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**THE
LINKSLETTER**

MEN'S GOLF CLUB
OF LINCOLN HILLS



Men's Golf Club of Lincoln Hills (MGCLH)

MGCLH is the official golf club for Lincoln Hills male residents. Established in 2004, the club currently consists of 316 members who are able to enjoy monthly tournaments to fire their competitive juices. MGCLH is an excellent way to meet people to enjoy the game of golf, especially for those who have recently moved to Sun City Lincoln Hills. The club plays by the USGA Rules of Golf. You must be a resident of Lincoln Hills to participate.



A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Rob Davies

Today, most golf courses claim that a normal round of golf should take no more than four and a half hours. When I started playing this sport some fifty years ago, the standard was no more than four hours. So, what has changed. We used to have to find a sprinkler head for yardage, now we shoot it with our range finder and GPS. Most of us used to walk the courses and now most of us ride around in our own golf carts which go 25 mph vs the 12 mph for company carts. I personally spend way less time looking for balls in the woods or OB because I can't hit it that far anymore.

My thought on this subject is not enough "READY" golf being played. We watch the "Pros" on TV talk to their caddie for 5 minutes about wind, lie, where to miss, green slope, etc. Sorry gentlemen, we just are not that good. How many of you really need to decide what type of shot you plan on playing? Fade, draw, high, low, or do we just get up and hit it. Reading the greens!!! Guess what. It is going to break or not break, be fast or slow up and down the ridge, pretty much the same as the last 50 to 300 times you have played that putt before.

Brent Kelley, in an article addressing slow play, states: "Ready golf allows the golfers within a group to take their swings when each member of the group is ready to play. If you reach your ball and are ready to hit, while other members of your

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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT (CONTINUED)

group are not yet prepared, then go ahead and hit even if you are not away." He also addresses the fact the "Rules of Golf" not only address "ready" golf, but encourage it. It is even allowed in Match play, if both or all players agree.

Pace of play is not about score. I play with single digit handicappers who play quite slow, and 20+ handicappers who play 18 holes in about 3 hours 30 minutes as a foursome. I know we have an aging community and not everyone moves as fast as everyone else. We can, however, all play "Ready" golf and do a better job of keeping the "pace of play" to a reasonable time. "Ready" golf is played on the tee, fairways, and greens. If you take 15 seconds less on each stroke and shoot 90. You will shave 22.5 minutes off your round. Think about that!!!

Remember during our September tournament the ladies are going to be providing "free" cookies for a donation to their Breast Cancer Awareness Tournament. Let's show them our support by knocking those cobwebs off our wallets and do our club proud. It is such a worthy cause and they do a phenomenal job of fund raising for that cause.

See you on the course.

LH GOLF COURSE GENERAL MANAGER

I think the weather is taking a turn for the better and the beautiful 80 degree weather is upon us and hopefully here to stay. Let's start seeing more of you come out and play some golf with the weather being perfect.

We are consistently seeing range balls disappear from the driving range as well as the green range

baskets, mainly the large baskets. A reminder to everyone that the range balls and range baskets are property of Lincoln Hills and they are not to be taken off property. I do know that sometimes Summit and Sierra members get range balls and maybe go home and come back later but please do not take any range balls or baskets home and leave them at the driving range. Since I have been at Lincoln Hills, I can't believe how many baskets we've purchased because ours seem to disappear and as of lately the range balls are starting to disappear faster than ever. Anytime our team sees any range balls or baskets anywhere other than the driving range such as in a cart or on the course, they will bring them back to the range. Repeat offenses will possibly result in disciplinary action or range use restrictions.

We will get a little busier with tournaments in September and October with a few days being closed for an outside event. We are going to better communicate those days to the membership to help with planning out golf days and eliminating the need to have to get online right at 9:00 to try and book your tee times.

We aerate the Hills greens on Tuesday, September 3rd so the Hills will be closed all day and also it is closed until 12:00 noon on Wednesday, September 4th to finish things up. And the Orchard greens will be aerated on Monday, September 16th and until 12:00 noon on Tuesday, September 17th to finish things up. Member rates and guest rates will be discounted for 2 weeks post aeration for each course respectively.



Chad Bennett

Rules Director

Did you know...



Brian Fox

When a ball putted from the putting green strikes another ball at rest on the putting green the player that putted the ball is assessed a 2 stroke penalty. However what happens if a putted ball strikes another ball in motion on the putting green? In this case the player must replay the original ball or another ball from the spot where the stroke was made. There is no penalty. However if the player continues to play the ball from where it came to rest they receive the General Penalty (2 strokes).

TOURNAMENT REPORT

Unfortunately, we didn't get enough participants to run the full two-day Member-Guest tournament we had scheduled for August 19th and 20th. Perhaps August is a busy month when many of us travel or are spending time with kids and grandkids. We will



Keith Bergevin

send out a survey and try to determine where we can make changes and hopefully get stronger participation.

We did, however, adjust on-the-fly and set up a one-day tournament open to all club members and any guests that had registered for the Member-Guest. We kept the 6-6-6 format of best ball, scramble, and better ball for 6 holes each. This fun format adds a lot of variety to a single round of golf and is a fun team-play format. We did get a full field, so in the end we did enjoy a great tournament in August!

Our September tournament is the "Summer Heat" scheduled for the 17th. This is a two-man better ball format. Tee times will be from 8:30 - 10:30 am. Look for the tournament announcement to come out later this month.

MEMBERSHIP

No new Membership Business to report. We have had one New Member this month.



Bob Schoenherr

SEPTEMBER

Date	Birthday Boy
1	Mark Green
1	George Wuschnig
2	Lee Johnson
3	Joe Lopez
4	Dan Fuller
4	Bill Lane
6	Chuck Butters
6	Roger Val
6	Anthony MacHado
7	Gil Lucas
8	Dale Howell
8	Bill Hynes
9	Jack Stermer
9	Allan Wong
13	Gregory Williams
13	Gene Andrews
15	Ron Dawson
15	Roald Pederson
16	Jerre Haynes
17	Russ Galvan
17	Dick Gootee
17	Carl Del Grande
17	Les Hanson
19	Tony De grassi
19	Jim Mobley
20	Tom Horan
20	Glenn Walker
22	Ron Waisner
23	Steve Marks
23	Tim Reasonover
24	Mike Camy
25	Richard Laye
26	Joseph McNulty
27	Montie Boatwright
27	Don Tervo
27	Kerry Daniels
27	Dan Williams
28	Mike Madden
28	Tim Davidson
29	Steve Mumm
29	John Deneve
30	Bill Andrade
30	Ted Francis
30	Jim Passadori

SUNSHINE REPORT

Join me in congratulating the following 44 MGCLH Members that have Birthdays in September.



Jim McGeough

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GUYS!!

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 might be 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

NCGA REPRESENTATIVE

Men's Club Members! Since you are MGCLH Members, you are also members of the Northern California Golf Association. Take advantage of that membership check these NCGA Events out! The 3rd registration window for NCGA events September - December is now open!



Jim McGeough

NCGA events are in full swing so be sure you don't miss out on the opportunities to play new courses for great prices! There are events for everyone. Curious about which events are best suited for you? Here's a rundown of the more popular events:

Weekend Net Tour (WNT): Open to men and women of all handicap levels, weekend-only flighted net competitions with a variety of formats.

Senior Series: Just for seniors, a series of one-day tournaments on weekdays. Women age 50+ and men age 55+ of all handicap levels are eligible to compete in these more casual flighted net competitions.

Mixed Team Series: For men and women. Mixed teams (one male and one female), one-day competitions leading to a finals championship, open to all handicap levels.

Member Outings: These casual events are open to all active members, who can register individually or with other members and gives access to some great courses!

NCGA Championships: Playing for trophies and medals, our competitive NCGA Championships are held annually - many of which go back decades and others that are brand new. There are NCGA Championships for men, women, mixed teams, juniors, seniors, super-seniors, mid-ams, individuals and teams. Our Net Championship events are open to all members but may have some handicap maximums.

If you're interested in any of these events, go to the NCGA website learn more: <http://www.NCGA.org>

HANDICAP DIRECTOR

When playing tournaments/sweeps you need to count every stroke on every hole so your *GROSS* score is what you shot for the game. Your score will be entered hole by hole and the system will adjust any hole



Bill Hall

that is over a max double bogey. For example, you record a 10 on a par four and you have 2 handicap strokes. The net score is $4+2+2$ for max double bogey of 8. The adjustments made by the system will give you your *NET* score.

If you do not complete a hole and pick up you need to add the additional strokes that you anticipate you would normally take to complete that hole.

You should post all your scores good or bad so your handicap reflects the way you play the game.

Have a great time on the course and remember to keep up with the group ahead of you.

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CVS REPORT



Wayne Sutton

A nice day at Cameron Park even with the bad golf. Cameron Park's golf course was the winner in our most recent outing. We had a nice buffet breakfast and the Pizza after the round was hot & tasty. The scoring gave evidence that the course won the day.

That said our Men's club President Rob Davies was the big winner and Don Nanneman had another strong showing, (His handicap should be dropping?)

Our next outing is at Woodbridge Country club on the 26th of August.

Timber Creek has sent their invitation for our end of the season round for September 16. Shotgun start at 8 a.m. with a buffet lunch to follow.

WEBMASTER

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.

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



Fred Jaicks

FOR SALE ITEMS

Check out the current for-sale golf items on the MGCLH website by clicking this link:

<https://mgclh.club/category/for-sale/>

[Callaway-Steelhead-XR-iron-set.pdf \(mgclh.club\)](#)

[For Sale-Blue Tees 3 Max Rangefinder - Men's Golf Club of Lincoln Hills \(mgclh.club\)](#)

Note: Golf Items For Sale is for MGCLH Members only. Items listed For Sale or Wanted must be Golf related. For example: used clubs, pull carts, electric golf carts, etc. All items will be listed for 90 days and then removed by the Webmaster. Businesses will not be allowed to post items. The Webmaster and Board of Directors reserve the right to reject any items they deem not appropriate.

COURSE CARE INITIATIVE

We are all concerned about the condition of our course - especially the fairways and greens. In order to be a part of the solution, your Men's Club Board of Directors is asking our members to participate in filling extra fairway divots and fixing additional ball marks on the greens when time during your rounds permit it. In the fairways, please fill your divot and several others. Sand for filling your bottles is available at the driving range. On the greens, please fix your ball mark and two others.

Also, a friendly reminder to keep golf carts at least 30 yards from the greens. Let's do our part to protect our golf course and keep it in good shape.

Thank you for being willing to be a part of the solution to make our courses better.

LH PRO SHOP “SWEEPS” INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE, THIS IS NOT A PART OF MGCLH BUT WE HOPE OUR MEMBERS CAN ENJOY PLAYING IN THIS. THE SWEEPS ARE RUN AND ORGANIZED BY THE PRO SHOP. THE PRO SHOP COLLECTS THE MONEY FOR IT AND PAYS OUT INTO YOUR CREDIT ACCOUNT WITH THE PRO SHOP. ****PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE MGCLH TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR OR OTHER MGCLH BOARD MEMBERS WITH ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SWEEPS****

HOW IT WORKS:

The Lincoln Hills Golf Club Pro Shop hosts a weekly “Sweeps” on Tuesday mornings.

A \$3.00 contribution to the prize pool, a GHIN number, and your greens fees are all that is needed to participate.

The sweeps are stroke play with flights based on handicaps.

You can sign up as a single and meet new golfers each time.

You can also sign up as twosomes, threesomes, and foursomes.

There is 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th prize money per flight for Low Gross, Low Net, Closest to the Pin (CTTP), and Long Drive.

Your prize money is deposited in your credit account at the Pro Shop.

You can view your credit balance of winnings in the CHRONOGOLF app.

To sign up for the sweeps, send an email to (Sherrill Slotsve) sherrills31@gmail.com. Provide your GHIN number and the Tees you play from.

She will then include you on her weekly emails to sign up for the following week's sweeps.

There are no “Sweeps” on the Tuesdays when the Men's Golf Club is holding a tournament.