

**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.

**MEN'S GOLF CLUB**  
OF LINCOLN HILLS



***A WORD FROM OUR  
PRESIDENT  
ROB DAVIES***

Greetings to all with the start of 2024. Before I get into the coming year's outlook, I would like to thank the board members who have served our club and have stepped down effective January 1st. Tom Horan has stepped down from the Presidents position, Bruce Lyau from the Treasurer, and John Dewildt as the CVS representative. I would also like to thank Jeff Warner for stepping up to move from Webmaster over to take over the Finance position. The VP position has been vacant since the departure of Jack Dillon and his move to Texas with Tom stepping up to fill the Presidency. We thank them for their tireless efforts and it was a pleasure to serve with them on our board.

Now on to our new "Blood" on the board. The VP position has been filled by Steve Bourn, Wayne Sutton has stepped into the CVS position, Bill Hall is taking over the Handicap position created by my transfer to the Presidency, and Fred Jaicks is filling the Webmaster slot. Thank you all for your willingness to serve and I am looking forward to working with each of you over the course of the next year. In addition, I would like to thank all the members of the Men's Club board who have decided to continue to serve. I look forward to you all keeping us on the right track and serving our members as best we can.

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**LINCOLN HILLS**  
**G.M.**  
**REPORT**  
*BY Chad Bennett*

Happy Holidays to everyone and I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As we are diving right into winter, as most of you know, there will be the chance of frost almost daily as well as rain with temperatures getting well down into the 30s. If there is a frost delay or perhaps cart path only, the golf shop will send out an email to those that are on the tee sheet that day informing of any delay or possible restrictions. Please always bear with us as the email would come out at or before 6:30 am. As always, here are some tips to help while playing golf at Lincoln Hills.

- 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 a reminder that the 2024 Lincoln Hills signups and renewals are well underway and if you haven't renewed your membership yet, all current 2023 memberships will expire on December 31st.

We are excited for 2024 and hope everyone is too.

I also want to share some information about the 2nd annual Columbia Hospitality Desert Golf Classic. We will be playing three amazing golf courses, and each golfer will enjoy an incredible tee prize package and very large payouts allocated to individual and team competitions for each of the three rounds, and for the overall totals! Let's make sure that a team from Lincoln Hills brings home the title! Gwen will hopefully be getting a team together and I am looking to take a team down there as well. So if there is a team of 3 that wants to have me on their team, reach out and let's get a team to head down to amazing Palm Springs. Last year a team that was representing Lincoln Hills finished in the top 3 so let's get multiple teams to go down and take it down.





**TOURNAMENT  
REPORT**  
BY KEITH BERGEVIN

As 2023 has come to a close, let's first take a quick look back before looking forward to 2024. We had a variety of tournament formats that ranged from individual stroke play to various team formats. We have found that our membership enjoys having different formats. Some are a bit more challenging than others, but that is part of what makes tournament golf interesting. At the end of the day, it is the camaraderie that is most important.

If I'm going to harp on members to keep up the pace, it is only fair that I highlight the effort everyone put into playing "ready" golf. Let's give ourselves a pat on the back for the pace of play this past year. While we did have a few instances where some groups got bogged down a bit, most of our tournaments finished in under 4 and ½ hours, with some right around 4. That is excellent! Keep that up and we will be happy golfers.

Looking forward - The 2024 schedule will be similar to 2023, with a few changes. The Member/Guest tournament will now be in August and the Summer Heat will be in September. As usual, most tournaments will be on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. However, we do change the dates to an alternate Tuesday when the Monday of that 3rd week is a holiday.

Our next tournament is the Winter Sloshfest scheduled for Tuesday, January 23rd. This is a 4-man scramble, typically our most popular format. Look for the announcement and sign-up information in early January. Remember, the deadline for Tuesday tournaments is always the Monday of the prior week. This enables us to get our participation count to the pro shop one week in advance. Of course, first make sure you renew your Men's Club membership, or for newbies, sign up and welcome aboard!

### **(Presidents Corner Continued)**

The final business of 2023 was to distribute gift cards to the employees of the Lincoln Hills Golf Club on behalf of our members. This is a budgeted expense to spread goodwill amongst the golf course employees and our members. These certificates were to the Waffle Farm, one of our sponsors. We also gave a donation to the Boy's Golf Team of Lincoln High School who use our courses as their home turf. The new Twelve Bridges High School uses Catta Vadera Golf Course and are supported by them.

With our new year ahead of us, I would like to remind all our members that this club and its activities belong to you. We on the board are interested in your ideas and are willing to listen to any ideas or desires you propose. Our tournaments are designed for maximum participation from all skill levels and flighted to allow for fair competition at all levels. We have many different formats to keep everyone's interest and we are looking forward to the next tournament.

As much as I plan on keeping these letters to you as positive as possible, I also am obligated to tell the truth if problems are pointed out to me. These could be items pointed out by course management, fellow Men's Club members, or residents from our community. I truly believe the vast majority of our members have 1st class golf etiquette and uphold the highest standards when it comes to golf and the game we love. However, we all have an obligation to make our game, our course, and our Men's Club better than it already is.

I look forward to serving as your President and getting to know even more of you over the course of the next year. We on the board are dedicated to making the Men's Golf Club of Lincoln Hills the best it can be and we will do everything within our power to accomplish this goal. Thank you for your confidence.





## *MEN'S GOLF CLUB OF LINCOLN HILLS NCGA AMBASSADOR REPORT*

As you know, the 2024 NCGA/MGCLH Membership Renewal process is under way. Over two-thirds of our members have renewed online already!! That's great news! Speaking of news, did you know that the NCGA Ambassador role is coming to an end? The NCGA has determined that the NCGA Ambassador program has morphed into so many liaison roles, that they needed to give it a new name. So, on January 1, 2024, the NCGA Ambassador program will be called the NCGA Representative Program.

This new role is an evolution of several prior roles. It is a required role for each club. The purpose of the role is to represent the NCGA to their clubs and represent their clubs to the NCGA.

Responsibilities include:

- Review the monthly NCGA Club Newsletter and other NCGA emails (Monthly Tournament and Events Bulletin, the bi-monthly Handicap Revision email, etc.)
- Become familiar with what content is available on the NCGA website, especially the Member Club Resources section, Tournament Information and Customer Support
- Attend occasional webinars and/or review the posted webinar content in a timely manner
- Most importantly - communicate all relevant NCGA information to the appropriate persons in the club and/or associated with the club as a non-member (e.g. club pros) in a timely manner.
- The Club Representative is not tasked with billing or handicap matters, but may be counted on to know who the GHIN Admin Portal handicap administration/certification and memberplanet billing contacts are.
- Likewise, the Club Representative is not tasked with tournament management system matters (BlueGolf/Golf Genius) but may be counted on to know who in their club is and how to escalate matters to the NCGA when appropriate.



**SUNSHINE  
REPORT**  
BY Jim McGeough

Happy Holidays!!! 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 and family that are battling various health 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](mailto: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 Bill Hall**

**With the close of the year some new handicap rules go into effect in 2024**

**How is the treatment of 9-hole scores changing under the WHS™ in 2024?**

Currently, one 9-hole score must be combined with another to create an 18-hole Score Differential™ before it can be counted for handicap purposes.

Beginning in 2024, when a player posts a 9-hole score, the WHS will automatically calculate an 18-hole Score Differential for the round, based on the player’s 9-hole Score Differential and expected Score Differential based on their current Handicap Index®, allowing the 9-hole round to be considered in the player’s Handicap Index calculation right away.

As part of this change, golfers will be required to play and post all 9 holes with a valid 9-hole Course Rating™ and Slope Rating™ instead of the previous minimum of 7 holes.

**What is changing about the way 10–17-hole scores are treated in 2024?**

Beginning in 2024, when a player with a Handicap Index® plays 10-17 holes, a Score Differential™ will be created based on the holes played, and the player’s expected Score Differential for the number of remaining holes not played will be added to that value to produce an 18-hole Score Differential.

To facilitate this change, when a player plays between 10-17 holes, they will be required to post their scores hole-by-hole so the appropriate Score Differential can be calculated from the holes that were played to combine with the expected score for the holes not played.





**SPONSORS**  
BY Douglas Krochak

This month we proudly recognize the McGrail Realty team. Shari McGrail has been a longtime supporter of the Men's Golf Club here at Sun City Lincoln Hills. In addition to being a primary sponsor, her company is also sponsoring hole in one payouts of \$250 on both the Hills and Orchard course.

Shari is partnered with Erik Nelson for reality experience exceeding 30 yrs. in the business. If you are looking to buy or sell your Sun City home please consider reaching out to Shari at 916.396.9216 or Erik at 916.765.8124.

As a reminder, we are always looking for additional primary sponsors for our Golf Club.

Please reach out to me, Douglas Krochak via phone or text at 760.846.4095 for any sponsorship opportunities.



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# Did you know....

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*RULES*  
*BY Brian Fox*

Happiest of Holidays to all my fellow hackers. We are blessed to be able to play the greatest game ever invented. Remember, the guiding principles for the rules of golf are found in Chapter 1 of the USGA Rules of Golf. They cover the Game of Golf, Player Etiquette and Playing by the rules. So, enjoy the season, family, friends and here's to a few less strokes taken next year.



## Rules of Golf Explained (2023): Nearest Point of Complete Relief

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**WEB MASTER**  
*BY Fred Jaicks*

I'm happy about the opportunity to volunteer some of my time to the Men's Club Board, serving as the webmaster. I'm sure I will be leaning on Jeff in the beginning to get me up to speed. Don't hesitate to reach out to me if you see something on the site that needs to be corrected, or if you have any questions about the site. I will do my best to answer you in a timely manner. fred.jaicks@gmail.com

The Premier Graphx Apparel Store in Roseville is open Monday thru Friday from 9am to 5pm. For more information:  
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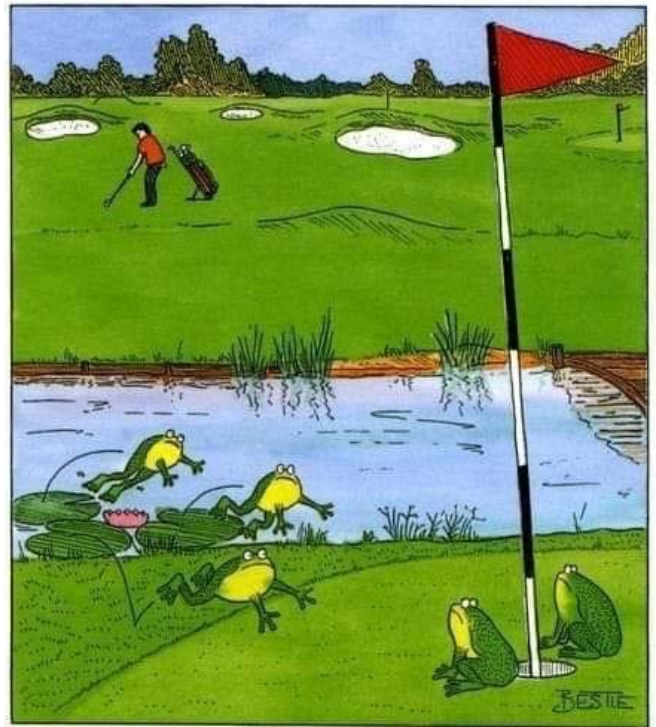
This Apparel Store was set up for you to purchase apparel with the Club's logo. The club does not receive any proceeds from the purchases in this store.

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*

Just a reminder to renew your 2024 Men's Club membership by going online into MemberPlanet to renew. No paper renewals or checks this year!



THEY INSTINCTIVELY KNEW THE SAFEST PLACE WHEN HE WAS ABOUT TO PLAY HIS SHOT.





*cvs*  
*BY Wayne Sutton*

As 2023 comes to an end Central Valley Seniors (CVS) have announced the schedule for the 2024 Golf Season.

CVS is a group of 10 golf clubs, (8 of them private) that host member clubs on various Mondays from April through September.

You can join CVS for \$40. To join you must also be a member of the Men's golf club of Lincoln Hills. This fee helps cover the cost of hosting the other 10 clubs at Lincoln Hills.

As a member you will have the opportunity to play in the Monday outings. You can choose to walk the courses for \$40 (most are very walkable), or you can ride for \$60.

You can join individually or get your three buddies to join and have your own foursome. This fee also includes either a hot lunch or breakfast, green fees, and range balls.

**The 2024 Schedule**

April 15 Sierra View

April 29 Yolo Flyers

May 13 Valley Hi

June 10 Lincoln Hills

June 24 El Macero

July 15 Rancho Murrietta

July 29 Northridge

August 12 Cameron Park

August 26 Woodbridge

September 16 Timber Creek



**“Did you win?”**



# FOR SALE

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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

## Cleveland Launcher XL Halo 3 Wood

Practically new  
\$100  
Contact: Larry Hazen  
831-578-7023  
larry.h.hazen@icloud.com



## Callaway Paradym X Senior Driver

Little used, with headcover  
Shaft is stock Aldila Ascent 40g A flex, for slower senior head speeds  
Try it first!  
\$300  
Contact: Bob Schoenherr  
408-838-5340  
schoenherrbob@gmail.com



## Taylor Made Stealth Driver For Sale

Taylor Made Stealth Driver 12 degree  
Even Flow Shaft 5.5 Reg. 50 G  
Plus 2nd Shaft Pro launch 45A new  
Stealth Hardcover included  
Driver new condition / grips almost new  
\$285.00 OBO  
Contact Russ Lynch  
408-839-5551  
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## MGCLH 2024 Tournament Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tournament</u>	<u>Format</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Course</u>
Jan 23	Winter Sloshfest	4-Man Scramble	9:00	Hills & Orchard
Feb 13	Valentine's Day Massacre	4-Man Lone Ranger	9:00	Hills & Orchard
Mar 19	TOC & JFF	Individual Stroke Play	8:30	Hills & Orchard
Apr 16	NCGA Senior Four-Ball Net Qualifier & JFF	2-Man Better Ball	8:30	Hills & Orchard
May 21	Spring Scramble	4-Man Scramble (ABCD)	8:00	Hills & Orchard
June 18	June Jitters	4-Man Stableford	8:00	Hills & Orchard
Jul 16	Red, White & Blue	4-Man Stroke Play	7:30	Hills & Orchard
Aug 1920	Annual Member-Guest Invitational	Various Formats	7:30	Hills & Orchard
Sept 17	Summer Heat	2-Man Better Ball	8:30	Hills & Orchard
Oct 21	Club Championship Round 1	Individual Stroke Play (C)	8:30	Hills
Oct 22	Club Championship Round 2 and Just-For-Fun (JFF)	Individual Stroke Play (C)	8:30	Hills & Orchard
Nov 19	Fall Favorite	4-Man Scramble	9:00	Hills & Orchard
Dec 17	Holiday Challenge	2-Man Pinehurst	9:00	Hills & Orchard

Subject To Change





## MGCLH 2024 Tournaments – Format Descriptions

### Alternate-Shot:

Alternate Shot is a format in which 2-person teams alternate hitting the same ball. The first player tees off, the second player hits the second shot, the first player hits the third shot, and so on until the ball is holed. Tee balls are alternated so that the same player doesn't hit every drive.

### Better-Ball:

In a Better-Ball tournament, all members of each team play their own ball on each hole. At the completion of the hole, the lowest score among all team members serves as the team score. Example: if there are two members on a team, and on the first hole those two golfers score 4 and 5, the team score is 4, because that is the *best ball* among the two players.

### Lone Ranger:

The Lone Ranger tournament format is a fun game that is played with foursomes. Every hole, one player in that foursome is assigned to be the Lone Ranger. On the 1st hole, player in position 1 in the pairings will act as the Lone Ranger. On the 2nd hole, player in position 2 in the pairings will act as the Lone Ranger. On the 3rd, player in position 3. On the 4th, player in position 4. The cycle then repeats throughout the rest of the round. When playing this format, the Team counts the Lone Ranger's ball as well as the best ball of the other 3 players. So, two balls will be counted on each hole.

### Pinehurst:

The Pinehurst System is a format for 2-person teams. Pinehurst 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. They then select the best ball after their second shots, and then play 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).

### Scramble:

The Scramble is probably the most common format for team tournaments. It can be played by 2-, 3- or 4-person teams, and involves choosing the one best shot following every stroke, with each team member then playing again from that one spot.

### Stableford:

In the Stableford scoring system, points are earned on a hole-by-hole basis. On each hole a player scores points: 1 for a bogey, 2 for par, 3 for birdie, 4 for eagle, etc. Any score higher than a bogey gets 0 points so any very high score on a hole does not wreck the whole round. Also as soon as a player can no longer score a point he can pick up his ball to speed-up play. The highest 18-hole point total wins.