



# LINKSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Rodger Oswald*

I trust our membership now knows our "official" name is Men's Golf Club of Lincoln Hills. While the name has changed it is the same fantastic golf club. I wanted to take the opportunity in this month's Linksletter to thank Al Soares for being our Webmaster and creating the best club website in Lincoln Hills. I'm not sure if you are aware, but our website offers a ton of features that will inform you and benefit you. For example, did you realize part of your club experience included a website that gives you the following:

- A means to register for our golf tournaments
- A place to check out the results of our tournaments
- A source for all Board Meeting Minutes so you can be informed
- Local rules (Rules especially for our course and our current situations and playing conditions)
- DISCOUNT coupons from our sponsors
- In case you missed any Linksletters, they are all posted
- FOR SALE section (a place to sell your golf related items - from clubs to carts)

- A list of Board of Directors with contact information
- Our club by-laws
- Even a bit of history with a photo of our first set of officers from 2004. Check out Paul Krow, Burt Swart, Les Hanson and Stan Hing.
- A list of our sponsors - some who offer discounts to our members.


Again, thank to Al for a great job. I hope you will take time to go through the website and discover all of the ways our Men's Club can serve you.

### MATCH PLAY TOURNAMENT

Tournament Chairman Gene Andrews has put together a fantastic tournament for May and June. The Match Play tournament has a format that allows everyone to compete – regardless of your index/handicap. This tournament will be flighted so that you will be competing against those who have a similar index. Match play is an enjoyable format where you compete against one man rather than the entire field. You compete hole by hole, so that the occasional “snowman” (8) is only one hole and you can recover and win the next hole. Check out the tournament details on our website ([www.mgclh.club](http://www.mgclh.club)).

Hit ‘em long and straight, but if you can’t do either, welcome to my world.

Rodger



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## SPONSORS:

### *Tom Traxel*

Sponsorship has sent out notification name change for our men's golf club sponsors this past week. In the future our name will be Men's Golf Club of Lincoln Hills. MGCLH has a new website ([www.mgclh](http://www.mgclh)) Today we have 13 sponsors and we will be adding just one newer sponsor that will give us a total 14 at this time. Tom Traxel



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## RULES CHAIRMAN

### *Roger Val*

This month I want to focus on etiquette and remind everyone the importance of our behavior on the course. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times. This is the spirit of the game of golf. Overall we do a pretty nice job with our behavior and courtesies on the course. However there are some areas that could be improved.

For the sake of safety it is important not to hit into the green until all players have had a chance to get into their carts and started towards their next hole. Our skill level is such that at times we could pull or push a shot right into the group that hasn't had the chance to move on. To help this situation out the group leaving the green should move quickly to their carts and move on. Don't sit in the cart and do the scoring, do that at the next tee.

In consideration for other players, players should not disturb their play by moving, talking or making unnecessary noise especially on the teeing ground. Players should not stand close to or directly behind the ball or directly behind the hole, when a player is about to play.

On the putting green, players should not stand or walk on another player's line of putt. Always know where the other players marks are located and if your next putt needs to be marked make sure you do not walk on your fellow competitor's line of putt. Also players should remain on or close to the putting green until all other players in the group have holed out.

We complain about the condition of the course yet we ignore the directional cart signs that have been placed to keep cart traffic away from the greens or worn, dry or wet areas that need to be rested. It is important to be courteous to the maintenance staff and stay out of

the marked off areas with your carts. Those with handicap privileges still need to protect the areas around the greens by not driving to close.

As I already stated we do a pretty good job already. However the above suggestions should help with the courtesies need on the golf course.

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

Roger



## TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

*Gene Andrews*

**I don't understand why our members aren't entering our Presidents Cup Tournament. Match play is a fun way to play especially if you are inconsistent like me. If you have a few really bad holes like a quadruple bogey you are only one behind each hole you lose. If you get a stroke on a hole and your score is tied you now have won that hole. Handicaps make for an even playing field. If you haven't tried it you have until Thursday May 17th to signup. Hopefully I'll see lots of you out there competing. All matches are arranged by the two players and can be played with the sweeps, with your regular group or as a twosome.**

**Our website, [mgclh.club](http://mgclh.club), has links for all of our Men's Club Tournaments.**

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.

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## HANDICAP REPORT

*Brian Wanzer*

Hello again,

Recently we had a few questions about letting you choose to play from white or green tees as an option in our events. Yes....you can choose to play from the green tees if you wish. However, your handicap will be reduced under the USGA 3.5 rule.

That is not a hard number handicap reduction as some people think. Under the 3.5 rule, and depending on the course, you may loose 3 strokes off you handicap, when you think it should be only 2 strokes.

My suggestion is that you read the 3.5 rule, it is lengthy, too lengthy to put in this newsletter, and get versed on it if you want to play from tees other than the whites going forward in our events.

Part of the reasoning behind the moving up tee Boxes, and using the 3.5 rule is speed of play, and making golf more enjoyable for all age groups and playing levels.

Hope this helps clarify why the tournament tee box sign ups have changed this yr, and how your handicap will be calculated, based on the course, and t box you select. The age / handicap rule still applies to playing from the red tees.

Until next time,  
Brian



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## MEMBERSHIP

### *Roger Cummings*

For 2018 we are 254 members strong.

The Men's Golf Club of Lincoln Hills and the NCGA will REDUCE the 2018 registration dues for 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](http://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.

Congratulations to Jim Smyrak for his recent HOLE IN ONE on 16<sup>th</sup> hole of the Hills course!



## CVS [CENTRAL VALLEY SENIORS]

*Steve Beede, Director, Assistant, Jesse Reuter*

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:

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.

Herb Trublood, a member of Men's Golf Club passed away on March 27, 2018 after hip replacement and subsequent kidney failure. Herb was popular with the Men's Golf Club as well as being active with other groups in Lincoln Hills. Herb was well liked by everyone and will be missed.



## 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](mailto:tincupal@sbcglobal.net).

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



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