

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

First of all, I would like to congratulate all the winners in the recent NCGA Qualifier and JFF tournament, but a special congratulations to our two teams, Andy Brown / Gary Moore and John Michel / Ciro Estremo, who will represent our men's club at the next level. Great playing, guys, and good luck

moving forward in the competition.

Spring and summer weather seem to definitely be taking ahold on our area and we have a very busy summer schedule looking forward. By the time you read this, the annual Inter-Club Scramble will be in the books and we will be looking at the Spring Scramble, June Jitters, Red, White and Blue, and the Annual Member-Guest wrapping up the summer. We hope to have maximum participation in all these as people schedule their summer activities.

The Men's Club board is actively looking for someone to take Mike McGuire-Back's place in the position of Communications. For those who have been around for awhile, you know the tremendous job Mike has done in this position. Health reasons are preventing him from continuing. If anyone is interested or you know someone who would be good in this job, please contact me or Mike for details. Communications plays a key role in the club and our ability to function. Thank you for your help.

The course is really starting to look and play great. The greens have been punched and are recovering nicely, and the bridge repair / replacement project is in the works. It looks to me like things are really looking up. Rake, fix ball marks, fill fairway divots, and enjoy the good life. See you on the course.

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**TOURNAMENT
REPORT**
BY KEITH BERGEVIN

On April 16th, the Men's Club enjoyed perfect weather for the Senior Four-Ball Net Qualifier and Just-for-Fun (JFF) event. The Senior Qualifier is an opportunity for two two-man teams to represent our club at the Area Qualifier in August. Congratulations to our two winning teams, Andy Brown/Gary Moore & John Michel/Ciro Estremo! Great playing, and good luck at the next level! Those advancing from the Area Qualifier can compete in the final NCGA Championship event, which is 36 holes in September at Poppy Hills in Pebble Beach, CA.

Our next tournament is the Four-man ABCD Scramble on Tuesday, May 21st. This is a fun event in which the computer generates teams, selecting a player from each of the A-B-C-D handicap categories. This format results in teams with nearly equal handicaps and provides an opportunity to team up with different players in our club.

Also, mark your calendars for the annual Member/Guest tournament on August 19th and 20th. This will be two days of golf (one day on each course), with an option to sign up for the horse race and putting contest. Day 1 will have lunch under the canopy, and Day 2 will have a continental breakfast, buffet lunch, and awards ceremony at Meridians. Look at your email for details on the preliminary announcement to be sent out in early May.

BE KIND PLEASE RAKE



MEMBERSHIP
BY Bob Schoenherr

Total Membership is now set at 314, with one New Member this month. Spring is upon us, and Summer is coming. See you on the Range and on the Course!



COMMUNICATIONS
BY Mike McBack

Gentleman,
Due to unfortunate circumstances, I'm resigning from the board. This will go into effect as soon as I can find a replacement who wants to have fun like I have had these 4+ years. I have posted an opportunity description for the position on the last page. Please let any of the board members know if you are interested.



*LINCOLN HILLS
G.M.
REPORT*

Some of you may or may not be aware of a fire this past weekend that ignited in our maintenance yard. The fire was later in the evening, and no one was around, so there were no injuries or causes for those types of concerns.

It is unclear how the fire started but we believe it is from a spark from a possible wire short on a piece of equipment. The fire was away from the main building and contained to an area near the back of the maintenance yard.

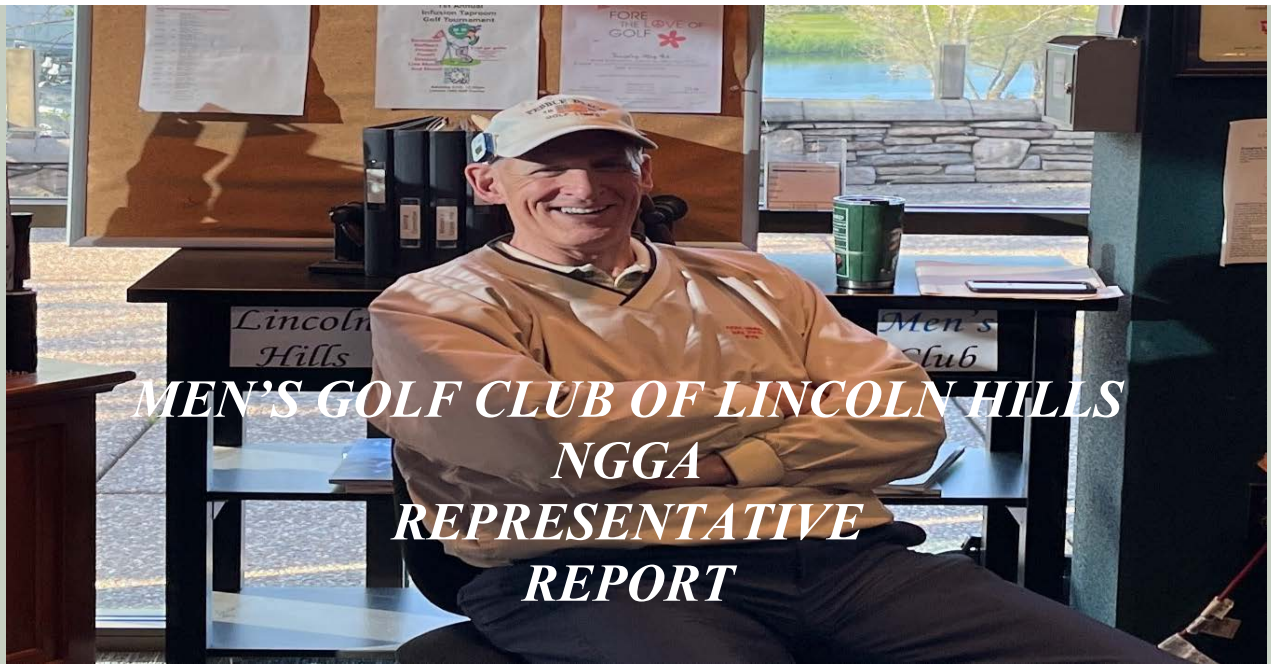
There were 11 pieces of equipment in total that received damage and 8 of which burned up beyond the point of salvaging. Unfortunately, most of the equipment was necessary for daily golf course maintenance, along with our 2 working rough mowers, 2 new sand pro(machines to rake the bunkers), and the tall fescue mower. We are working with our insurance company for the losses, but the biggest challenge will be actually getting the replacement mowers and equipment to continue to keep Lincoln Hills in the premier shape that it is in. We are trying to look at every avenue that we can think of that might have used equipment, if our reps have demos that we can borrow or anything else we can think of, but in the meantime, please be patient as the rough might get longer than we'd all like because we have a rough mower in our shop that our Mechanic is diligently working on to get it up and running so at least we can try and maintain the rough. The greens and fairways will continue to get mowed without lapse, but also, the long fescue grass that is right against some of your homes will be taking a back seat for now. Fortunately, probably 80% of the long fescue has been mowed, and with not much rain in the near future, it shouldn't continue to grow as it has been throughout the winter, but since that one tall rough mower was burned up, we won't be able to get back to mowing the fescue until we look at finding a replacement, so please bear with us. I appreciate everyone's patience over the next few weeks, months, or more while we try and get equipment replaced, fixed, and get everything sorted out, but please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you might have. I can't share any more details as to what happened because we don't know any more than this due to the extent of the damage caused by the fire.

Another 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. As we start to get busier on both courses, we want to be able to maximize the available tee times for others.

Thanks

Chad Bennett, PGA

General Manager



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REPRESENTATIVE
REPORT**

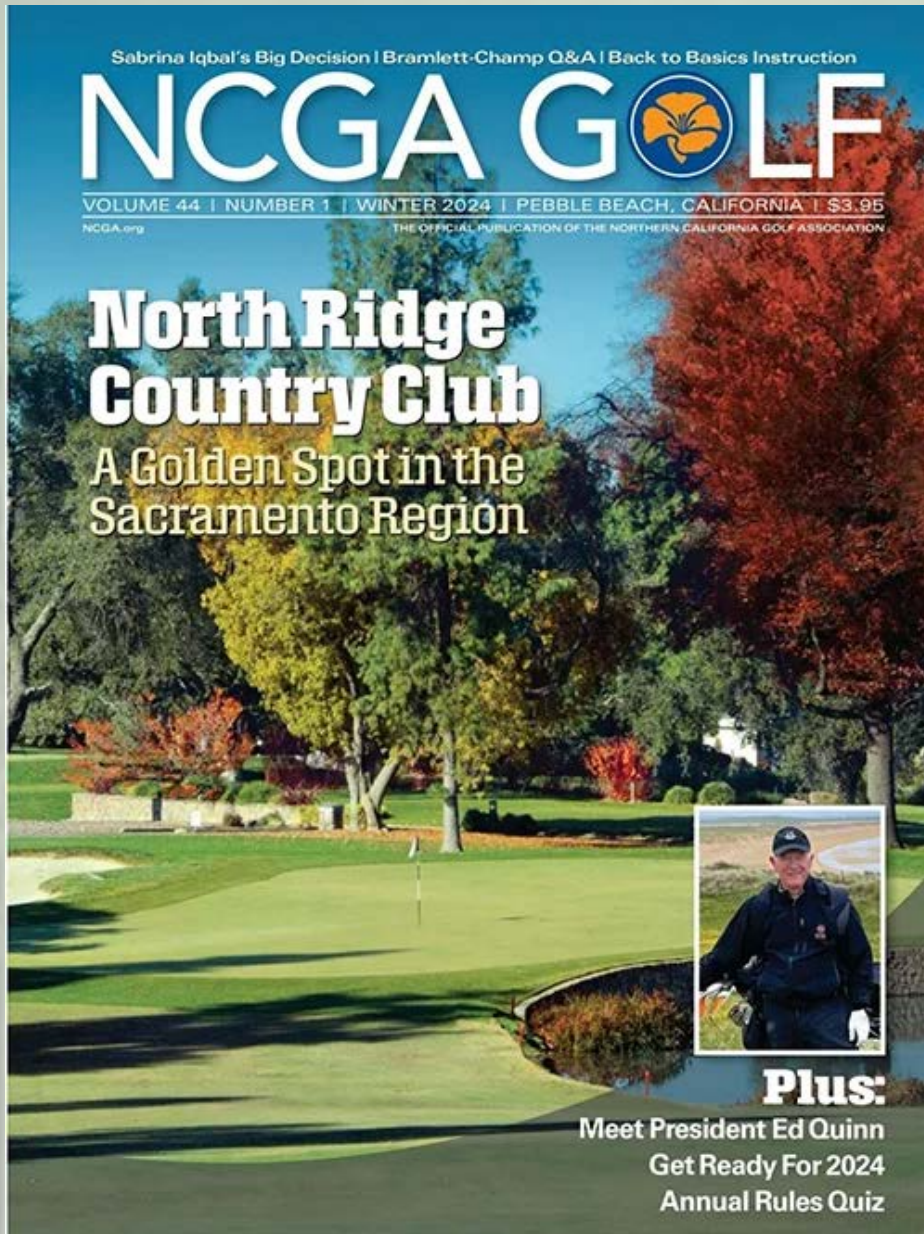
One of the best perks we get as MGCLH Members is the award-winning NCGA Magazine!! You receive the magazine in hard-copy via the mail, but you can always access it thru the NCGA website. You can also access past issues online!!

The award-winning NCGA Golf Magazine is the official publication of the Northern California Golf Association.

Published four times a year (digital and print), the magazine covers stories on golf courses, travel, NorCal golf personalities, and tournaments, with regular features on instruction and the Rules of Golf.

Members can read the digital version on our website or choose to have a print copy home delivered. The NCGA also produces the monthly online NCGA Golf Plus, a short-form digital magazine.

Happy Reading!!





**SUNSHINE
REPORT**

BY Jim McGeough

It is with deep sadness to announce that the wife of MGCLH Member Dennis Plattner recently passed away. Linda Grace Plattner died on April 8. On behalf of the entire MGCLH Membership, a sympathy card was sent to Dennis and family. For more information, please go to <http://www.forevermissed.com/linda-plattner/about>.

The Club would like to acknowledge the following May Birthday Boys!! **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

- May 2: Jim Odell
- May 3: Don Nanneman, Joe McDonnell
- May 4: Bryan Holt, Frank Merlo

- May 6: Gary Moore, Bill Zeek, Carl Zierman
- May 8: Gary Homer
- May 10: Larry Schuller, Dan Herbert
- May 13: John Cantrell
- May 14: Arnold Garcia
- May 17: Edward Rocknich
- May 18: Greg Didion
- May 19: Mike Messenger, Phil Steinbock
- May 22: John Dewildt, Jason Hong
- May 27: Don Bowden
- May 28: Howard Hamilton



**HANDICAP
BY Bill Hall**

With Spring here it's time to start getting out on the course and working on lowering your handicap. That is not always easy to do but enjoying yourself is something we all can do.

Congratulations to the Most Improved Players for the First Quarter.

- 0 – 9.9 Chuck Gould
- 10 – 19.9 Tom Gentile
- 20.0 + Russ Lynch

Congratulations on your improvement and you will have a \$25.00 credit added to your account at the Pro Shop.



SPONSORS
BY Douglas Krochak

For those members that played in the April event, hopefully you noticed the Leatherby's sundae coupon. We will have those available throughout the summer. I believe the coupon can be used to upgrade to a larger sundae, for dine-in only. While visiting Leatherby's please let the staff or management that you are with the Sun City Lincoln Hills Men's Golf Club. Now on to our sponsor article below.

Life Enhancing Dental Care is located at 1510 De Webb Blvd. Dr. Brian Lee graduated from Loma Linda University School of Dentistry and served his residency at St. Barnabas Hospital in New York City. When choosing a dentist, it is important to make sure he or she stays current with new procedures and technology. Dentistry is constantly evolving, and Dr. Lee stays at the forefront of dental techniques and technology by taking well above and beyond what the average dentist takes as part of their licensure maintenance requirement. Life Enhancing Dental Care is committed to providing the highest quality care and service to his patients. Regardless of whether you are in need of a routine check up or advanced procedures, his practice offers everything from scratch to finish.

If you are looking for a dentist, please contact Dr. Lee at 916-408-2273. When utilizing his services, thank him for his MGCLH sponsorship.

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Did you know....

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RULES
BY Brian Fox

If you're like us, you're probably ready to fling your headcover at the next person who says "one" when you accidentally knock your ball off the tee. Not sure on the origin of this "tradition," but if you're guilty of doing it, you need new material. Worse than just being lame, it's also wrong. If you accidentally knock your ball off the tee while making a practice swing, it doesn't count as an actual stroke and it's not a penalty. Simply re-tee and play on, as Rule 6.2b in the Rules of Golf explains. Just ask Zach Johnson, who did it very publicly on the 13th tee at the 2019 Masters (below) and, unbelievably, again at the 2022 WM Phoenix Open. More good news: You also can replace your ball without penalty on the putting green if you accidentally move it in any way, including while making a practice swing (Rule 13.1d).

OK, now the bad news: After you've teed off and your ball is in play, there are times when moving it while making a practice swing will cost you. With one exception we'll cover in a moment, the Rules says if your ball is in the fairway, rough, bunker, etc., and you cause it to move with your practice swing, you'll need to add a penalty stroke to your score and the ball must be replaced. Thankfully, the practice swing itself does not count as a stroke, too. (Remember, the definition of a stroke is the "forward movement of a club made to strike the ball." A practice swing does not qualify.)

The exception when the ball is in play is that you're not penalized for accidentally moving it if it's still in the teeing area, which is the zone two club-lengths behind the markers. This is important to remember should you decide to re-tee the ball after hitting your drive out-of-bounds. If it falls off again, there is no penalty. Also, if for some reason your drive doesn't leave the teeing area—maybe you nearly whiffed and it fell off the tee—you're still OK if you make a practice swing and it moves again. You might need to get your contact-lens prescription adjusted, but there's no penalty.

In each case, put the ball back where it was and play on. If for some reason you forget to move the ball back and play it from its new location, it's a two-stroke penalty or loss of hole in match play.

You can find some of these on the website.

1. Rules of golf -Local and USGA Rules
2. Tournament Signup Link
3. Tournament Results
4. For Sale Section – have some old golf stuff lying around unused?
5. Link to the monthly Linksletter
6. Upcoming Events
7. Sponsors – these sponsors are vital to our Men's Club; please use them when you're able.



WEB
Fred Jaicks

You can find much more than these items, and we're trying to update it and get rid of old information. If you see something that should be updated, please reach out to me at

fred.jaicks@gmail.com with your suggestions.

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cvs

BY Wayne Sutton

Why you should join the Central Valley Seniors

Our first outing of the season at Sierra View Country Club in Roseville saw 19 Lincoln Hills members tee it up on a beautiful spring day. The course was in fabulous condition, and everyone had a great time playing this timeless layout only eight miles from home. The round was preceded by complimentary donuts and coffee while warming up on the driving range. Traditional claims of prowess or duress in the just completed round were offered after the round over a lunch buffet featuring barbequed chicken and beef.

CVS is a group of 10 golf clubs (8 of them private) that host member clubs on various Mondays from April through September. Our next outing is to Yolo Flyers CC in Woodland.

It's not too late to join CVS for \$40. To join, you must also be a member of the Lincoln Hills men's golf club. This fee helps cover the cost of hosting the other 10 clubs at Lincoln Hills. You can leave a Check payable to MGCLH/CVS in the pro shop men's club drawer.

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

Questions? Email me at suttongr@pacbell.net

JOKE OF THE MONTH

While driving too fast on the #16 hole at the golf course, a retired but handsome gentleman accidentally overturned his cart late one March afternoon.

An attractive female who lives in a huge house right on the golf course, heard the noise and called out: -“Are you OK?”

“I’m gonna live, just bruised up, thanks.”- he replied, as he pulled himself out of the twisted cart.

She said: -“Come up to my patio, rest a while, and I’ll help you get the cart up later.”

The man noticed her silky bathrobe was partially open, revealing what appeared to be a killer figure.

“That’s mighty nice of you,”- he answered, -“but I know my wife wouldn’t like it.”

“Oh, come on now Big Boy!”- she insisted.

She was so hot and pretty, and very, very persuasive, and he was weak.

“Well, OK.”- he finally agreed.

After a couple of Bourbon and ginger ales, he thanked her and said: -“I feel a lot better now.

But I know my wife is going to be upset. So I’d better go now.”

“Don’t be silly!”- she said with a smile, letting her robe fall open. -“Stay for a while.

Your wife won’t know anything. By the way, where is she?”

He replied: -“Still under the cart.”



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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MEN'S GOLF CLUB OF LINCOLN HILLS
POSITION DESCRIPTION
COMMUNICATIONS CHAIRMAN

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The Communications Chairman is a member of the Board of Directors. This position is responsible for gathering articles, publishing the monthly Linksletter, and writing articles for the SCLH Compass and the Sun Senior News. This position is a voting member of the board.

Specific Position Duties:

1. The person in this position writes articles and sends them to the Compass and Sun Senior News newspapers. Neither the Compass nor the Sun Senior News want the same exact article word for word appearing in their monthly issue. For instance, move the tournament information to the top of one article and to the bottom of the other and change some wording. The Compass limits articles to 125 words, but the Sun Senior News has no limit.

Articles and photos can be of recent past winners of a tournament, holes in one, announcing future tournaments, or anything of recent interest about the Men's Club. The articles need to be sent several weeks before to the Compass and Sun Senior News to be published in a future edition. Sun Senior News likes articles by the 15th of the month, and the Compass will send a reminder email with a hyperlink.

The average time for the two articles is about a total of 1 hour for both.

2. The Linksletter is the main communication vehicle for information. Responsibilities include collecting articles from the President, Tournament Director, Membership Director, Sunshine report, NCGA Representative report, Handicap Director, Rules Director, Sponsorship Director, CVS report, Webmaster report, and For Sale items. He sends an email to the Board Members requesting articles 10 days before you need them for that month. Allow yourself enough time to put the newsletter together, then send it to the Board for review and necessary changes to be made. After all changes have been made, attach a file to the MemberPlanet Email and schedule for the 1st of the month. This is your chance to show your creativity.

The average amount of time for this part of the opportunity is 3 hours a month.

3. Other responsibilities include the MGCLH Bulletin Board and Tracking all For Sale Items from the MGCLH.club For Sale web page. This is necessary for adding or deleting from the MGCLH bulletin board and the Linksletter. Posting the Linksletter on the bulletin board each month. Posting the announcement of the upcoming tournament and the results for the monthly tournaments.

4. Recommended Skillset/Experience – MS email, MS Word, MS Excel, Adobe Acrobat, publishing tools, imagination is a big plus, and likes to have fun.

Prepared by Michael McGuire-Back – March 23, 2024