 & 1:00	Lunch
September 4	Cameron Park	8:00 & 1:00	Lunch



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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.

## ONE MORE TIME.....IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T NAVIGATED 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](mailto: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](mailto:tincupal@sbcglobal.net).



Ever wonder how **golf tees** are made? Check this out....

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nucdgtSvWYY>

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