

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

THE LINKSLETTER



A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

ROB DAVIES

These last few weeks have been a real challenge with all the rain, cart path only, and cooler weather but we sure need the water for the long dry summer. We were also lucky enough to get our first two tournaments in with little difficulty, and we look forward to more to come.

I would first like to welcome our new members and hope you are getting into our tournaments and meeting some new people. We have some very special tournaments approaching, like the "Tournament of Champions" ("Just for Fun" for those of us who did not qualify), NCGA Qualifier and Just for Fun, and the Interclub Scramble with the two Ladies Clubs on 29 April. The latter will be limited to 48 men, and we will have a standby list for those who don't get signed up fast enough. It was a very popular event last year, so be on the lookout for more information coming.

I also am very pleased with the number of return members this year and welcome you back. 2024 looks to be a good year and your board is working hard to make it another great year. Planning for the "Member / Guest" is well on the way, so start looking for that special guy to enjoy, hopefully, a Two-day event with great prizes and competition. Also, more on that later.

Your board is always looking for ideas to make your golfing experience here more enjoyable, so don't hesitate to reach out and talk to any of our board members. We pride ourselves in being an "All Inclusive" group, regardless of your playing capabilities. That is the reason for flying our tournaments so everyone has an equal chance to participate and compete.

Have a great spring, and see you out on the course

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**TOURNAMENT
REPORT**
BY KEITH BERGEVIN

With January's Winter Sloshfest in our rear-view mirror, many of us were looking for warmer weather and drier turf. The Lone Ranger tournament on February 13th didn't disappoint. Our members enjoyed the perfect golfing weather, along with the fun format. While some may have struggled, we know one golfer that had a heck of a day. Jeff Warner recorded his first hole-in-one on the Hills #5! To add to the pleasure, this was also the Chris Carolan \$250 hole-in-one hole. Putting down a score of "1" and getting some cash to boot is not a bad deal.

Coming up on March 19th is our Tournament of Champions (TOC) and Just-for-Fun (JFF) event. Any player that has placed first in any flight of our tournaments since last year's tournament is qualified to play in the TOC division. We will send out a list of qualifiers prior to the tournament announcement. All other members are welcome to sign up for the JFF. Look for the tournament announcement in the first week of March.



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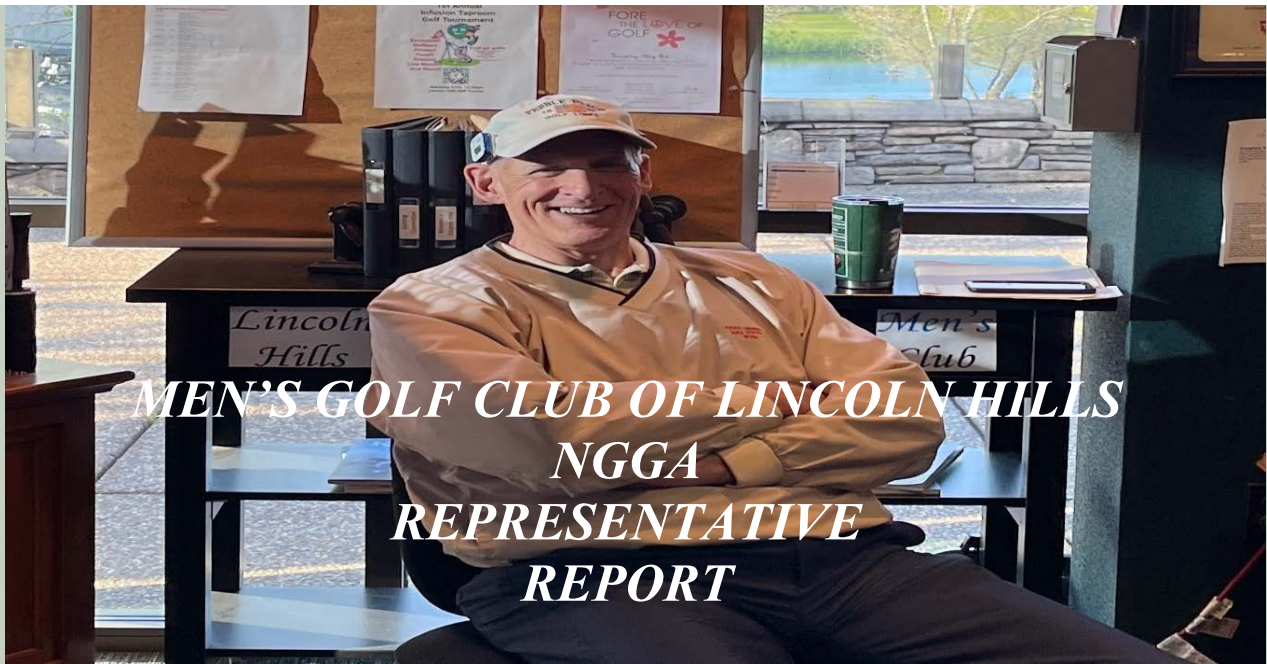


MEMBERSHIP
BY Bob Schoenherr

WELCOME to the MGCLH! You will note that soon your names will be listed on our website (MGCLH.club) in the New Member Section.

NEW MEMBERS: There are 14 of you so far this year.





**MEN'S GOLF CLUB OF LINCOLN HILLS
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Some of the best benefits of NCGA are the organized trips to Golf Meccas around the world! Want to play at St. Andrews in Scotland? How about Bandon Dunes? How about the Ozarks? Palm Springs? NCGA will do all the prep work for you. All you need to do is bring your "A-game". Here is a quick list of travel trips planned and hosted by the NCGA. Sign up is easy! Go to <https://ncga.org/member-trips>. Or, give me a call and I'll help get you started.

Mar 22-26

Apr 6-8

2024 Bandon Dunes Trip #1 Mar. 22-26

- Bandon Dunes ·
- Bandon, OR
- Pacific Dunes ·
- Bandon, OR
- Sheep Ranch ·
- Bandon, OR
- Bandon Trails ·
- Bandon, OR



2024 Bandon Dunes Trip #2 April 5-9

- Bandon Dunes ·
- Bandon, OR
- Sheep Ranch ·
- Bandon, OR
- Bandon Trails ·
- Bandon, OR
- Pacific Dunes ·
- Bandon, OR



Jun 9-19

Jul 14-16

2024 Scotland Trip #1 (June 9-19)

- Brora GC ·
- Sutherland, -
- Fortrose & Rosemarkie G.C
- Fortrose
- Machrihanish GC ·
- Machrihanish, Argyll, -
- Royal Dornoch GC - Champ



Member Outing - SoCal Getaway

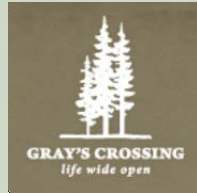
- Ojai Valley Inn & Spa ·
- Ojai, CA
- The Saticoy Club ·
- Somis, CA
- Spanish Hills Club



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Aug 18-20

Member Outing - Truckee Getaway
GC at Gray's Crossing ·
Truckee, CA
Schaffer's Mill ·
Truckee, CA
Old Greenwood
Truckee, CA



Sep 17-25

2024 Scotland Trip #2 (Sep 17-25)
Royal Troon ·
Troon, -
Western Gailes GC
Ayrshire, -
Prestwick GC ·
Prestwick
Dumbarrie Links GC ·
Leven, -



Oct 13-18

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Ridgedale, MO

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Hollister, MO

Top of the Rock ·

Ridgedale, MO



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 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, 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*

I am reposting most of the March 2023 article. As the new Handicap Chairperson, I find this very relevant to Fair Play.

Some will decide they like not playing from the bunkers, so they will remove their ball and not take any penalty. This is contrary to the "Rules of Golf," so you would not be legally allowed to post that score. I anticipate several emails from members informing me about violators and asking what I will do about it. The same applies to individuals who continue to lift, rake, and place. That also will not be allowed under the "Rules of Golf," again, posting will not be legal.

To answer what I will do about it falls under your obligation as a golfer. Rule 1.3 of the Handicap Rules states:

A player is expected to:

- Act with integrity by following the Rules of Handicapping and refrain from using or circumventing the Rules of Handicapping to gain an unfair advantage,
- Attempt to make the best score possible at each hole,
- Submit acceptable scores for handicap purposes as soon as possible after the round is completed and before midnight local time,
- Submit acceptable scores to provide reasonable evidence of their demonstrated ability,
- Play by the Rules of Golf, and
- Certify the scores of fellow players.

My job as the Handicap chairman is to investigate any allegations of improper postings and determine what corrective action or penalties would apply. That investigation would come back to the player or players making the allegations and if they are willing to collaborate on the wrongdoing. The bottom line is that before you contact me and tell me I have to do something about a "so-called" sandbagger, try to talk to the individual and be willing to go on the record about the improper postings. I cannot and will not look into any allegations that cannot be substantiated.

Enjoy our spring weather, and see you on the course.



SPONSORS
BY Douglas Krochak

This month, we are featuring one of our long-term sponsors, Future Ford. The dealership is located at 650 Auto Mall Drive in Roseville. They feature an extensive selection of new and certified pre-owned Ford vehicles and used cars from many other manufacturers. They are committed to providing superior service in all departments, from sales to finance to parts and service. They invite you to search through their entire online inventory or stop by for a test drive. They have a strong and committed sales staff with many years of experience. They have been awarded the Ford President's Award twenty-four (24) times.

If you have any questions, you can call them at 916-978-1559.

If you are looking for newer transportation, pay them a visit.

On a side note, a big thank you to players who pick up both sponsor and long drive signs.

As always, if you know of a business that might be interested in sponsorship, please have them reach out to me via phone or text at 760.846.4095.

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Did you know....

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RULES
BY Brian Fox

You hit your shot into a penalty area marked with red lines or stakes. You decide to play the ball as it lies in the penalty area. Your next stroke comes to rest in the same penalty area. What are your options?

1. You can play the ball as it lies or for one penalty stroke you can:

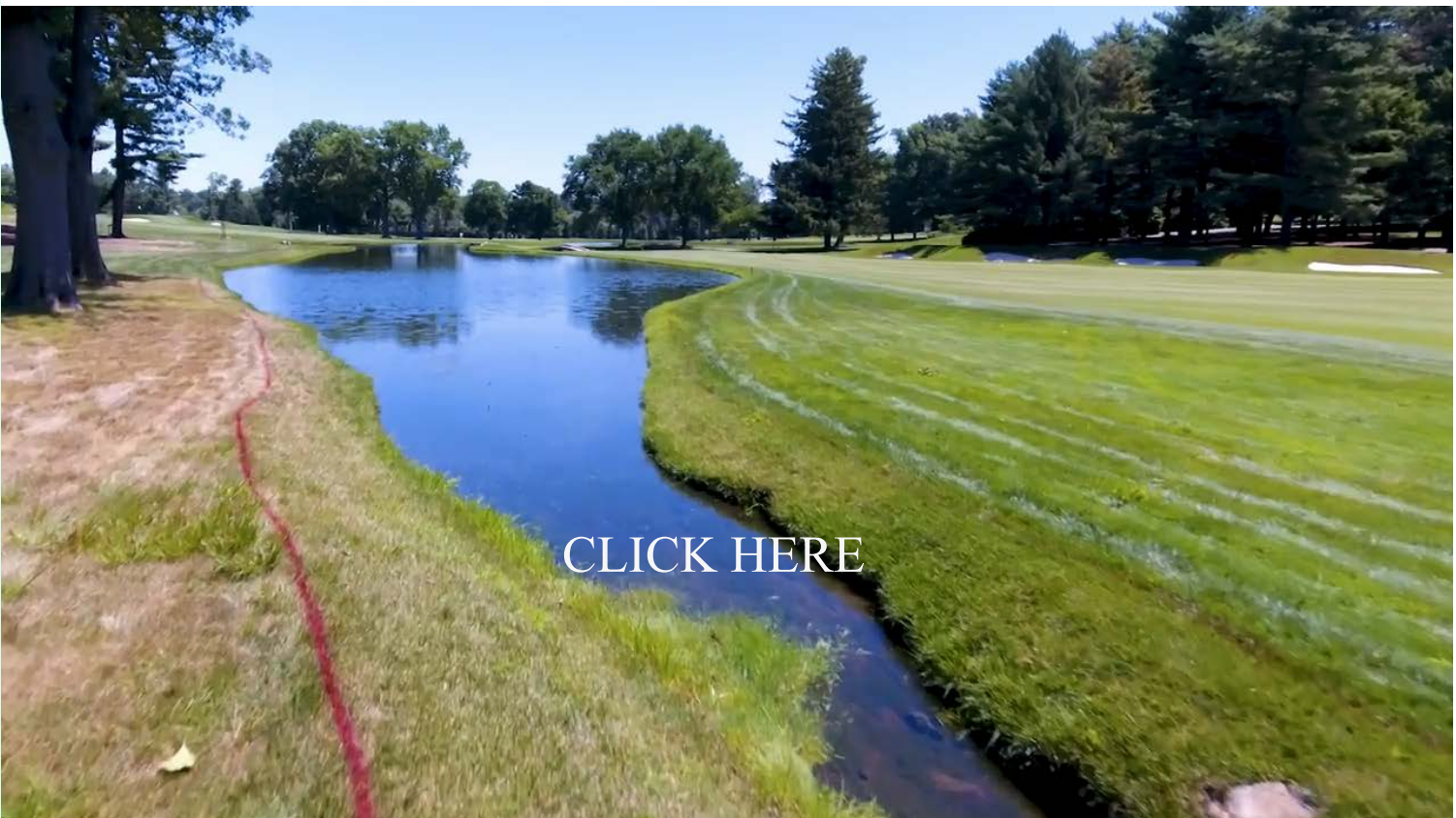
- A) Take stroke and distance and hit from where you last hit from the penalty area.
- B) Drop outside of the penalty area on a straight line keeping the spot where you crossed into the penalty area between you and the hole.
- C) take lateral relief by dropping within two club lengths from the spot you first crossed into the penalty area. The relief must not be closer to the hole.
- D) take stroke and distance and hit from where you last hit from outside the penalty area.

If you take option A and decide not to play from where the ball is dropped you can, for another penalty stroke (now 2 penalty strokes), choose options B, C or D.

Enjoy this great game and know thy rules. Many times they can help with your missed shots.

Rules of Golf Explained (2023): Penalty Areas

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cvs

BY Wayne Sutton

Spring is right around the corner and that means our first outing of the season at Sierra View Country Club in Roseville is coming up. You still have time to join the Central Valley Seniors and join us at Sierra View.

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



WEB MASTER

BY Fred Jaicks

We are continuing to use our website as a source of information for all our Mens Club members and those who might be thinking about joining in on the fun! If you see something that would improve this resource and make your experience better don't hesitate to reach out to me with your suggestions. The Board of directors are actively making an effort to improve this resource. fred.jaicks@gmail.com

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.

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

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5 Way To Be A Faster Player



By E. Michael Johnson

I hate slow play. Ever since I was a caddie picking up the range at the Country Club of New Canaan in Connecticut, I learned to play fast—because playing fast meant getting more holes in after the range was picked. Play fast, and you’ll make fast friends on the course.

To be clear, a quick pace does not mean you should rush your shots or run to your ball. We all enjoy golf for its social elements, plus giving each shot an appropriate amount of attention is crucial to playing well. But over four decades of playing the game, both walking and in carts, I’ve observed and developed some best practices to keep the game moving faster, making the four-hour round an easy mark to break with regularity. Aside from the obvious (hitting when it’s your turn and grabbing a handful of clubs when it’s cart-path only), we’ll all be faster players if we abide by the below.

Leave the driver headcover in the car

Taking the headcover on and off on every tee box is a time suck. You’re not really protecting anything—take it from the equipment editor of Golf Digest. The driver sits well above your irons, and your fairways and hybrids have covers, so you’re good. I’ve gone without a driver headcover forever and my driver is never dinged and certainly never busted. Put it back on before you shove the clubs in the trunk—that’s it.

Next person to tee off? You better be ready

If you have the honor, don't screw around. And if you're not first, having your club and ball/tee ready to go puts you several seconds in front of the loser that's fumbling around for a tee when it's their turn to hit. As soon as the ball is in the air, make your move to where you are going to tee off from, obviously having taken the opportunity to decide in advance what side is best to hit from.

Limit the practice swings

"Gee, wish my regular swing was like my practice swing," is a common refrain from weekend hackers. Well, then don't take a practice swing. If you can't change your routine, limit yourself to one. Any more than that is not only not helpful to pace of play, it's highly annoying.

If you're walking, place the bag on your shoulder before the last player hits; if riding, be at the cart

How often do you see players milling about the tee box while the last player hits? What are you doing? If you're hoofing, have the bag saddled up. If you're riding, be at the cart. You can just as easily say, "good shot," from there as you can from close range.

Watch other players' tee shots

While you have the bag on your shoulder or are standing by the cart, make sure to keep an eye on your playing companions' tee shots. Lord knows many don't watch their own. Not many things slow down play more than the proverbial, "Hey, anyone see where that went?"

Hit a provisional

If there is any likelihood your ball is lost or out of bounds, for goodness sake's, reload. It takes but a few seconds, and if your ball is lost, it saves a ton of time when you have to do the walk of shame. Plus, I've noticed over the years that players are more willing to give up the search if they have another ball in play rather than staring at an X on the card.

While it's someone else's turn, figure out your yardage and be ready to play

Part of being ready is knowing the number to the pin. That means sizing up the shot, getting the yardage and being ready to play. I can't tell you how many times I've hit and then watched as my playing companion hits the trees behind the green three or four times before locking in on the flagstick. Get this task out of the way. Pro move: Feel free to tell nearby players what you got. It will save them the time of shooting it themselves.

Yes, there's an efficient way to clean your clubs

We're all for having clean clubs, but there's a time-efficient way to do it. If you're in a cart, pull up to your partner's ball, and wipe off your club while they're prepping to hit. If walking, hold the club and wipe it while you're walking. It's pretty simple—but we'd bet you could pick up the pace in this category.

On par 3s on a course you play all the time, skip the rangefinder

“Uh, I got 178 pin.” No kidding, genius. If you play a course enough, you can figure out whether it's a 5- or 6-iron. And if you're going to tell me the pin placement matters, get lost. You're Bill Hogan, not Ben Hogan and you don't dial in yardages like that. Unless you're hitting to a green like the ninth at Yale Golf Club, which has a green stretching about 100 feet front to back, just eyeball it and pull a club.

Place your bag in a spot near the walk to the next tee

It absolutely is maddening to watch someone hit their ball on the front of the green, place their bag short of the green and then putt, watch everyone else putt and then walk all the back to retrieve their bag. Have some awareness. After your first putt, mark your ball (or finish out) and go get your bag and bring it to where you are headed next. And yes, you can do this without bothering the other players in the group.

On the greens, line up your putt while others are putting

Stop wasting time while others are on the green. From the moment you mark your ball you should start to calculate the line and speed. You even have time to look from the other side (if you must). Then, once that's accomplished, when you're on deck, start putting your ball down and lifting your mark once the other person's ball is on its way. Anyone that does anything else deserves a lifetime of three-jacking.

Do not mark a two-footer

Ever. And major demerits if you not only do this, but align the line to the hole just so when replacing the ball. Unless there is major cash or a club championship on the line just sweep it in. You'll probably make more of them.

Stop writing down scores after you exit the green

Be courteous and think of others. Get to the next tee and do it either before or after you hit. Sitting in your cart beside the green trying to figure out if you made 6 or 7 is an amateur move.

Move away from the 18th green

We've all been waiting in the 18th fairway, furious that the group ahead is busy shaking hands, putting all their belongings away, tallying scores or whatever they're wasting time with. Again, please be courteous and pull away from the green to allow play to continue.

Tips for playing with a caddie

We love taking caddies any chance we can. When you do, resist the urge to have them coach you through every shot and read every putt. If you have a looper who's being overly coachy from the start, tell them, 'Hey, I don't take this too seriously ... you can give the rest of the group the pointers.' A few ways to speed up play when your caddie's double-bagging: When you miss your approach shot, grab a wedge or two and take it with you—rather than waiting for them to meet you at your ball. If your other competitor is struggling, let your caddie stay with them and grab a handful of clubs. It will make the experience better for you—and the caddie.