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#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

# Rodger Oswald

Whew! The final election results are nearly in. We can watch T.V. again without all the personal attacks and negativity. I'm so old, I remember when candidates ran on the merits of their record, and not the vilification of their opponent. Regardless of how you perceive the results, we now will live with them for at least two years. Maybe we can even be friends again with those whose lawn signs were different from ours.

Moving more positive things ... I want to communicate to our membership how grateful and pleased I am that our entire Board agreed to stand for re-election for the 2019 year. At our members' meeting following our Tournament of Champions, the following men were nominated and unanimously approved: Gene Andrews, Steve Beede, Roger Cummings, Bob Emge, Doug Hinchey, Rodger Oswald George Porzio, Jesse Reuter, Pete Saco, Phil Steinbock, Al Soares, Tom Traxel, Roger Val and Brian Wanzer. This is a great group of

guys who serve willingly, effectively and harmoniously. Privileged to be a part. By the way, it is not too early to consider being a candidate in 2020. We will be looking for "a few good men."

During our Members' Meeting, there were a couple of questions raised and I wanted to respond in part – to the extent I have solid information. First, regarding the bridges that span our courses, they are a joint responsibility between Billy Casper Golf and our Association. Obviously where the bridge moves from one portion of the course to another, that is BCG's responsibility. The shared responsibility are those bridges that golfers and general public common use. Both entities are aware of the condition of the bridges and a plan is being discussed for future repair/replacement. In the meantime, General Manager Tony Marino wants everyone to know the bridges are inspected weekly for safety and corrective measures are taken for any situation deemed unsafe.

There were also questions about the sand bunkers and the general condition of the course. In a conversation with Mr. Marino, he indicated that, currently, they are working through the budget for 2019. Once that is settled, he will come back to us with answers for the questions we had relative to course condition. I have played some other courses in the area and noticed that a number of them are struggling with course conditions, as well. As Pete Saco mentioned in our meeting, hiring and keeping good employees is hampered by a budget that restricts salary and benefits. The net result is people leave to find more lucrative job opportunities — which greatly affects the quality of experienced employees and, ultimately, the condition of the course. The problems most recently were exacerbated by broken pipes (and the resulting leaks) and needing to pull man-power from their normal course maintenance duties to repair the pipes.

In spite of the course conditions, we are having fantastic fall weather, and the changing colors all around the course are beautiful. Get out and play and, in the spirit, of the season, BE THANKFUL!

May your third putt be inside the leather,

# Rodger





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#### **SPONSORS:**

## Tom Traxel

At our last two tournaments I have had many members telling me that they are using our sponsors for the various services that they offer. Many thanks to our members for using and sharing the opportunities that our sponsor offer in their support of our Golf Club.

Tom



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#### **RULES CHAIRMAN**

# Roger Val

We are getting closer to the change over with the Rules of Golf effective 2019. Hopefully you have taken advantage of reviewing the new rules located on the NCGA and USGA web sites. The R&A has a great site also. One of the new rule changes that seems to have everyone discussing is Rule 13.2b(2) a ball played from the putting green hits the flag stick and there is no penalty. The main reason for the change is to speed up play.

Here are somethings to remember under Rule 13.2b(2).

Flagstick can be left in the hole while putting from the green — player's option.

The decision to leave the flagstick in the hole must be made before a stroke is taken.

If the flagstick is attended the flagstick must be removed.

If the ball accidentally hits the attended flagstick or the person attending the flagstick there is no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies.

Ball resting against the flagstick and part of the ball is below the surface of the green the ball is treated as holed — no longer must the entire ball be below the surface of the putting green to be considered holed.

Leaving the flagstick in the hole is some cases will be helpful or is some cases not so helpful. These kinds of decisions will be a challenge for a lot of us.

Remember "It is what you know is what you don't know".

#### Roger



# TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

# Gene Andrews

The December 11 tournament will be an <u>Alternate Shot Format</u>. Watch for an email to sign up by December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Gene

Check the 'For Sale' link here as new items have been posted: <a href="http://mgclh.club/category/for-sale/">http://mgclh.club/category/for-sale/</a>

Our website, mgclh.club, has links for all of our Men's Club Tournaments.

REMINDERS: All players must check in the Pro Shop before all Tuesday sweeps and tournaments. When on the greens, please repair any ball marks, and refrain from stepping on your wedges to bring the handle up. Avoid slow play by keeping up with the players in front of you.

Congratulations to Vance Sharp on his recent Hole in One on #11 of the Orchard Course!

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#### HANDICAP REPORT

# Brian Wanzer

Hello again! It was great to see everyone at our last meeting. Tom Traxel, and Ron Hartman are leading the group for most improved handicaps, with still 2 months to go to the payouts for the top 2. As a Men's Club, the improved handicaps for our group have dropped to only 76 players showing an improvement. Let's get those numbers up. We dropped almost 50 players since the last report. Must be the wet sand? Huh? Looking forward to seeing you all at our next tournament!

Brian





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#### **MEMBERSHIP**

# Roger Cummings

#### EARLY REGISTRATION FOR 2019 HAS STARTED

We are past Halloween daylight savings time has ended and very soon it will be Thanksgiving. It seems like this time of year just flies by. Please pick up your applications at the club house or our website. This year we did reduce membership by \$2.00. Renewals \$86.00 before the year ends. Keep in mind this updates your NCGA – Ghin with your application.

Today we have 57 renewals and 13 new members, a total of 70. New membership is \$96.00 and after January 1st 2019 all membership dues will be \$96.00. So, for you renewing members you can still save ten buck this year. We are picking up membership most every day. Thank you all for being Men's Golf Club of Lincoln Hills.

Membership for 2019 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.

Log in to mgclh.club, under Join Us right click the 2018 application and print.





# CVS [CENTRAL VALLEY SENIORS]

# Steve Beede, Director, Assistant, Jesse Reuter

Plans for the 2019 CVS Season are well underway. Discussions at the recent CVS Directors' Annual Meeting promise an even more fun and exciting Season.

One important lesson we learned is that several Clubs: Stockton, Rancho Murieta, and El Macero do not come to our event both because of the distance and traffic for an 8AM start. But they likely would come if the start time were later.

We will be meeting with Jason and Tony in a few weeks to explore moving our Event time to 9:00 or 10:00. If so, we may change from a luncheon to a breakfast and provide drink tickets for after the round. We'll have more for you in December.

The following 2019 CVS Schedule has been affirmed by all participating Clubs:

Sierra View – Monday, April 15, 2019

Timber Creek – Monday, April 22, 2019

Valley Hi – Monday, May 13, 2019

Stockton CC – Monday, June 17, 2019 (9:00 only)

Woodbridge – Monday, July 1, 2019 (9:00 only)

El Macero - Monday, July 15, 2019

Yolo Fliers - Monday, July 29, 2019

Rancho Murieta – Monday, August 12, 2019 (AM only)

North Ridge – Monday, August 26, 2019

Cameron Park – Monday, September 9, 2019

Lincoln Hills – Monday, September 23, 2019 (AM only)

Steve Beede & Jesse Reuter MGCLH CVS Co-Directors



Good to do wherever we play!





#### **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.

# Webmaster

## Al Soares

# To go to our new "2019 Rule Changes" webpage (click here)

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
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