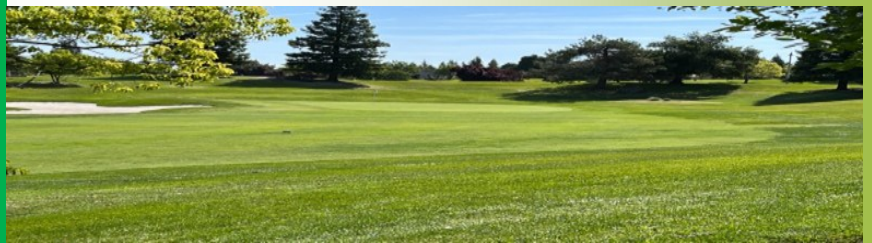


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**THE
LINKSLETTER**

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

.Fall temperatures have finally arrived and we have concluded the business of our Annual Meeting and crowned our club champion. Congratulations to John Michel, 2024 Men's Club Champion. John was also our 2023 Champion. I would also like to thank all the volunteers who assisted the ladies with their annual Breast Cancer Awareness Tournament. From the golf bag toters, to the long drive specialists, to signage setters, and anyone else who helped, your assistance was much appreciated and a big thank you for making our club look good. The ladies far exceeded their goals by collecting more than \$55 thousand dollars. Congratulations ladies and thanks for letting us be a part of it.

With 2024 rapidly coming to an end, we on the Men's Club Board are looking into some things we could do differently to make our club even better. We would like to hear from you and listen to your ideas. Some things that are being tossed around are changing some tournaments to different months to better accommodate the members. It is tough, because no matter which order we run our tournaments, two events each year will be affected by punched greens, several others by cold and possibly rainy weather, and at least four by extremely hot weather. We are also considering bringing back the Annual Banquet (pre-covid) with the spouses invited. What do you think and any other ideas?

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**..A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT
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Rob Davies

My last item this month is a recruiting plea for 2026. Right now it appears 2025 Board Members are locked in for now. Our operating procedures and bylaws do limit participation to a maximum of 6 years, which is a good thing. This allows for new blood, fresh ideas, and renewed enthusiasm for our leadership. Next year, 4 board members will time out and although a couple volunteers have already committed to serving, we will be looking for volunteers later in the year. If you talk to present board members and previous board members, I believe you will find almost all will tell you their time on the board was not only fulfilling but enjoyable. I have truthfully really enjoyed my 5 years but am also looking forward to stepping down at the completion of 2025. Remember, the Men's Club does not exist without volunteers.

Enjoy the cooler weather and see you on the course.

LH GOLF COURSE GENERAL MANAGER

We are just about done with tournament season and really slow down with outside events starting in November. We appreciate everyone always working with us to work around outside tournaments as that is a big piece of the success at Lincoln Hills as well as the great membership support we have. November will be a great month to get back to regular golf routines and hopefully the weather treats us right for as long as possible.



Chad Bennett

I'm sure all of you have noticed us trying to spray out the Dallas grass around the greens and Craigs team is really going aggressive with those spots and I will say that I am a huge fan. I am excited that it seems to be working to eliminate the major patches around the greens and while it completely kills it off and leave a dead patch, you will also see some grass starting to pop through and grow back. These spots will come back with nice grass as time goes on so please bear with us and know that we are actively trying to eradicate it as much as we can and better playing conditions are on the horizon in those areas. I played golf the other day and will also say that the greens are in great shape and rolling true.

We are still 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

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**..A WORD FROM OUR GENERAL
MANAGER (CONTINUED)**



Chad Bennett

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.

I also want to touch on memberships for 2025. We are finalizing details and pricing and all of that information will come out in the next couple of weeks for 2025 membership sales and renewals to start on December 1st with a savings incentive for those who renew before the end of the year.

A final reminder that the bathroom codes have changed to 1234. We had to replace a few of the locks on the on course bathroom doors so we just decided to change all of the codes to 1234. Please do not share this information with anyone who is not a golfer or member here as we try to keep them only for golfers and no one else.

Thanks Chad Bennett, PGA General Manager

RULES DIRECTOR

Did you know....

Well here we go again, we just completed the Club Championship and Just For Fun Tournaments and pretty simple rules questions abounded. I'd like to remind everyone that there are links to the USGA Rules and our local rules on our website. I would encourage everyone to become familiar with our local rules <https://mgclh.club/local-rules/> and a few of the basics within the USGA Rules. The USGA Rules website has some very good videos going over these basics. <https://www.usga.org/rules-hub.html> It is each players responsibility to know the rules and to self police. This is what makes this such a great game, different from any other sport.

Brian Fox

(916) 390-3429



Brian Fox

MEMBERSHIP

The Men's Club has attempted to bring back the Member/Guest Tournament over the last two years. In 2023 we held a very successful 1-day event that received a lot of positive feedback. However this year when changing to a 2-day tournament, we had to cancel the event due to low participation.

We would like to know if a Member/Guest Tournament is viable for our club, and under what circumstances we would get the most participation. We will be putting together a MEMBER SURVEY this fall, and encourage all members to respond!



Bob Schoenherr

TOURNAMENT REPORT

By the time you read this, our October Club Championship and Just-for-Fun tournaments have concluded, along with our annual membership meeting. We are heading full-steam ahead into the fall season and down the homestretch of 2024. We look forward to the cooler weather and two very fun events before heading into another year. Mark your calendars for the November 19 Fall Favorite and December 17th Holiday Challenge. The Fall Favorite is a 4-Man Scramble and one of our most popular events. Start chatting up your fellow golfers and formulating your foursome, or sign up as a three-some, twosome, or single and we will help assemble teams. Looking forward, the MCGLH board will be working with the pro shop to set up our 2025 schedule. We generally book the 3rd Tuesday of every month, but this varies when there are holidays that week or if it conflicts with course events already in place. The spring and fall aeration schedules are also considered. If you have any suggestions, please let us know. In the meantime, let's finish this season strong and enjoy our last two events!



Keith Bergevin

UPDATE: Congratulations to our 2024 Club Champion:

John Michel

He shot a 74-74 for a gross score of 148!!



SUNSHINE REPORT

Join me in congratulating the following 15 MGCLH Members that have Birthdays in November.



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 call: 510-205-8449

<u>November</u>	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Birthday Boy</u>
5	Ron Hartman
5	David Morrow
6	Edward Cadger
9	Gordon Hunt
9	Carl Lynch
9	Gage Johnson
13	Steve Kain
14	Scott Tullgren
15	Earl Kelley
18	Tom Kausch
20	Sylvan Braa
27	Paul Morton
27	Clay Wilcox
28	Denis Niemeyer
29	Russ Lynch

NCGA REPRESENTATIVE

What is Member Planet?

Every once in a while, I get an email or phone call asking me about MemberPlanet. "What is it?" "Why are they contacting me?" "What does it do?". Etc. When you pay your annual golf club dues, you become a member of the Men's Golf Club of Lincoln Hills (MGCLH) and the Northern California Golf Association (NCGA). Each Organization provides you with unique membership benefits designed to enhance your golfing experience. Future articles will detail those benefits, so you can get a good understanding of what each Organization does for you. But, did you know that there is an entity that connects these two organizations together? This entity maintains Active and Lapsed Membership rosters, Member Club transfers, general and group Email distribution lists, online dues' collections, Membership Directory, and Membership Profile depository. This entity is called MemberPlanet.

MemberPlanet is a third party "membership management" software tool that is provided to us and supported by NCGA. All NCGA Clubs have access to the MemberPlanet tool. Did you know that we have over 320 members in the MGCLH? Did you also know that there is an annual member turn-over rate of 10-15%? That's a lot of changes to keep track of. As the MGCLH membership roster is ever changing,



Jim McGeough

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NCGA REPRESENTATIVE

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so is your Board of Directors and Committee Chairs. But, MemberPlanet is the one stable entity and remains the same no matter who is working with it. We have been using MemberPlanet for 3 or 4 years now and it has streamlined our roster management, annual dues collections, and email announcement management. It has simplified many things for the volunteer Committee Chairs and is very easy to learn and use and pass on to the next Chair.

MemberPlanet is your access to NCGA and it is NCGA's access to you. So, please be sure that your profile (i.e., contact info, address, email address, name, etc) is current. If you make an update on your MemberPlanet Profile, MGCLH and NCGA will also be kept up to date. Please keep your profile current.

Want to give it a try? Go to memberplanet.com, click on "Sign In". Use your email address and password and go to your profile. If you have any questions or need help navigating the website, let me know. Email me at jamcgeough@aol.com, text or call me at 510-205-8449

Jim McGeough

HANDICAP DIRECTOR

2024 3rd Quarter Most Improved

I want to congratulate the Most Improved Golfers for the 2nd quarter of 2024. There are 3 handicap brackets for the Most Improved, index 9.9 and below, 10.0 to 19.9 and 20.0 and above. Here are the names.

D J Bender 9.9 and below

Les Hanson 10.0 to 19.9

Dean Brumley 20.0 and above

A \$25.00 award credit will be placed in your account at the Pro Shop.

This is a quarterly Award so keep posting your rounds.

Congratulations on your awards.

Hope to see you out on the course when weather improves.

Bill Hall

Handicap Chair



Bill Hall

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Douglas Krochak

Sponsorship Chairman

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WEBMASTER

I am going to use my space this month to share a couple of observations. First, the board approved a new ruling on Rock Walls. There is no free relief from rock walls except for the "scorecard length" allowed in most monthly tournaments and daily play.



Fred Jaicks

I think it is important for all our members to read the local rules and abide by them.

The handicap system is the best way to let people with different abilities compete fairly in daily and tournament play. If you are not posting ALL your scores, good and bad, then your handicap is not a true indication of your ability. It is VERY simple to post scores, it takes less than 30 seconds to do this after each round. If we all followed the rules, posted ALL our scores, our competitions would be fair for everyone. In the Local Rules there is a system in place to deal with individuals that don't follow the posting guidelines. I encourage everyone to do the best job they can posting their scores.

Have fun, be honest and allow everyone the chance to compete equally.

Click here to see the latest local rules:

[2024-Local-Rules-Updated-9-18-24.pdf \(mgclh.club\)](#)

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/>

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.