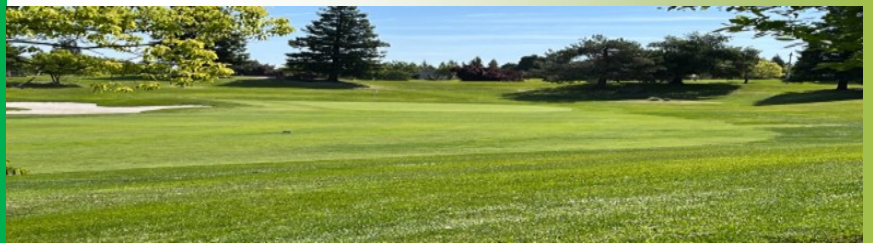


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OF LINCOLN HILLS



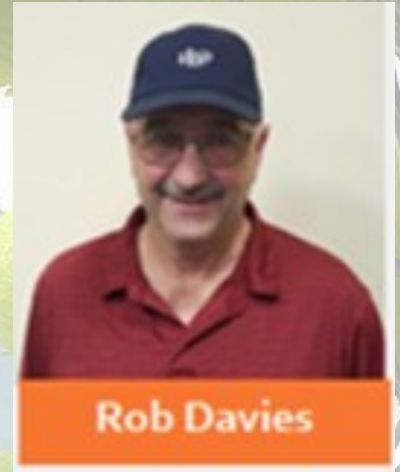
Men's Golf Club of Lincoln Hills (MGCLH)

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

Where did 2024 go? They say that life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer you get to the end, the faster it comes off the roll. If that is true, it sure seems to be flying off the roll way too fast. By my assessment, 2024 was a fairly successful year with most tournaments happening without too many problems. We made some adjustments, made a few mistakes, but overall a good year with great participation throughout the year. We are making some adjustments for 2025 and will talk more about them as the new year is upon us. Thank you to all the members for making the Men's Golf Club of Lincoln Hills not only the largest club in the NCGA, but I believe one of the most inviting and inclusive clubs.



Happy Holidays to everyone and looking forward to our final tournament and the start of a new year. The holidays can be a stressful time, so build in extra time for your travel whether at the airport or on the road.

Enjoy family and friends and see you all back on the courses in 2025!!

Happy Holidays



BREAKING NEWS!!



Jim McGeough

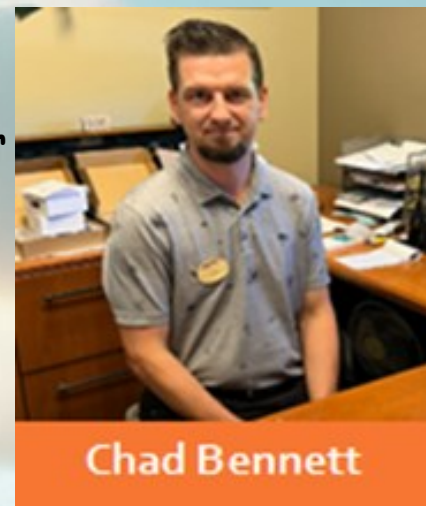
2024 Hall of Fame East Bay Football Officials Association Inductee

On 13 November, 2024, one of our own members of the Men's Golf Club of Lincoln Hills was inducted into the East Bay Football Officials Hall of Fame in recognition of his 43 years of service as a High School and College Football Official. He has served in various leadership positions including President, Instruction Chairman, and Evaluation Chairman. The latter two for fifteen years each. This was in addition to being an on field official during this entire period until this year. The EBFOA was founded in 1930 and is a sub chapter of the Hall of Fame East Bay Football Association. Inductees are nominated by a selection committee and voted on by all the present members. To be recognized by your peers is quite an honor and well deserved for Jim.

His success comes as no surprise to our members and especially the present Board of Directors, as he also serves our Club as the present Secretary for the past five years. Jim is instrumental in keeping us on track, well documented and recorded, and well represented at both the Lincoln Hills Residents Association and the NCGA. Please congratulate him the next time you run into him on the course and thank him for all he does for our Lincoln Hills golf group. Great job, Jim, and much deserved "Recognition"!

LH GOLF COURSE GENERAL MANAGER

Well as much as we don't want to say it, winter is here. The weather is starting to turn and the rainy season is among us. I hope that doesn't stop some of you from still coming out and enjoying the course because as many of you know, the courses drain well and the conditions throughout winter are still very playable. And just because winter is here, that is not stopping us from making improvements to Lincoln Hills. You may notice that we have begun some concrete work on holes where there are hazardous conditions and broken concrete. Those areas are getting fixed as well as we are very excited about the replacement of all of the drinking fountains throughout the property. All of the restrooms as well as the location at the clubhouse will have new drinking fountains with bottle fillers attached to them to fill up your water bottles. They are all filtered and refrigerated water so in the hot summer months, we don't have to rely on anyone making sure the water jugs are filled up with ice and water. There will be cold filtered water throughout both courses at all times. You will also start seeing some work being done on the back of the driving range as I've hinted to before for the new teaching building in anticipation of the Lincoln Hills Golf Academy. The process will take a few months and we anticipate the grand opening of the Academy on February 1st depending on how well the weather cooperates over the next few months. More details to come on that.



The 2025 memberships will be coming out on December 1st with the new programs and details to start with signups and renewals. Make sure to check out the website as well as the new bulletin boards outside the golf shop to find more details starting December 1st.

Thanks Chad Bennett, PGA General Manager

RULES DIRECTOR

Did you know.....

There is some confusion on what you are able to repair on the putting green. The rules allow a player to repair damage to the green.

“Damage on the putting green” means any damage caused by any person (including the player) or outside influence, such as:

- Ball marks, shoe damage (such as spike marks) and scrapes or indentations caused by equipment or a flagstick,
- Old hole plugs, turf plugs, seams of cut turf and scrapes or indentations from maintenance tools or vehicles,
- Animal tracks or hoof indentations,
- Embedded objects (such as a stone, acorn, hail or tee) and indentations caused by them.

But “damage on the putting green” does not include any damage or conditions that result from:

- Normal practices for maintaining the overall condition of the putting green (such as aeration holes and grooves from vertical mowing),
- Irrigation or rain or other natural forces,
- Natural surface imperfections (such as weeds or areas of bare, diseased or uneven growth), or
- Natural wear of the hole.



Brian Fox

Brian Fox

Rules Director

TOURNAMENT REPORT

Our 4-Man Scramble tournaments are generally the most popular, and the November Fall Favorite was no exception. With over 170 participants, we had two flights on the Hills course and one on the Orchard. The frost delay on the Orchard course certainly did not have a negative impact on Ron Cook. Ron aced #4! Congrats to Ron on his hole-in-one!



Our last tournament of the year is the Holiday Challenge on December 17th. This will be a Pinehurst, which is an interesting and fun format. Pinehurst is a format for 2-person teams. It 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. This all adds up to a fun time, so mark your calendars.

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. We will release our 2025 schedule in early December.

MEMBERSHIP

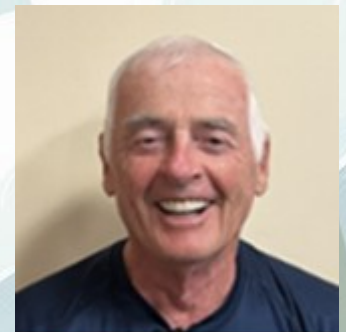
Members, please keep your eyes open for our upcoming Member Questionnaire, which will ask you a number of important questions. Your feedback and response will be appreciated!



Bob Schoenherr

CENTRAL VALLEY SENIORS (CVS) 2025

Central Valley Seniors have the 2025 schedule finalized. This year we are set to play 8 neighboring clubs. El Macero will not be on our schedule for this year as they have an extensive course remodeling updates scheduled.



Wayne Sutton

Our schedule now includes trips to Woodbridge CC, Yolo Fliers CC, Timber Creek, Sierra View CC, Valley Hi CC, Rancho Murieta CC, Northridge CC, Cameron Park CC.

Lincoln Hills will host the final 2025 outing.

You can be part of this as a member of the Lincoln Hills Men's club. To Join CVS there is a fee of \$40, made payable to Lincoln hills Men's golf/CVS. You can then sign up to play the above mentioned clubs. The round includes either a buffet breakfast or lunch, many of the clubs that offer the breakfast will host a round of drinks after golf. Your fee to play at any of these clubs is \$65 for riders or \$45 for any walkers.

Signup forms will be available in the men's club drawer in the Pro shop or by request from CVS chair Wayne Sutton by email to singerman-wayne2002@yahoo.com.

SUNSHINE REPORT

December

<u>Date</u>	<u>Birthday Boy</u>
1	Mark Lambros
2	William Rath
8	Bruce Gentile
9	Dave Wilens
9	Joe Brown
11	Steve Mahlstedt
11	Gary Filizetti
11	Paul Carr
12	Rick Green
12	Paul Fellner
16	Steve Leonard
16	Sal Milla
17	Mike Monsees
18	Rob Davies
20	Tim Howard
22	Brian Fox
22	Joe McLeod
24	Bill Kugel
24	Wayne Lynch
24	Sidney Spencer
24	Jim Pulliam
24	Jack Drinkard
25	Ronald Lopez
25	Tom Watson
26	John Kirkwood
26	John Michel
27	George Slaats
29	Dave Conroy
29	Sal Acosta
30	John Eisenhower
30	Thomas Dupont
31	Brian Johnson
31	Jim Messelbeck

Join me in congratulating the following 33 MGCLH Members that have Birthdays in December.



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

NCGA REPRESENTATIVE

How is the MGCLH related to the NCGA and related to the USGA?

Your Men's Golf Club of Lincoln Hills (MGCLH) membership also gives you the coveted membership in the Northern California Golf Association (NCGA).

The NCGA is one of 57 Allied Golf Associations (AGA) that guides the operation and implementation of the United States Golf Association. The United States Golf Association (USGA) is the governing body of golf in the U.S. but relies on Allied Golf Associations to take care of golf business in their respective regions. As one of many AGAs, the NCGA administers Rules, handicaps and championships for members and clubs in Northern California.

The USGA collaborates with 57 Allied Golf Associations (AGAs), to enhance the golfing experience in each state. This strategic collaboration aims to deliver vital services to clubs and facilities and foster increased engagement and enjoyment among golfers elevating the overall golf experience for everyone involved.

Together, the USGA - AGA partnership allows you to:

Get a Handicap Index® to track your performance

Find opportunities to play and engage with the sport

Learn about the game, its Rules, history and impact

Participate in local, state, regional and national events

Is that enough alphabet-soup for you? Just know that your MGCLH membership is supported all the way up to the USGA and beyond!! Enjoy all the perks and benefits that come with your membership!



Jim McGeough

SPONSORSHIP

Waffle Farm is located at 815 Twelve Bridges Drive and is a Lincoln tradition. The owner is Amer Khan. They are Lincoln's friendliest family dining destination. They offer delicious and mouth-watering choices for breakfast, brunch, and lunch. All at affordable prices. They post great daily specials in the restaurant. They are known for their fast service - both dining in and for takeout service. But most of all, they pride themselves in the relationships they build with YOU! Whenever dining at Waffle Farm, make sure you mention you appreciate their sponsorship. Sponsorship fees make up most of the income for MGCLH. The fees we collect from them go towards monthly tee prize payments as well as the lunches we provide during tournaments. Please patronize our sponsors and thank them for their support of our golf club.



Douglas Krochak

Also please note that LONG DRIVES are paid directly by Southern Comfort Heating & Air on one course and by Mastermax Builders on the other course.

If you know of a business that might be interested in sponsoring, please reach out to me

by call or text at 760.846.4095.

Douglas Krochak

Sponsorship Chairman



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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.