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Presidents Report





By Gene Andrews

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Memorial Tournament is coming up! I wanted to remind everyone that the cost for this tournament is less than we spend on the meals alone. This is a great bargain for our members as we, the men's club, underwrite some of the costs. Dinner is for the golfer and his wife, significant other or any guest he wants to bring. Be sure to sign up early to make sure you get a spot. You can pick your partner who can be another member, or your guest. As this is a men's club event your guest must be male. See you all there!

Gene





George Porzio – Vice President

One more time. Thank you George, the scoreboards are terrific!

Sponsors:

By Bob McCollum

Visit the website or on the Linksletters for our sponsors, thank you for using them for your needs.

Any sponsor interested in playing in our member - Member Memorial Tournament as a player or to attend dinner on September 26, 2017 must sign up by September 15. Contact Bob at theinv1855@gmail.com or 916-408-0621

The Lincoln Hills Community Church Men's Ministry will hold it's 9th annual charity golf tournament on Monday, October 2, 2017 at the Lincoln Hills Golf Club (Hills course). The tournament will be a scramble format and all women and men are invited. Each year we share our proceeds with a local organization. This year we chose Ride to Walk, dedicated to improving the health of severely handicapped children and adults. If you, or anyone you know are interested, or have questions. Call Bob McCollum, 916-408-0621

<u>Lincoln Hills Community Church</u>
CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT - MONDAY, October 2, 2017
\$90.00 per player, <u>Includes</u> green fees • cart • range balls • lunch



RULES CHAIRMAN

ROGER VAL

Let's go back to the British Open, last day, hole 13 and review what took place in providing relief for Jordan Spieth. His knowledge of the rules of golf is outstanding and I feel puts him one up on the rest of the players in the field. In my opinion Jordan took control of the situation, which allowed him to take relief that benefited him the most from the three options available to him under the Unplayable Ball Rule.

The unplayable provides three options; (a) drop within two clubs lengths of the unplayable, (b) go back as far as you want and drop on an imaginary line from the flagstick through the unplayable as long as the drop is on the golf course or (c) go back to where the last stroke was played (teeing ground).

Jordan asked the rules official if the driving range was in play and was told it was which gave him option (b) of the ball unplayable rule being able to drop on the line from the flagstick through the unplayable, which now is on the driving range. Dropping two clubs lengths from the unplayable kept him in jail and going back to the tee would not give him the extra distance need to a least get a bogey on the hole and keep him in the championship. Hitting from the driving range provided the best opportunity to get closer to the green with his third shot (one stroke for the unplayable).

Now that the drop area was determined the line which to drop on was in the middle of the trucks parked on the driving range. By definition, on the local rules sheet provided the players, these trucks were deemed to be temporary immovable obstructions which provides additional relief in the local rules appendix I (4b). Once the line of site is determined from the most outer edge of the trucks the ball can be dropped more than one club length and less than two club lengths. This allowed Jordan to have a clear shot forward and provided him the extra distance needed. He ended with a bogey on 13 and the rest is history.

Social media blasted Jordan for the time he took and the officials for treating him special. Matt Kuchar would have been treated the same. There is no time limit when a ruling is taking place with an official. Jordan stated that he wanted to make sure what took place was correct so he was not penalized later in the scoring tent for not following the rules of golf. Smart man!

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

Roger





TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

PETE SACO

The **Member/Member/Guest Memorial Tournament** days will be on September 25-26. Look for details to follow in emails.

Our website has links for all of our Men's Club Events. Website is lhmgc.org.

Any Questions: Contact: Pete Saco at psaco52@gmail.com

Pete Saco

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REMINDERS: All players must check in the Pro Shop before all Tuesday sweeps and tournaments. When on the greens, repair any ball marks, and please refrain from stepping on your wedges to bring the handle up. This will reduce unneeded marks on the greens. Avoid slow play by keeping up with the players in front of you.



HANDICAP REPORT

BRIAN WANZER, HANDICAP CHAIR

Hello again. Ever notice that when the course your playing, the course condition, your state of mind, your touch, feel, and overall aura on some days allows you to shoot lights out golf? Well...guess what, we have all had those days. That day you shoot way below your handicap average. That's what keeps us coming back...right? Well, recently I have witnessed, and heard from many of you about the bad days.

So...here's what people say makes our golf go south....slow play, wet fairways, no grass fairways, unraked traps, the guy mowing down the fairway when your on the T box, your buddies talking at the wrong time, it's too hot, it's too cold, can't find my ball, my body hurts.....and the list goes on...or maybe you were just unlucky. They all affect your handicap performance.

Remember this, we are lucky to live where we live, and we are living the dream of being able to play golf. The score and handicap is only a part of the golf experience, enjoy the game, the people, and have fun. When golf is not fun anymore, you will no longer play. Who knows how long any of us will be able to physically play. So, I vote for fun and

friendship over handicaps any day.

Until next time.

Brian



MEMBERSHIP TOM TRAXEL

At the Member Member Guest Tournament registration area, we have wonderful gift bag for all participants with lots of good things for golf and energy.

LHMGC membership is reduced to \$75.00.

Any member who has a hole- in-one in a club tournament/event will receive <u>up to</u> \$250 to pay their "Hole in One" bar bill on all holes including the \$500 Hole(s) in One.

Tom





CVS [CENTRAL VALLEY SENIORS]

STEVE BEEDE, DIRECTOR. ASSISSANT, JESSE REUTER

Central Valley Seniors have enjoyed the challenges of Sierra View Country Club, Timber Creek Golf Club, and Valley Hi Country Club. Although CVS members get priority in

signing-up for all events, non-Members who are Members of LHMGC may be able to play if any openings arise. Generally these would be for the 1:00 PM Sessions.

Steve Beede, CVS Director





Sunshine Alert

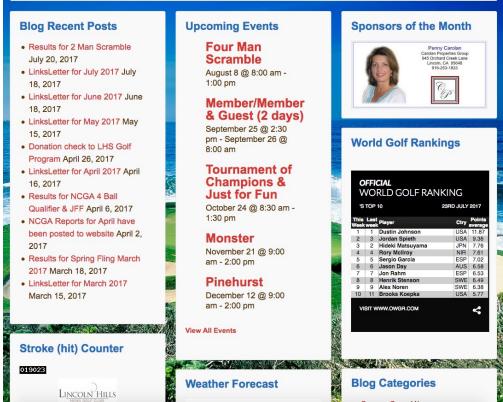
By GIL LUCAS

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.

Webmaster - Al Soares

A new feature has been added to the website: the Official World Golf Rankings!

This widget is curiosity of www.owgr.com and is located in the lower right side of the Home Page under the Sponsors of the Month. As you can see below, Jordan Spieth moved up to number 2 after his win in the British Open. I hope you enjoy this new feature.



Please browse every page on the website to familiarize yourself with the layout and content of the website, you can't break it! Any questions please contact me @ tincupal@sbcglobal.net.



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