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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Rodger Oswald*

### COURTESAY IS CONTAGIOUS ... LET'S ALL "CATCH IT."

There are a couple of issues with which our Board is wrestling – issues that have been raised by our membership and, therefore, issues we must address. **FIRST: "Slow Play Kills Golf."** We hear this from Mac on the PA system most every tournament, however Mac's admonition seems to be **ignored by a few BUT impacts all.** There is no reason we cannot complete a round of tournament golf in 4 ½ hours. I know this is not a new issue, but it is one upon which the Board needs to respond. In future tournaments, any group that loses contact (one hole) with the group in front will be told to let the group behind play through. This request will be made by a **MARSHAL** The marshal will also alert that foursome that they are **"on the clock"** and need to speed up play. If the group fails to do so, they will be assessed a two-stroke penalty for slow play. The marshal and Tournament

Chairman will review the matter to determine which of the golfers are the culprits and, therefore, are penalized.

In light of these new procedures, may I suggest a couple of actions to speed play:

1. Be **ready** to hit. If you are sharing a cart, drop off your cart partner and go to your ball. After you hit, you can return to pick up your cart partner.
2. Play ready golf. If you are ready, but your playing partner (s) is (are) not, go ahead and hit. Of course, this would not apply in match play.
3. Hit your shot and get in the cart. **You can return your club to your bag when you select your next club.**
4. Leave your clubs or club bag near your exit from the green.
5. Write down scores on the **next tee**, not near the green of the hole you just completed.
6. Line up your putt while your playing partners are preparing to putt. **Have the putt read, step up, and stroke the ball.** Don't mark 12 inch or less putts; putt out.
7. If you suspect your ball might be lost or unable to be found, announce and hit a "**provisional ball**," so you do not have to return to the spot of your original stroke.
8. A good joke or story is best told when anyone cannot play – not on an open tee or while putting as the foresome behind is waiting.

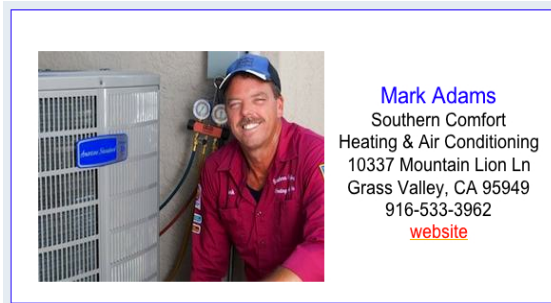
There are other things you can do, but if we just did these 8, slow play would not be an issue.

The second issue has to do with **course courtesy** as it relates to **dogs and/or music**. First it is a Men's Club rule that all service dogs are to be leashed and/or in the golf cart. For the sake of your playing partners, please control barking or movement of the dog. Regarding music, while some may like to hear music as you play, most do not. This, too, is a Men's Club rule. **NO RADIOS** during tournaments.

We are not trying to "steal" your fun or jeopardize your health needs while playing in a tournament. What we are trying to do, however, is create a level playing field, exercise courtesy and give everyone a chance to enjoy a round of golf.

Thank you for doing all you can to speed play and be considerate of your playing partners.

Rodger



## Sponsors:

### *Tom Traxel*

We golfers really have a very nice community with all the facilities including two golf courses. We have our Men's club with 12 tournaments and the best part is the fellowship we experience playing golf.

With all the hard work our association has accomplished, we now have our own Disneyland right here in Lincoln Hills. For me I never dreamed of meeting so many very interesting people at this time of my life.

I have a question for our Membership – I would be very interested in hearing which sponsors you have worked with in the past. I personally have used five of our sponsors – Future Ford – Gilchrist Golf Cars– Southern Comfort Heat & Air - Coldwell Banker Sun Ridge Real Estate and Wells Fargo Bank. This year my plan is to meet all of our sponsors and I would like to convey any success from our membership that you have had with sponsors during past few years. I know our goal it to support our sponsor and I know we all do. If you have time please give us some feedback?

Have you notice leading into the Pro Shop our display board? There is lots of information for coming tournaments – volunteer board members – Sponsorships and the Linksletter with our website gives you a full menu for questions you might have Our Pro Shop is our partner also as the improvements keep coming. We have an outstanding community that we all enjoy.

One last item, we would like to request – we have 12 outstanding Sponsors and we would like to add a few more. What we are looking for are companies we use to invite them to be a sponsor. This could be for example the following:

- Home improvement/ new items for the house or cleaning service
- Landscaping
- Food service favorite restaurant.

Look forward to seeing you all out on the golf course playing and we are just starting our tournament for 2018

Tom Traxel – Sponsor Chairman

Visit the website or in the Linksletters for our sponsors, thank you for using them for your needs!



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**RULES CHAIRMAN***Roger Val*

This month I want to review Rule 16-1a Touching the Line of Putt. If you noticed on the PGA Tour the players seem to walk on their line of putt quite often when determining their line of putt and slope of green. The question they bring to us while we watch them walk on or near what we think is their line of putt is whether such actions have potential to breach Rule 16-1a. The R&A and USGA have been recently asked about methods of reading a putting green by the PGA Tour players. Both these rules bodies responded by sending out a statement to try and clear up the question of whether or not the players are walking on their line of putt in determining how to putt their ball. Under Rule 16-1a, the player must not touch the line of putt. (There are exceptions to Rule 16-1a, but none of them relate to methods of reading the putting green or determining a line of putt.) The “line of putt” is defined in the Rules as “the line that the player wishes his ball to take after a stroke on the putting green” including “a reasonable distance on either side of the intended line”. The penalty for a breach is loss of hole in match play or two strokes in stroke play.

Consequently, players who use such green-reading methods should take care to avoid walking on their line of putt in order to avoid the risk of penalty under Rule 16-1a. The same is true of any other practices used by players to gain information when their ball is on the putting green, such as walking alongside the line of putt to measure the distance to the hole or standing at the midpoint to the hole and hovering the putter over the line of putt. To avoid the risk of penalty, players who take such action should take care to avoid the line of putt, which includes a reasonable distance on either side of the intended line, with their feet, club or anything else. The thing to remember is what we might think is the player’s line of putt could be far from what the player thinks. **THE PLAYER IS THE ONLY ONE THAT DETERMINS HIS LINE OF PUTT.**

Remember “It is what you think you know is what you don’t know”

Roger



## TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

*Gene Andrews*

The Tournament on February 6<sup>th</sup> turned out 110 people, we only had four cancellations. We added four more people at the end. And we paid out about 40% of the participants. It was a little confusion at the start, I mistakenly said it was a note on the event as you all know we only have advance the pay one place for gross score and then the balance on that scores. Look for our next tournament coming up on March 6 it will be a two-man scramble, start looking for your partners. The sign-up should be out in a week and will show up on the website. You will be able to pick out a partner for this and it put their name in on the website if you sign up as a single. Be aware if we have an odd number of single people sign up the very last one will probably not be able to get into the tournament. If you show up on the day of the tournament you might get in. One change to our tournament schedule is going to be October tournament will be switched from October 16 to October 23 in order to be able to use the ballroom for lunch. Thank you for the great turn out in February looking forward to having even more of you out in our March tournament and on March 20 we will be having our two-man qualifier for the NCGA event that sign up will be out as soon as we finish our March 6 tournament.

Thank you,  
Gene

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>Tournament</u>	<u>Sign-up</u>	<u>Tournament</u>	<u>Format</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Date	Deadline					
6-Feb	30-Jan	2 Man BB	2 man BB	9:00 AM	Orchard	
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	Orchard	Qualifying TBA
16-Apr	10-Apr	Club Championship	Stroke Play-(T)	8:00 AM	Hills	
17-Apr		CC & JFF	Stroke Play-(T)	8:00 AM	Orchard	Lunch
22 May	15 May	Presidents Cup	Match Play	1st round 5/22	Hills	
19-Jun	12-Jun	2 Man Best Ball	TBA	8:00 AM	Hills	
17-Jul	10-Jul	2 Man Scramble	Pick Team	8:00 AM	Orchard	
14-Aug	7-Aug	4 Man Scramble	Pick Team	8:00 AM	Hills	
17-Sep	10-Sep	Memorial	Putting & Horse Race	2:30 PM	Orchard	Food
18-Sep		Memorial	2 man best ball (T)	8:00 AM	Hills	Full B'fast / Dinner in Ballroom
23-Oct	9-Oct	TOC & JFF	Stroke Play (T)	8:30 AM	Hills	Lunch
13-Nov	6-Nov	TBA	TBA	9:00 AM	Orchard	
11-Dec	4-Dec	TBA	TBA	9:00 AM	Hills	

Our website has links for all of our Men's Club Events. Website is [lhmgc.org](http://lhmgc.org).

**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,

I posted the first month handicap most improved report on our Bulletin board. Remember, the top 2 most improved golfers will be paid 50.00/ 25.00 dollars for 1st and 2nd on the April 1st report.

Winners will be paid on acct in the clubhouse in the month of April.

Lastly, please be diligent in reporting all of your rounds in our GHIN system. Remember, when we start running reports on our players for upcoming tournaments it is important that the rounds played do match the scores posted somewhat closely. Please also be aware that the NCGA records all tournaments separately and flags all scoring that is below handicap averages in tournament events for a running 3 yr period. This is done to keep the playing field level for all handicap levels.




We have some great events upcoming in 2018 , looking forward to seeing you all there, and seeing you all on the top ten most improved list throughout the year.

Until next time,  
Brian



Club Vice-President Pete Saco presenting a \$500.00 check from the men’s club to representatives of the Lincoln High school boys and girls golf team.



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## MEMBERSHIP

### *Roger Cummings*

We presently have 227 returning members, 19 new members for a total of 246. We added 22 since the first of the year.

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). Log in to [lhmgc.org](http://lhmgc.org), under Join Us right click the 2018 application and print.

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

**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 up to \$250 to pay their "Hole in One" bar bill on all holes including the \$500 Hole(s) in One.



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*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
El Macero CC	Monday, June 11, 2018
Woodbridge CC	Monday, June 25, 2018
Stockton CC	Monday, July 9, 2018
Rancho Murietta CC	Monday, July 30, 2018
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 [sjbeede@att.net](mailto:sjbeede@att.net)

Steve Beede, CVS Director



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### Third Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Proceeds from this year's golf tournament will be used to support the children in Lincoln area schools. Ongoing programs are: Safety Awareness Day, Bring-up-Grades (tutoring in English and math), K-Kids (leadership development) and healthy snack program.

**Date:** Tuesday, May 8, 2018

**Course:** Turkey Creek Golf Club

**Registration:** 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Tee Off:** 1:00 p.m. (Four person scramble format)

**Price:** \$110.00 per person (lunch and dinner included)

Lunch: Hot dog/Polish sausage, chips, cookies, soft drink

Dinner: Tri-tip, chicken, green salad, garlic bread, roasted red potatoes, vegetable medley, dessert, fountain drink

No host cocktail bar (corkage fee = \$5.00 payable at bar)

**Extra Dinner:** \$40.00 per person (no-host cocktail – 5:45; dinner – 6:30 p.m.)

**Deadline to register:** April 16, 2018 **(Space is limited to 136 people which includes golfers and extra attendees for dinner. We urge you to get your application in early.)**

**Prizes:**

**First place foursome:** \$50.00 per player

**Second place foursome:** \$35.00 per player

**Third place foursome:** \$25.00 per player

**Fourth place foursome:** \$20.00 per player

**Fifth place foursome:** \$15.00 per player

**Closest to pin hole #8:** \$25.00 each (man and woman)

**Closest to pin hole #14:** \$25.00 each (man and woman)

**Free Range Balls**

**Great Raffle Prizes**

**Mulligans for Purchase (\$5.00 each or two for \$7.00)**

**Putting Contest (\$5.00 or two for \$7.00) 1<sup>st</sup> place = \$30.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> place =**

**\$20.00**

**3<sup>rd</sup> place = \$10.00**



## Sunshine Alert

**Bob Emge  
434-6712**

From time to time, someone in the Men's Golf Club, or their spouse or family will have a serious illness or pass away. As head of the Sunshine Alert 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.

Fred Wilcox  
1935 – 2017

The family of Fred T. Wilcox announced that he passed away peacefully on December 20, 2017 at the age of 82. He is survived by his wife, Elisa of 57 years and their two children, Traci Wilcox and Robert Wilcox. Fred's business career kept him very active in the Sacramento area and he and Elisa moved to Lincoln Hills where he could work from home, go to the gym and play golf. Fred loved golf and through it made many new friends. His golfing buddies said he was a "swell guy" and a good friend. Fred will be deeply missed by his family as well as his many friends and colleagues.

Written by Bob Emge with permission of Elisa Wilcox



"WHY CAN'T YOU JUST TAKE A PENALTY SHOT LIKE EVERYONE ELSE?!"

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