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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Rodger Oswald

So long, 2017; hello, 2018! As we begin the New Year, I want to express appreciation to Gene Andrews, Pete Saco, Bob McCollum, John Garfein and Gil Lucas for serving our club so effectively. Gene, and his broad shoulders, served as President, Pete handled the toughest job on the Board and was an awesome Tournament Chairman. Bob kept us solvent with his smooth handling of sponsors, Gil was, by far, the most efficient Secretary our club has ever had and John made sure we had the best of meals. When you see these gentlemen, please tell them thank you. **They served you well**.

As we enter 2018, we welcome a **new Board of Directors** and I want to thank them, as well, for being willing to serve. The elected officers are as follows: <u>Rodger Oswald</u> – President; <u>Pete Saco</u> – Vice President; <u>Bob Emge</u> – Secretary and <u>Phil Steinbock</u> – Treasurer. Those filling specific chairmanships are as follows: <u>Gene Andrews</u> – Tournament; <u>Tom Traxel</u> – Sponsors; <u>Roger Cummings</u> – Membership; <u>George Porzio</u> – Social; <u>Steve Beede</u> and Jesse Reuter – CVS; <u>Roger Val</u> – Rules; <u>Doug Hinchey</u> – Communications and <u>Brian Wanzer</u> – Handicap. One other person serving us so effectively is <u>Al Soares</u> as he manages our website. Finally, we welcome back <u>Tony Dipaola</u> who will be helping Gene Andrews with tournament issues.

WHAT A TEAM!! Again, when you see these men, please express your appreciation for their sacrifice of time, talent and labor.

There are a number of issues on which the Board is working. Some of you may be familiar with the fact we will be changing our club name. I will leave the details of this to Phil Steinbock who will inform the Board and Club of this process.

At our closing meeting of 2017, the Board recognized that "**communications**" was an area in which we could improve, and we are taking steps to make that happen – with our membership as well as with Billy Casper Golf. Another "closing meeting" item was addressing the results of a **Board survey** designed to identify strengths and weaknesses.

Our first meeting of 2018 will begin addressing those weakness and endeavor to make them strengths, and looking at our strengths and working to enhancing them. **The bottom line** is that your Board is committed to making 2018 your best club experience ever. Should you have any comments, suggestions – even criticisms – please contact any of the 2018 Board members. Their photos and contact information can be found on our Men's Club display board as you enter the Pro Shop.

Rodger



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Derek Gilchrist Gilchrist Golf Cars 4361 Pacific Street Rocklin, CA 95677 916-652-9078 website

Sponsors:

Tom Traxel

As of today, we have twelve outstanding sponsors for our Men's Golf Club here at Lincoln Hills. This year we would like to add a sponsor in the food service area. If any of you have a recommendation this would be appreciated. We are always talking about supporting our Men's Club sponsors, our family did just that using Southern Comfort for a new heating and air system this past summer. Mark Adams and his crew responded quickly with great professional service. Derek at Gilchrist Golf Cars also took care of my tune up and new tires for my golf cart.

When you have time let us know about any successes you have had using our sponsors. They all really help our Men's golf club here in Lincoln Hills and hopefully we support their sponsorship. What a great community we have here. Happy Days!

Tom Traxel

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



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RULES CHAIRMAN

Roger Val

As we approach the 2018 tournament season I thought it would be appropriate to remind everyone of some important rules that seem to be violated at times during our events. First of all everyone should carry in their golf bag our local rules that can be downloaded from our web page. The local rules for 2018 will be posted on our web site after January 24th. There were not any changes or additions from 2017 except there has been a new condition of the competition added. This condition concerns animals on the course during our events. Therefore only service animals will be allowed on the course and they must be kept in the cart or on a 6-foot leash at all times. The Board felt that this condition needed to be in place as a courtesy to the players involved with an animal in their group.

<u>Rule 1 The Game</u> – Play the ball from the teeing ground into the hole by a single stroke or successive strokes. This rule does not allow for "That's Good" in our events as all putts must be holed out when playing tournament golf. If the ball is picked up prior to the ball being holed the player must replace the ball and putted into the hole with an additional stroke penalty. If a player fails to hole out and does not correct before teeing off on the next hole the player is disqualified (Rules 3-2 and 18).

<u>Rule 6 the Player</u> In all our handicap (net) events the player is responsible for his handicap listed on the scorecard. If the player plays to a higher handicap and returns the scorecard the player is disqualified. Rule 8 Advice When playing in our individual events advice cannot be given or received during the round. If advice is given or received it is a two-stroke penalty for each violation. When we play in our groups during non-tournament days we tend to provide advice especially on the putting green. This becomes a bad habit and carries over into our tournament events. Remember the only time advice can be given is in team events.

<u>Rule 16 The Putting Green</u> This rule requires the ball to be marked when lifted on the putting green. The ball must be marked with a small object and replaced exactly in its original location. If the ball is replaced in a different location and holed out the player receives a two stroke penalty for playing from a wrong place. Note: Once the ball is replaced and the mark is lifted the ball cannot be touched again to reline the ball without remarking. If the ball is touched without the mark it is a one-stroke penalty for each violation (Rule 20). There seems to be some confusion in dealing with our different formats when it comes to applying the Rules of Golf and not applying the rules as well as when scores are posted or not.

The following is a chart showing when rules are applied or not and when to post.

Individual formats: Rules of Golf applied and scores posted.

Team events: Rules of Golf applied and scores posted.

Alternate Shot: Rules of Golf applied and scores not posted.

Match Play: Rules of Golf applied and scores posted.

Scrambles: Some Rules of Golf applied, some ignored and scores not posted.

Note: Scrambles violate Rule 18 (ball at rest moved), Rule 20 (playing from a wrong place) and Rule 14-2 (standing behind your partner while a stroke is being made). Water Hazards and Out of Bounds rules do apply.

Roger





TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Gene Andrews

Our first tournament is coming up February 6 and it will be a two man best ball. You are going to pick your own partner this will be listed on the sign up which will be online, as always, with all the rules. It will start at 9 AM on the Orchard Course. This will give you a chance to practice for the March 4 ball tournament that will also be playing on the Orchard Course as well, for which you can qualify to play in the NCGA tournament in Monterey. In March we will have a two ball scramble played on the Hills course and you will be able to pick a partner. Details of these and upcoming tournaments will be up on the website should be up shortly I will have the sign-ups out in approximately one week for the February 6 Tournament, closing date will be January 30 to be signed up. I hope to see a really good turnout as weather should be good by then.

Below are the tournaments and dates for you to mark your calendars! They will be on the website soon and updated regularly.

			Lincoln Hills Men's Club			
2018	2018					
<u>Tourname</u> <u>nt</u>	<u>Sign-up</u>	<u>Tounament</u>	<u>Format</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Date	Deadlin e					
6-Feb	30-Jan	2 Man BB	2 man BB	9:00 AM	Orchar d	
6-Mar	27-Feb	2 Man Scramble	Pick Partner	8:30 AM	Hills	
20-Mar	13-Mar	NCGA 4 Ball	2 Man Best Ball	8:30 AM	Orchar d	Qualfiying TBA
16-Apr	10-Apr	Club Championship	Stroke Play-(T)	8:00 AM	Hills	
17-Apr		CC & JFF	Stroke Play-(T)	8:00 AM	Orchar d	Lunch
22 May	15 May	Presidents Cup	Match Play	1st round 5/22	Hills	
19-Jun	12-Jun	2 Man Best Ball	ТВА	8:00 AM	Hills	
17-Jul	10-Jul	2 Man Scramble	Pick Team	8:00 AM	Orchar d	
14-Aug	7-Aug	4 Man Scramble	Pick Team	8:00 AM	Hills	

17-Sep	10-Sep	Memorial	Putting & Horse Race	2:30 PM	Orchar d	Food
18-Sep		Memorial	2 man best ball (T)	8:00 AM	Hills	Full B'fast / Dinner in Ballroom
16-0ct	9-Oct	TOC & JFF	Stroke Play (T)	8:30 AM	Hills	Lunch
13-Nov	6-Nov	ТВА	ТВА	9:00 AM	Orchar d	
11-Dec	4-Dec	ТВА	ТВА	9:00 AM	Hills	

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

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

Most improved golfers of 2018 recognition!!!

Gentlemen, we are going to recognize the most improved golfers 4 times in 2018. Here's how it's going to work..... In the GHIN management program I will pull up the most improved handicaps player report every 3 months in 2018. The first report will be run April 1st.

As a club we will recognize the top 2 most improved golfers who have lowered their handicap scoring the most in the last 3 months. The report recognizes the most improved as a percentage of improvement from their old handicap.

The 2 winners will be given \$50 and \$25 dollars for 1st and 2nd, in pro shop money credit....

FYI.....everyone has a great chance to win this.....last yr the top 10 most improved list changed on average about 75% every month, and the top 2 positions changed 100% every month. Yeseveryone has a shot of winning ...so go for it!

Work hard on getting that handicaps down....would love to see you get the MONEY!

Until next time, Brian





MEMBERSHIP - Roger Cummings

We presently have 216 returning members and 14 new members, for a total of 230 as of this date.

Membership for 2018 is **\$98.00** includes NCGA dues.

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

Filled out application, put it in LHMGC Men's Club drawer, or mail to Roger, (address on form). Or, log in to <u>lhmgc.org</u>, under <u>Join Us</u> right click the 2018 application and print.

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

Have you checked out the new improved website – <u>lhmgc.org</u>? **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.

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.





CVS [CENTRAL VALLEY SENIORS]

STEVE BEEDE, DIRECTOR. ASSISTANT, 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. Our 2018 Schedule is outlined below and includes opportunities for morning or afternoon play at most Events. Sign up forms which are also available in the pro shop. _

Lincoln Hills is only allowed 60 CVS members - please sign up early to be included

Dates for 2018 are:

Sierra View CC	Monday, April 09, 2018
Timber Creek	Monday, April 23, 2018
Yolo Fliers CC	Monday, April 30, 2018
Valley Hi CC	Monday, May 14, 2018
Woodbridge CC	Monday, June 25, 2018
El Macero CC	Monday, June 11, 2018
Northridge CC	Monday, June 25, 2018
Stockton CC	Monday, July 9, 2018
Rancho Murietta CC	
Northridge CC	Monday, August 6, 2018
Lincoln Hills	Monday, August 20, 2018
Cameron Park CC	Monday, September 10, 2018

If you have any questions, please e-mail Steve Beede at <u>sjbeede@att.net</u> Steve Beede, CVS Director





Sunshine Alert

Bob Emge

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.

From Tom Traxel regarding the passing of Jim Anderson – long-time member of our Men's Club:

Just a few weeks ago I went to Jim Anderson's house and met with both Andersons to fill out his 2nd honorary membership with LHMGC. After we finished the application Jim asked me about myself, where I had grown up, etc. Then he was kind enough to tell me about his living in Southern California. It was very nice visiting with Jim and Jane. Jim Anderson was the kind of golfer we all would respect, he was well liked by members of the Men's Club. Jim wanted to stay in the game even though his legs wouldn't let him play anymore. He still carried his golf clubs in the car trunk! Our thoughts and prayers are with the Anderson family.

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.



"It's been a long winter. We've played three holes and we're already tired and sore."

Compiled by Doug Hinchey