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Presidents Report



By Gene Andrews

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

First off I'd like to thank everyone for all the support we have had at this year tournaments. I think we've had really nice turnouts all year. I would also like to thank the board, all volunteers, and mention we need more so please think about coming out to help the board in the coming year so that we can continue with this great club. I particularly want to thank the following board members who have now decided they are leaving the board and will be greatly missed first Gill Lucas has our secretary has been fantastic and accomplished a lot of things that needed to be done along with the help of many other board members. Pete Saco is retiring as tournament chairman, he will take the office of Vice President this coming year. John Garfein our social committee chairman who arranged all the fine meals we've had throughout the year is coming off the board. George Porzio will be taking his place as Social Chairman. Bob McCollum is leave the board after keeping track of all the sponsors all year to make sure they keep up with their sponsor fees. All have done a great job for our men's club!


As we go into next year, we will be trying some new formats for tournaments throughout the year. They will be built on the ones that you have enjoyed the most this last year.

In January we will be skipping our usual tournament the Sloshfest tournament as it has been washed out several times in the past.

We hope that we will have the USGA suggested “90” flights in most of our tournaments and if you are not aware of it ask around some of our senior members and those of us struggling with a climbing handicap.

Thank you all for your support of our tournaments and our club.

Gene



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RULES CHAIRMAN

Roger Val

As we wind down the 2017 tournament season I want to remind you that the new rules of golf changes for 2019 will be introduced this coming year. That gives the world time to learn and digest the changes. The Rules of Golf book will be more understandable as it will be composed in a plain writing style. The USGA and the R&A have been working together since 2012 through their joint Rules Committee. The USGA is responsible for administering the rules in the United States, its territories and Mexico. The R&A has the same responsibilities for all other parts of the world. In the past the rules were updated every four years but I am not sure if the four year cycle will remain. Earlier this year I listed a few changes that will be incorporated in the new Rules of Golf book and the follow are a few additional ones: 1. There is no longer a penalty if you touch or move loose impediments in a bunker. 2. Relaxed restrictions on touching the sand with your hand or club when your ball is in a bunker. 3. You may keep using any club that is damaged during the round, no matter how it happens. 4. If your ball in motion accidentally hits you, your equipment, your caddie or someone attending the flagstick for you there is no longer a penalty. There are many more and they are exciting in that the new rules are more relaxed and easier to understand. I will be attending an NCGA workshop to prepare myself and in turn pass on the info to you. I am not sure how we will do that at this time but at some point will forward the new rules to you in some manner.

I would like to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Roger



TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

PETE SACO

There won't be a January tournament as the weather and the course is so often wet. However, we will have a full slate of tournaments starting in February.

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

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.



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HANDICAP REPORT

BRIAN WANZER, HANDICAP CHAIR

Hello again. Well, the cold weather is here and to go along with it, the conditions are wet. Here's some things to keep that handicap from rising to new highs in the winter.

Change out your golf ball to a softer ball in the winter. Try to keep the ball warm. In fact keep the balls you are going to play with inside the night before. A golf ball flies 5 yds less per 10 degree temp change from 80 degrees.

With the ball not flying as far, you are going to need more club to get there. Don't try to swing harder in fact try to swing easier. When it is cold and wet swinging harder creates more backspin, and makes the ball not go as far.

In the wet sand try using your pitching wedge. Line up your club head with your left heel in your stance, open the club face slightly, and place your hands further down the grip. Then hit through the sand as usual and accelerate through the shot. Remember, it won't have the same spin coming out so it may sail on you. Practice a few on the range and see if this helps.

Lastly, when it is wet, take extra practice swings staying more erect. The goal when it is wet is to pick the ball cleaner. Many of us hit those chunky monkey shots when it's wet. During the summer, the ground is more forgiving, and a little chunky shot still gets there. Well not in the wet winter...I am sure you all have experienced that in the last month. Hope these hints help you keep that handicap down....let me know if this helps your game. 😊

Until next time,
Brian



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MEMBERSHIP

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Lincoln Hills Men's Golf Club 2018– Early Registration

Returning members registering before 12/31/17 the cost is **\$88.00** - this includes NCGA dues. New and lapsed members registering cost is **\$98.00** includes NCGA dues. All registrants after 1/1/2018: **\$98.00** includes the NCGA dues.

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

Filled out application, put in LHMGC drawer or mail: ATTENTION Membership Chairman

Application MUST accompany your check, even if your information hasn't changed!

Log in to lhmgc.org, under Join Us right click the 2018 application and print.

Have you checked out the new improved website – lhmgc.org?

Website menu is fun easy to use - check out as follows:

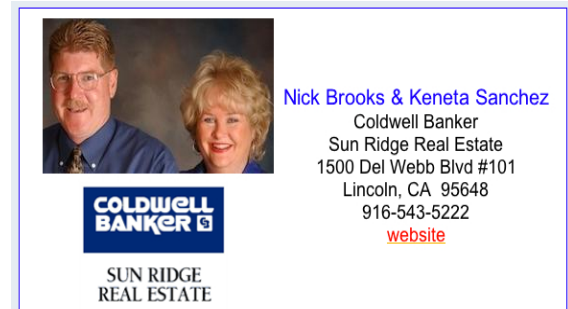
- Home
- About us
- Blog
- Events – this is where you can get sign up forms for tournaments
- Handicap Policy
- Join Us – you can get you the 2018 application
- Local Rules
- Members
- Tournaments
- Sponsors
- Support – if you need more information this area is easy to use.

Welcome to New Members:

Ron Dawson, - Braulio Sierras, - Jim Wolf, - Mike Arnell, - Bob Fischer, - Mark Green, -Mike Riley, - Gary McGraw.

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.

Tom



CVS [CENTRAL VALLEY SENIORS] STEVE BEEDE, DIRECTOR. ASSISSANT, JESSE REUTER

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. There is a \$10 price reduction for those who sign up before 12/31/2017. Our 2018 Schedule is outlined below and includes opportunities for morning or afternoon play at most Events. For 2018, Steve Beede and Jesse Reuter will continue as co-leaders of our CVS. Sign up forms which are also available in the pro shop. _

Tentative dates for 2018 are:

Sierra View	Monday, April 09, 2018
Timber Creek	Monday, April 23, 2018
Yolo Fliers	Monday, April 30, 2018
Valley Hi	Monday, May 14, 2018
Woodbridge 09:30 Only	Monday, May 28, 2018
El Macero	Monday, June 11, 2018

TBD	Monday, June 25, 2018
North Ridge	Monday, July 16, 2018
Rancho Murietta	Monday, July 30, 2018
Lincoln Hills	Monday, August 20, 2018
Cameron Park	Monday, September 10, 2018

If you have any questions, please e-mail Steve Beede at sjbeede@att.net

Steve Beede, CVS Director



Sunshine Alert

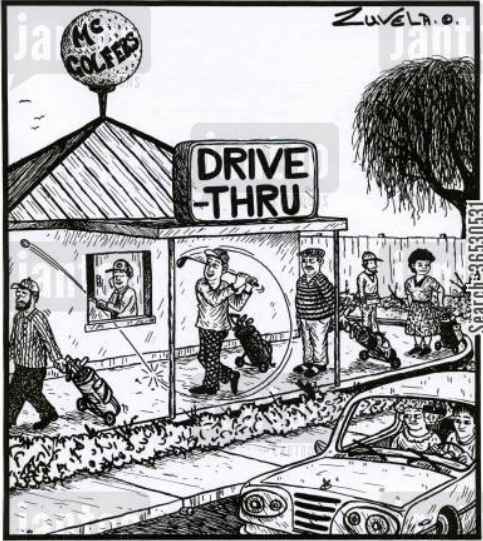
By *GIL LUCAS*

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!](#)

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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