

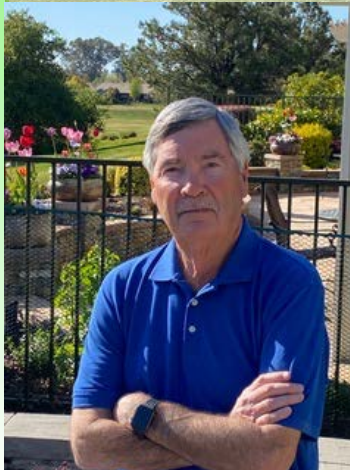
Men's Golf Club of Lincoln Hills (MGCLH)

is the official go to golf club for Lincoln Hills male residents. Established in 2004, the club currently consists of 330 members who are able to enjoy monthly tournaments to fire their competitive juices. For those who have recently moved to Sun City Lincoln Hills MGCLH is an excellent way to meet new people to enjoy the game of golf. The club plays by the USGA Rules of Golf. You must be a resident of Lincoln Hills to participate.

The Men's club has a board of directors and a set of bylaws that are taken seriously. Currently there are 12 voting members and 1 consulting board member. The elected positions are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The appointed positions are tournament director, membership director, communication, social, rules, handicapping, sponsors, Central Valley Seniors representatives. The consulting board member is the position of Webmaster.

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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT
TOM HORAN

Greetings

I had a family emergency this month and was unable to write an article. Since this is the last article for 2023 and my last month as President, I want to wish everyone a wonderful Holiday season and will see you on the course.

As my last business of my presidency I would like to introduce the new board members for 2024.

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LINCOLN HILLS
G.M.
REPORT
BY Chad Bennett

Happy Holidays to everyone and I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. As we start getting into winter, as most of you know, there will be the chance of frost almost daily with temperatures getting well down into the 30s. If there is a frost delay, the golf shop will send out an email to those that are on the tee sheet that day informing of the delay so players can anticipate a later tee time. Please always bear with us as the email would come out at or before 6:30 am.

- Please rake the bunkers if you play out of them to keep them looking as nice and playable for the next golfer that may find it.

- Please fix your ball marks and use sand to fill your divots from the fairway

- If you have a private golf cart, please respect the 30 yard rule and stay away from the greens and please stay on the cart path on all par 3's so the course can stay in the great shape it's in right now. We continue to see abuse and neglect to this policy and there may be new policies and procedures put in place for those that are unwilling to adhere to staying 30 yards away from the greens. A lot of members live on the course and they monitor the courses better than we can so we hear about carts being close to the greens more times than I would like to.

An important reminder to all golfers, please cancel your tee times if you aren't going to be playing and even if you are booked for 4 players and only plan on having 3 or even 2. Starting next year, we are going to be tracking the no shows and for those repeat offenders, probably a 3 strike process, booking restrictions will be implemented to hopefully start eliminating the constant no shows.

As we are in the process of going through the 2024 budget, I have had conversations with Craig and his team regarding the Dallis Grass. I constantly get mentions about it and that we aren't doing enough to try and curb it's growth and it isn't going unheard. In 2024 Craig and his team are going to get much more intense with their plan to control and/or eradicate the Dallis Grass. We are going to be very invasive with the plan which may result in dead spots where it was and will seed those areas to bring fresh grass back. In 2024 we are going to start the process of hopefully eradicating as much Dallis Grass as we can and hinder the growth going forward.

As a reminder that the 2024 Lincoln Hills Memberships will have the new programs introduced and renewals will start this year on December 1st. We will still be offering the 3 membership levels as we did this year and pricing, benefits will come out on December 1st. We are excited for 2024 and hope everyone is too.





**TOURNAMENT
REPORT**
BY KEITH BERGEVIN

Our Men’s Club 4-Man scramble tournaments are often a popular format, and our November Fall Favorite tournament was no exception. We had an outstanding turnout of 164 golfers, playing both the Hills and Orchard courses. The weather was perfect and our membership did a great job of keeping play moving along. Most groups played in about four hours, which is outstanding! That pace of play certainly makes it more enjoyable for all of us.

Coming up on December 12th we have the Holiday Challenge, which will be a “Pinehurst” event. The Pinehurst is a format for 2-person teams. It is really a melding of several formats into one. In a Pinehurst event, both teammates hit tee shots. They then switch balls after their tee shots and both hit a second shot. The best ball is selected, and the team then plays alternate shot until the ball is holed.

The player whose second ball was not chosen plays the third shot (so teams might sometimes choose the best ball after two shots based on who will get to hit the third). A bit of pressure builds up when alternate shot kicks in, but that also adds to the fun.

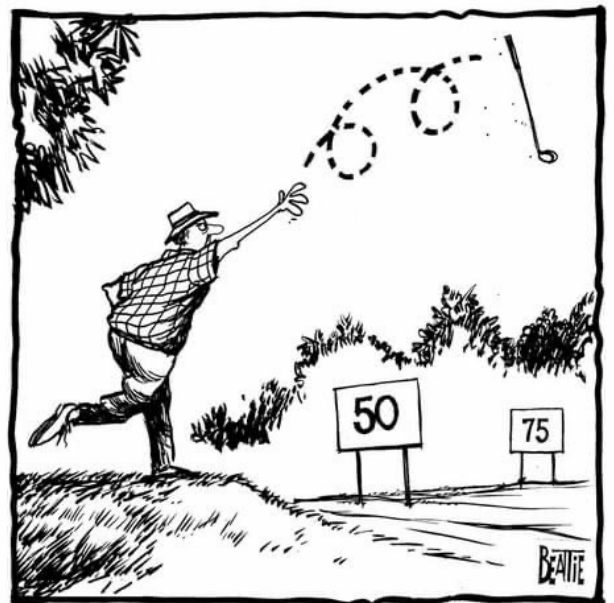
We are working to finalize the 2024 schedule and get the dates approved by the pro shop. As you know, we generally try for the 3rd Tuesday of the month, but this can vary due to holidays. We know people travel and/or have visitors over the long holiday weekends, so we generally move the tournament to a different Tuesday when that occurs. We should have the 2024 dates approved soon and will publish the schedule to all members via email.



**CVS (CENTRAL
VALLEY
SENIORS)**
BY John DeWildt

Central Valley Seniors golf has been on hiatus since September, but your director has been involved in getting information ready for 2024. First of all, Wayne Sutton will be taking over the directorship of CVS for the MGCLH on January 1st. Wayne and I attended a meeting early in November with other CVS Directors. The meeting was to set up next year’s schedule and establish pricing for each event. Next year each event will be \$40 for walking and \$60 for riders, the latter a \$5 increase, primarily due to food costs. To join CVS next year will cost \$40. Last year we charged \$40 if you joined by year end 2022 and \$50 thereafter. We will not begin signups until very late December for next year. There is no discount for signing up early this time. 2024 signup forms will appear in the golf shop in an envelope above the Men’s Club drawer.

Here is next year’s schedule:
 April 15th, Sierra View CC
 April 29th Yolo Fliers Club
 May 13th, Valley Hi CC
 June 10th, Lincoln Hills GC
 June 24th, El Macero CC
 July 15th, Rancho Murieta CC
 July 29th, North Ridge CC
 August 12th Cameron Park Cc
 August 26th, Woodbridge CC
 Sept. 16th, Timber Creek GC
 Stockton CC has dropped out of CVS.



A good golfer practices every aspect of his golf game.



**MEN'S GOLF CLUB OF LINCOLN HILLS
NGGA
AMBASSADOR
REPORT**

Did you know that there are dozens of discounts available to you as an NCGA Member? Here are just some of the discounts you can use today (maybe as stocking stuffers?). 20% OFF on Merchandise at the NCGA-owned Poppy Ridge and Poppy Hills Golf Courses. Speaking of Poppy Ridge and Poppy Hills.....how about deep discounts to play a round of golf? Just use your NCGA member number and get your discount. Maybe you could use a professional club fitting session? Deep discounts for Club Fitting sessions at Poppy Ridge or Poppy Hills. Travelling with your clubs this Holiday Season? Consider shipping them instead. Deep NCGA Member discounts with Ship Sticks Inc. Maybe you plan to stay in Monterey? How about 20% OFF discounts at the Monterey Plaza Hotel and Spa, or the beautiful Hotel Abrego? Looking for a new mobile phone service (and who isn't?)? Get 12% off a Verizon subscription!! And you sure can't forget those skin-care products!! 15% OFF on any Oars+Alps online order.

So, as your trusty NCGA Club Ambassador, I did a little cost analysis with all these specials: If I shipped my Clubs to Monterey, checked in to the Hotel Abrego for a couple nights' stay, attended a Club Fitting Session and bought my new clubs at Poppy Hills, called my significant other on my new Verizon phone to brag about my new Clubs, slathered some SPF 30 Sunscreen on my face, and then played a round of golf at Poppy Hills, I would have saved over \$600!!! To top it off, I got a sleeve of balls for my significant other (because that's the kind of guy) at 20% discount! What are you waiting for?? See you in Monterey!!



**SUNSHINE
REPORT
BY Jim McGeough**

Living in an Active 55+ Community, conversations in the Sports Bar after a round of golf typically morph from sports discussions to conversations about aches and pains. Let's remember our friends that are battling various issues and challenges. It's just part of getting "more senior". As the Sunshine Committee Chair, it's my responsibility to collect and report information regarding the health and well-being of our Club members. Whether it's good news or bad news, I want to hear about it! Please continue to provide information regarding existing and past members of the Men's Golf Club. You can contact me by email: jamcgeough@aol.com, or by text or call: 510-205-8449.

“As you walk down the fairway of life you must smell the roses, for you only get to play one round.” – Ben Hogan”



*HANDICAP
BY Rob Davies*

In my final article as your Handicap Chairman, I would like to go over the Stroke Index Allocation procedure for golf courses and our input to that process. A couple years ago, the NCGA raters evaluated both courses (a re-evaluation was accomplished after the bunker project) and assigned the course ratings and slope for both courses from each tee. They also provide a “recommended” handicap rating for each course. Local management has the final say and can request input from local clubs, which is exactly what Lincoln Hills Golf Club did. The ladies were asked to provide their recommendations and our Men’s Club was asked for our’s. The criteria used is defined in the Rules of Handicapping, appendix E.

The guidance is as follows: “It is recommended that a stroke index allocation be applied over 18-holes, split into six triads with each hole ranked on its playing difficulty relative to par.

Apply odd stroke index allocations over the front nine and even stroke index allocations over the back nine. If, however, the back nine is significantly more difficult than the front nine, as determined by the Course Rating, the even stroke index allocations can be switched to the front nine and the odd stroke index allocations to the back nine.

Spread stroke index allocations evenly over the 18 holes so that players receiving strokes will have the opportunity to use a high proportion of these strokes before a match result has been decided.

Apply the lowest stroke index hole (1 or 2) on each nine in the middle triad. If no hole within the middle triad is ranked within the lowest 6 holes relative to par, then it can be moved into an adjacent hole at the end of the first triad or the beginning of the third triad on each nine.”

Using statistical data from our Men’s Club Tournaments, the raters recommendations on Handicap assignments, and personal knowledge of our courses, our recommendations were given to management and they adopted our recommendations. Are they perfect, NO. However, as you evaluate them, make sure you remember they are not designed for your particular skills or Tees from which you play. Example: Orchard #3. If you hit your drives 230+ and play the Whites, not a hard hole. If you hit your drives 190 to 205 and play the Whites, takes almost a perfect drive to clear the hazard and very long second shot to get to a small green, very hard hole. If you play the Green or Red tees or are over 80, the platform tee area provides for an easy shot and second shot to the green, easy hole. Rating is hard to assign, due to completely different circumstances for different skill levels and tees.

Another good example on the Orchard is Holes 13-15. Statistically they fall in the 4 hardest holes on the back nine along with #18. Using the criteria above, you cannot have 3 holes in a row in the middle triad with the hardest handicaps. They must be evenly spread through each of the triads to make it fair during Match play. The three triads on the back nine of the Orchard are: 10-12, 13-15, 16-18. In a perfect world using even indexes, hardest hole comes from middle triad, second hardest from last triad, third from first triad, and so on. Problem is, golf courses are not laid out that way. This results in a compromise to make it as fair as possible which is what we tried to do.

Hopefully, my articles over the past four years have helped some of you better understand some of the Handicap rules and regulations and I am sure Bill Hall will do a great job of replacing me. He will bring a new outlook on Handicapping. It has been a pleasure and I look forward to continuing to serve as your President. See you out on the course.



SPONSORS
BY Douglas Krochak

The Lincoln Hills Men's Golf Club would like to welcome SUNRUN SOLAR, a new sponsor supporting our club.

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As a reminder, kindly reach out to me via phone or text at 760.846.4095 for any possible sponsorship opportunities.




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RULES
BY Brian Fox

We just completed our Club Championship and it seems there is confusion (hopefully by lack of knowledge) on the rules pertaining to Men's Club events. The following is a summary of the most utilized rules governing our tournaments.

1. When Preferred Lie relief is allowed the player may take free relief no closer to the hole. The relief area is one scorecard length from where the ball lies. The player must first mark the ball and then place the ball once in the relief area. The relief must remain in the General Area and in the same cut of grass (rough to rough, fairway to fairway). Relief is not allowed if the ball is otherwise unplayable had relief not been taken.
2. There is **NO FREE RELIEF** from Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA). The player **MUST** take a one penalty stroke relief. If a player plays from the ESA they have played from a Wrong Place and will be assessed a two stroke penalty. If they have gained a significant advantage and fail to correct by the next hole they will be disqualified.
3. Relief from a lost ball or a ball that is OB under Local Rule E-5 is a two stroke penalty (NOT One Stroke).
4. A player may take free relief from Dallis Grass in the General Area. Relief is for the lie of the ball and/Or swing only. There is **NO** relief for stance. Relief is the nearest point of relief and the ball must be dropped and come to rest no further than one club from that point.

These are the most utilized (and abused) rules during our tournaments. All players are required to know the rules. But if you don't know, ask. Rules are designed to "Protect the Field". So, **IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.**

Rules of Golf Explained (2023): Putting Green



PUTTING GREEN

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WEB MASTER
BY Jeff Warner

Fred Jaicks has graciously volunteered to assume the duties of Webmaster for the club starting on January 1st. When you see him please thank him for his contribution to keeping the club functioning!

The Premier Graphx Apparel Store in Roseville is open Monday thru Friday from 9am to 5pm. For more information:
<http://mgclh.club/apparel-store/>

This Apparel Store was set up for you to purchase apparel with the Club's logo. The club does not receive any proceeds from the purchases in this store.

Note – you can bring your own items (hat, shirt, jacket, etc) to Premier Graphx and they will add the logo to it for a nominal fee.



MEMBERSHIP
BY Bob Schoenherr

I'm happy to announce that membership in the Men's Club this year has now exceeded last year's membership. We now have 43 new members and 290 renewals from last year, for a total of 333 members. We are growing!

And it's that time of year when we have to plan for membership renewals for January 1st. There are a number of changes this coming year that we would like to make you aware of:

1. The NCGA is increasing dues for 2024, only the second time their fees have increased since 2010. In addition, the Men's Club has operated at a deficit this year, and miscellaneous expenses such as free lunches and beverages have increased. As a result, Men's Club dues will increase to \$110 next year, which is still a great deal for NCGA membership, plus 11-12 monthly tournaments with no additional cost to our members.
2. Over 2/3 of our members enrolled online last year, which has proved a huge success. This year we are going to require all members to renew online through MemberPlanet and your online account, with few exceptions. This will streamline communications to members and the enrollment process. While doing that, we are going to ask all members to complete all your contact information in your account, such as address, phone number, etc., so we can communicate with you when necessary.
3. We will be in further communication with you as to how to renew your membership for 1-1-24. NCGA has new rules, and we want to be sure to give you the correct method to remain a part of our Great Club!

FOR SALE

In addition to the monthly LinksLetter, equipment for sale are listed in our web site's "Blog" under the "For Sale" category. Golf items For Sale is for MGCLH Members only -- businesses are not be allowed to post items. Items listed For Sale (or Wanted) must be golf related, for example: used clubs, range finders, electric golf carts, etc. See the For Sale page on the web site for information on getting items for sale posted on the web site and in the LinksLetter.

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