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SPECIAL THANKS TO HANK RHOADS OF REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING AND MIKE SCHAACK OF SCHAACK PHYSICAL THERAPY FOR BEING GOLD LEVEL SPONSORS OF OUR TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS!



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Rodger Oswald

PITY – According to Webster, 'pity' is defined as "sympathetic sorrow for one suffering, distressed or unhappy." This is what we should all feel for our Tournament Director. I cannot remember a wetter winter/spring in the 15 years I have lived here, and **Gene Andrews** has had to deal with it. I trust you all appreciate how many alterations/ manipulations Gene has to make in order to administrate a golf tournament that is delayed, and experienced the degree of "drop outs" due to the weather and/or change of date. When you see Gene, please tell him **thank you** for the extra work he has had to go through trying to get our tournaments arranged and carried out.

EMPATHY – Again, according to Webster, 'empathy' is defined as the capacity for participation in another's feelings and/or ideas. In other words, empathy is sympathy put into action. It is doing something about the anguish another feels. How do we feel about the condition of our golf courses here at Lincoln Hills? Many of you take time to make me aware of different problems our courses have ... and, believe me, I am aware of those problems. When one experiences a problem that affects them, varying degrees of frustration and angst occur. When that happens, we can become a part of the grumbling club or become a part of the solution. I would like our Men's Club to become a part of the solution in two specific areas ... divots in the fairway and ball marks on the green. In order to do that our Board is offering a creative solution to improve our courses in these two areas and we are calling it the "Course Care Initiative."

I have met with Director of Golf Ryan Peterson and he has interfaced with Course Superintendent Jason Wolf and they are on board with this new initiative. On the days of our tournaments we are going to release the players 15 minutes early in order to work from tee to green to fill in fairway divots. In other words, if I tee off on hole #2, I would start at hole #1 and fill divots in the fairway working toward the #2 tee. Jason Wolf will have sand available at the tee in order to re-fill your bottle so you can fill divots as you play. A specific schedule will be created that, eventually, will allow all of the holes on each course to be affected which should greatly improve our fairways.

I know it would be easy to say, "That's their job" or "Why doesn't Casper take care of it?" Again, I would prefer we become a part of the solution ... for our own sake. We have a few glitches to work out, but would like to put this initiative into action at our May tournament. We will send out an email blast as well as include instructions on each golf cart so we all know what we are supposed to do.

A second part of this Course Care Initiative is to **ask each member to repair their ball mark and two others** throughout the round. Even if you did not make a ball mark, look for marks to be repaired as you wait for your turn to putt. For those who are new to golf and do not know how to repair a ball mark properly, we are going to post a video on our website. Please check it out as an improperly repaired ball mark takes longer to heal and creates rather than alleviates the problem.

Thanks to all who are willing to participate in the Course Care Initiative? We ALL will benefit. We will have fewer bad lies and fewer bumpy putts. And our golf will be MORE ENJOYABLE.

Rodger Oswald, President Men's Golf Club of Lincoln Hills





SPONSORS:

Pete Saco

Currently, we have thirteen (13) sponsors for our Men's Golf Club. It is important that we, as a club attempt to utilize their services when the need arises. These sponsors have supported our golf and it is important to seek out their help when the opportunity presents itself. Also, it never hurts to say thank you when you see them in our community. You can view the sponsors on our website.

One of the goals this year is to find a fourteenth (14th) sponsor. If you know someone who is interested in sponsoring our Men's Golf Club, have them reach out to me at 209-608-4845 or psaco52@gmail.com for more information. We will also be looking for sponsors and/or other individuals who may want to display their logo on our Memorial Tee Prizes for 2019. More information will be coming in a following Linksletter.

Best wishes for a successful and prosperous New Year and hit them down the middle and no three-putts!

Pete





RULES CHAIRMAN

Roger Val

This month I thought it would be interesting to talk about the caddie. We watch enough Golf Tournaments on TV to take for granted the caddie. He just another person carrying the players clubs and providing advise if asked. In both the amateur and professional tournaments the caddie is controlled by the Rules of Golf under rule10.3. The player is responsible for the caddie's actions during the rounding and will receive a two stroke penalty if the caddie breaches the rules. By rule, the player can have only one caddie at a time. In actuality the player can have 18 different caddies one per hole. In Championships with two waves am and pm, a player who played in the morning round can go back out in the afternoon round and caddie for another player even though he has played the course in the morning.

Rule 10.3b allows the caddie to perform the following duties: Carry, transport and handle the player's clubs and other equipment, search for the player's ball, give advice and other help before the stroke is made, smooth bunkers or take other actions to care for the course, remove sand and loose soil and repair damage on the putting green, remove or attend the flagstick, mark the spot of the player's ball and lift and replace the ball on the putting green, clean the player's ball and remove loose impediments and movable obstructions. Actions not allowed: In match play concede the next stroke, a hole or the match. In both forms of play deliberately stand on or close to an extension of the line of play behind the player's ball when the player begins taking a stance for the stroke and until the stroke is made, replace a ball, unless the caddie had lifted or moved the ball, drop or place a ball in a relief area and make the decision on how to take relief from a unplayable situation, abnormal course condition or penalty area. The caddie may advise the player but the player must decide.

Questions always seem to come up about the professional caddie's earnings. The standard is \$1,000 to \$2,000 per week to cover expenses as that is the caddie's responsibilities. The other standard is the caddie receives 10% of the first place earnings, 7% for a top 10 finish and 5% for the rest of the field. For players not making the cut the caddie receives no compensation. A number of players have custom prepared contracts especially the long time caddies carrying for more prominent players.

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

Roger



TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

We had a great turnout again for our stroke play tournament with a good lunch and semi annual meeting. Congratulations to the winners.

Next up will be the President's Cup match play tournament.

We will have a Championship flight that will compete without handicaps.

Additional flights will be from whatever tees you normally play to establish your current handicap. There will be white, green and red flights. Please only signup for the flight that you play most often. I don't want to have to change the tee you sign up for.

First round will be May 14th with the next three round played alongside the sweeps on the following Tuesdays. Signups will be out within the next few days.

Gene

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 Bob Schoenherr for his recent hole in one on #11 of the Orchard Course. It was Bob's 8th career hole in one!

HANDICAP REPORT

Brian Wanzer

Hello again,

Congratulations to Jim Smyrak, and Mark Green for taking 1st and 2nd, in the most improved players to their handicaps for the last 3 months. We reset now for the next 3 months, with the winners being announced July, 1st. I would expect to see about 1/2 of our members names on the next report with the weather improving , and course conditions being green, dry, and fast....until next time.

Brian





MEMBERSHIP

Tom Traxel

Membership is at 264, 43 new members and 221 renewed.

Men's Golf Club of Lincoln Hills 2019 Dues

Starting April 1st, the fee for joining the

Men's Golf Club of Lincoln Hills

includes the NCGA dues will be \$86
Applicants must live in Lincoln Hills
Applications are in Pro Shop or download from our Men's Club website
(www.mgclh.club)

Leave the app in the Men's Club box or mail to Tom Traxel @ 102 Walden View Ct, Lincoln 95648

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.





Summer Baseball at McBean Stadium in Lincoln



The Lincoln Potters are an independent collegiate wood bat baseball team based in Lincoln, California. They are part of the summer collegiate wood bat league known as the California Collegiate League. They play their home games at McBean Stadium in Lincoln. Their season opens on Thursday, May 30th and ends on August 3rd. The season schedule is on their website at www.lincolnpotters.com/home
The Gladding McBean Kiln is an exclusive VIP Tent area. Their tents are a great option for hosting our Men's Golf Club members and their family & friends, with space for groups from 25 to 200 people. The Kiln's VIP Tents sit just beyond 1st base, along the right field foul fence. We would have our own private tent, next to the Potters bullpen, to enjoy a meal prepared by the Kiln, while watching an exciting Potters baseball game.

All meal options shown below include chips, salad, soda, water & dessert. Prices also include VIP General Admission to the game.

\$20/Person: All you can eat hamburgers & hot dogs \$20/Person: All you can eat pulled pork sandwiches

\$24/Person: One tri-tip sandwich & all you can eat hamburgers & hot dogs

So if you are interested in enjoying some summer evening baseball with your golf friends & family please send an email to George Porzio at gnporzio@att.net by May 15th with the number of persons in your party and the date(s) you can attend. If we meet the 25 minimum person requirement on an agreeable date I will contact everyone with the details for attending a game.

CVS [CENTRAL VALLEY SENIORS]

Steve Beede, Director, Assistant, Jesse Reuter

On April 15, our Members of Central Valley Seniors ("CVS") will commence our 2019 Season with AM and PM flights at beautiful Sierra View Country Club in Roseville. From there we'll move on to Timber Creek Golf Club in Roseville on April 22nd. At each Event, our Members will enjoy excellent golf, complimentary coffee and pastries, and a delicious buffet lunch.

CVS enables our Members to experience golf at 11 unique courses in Northern CA including such excellent private country clubs as El Macero, North Ridge, Valley Hi,

Rancho Murieta, and Cameron Park. Membership opportunities are still available. If interested, contact CVS Director Steve Beede at sjbeede@att.net.

Here is the 2019 CVS schedule:

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)

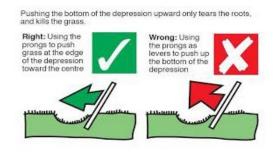
North Ridge – Monday, August 26, 2019

Cameron Park – Monday, September 9, 2019

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



Always good to do wherever we play!



Correct way to repair divots.





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

Any questions please contact me @ tincupal@sbcglobal.net.

Check the 'For Sale' link here as new items have been posted:

http://mgclh.club/category/for-sale/

Left Handed Ping Clubs for Sale

Ping Karsten irons -sw - u - pw - 9 - 8 - 7 - 6- 5 and Ping G Hybrids lofts 30 - 26 - 22 and 17 - XXIO Fairway club. Best offer. See pictures on website. Tom Traxel - tom.traxel@sbcglobal.net or home phone 916-5843-4965

This upcoming Kiwanis Tournament helps support our local Lincoln Schools!



Fourth 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), Key Club (high school leadership) and healthy snack program.

Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 **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) (Price the same as the last three years)

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 15, 2019 (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) 1st place = \$30.00

2nd place = \$20.00 3rd place = \$10.00



Kiwanis Club of Lincoln Foothills Foundation

Contact information:

Make checks payable to: Kiwanis Club of Lincoln Foothills Foundation (or KCOLFF)

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