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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Rodger Oswald

WOW! So much is happening right now it is hard to decide which is the most important. The fact is Lincoln Hills Golf Course has been very responsive to the concerns our members have had regarding a number of issues. The following are just a few of the things they have completed, are working on or will be working in order to make our golfing experience at LHGC a satisfying one:

1. Tee renovations. As you will have noticed, there are a number of tees being re-sodded (or rested) on both courses. Please be patient. Re-sodding takes time and just because the sod is down does not mean it is playable. We all look forward to the final result.
2. Bathroom combination locks. Due to outside use of the bathrooms, sanitation became a real problem. Toilet paper was being stolen. Golfers had to wait while non-golfers "camped" in the bathrooms, which slowed play. For all of these reasons Billy Casper Golf installed combination locks on the bathroom. The code will last for a couple of months, so write it down on your scorecard. By the way, in response to complaints from our members, the Men's Club and Women's Clubs requested this two years ago.

3. Sand Bunkers. The course maintenance crew needs to focus on the tee renovation as well as the critical issue of mowing. Therefore, the sand bunkers are going to be neglected for a while. See below for our Men's Club Board's action on several issues.
4. A new sand/divot dispenser has been installed on #13 Orchard.
5. The sweeps and our Men's Club Tournaments are now using the new NCGA recording system, so you do not have to post your scores. This applies to Tuesday Sweeps and club tournaments only.
6. Any day now an air compressor system will be added near the Pro Shop in order to clean your shoes.
7. Thanks to the rain and sunshine, the driving range turf is rebounding from winter and we are able to hit from grass rather than mats.
8. Course Superintendent Jason Wolf used a new aeration technique and our greens were punched, sanded and forced watered in one day and playable the next day. You could hardly notice after a week. Should prove beneficial through the hot summer months. (Editorial note: CVS played Sierra View Country Club two weeks after they punched and sanded their greens – they were terrible..)

While the course has been proactive in dealing with a number of situations, so has your Men's Club Board of Directors. Here's what is going on ...

1. In light of the fact the sand bunkers are being ignored for a time, we are instituting a temporary Local Rule for balls landing in sand bunkers. All sand bunkers are to be treated as GUR (Ground Under Repair) – which means you lift your ball out of the trap, find the nearest point of relief and drop the ball to put it in play. Please refer to the rule details on our website (www.lhmgc.org)
2. Sadly, the Board has found it necessary to add “disqualification” to our local rules relative to music and service animals. We had hoped “courtesy” would have been sufficient, but it didn't work. Therefore, if anyone breaches a “Condition of Competition” (which are part of our local rules) they will be disqualified from the tournament. If this is a team event, the team will be disqualified, as well. Again, please review our local rules (which includes Conditions of Competition) on our website for a complete explanation of these conditions.
3. The Board continues to pursue a name change for the purpose of obtaining IRS and California Franchise Tax Board non-profit status. We will alert you to the name change as soon as the Association approves the “new club.”
4. Currently, there is a subcommittee working on creating a Sponsor Strategy that will enhance our tournaments as well as provide financial stability into the future. This new strategy will be unfolding and you will be the recipients of these changes through tournament amenities.

That's it for now. Keep your head down.

Rodger



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Tom Traxel

We would like to welcome our New Sponsor: Scorza Bros. Landscape Contractor
I am sure you have seen many business signs in our community front yards of customers using Scorza Bros. They do an outstanding work of art in the landscaping. This is for many front and backyards in our Community. If you have any questions, please contact our new sponsor directly. Call 916-207-8613

Are you guys using our Website lately?

Our Webmaster, Al Soares, is doing a fantastic job with many changes for our sponsors. Please check out a few new updates for the following Sponsors

- Penny Carolan – Carolan Properties
- Gilchrist Golf Cars
- Coldwell Sun Ridge Real Estate
- Future Ford Lincoln of Roseville

When you have any question regarding the Men's club you can always find the answer in our website www.lhmgc.org and use our sponsors for your needs!
Guys, please have fun playing golf this year.

Tom Traxel
Sponsor Chairman



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RULES CHAIRMAN

Roger Val

Just recently the golf committee notified you that because of the conditions of the bunkers on both courses a temporary local rule (Decision 25/13) was being put into effect for our tournaments and events. This local rule provides complete relief from the bunker by declaring the bunkers on both courses Ground Under Repair (GUR) until they can be renovated.

It is important that all understand the proper relief procedure when dropping out of the bunker. The nearest point of relief not nearer the hole is determined by where the ball lies in the bunker. Once the nearest point is determined the ball is dropped within one club length. Remember there is only one nearest point and not the nearest point that best suits your needs, as there is only one nearest point. Also the nearest point is not where the ball entered the bunker. That reference point can only be used if the ball is lost in the bunker (GUR).

I suggest that the groups that play throughout the week adopt this temporary local rule. Some of you now lift the ball, rake the sand and then place. This procedure is a breach of Rule 13 Ball Played As It Lies resulting in a two-stroke penalty.

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

Roger



TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Gene Andrews

The Presidents Cup match play will start May 22nd and conclude by July 31. Look for an email on this in the coming weeks.

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


Gene

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. Avoid slow play by keeping up with the players in front of you.


Member Russ Lynch has a new motivational towel in his rear window!



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HANDICAP REPORT


Brian Wanzer

AND THE WINNERS ARE...


Congratulations to **Ciro Estremo** and **Jack Drinkard** for placing 1st and 2nd place in the most improved golfer to handicap in the first 3 months of this year. They received \$50.00 and \$25.00 in their clubhouse acct for their great performances.

Everyone in the club is eligible for the most improved golfer to handicap money from April 1st to July 1st. The handicap improvement report I use for this reset as of April 1st.....so everyone has a chance to win! Keep working on getting those handicaps down, looking forward to seeing new winners on July 1st.

Until next time, Brian



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MEMBERSHIP

Roger Cummings

In the last 30 days we have added 3 returning members for a total in 2018 of 232 returning members and 21 new members - total members now 253.

LHMGC REGISTRATION FOR 2018

The Lincoln Hills Men's Golf Club and the NCGA will REDUCE the 2018 registration dues on April 1, 2018 to \$88.00.

For Renewing and New Membership to our club, the dues will reduce to \$88, and will entitle the all members to play in all club events in 2018. This is a great time to encourage your friends and neighbors to consider joining our club.

The fee for 2018 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.

Thank you for your Registration and for being an emissary for our club.

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

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.



CVS [CENTRAL VALLEY SENIORS]

Steve Beede, Director, Assistant, Jesse Reuter

The 2018 Central Valley Seniors season got underway on Monday April 9th with 32 Lincoln Hills Members playing at Sierra View Country Club in Roseville. This first event of the year is always packed so we were happy to squeeze in an extra 8 players in addition to our allocated 12 slots in the AM and 12 in the PM. With a total Roster of 40 CVS Members this year – including 23 new Members - we are trying to give everyone a good experience.

April 23rd, we'll be back to Roseville for the CVS event at Timber Creek Golf Club. 32 Members have signed-up for that event as well and we're working hard to balance opportunities for all Members to get their choice of playing opportunities.

April 30th, we'll be playing at Yolo Fliers Club in Woodland. The sign-up invitation for this event has already been e-mailed out to our Members.

May 14th, we'll be at Valley High Country Club in Elk Grove.

New Fairness Policy: With 40 Members vying for 24 slots, this can be a challenge, especially when all slots are signed-up for within minutes of the sign-up Invitation being e-mailed out. Further, since the majority seem to want AM slots, even with extra slots becoming available there is no certainty that everyone will get what they want. To best meet the desires of everyone, we've adopted a "Fairness Policy" by tracking who signed-up for and actually got to play their requested time slot. If a player gets bumped to a PM slot, or potentially cannot get any playing slot, we will give them a sign-up priority for the next event (assuming that they timely submit their sign-up). Hopefully, this Policy will enable everyone to have share in the fun of CVS for 2018.

Remaining dates for 2018 are:

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

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SUNSHINE ALERT

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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.

Webmaster

Al Soares

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 questions please contact me @ tincupal@sbcglobal.net.

Some humor this month in concert with last months article about slow play.....



“Give a man a ball, and he golfs for a day. Teach a man to scoop a ball, and he golfs for a lifetime!”

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