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If you are thinking of Lithium batteries for your golf cart, you'll want to read Gil Lucas' article on page 8.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Rodger Oswald

Unbelievable, but it is already half way through October. Before the time change, before Thanksgiving, before the trees have changed and the leaves fallen ... stores are putting out Christmas decorations!! Christmas displays show the next great toys. Holiday craft shows are proliferating. What a compressed society we live in. The calendar is shrinking and we haven't had a chance to enjoy one of the greatest months on the year in Lincoln. STOP IT!! Slow down and enjoy these cool mornings and warm afternoons. Get out and play some golf and worry about Christmas presents some time in November or December ... preferably after you have enjoyed some turkey and pumpkin pie.


Since many of you were at our Member's Meeting following our Club Championship you know that our new club champions are **Bob Schoenherr** (Gross) and Bill Rapp (Net). When you see them, please offer your congratulations. Congratulations are appropriate for another group of men – men who have served you as they served on the Board of Directors.

The following men are stepping off the Board and I want to express appreciation to them for their diligence and their proficiency: **Gene Andrews** – Tournament Chairman; **George Porzio** – Social Chairman; **Bob Emge** – Secretary; **Tom Traxel** – Membership Chairman; and **Roger Cummings** – Vice President. Sadly (for me), I am stepping down, as well. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as your president for the last four out of five years. It is time for someone else to take on the mantle of leadership and move our club forward. That leadership as well as the leadership for the various chairs will come from the following Board members who will be serving again in 2020: **Phil Steinbock** – Treasurer; **Steve Beede** and **Jesse Reuter** – CVS, **Doug Hinchey** – Communications; **Pete Saco** – Sponsors; **Al Soares** – Webmaster; **Roger Val** – Rules and **Brian Wanzer** – Handicap. Your next President will come from this group of men.

New to the Board – and the men who will be filling the vacancies of those who are “retiring” are the following: **Mike Munro, Jack Dillon, Bruce Lyau, Rob Davies, Dudley Lewis, Bob Schoenherr** and **Jim McGeough**. The election of new officers and the filling of chairmanships will take place at the Board of Directors meeting on **October 22nd**. Again, when you meet or see these gentlemen, please express your appreciation for their service to you and our club.

Hit ‘em long and straight,

Rodger Oswald, President
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Pete

**RULES CHAIRMAN***Roger Val***LOCAL RULES**

The new rules for dropping have some important changes that need to be reviewed. The most important change is the ball when dropped in the drop area can no longer roll up to two club lengths from where the ball hit the ground. The ball must remain in the drop area when it comes to rest. I am providing a three question true or false quiz to help you understand the new rule for dropping.

1. Player A's ball is on a paved cart path. Player A determines the nearest point of complete relief and drops a ball in the correctly measured relief area. The ball lands in the relief area and rolls out of the relief area. Player A plays the ball.

Player A incurs a penalty of one stroke. T or F

2. Player A's ball in on a paved cart path. Player A determines the nearest point of complete relief and measures the relief carefully with his driver.

The first drop lands outside the relief area and comes to rest in the relief area. The second drop lands in the relief area and rolls out of the relief area. Player A places the ball on the spot where the second drop first struck the course and plays the ball.

Player A has proceeded correctly. T or F

3. Player A, in taking lateral relief from a red penalty area, measures the two club-length relief area in the general area with a sand wedge. Player A's first drop lands in the measured relief area and comes to rest about 6 inches outside the measured relief area, not nearer the hole than the reference point. Player A lifts the ball and drops a second time in the measured relief area. The ball remains in the measured relief area. Player A plays the ball.

Player A has proceeded correctly. T or F

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

Roger



TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Gene Andrews

Thanks to everyone who played in the tournament Tuesday, we had a wonderful lunch from Siino's. Our next tournament is going to be a two man scramble. Signups will be out next week so find yourself a partner and be prepared.

Gene

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.



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HANDICAP REPORT

Brian Wanzer

Hello again,

I am pleased to announce the 3rd quarter winners of the most improved golfers for the period of July 1st to October 1st, by handicap division.

Handicap division 0-9.9.....Sylvan Braa,
 10.0-19.99,,,,,,,,,,,,,Rich Yoshikawa,
 20.0- up.....Steven Garrett,

Congratulations !!!!!!!!!!! The 25.00 prize for winning the 3rd quarter for each division,
 Will be placed on account under your name in the clubhouse
 By Oct 15th.

Until next time.....Brian



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MEMBERSHIP

Tom Traxel

This year we have a total 279 members.

We have outstanding new members moving into our community with four brand new members for 2020 there names as follows:

Jerry McCann – Jim Reed – Jim McGeough – and Blake Nelson, please welcome these new members.....

EARLY REGISTRATION IS NOW.

The Lincoln Hills Men's Golf Club and the NCGA will begin the 2020 "Early Registration" period on October 1st.

For Renewing Members to December 31, 2020 including 2019 will be \$86. Beginning January 1, 2020, the New and Renewing Members' dues will increase to \$96.

The fee 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.

By registering early, it will help the Board construct a realistic budget for 2020,

Men's Club website (www.mgclh.club)

Tom

CVS [CENTRAL VALLEY SENIORS]


Steve Beede, Director, Assistant, Jesse Reuter

The 2019 Central Valley Seniors season wrapped-up on September 23rd with our home event played on the Hills Course. 67 CVS Members enjoyed beautiful weather, an excellent breakfast buffet, a free drink ticket, and a challenging course. Overall, this has been a very successful Season and CVS remains the best deal around. Where else can you get to play mostly private country clubs with golf cart and enjoy a full buffet breakfast or lunch, all for only \$47/event.

Planning is well underway for our 2020 Season. Details will come out following our Annual CVS Directors' Meeting on October 29 at North Ridge Country Club. Our biggest challenge here at Lincoln Hills is increasing the attendance for our own event. This year we had only 60 CVS Players from other Clubs participate. Initial comments suggest that this is more a factor of distance and starting time than it is course condition. However, our Members do participate in CVS events at their Clubs. More on this later.

Jesse and I will start offering 2020 CVS Memberships in mid to late December. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Steve Beede, MGCLH CVS Director, Jesse Reuter Assistant



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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.

Also, if the member agrees, this information will be publicized in our monthly Linksletter so all members will be aware.

Sadly, we report that one of our former club champions – Frank Burkhead – has passed away. Please keep Frank’s wife Katherine and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Former Board member, R. Gil Lucas took the time to write this article about his experiences installing Lithium golf cart batteries. Thanks Gil!

My Experience Installing Lithium Iron Phosphate (LiFePO₄) Batteries in My Golf Cart

By R. Gil Lucas

I have successfully installed four (4) 12 volt Lithium Iron Phosphate (LiFePO₄) batteries in place of six (6) 8 volt Lead Acid Trojan batteries, in my 2001 Club Car. I thought it might be useful for others considering this modification to the golf cart to be fully aware of the challenges and pitfalls of trying to accomplish a successful installation.

So here are some of the considerations to think about before you proceed with the changeover:

1. **“DROP IN” IS NOT TRUE** - Some of the companies advertising the “drop in” Lithium Iron Phosphate (LiFePO₄) batteries claim that it’s a 30 minute process to changeover your golf cart to these new technology batteries, but proper insulation requires other considerations, and the changeover to different brands of golf carts may require additional consideration and rewiring. Some of the advertising indicates that you can use your old Lead Acid battery charger to charge your new Lithium Iron Phosphate (LiFePO₄) batteries, but failure to use the proper charger will shorten the life of your new batteries because the charging protocol for the new batteries is different than that used for the old Lead Acid batteries
2. **YOUR SUN CITY LIGHT PACKAGE WILL BE AFFECTED** - Many golf carts using a 48 V system jumper off 16 V across two batteries and that voltage goes to a voltage reducer to produce 12 V for lighting systems. When you change out six 8 V batteries to four 12 V batteries, the voltage regulator has to either be removed from the system or a different type of voltage reducer has to be installed.
3. **BYPASSING YOUR OBC MAY BE REQUIRED** - Some golf carts, e.g. Club Cars, have an external charger and a separate computer aboard the golf cart called an “Onboard Computer” (OBC) and this OBC has to be bypassed (or removed from the system) to make the charging system for the Lithium Iron Phosphate (LiFePO₄) batteries to charge properly.

4. **OLD STATE OF CHARGE METER MAY NOT WORK CORRECTLY** - Your state of charge indicator is typically set up for the state of charge for Lead Acid batteries and those charge indicators do not work correctly with Lithium Iron Phosphate (LiFePO₄) batteries. Typically, when Lead Acid batteries reach a 50% discharge level, your state of charge indicator on your cart shows zero charge remaining, while the profile for Lithium Iron Phosphate (LiFePO₄) batteries is different because the voltage drop across Lithium Iron Phosphate (LiFePO₄) batteries is less and the Lithium Iron Phosphate (LiFePO₄) batteries actually can be discharged to approximately 20% left before the batteries reach a state of discharge. So you have to have a different state of charge indicator on your cart.
5. **BUY THE LARGEST CAPACITY BATTERY YOU CAN AFFORD** - While you may have choices among 50 AH, 60 AH or 70 AH. I would most strongly recommend that you buy the batteries that have the largest ampere hour (AH) rating because your cart will probably run much faster (total reduction in weight of over 200 pounds) and the total range of the battery is a function of how fast you drive it. My cart will go more than 24 miles (twice as far) limiting the golf course speed to 12-14 mph instead of running the card at 25 mph. Some golf carts already have this switching function installed on the golf cart.
6. **THERE MAY BE SEVERAL VENDORS AVAILABLE** - It appears that most of these batteries are actually made in China, and the quality may vary depending upon where you buy the batteries. While many companies give outrageous warranty claims, there is always an issue whether the company will still be around toward the end of the described warranty. So proceeding with the installation of anything that is new, may have long-term pitfalls. Caveat emptor!
7. **DEPENDING UPON WHO INSTALLS YOUR BATTERIES, YOU MAY BE SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGING THE RESALE VALUE OF YOUR GOLF CART** - Some of the modifications to your golf cart may be irreversible or changing the system back to the original configuration may cost you extra money whenever you decide to sell your golf cart. While the new batteries may increase the value of a golf cart, there is no guarantee that you will be able to recover the cost of installing new technologies.

CONCLUSIONS: I am happy with my installation in my 2001 golf cart after installing the new batteries, reprogramming my onboard Alltrax controller, and looking forward to elimination of watering my batteries every month in the future and being able to charge my golf cart back to full capacity in less than two hours. Even if you have professionals install your Lithium Iron Phosphate (LiFePO₄) batteries, you should still be knowledgeable about the required changes and ask tough questions of the selected installer. The installation and operation of these new Lithium Iron Phosphate (LiFePO₄) batteries in golf carts is a new frontier for local golf cart companies.

I hope this document helps.

Quiz answers

1 False - see Rules 14.3b(3) and 14.3c(2) and rule 14.3 penalty statement. Player A gets the general penalty (two strokes) for playing from a wrong place.

2. False - see Rule 14.3(3) and Rule 14.3 penalty statement. The first drop did not count as one of the two drops prior to placing the ball. When the next rolled out of the relief area, Player A was required to re-drop. When Player A placed the ball after the first drop that counted in the relief procedure, Player A gets the general penalty (two strokes) for a breach of Rule 14.3.

3. False - see Rule 16.1b and Definition of "Club-Length", Rule 9.4b and penalty statement for Rule 9.4. Player A completed the relief process when the dropped ball came to rest within the relief area defined by the

longest club in his bag other than a putter. Player A then lifted the ball in play and did not replace the ball, incurring the general penalty (two strokes) for playing from a wrong place. Remember the relief area is determined by the longest club in your bag not including the putter.



"I could get there with a wedge
...you better hit a seven."

Doug Hinchey

Communications