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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Rodger Oswald*

When I was 11 my uncle introduced me to the world of golf. While one was supposed to be 12 in order to caddy at Griffith Park Golf Course in Los Angeles, my uncle worked at the course and “got me in.” He lured me away from my job as a newspaper boy, hawking the TIMES and EXAMINER papers in front of Gate 6 at Lockheed Aircraft in Burbank at 5 AM. I was earning a guaranteed \$1 a day, but the thought of getting to sleep a bit later and being outdoors won the day. One could earn between \$3 and \$5 depending on if you could read greens as well as the generosity of the player, and you could get in two loops (rounds) a day. At first my impression of golf was that it was a game for old men and ladies ... that is until I tried to play. Between loops, I would use borrowed clubs and try to chip and putt. In those days you had to have your own shag bag – which was no problem because another “between loops” activity was looking for lost balls.

That was my introduction to a life-long love/hate affair with golf. My uncle made me caddy for him FOR FREE so he could teach me the nuances of caddying. I learned how to cradle the bag across my bag and use my arm to take the weight of the bag off my shoulders. At 11, I was probably 4’6” and most bags weighed more than I did. Caddying double was a stretch. My uncle taught me how to rake traps properly, replace divots, fix ball marks on

the greens as well as the headier stuff such as clubbing my player and reading greens. Caddying also taught me a lot about character – those who had it and those who did not. At 11 I was a bit naive and cheating wasn't really a part of my world, nor was gamesmanship or needling – the art of throwing someone off his game with a well placed jab. I learned that there were people you trusted and people you stayed with in the woods just to make sure they didn't have another miraculous "find."

But what I learned the most is that I really loved the game of golf. I loved the personal challenge of improving. I still remember the first time I broke 100; then 90, and, then 80. Most of us remember that first birdie or eagle; fewer of us remember that first hole-in-one. Exhilaration was unmatched. I was fortunate enough to play in a junior program and, then, move on to high school and college golf and, as a result got to meet a lot of fantastic people. I also got to meet a lot of people whom I knew I did not want to be like. I got to meet and play with people who are still friends today and friends with whom I still get to stroll a fairway and, together, remember just how lucky we are to play this game.

I didn't just take away memories; I took away a respect for a game that challenges you mentally, emotionally and physically. I trust that is true for many of you which brings me to a point. Whether you are a long-time golfer or a newbie, respect for the game produces some actions that I hope we are cultivating in our club. Respect for the course, that sees one repairing his ball marks on the green – first, because you made the mark and second, out of respect for your playing partners and other golfers. You don't want yourself or them to pay the price for a putt ruined by a ball mark. I am hoping our respect for the course and other players motivates us to replace or sand our divot, to rake the trap after we have gouged out our ball. There are lots of other areas of respect, and I don't need to beg the question by mentioning them all.

My encouragement to all of us (myself included) is to love the game ... respect the game ... enjoy the game.

Hit 'em long and straight, Gents.

Rodger



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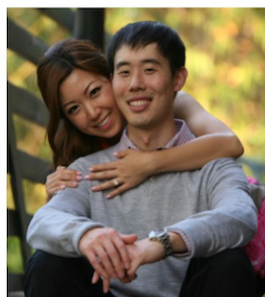
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*Tom Traxel*

The Sun City Lincoln Hills community attracts people who want to enjoy our lifestyle. We are going on our twentieth year now and many homeowners are updating their homes inside and out. We see all the changes with new colors for the exterior of our homes and we hear a lot about all the new upgrades being done to update homes. There is always a lot of interest in finding new restaurants and a dining out is a hot topic of conversations.

As the sponsor chairman, I am looking for a good construction company and a great restaurant to join our sponsorship program. Any suggestions you might have are welcomed.

Tom Traxel, Sponsor Chairman



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## RULES CHAIRMAN

*Roger Val*

This month I thought it would be fun to have a quiz on a few basic rule infractions just to keep you honest. Also highlights of the new rules of golf (effective 2019) are on the USGA web site ([usga.org](http://usga.org)). I recommend that you spend some time reviewing these rules to get a head start for 2019.

The following 13 questions (bakers dozen) are True or False and the answers can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

1. During a round, a player occasionally makes a practice swing with a swing aid or club with a weighted head cover to check his tempo. Is this permitted in the rules?
  2. On the putting green, a player reaches across the hole and taps in a short putt. The ball is holed and the player incurs a two-stroke penalty in stroke play.
  3. A player makes a practice swing near his ball in the fairway and accidentally moves his ball in play with his club. The player has not made a stroke at the ball but does incur a penalty for moving his ball in play and must replace his ball in the original spot from where it was moved from.
  4. While a player plays a stroke on the putting green, a fellow-competitor stands on the line behind the player to watch the break, being careful not to disturb the player. Is this permitted in the rules?
  5. A player is permitted to touch his line of putt when moving loose impediments by brushing with a towel.
  6. A player does not remove his ball marker when he replaces his ball on the putting green; if wind then moves his ball to a new position, he must replace his ball.
  7. A player putted his ball from the fringe of the putting green and it struck the unattended flagstick in the hole; in stroke play, there is a two-stroke penalty.
  8. A player is not permitted to have the flagstick attended unless the ball is on the putting green.
  9. During search, a fellow-competitor moves a player's ball. The fellow-competitor is not penalized. The ball must be replaced.
  10. A player's ball in play is accidentally move by his partner. The ball is properly replaced. The player incurs a one-stroke penalty.
  11. If a ball in motion after a stroke is deflected by a fellow-competitor's golf bag the ball is played as it lies.
  12. A player's tee shot is deflected by a moving maintenance vehicle and goes out of bounds. The player may cancel and replay the stroke without penalty.
  13. A player plays a stroke and the ball is deflected by a tree and then strikes his golf bag. The player incurs a one-stroke penalty.
- Remember "It is what you think you know is what you don't know".

Roger



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## TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

*Gene Andrews*

The 2 man better ball tournament is June 19th and the signups have closed. Remember to signup early for all our tournaments as once the signups have closed you will probably not get to play. Sometimes we have cancellations and can add you at the last minute but you should not count on that.

Our next tournament is the 2 man scramble on July 17<sup>th</sup>, watch your email for the signup notice.

Our website, [mglh.club](http://mglh.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,

Congratulations, looks like everyone is working hard on getting your handicaps down. I posted the latest most improved report for you to look at and see where you stand in winning the most improved golfer for the months 4-1 to 7-1 this year. Remember, 1st place gets 50 bucks, and 2nd place gets 25 bucks on your clubhouse account.

Winner will be announced the first week in July. I will be out for a while, no golf, for about 3 months I hope. I'm working on being the bionic man, but hopefully not limping around as much when I return. See you all soon....

Until next time,  
Brian



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## MEMBERSHIP

### *Roger Cummings*

The Men's Golf Club of Lincoln Hills and the NCGA will reduce the 2018 registration dues on June 1, 2018.

For Renewing and New Membership to our club, the dues will reduce to \$78, 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.



## CVS [CENTRAL VALLEY SENIORS]

### *Steve Beede, Director, Assistant, Jesse Reuter*

This year the Men's Golf Club of Lincoln Hills has 40 CVS members with 23 new members that I have enjoyed meeting and 17 renewing members. CVS is in mid-season form with five events completed so far and five more to go. At the last tournament at El Macero CC in Davis which was in great shape we had 28 participants including one guest.

Our next tournament on June 25<sup>th</sup> is at Woodbridge CC in which MGCLH has 28 members and one guest participating. So far there have been opportunities to include additional players (non CVS members) to play these private country clubs.

In five weeks I will be asking for volunteers to help with the bag drop and escorting players to their starting holes when we host our event on August 20<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in volunteering, please let me know.

The remaining tournaments are:

Woodbridge CC – June 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Stockton CC – July 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Rancho Murieta CC – July 30<sup>th</sup>  
 Northridge CC – August 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Lincoln Hills – August 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Cameron Park CC – September 10<sup>th</sup>

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## SUNSHINE ALERT

*Bob Emge*

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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.

**ROY CRAIG, a long time member of the Men's Golf Club, passed away recently after a long bout with cancer. Roy was 71 years old."**

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](mailto:tincupal@sbcglobal.net).



*“You have fits of rage, followed by temporary spells of euphoria, all within several hours. Are you, by chance, a golfer?”*

#### Rule quiz answers:

1. False – Rule 14-3 and Decision 14-3/10; 2. False – Rule 16-1e, Definition of “Stroke” and “Line of Putt” and Decision 16-1e/1; 3. True – Rule 18-2 and Decision 18-2/19; 4. True – Rule 14-2b, not prohibited by any rule. 5. True – rule 16-1a(i); 6. False – definition of “Ball in Play”; 7. False – Rule 17-3; 8. False – Rule 17-1; 9. True – Rule 18-4; 10. True – Rule 18-2; 11. True – Rule 19-1; 12. False – Rule 19-1 and Decision 20-7/1 and 13. True – Rule 19-2.

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