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## Give the Gift of Golf!

Know someone who loves to golf? Why not talk their family members into giving them an LIGC membership! Remember, the Initiation Fee has been waived, but only until the end of this year. Don't let your golfing friends miss out on it.

## Honorary Memberships Granted

The Board of Trustees has granted both Jack Williams and Gladys Shipley *Honorary Memberships*. Not only have they both been members for many years, but they both have had their 90th birthdays. Congratulations to you both and we hope to see you out at the club for many more years.

## GHIN (Handicap) News

GHIN has announced a \$3 dues increase for handicaps for regular members for the 2011 season. The rate will go from \$25 to \$28 per year. Be sure to include your GHIN fee with your annual dues payment, due Feb. 15, 2011.

## Dues Renewal:

### Reminder Coming Soon!

On January 3 you'll receive a dues renewal notice as an attachment to an email message. Please print out one form for each member, fill out the forms, and send them in with payment by February 15. If you cannot print the form, there will be paper copies available at the club house. If you need forms mailed to you, contact Joyce Kruthof at [jkruithof@rockisland.com](mailto:jkruithof@rockisland.com) or call Joyce at 468-4992.

## Arts and Crafts Expo November 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>

If you didn't attend this event, you really missed out.

Titled "Multiplicity of Creativity," that's exactly what it was! What a joy to witness such a variety of artistry amongst our members:

- **Steve Hill** with his international award winning pastels
- **TJ Anderson** with his exquisitely constructed wooden bowls
- **Richard Singer** has a variety of artistry from watercolors on free canvas to creative Island Boxes
- **Judy Hill** with her garden cement creations
- **Jeff Hanks** covered the pottery section specializing in the Saggar Fired technique
- **Barbara Mino**....how many of you know that she is a fabulous artist who honored us with a few of her watercolors, oils and pastels
- **Dick Bangsund** was another surprise: his water scenes of acrylic with oil overlay were phenomenal not to mention his gorgeous exotic wood heredity boxes
- **Nancy Lynch** contributed with wonderful lilac scented sachets, and unique book markers.
- **Dan Currier**, one of our newer members, was also there, taking orders for his massive rustic furniture.
- **Rita O'Boyle**, last but not least, with her highly sought after oversize sewn bags and painted driftwood. Rita also organized the entire event.



But we're not done yet! We had a few nonmembers who are very near and dear to us:

- **Sally Moore**, our clubhouse manager, had her hot item of silkscreened dish towels and hand-painted and -fired trivets.
- **Jules McClelland**, wife of one of our trustees, was also there with her unique retro jewelry and ornaments....Jewels by Jules!
- **Jonelle Johnson**, another member's wife, participated with her gorgeous watercolors and bold jewelry.

We had two special guest artists, Peggy Means, with wonderful jewelry, and Allison Collins, a galleried modern artist who contributed some unique woven rugs with exciting color combinations.

The event was well attended. We made over \$200 for the club, and the artists sold a number of items. Watch for this event to be bigger and better next year.

Thank you to all the participants and of course the attendants as well.



# Year-End Holiday Party December 4<sup>th</sup>

Well, Margie and Chris did it again. They put on a spread that would feed a king. Even though it was headlined “heavy appetizers,” all got their fill.

The evening fun started with *The Name Game*. On each person’s back was a golfer’s name, some easy like Arnold Palmer, some much harder. Questions were asked and answered by others to guess who your particular “golfer” was. Jimmy Gouge ended up being Jimmy Gouge.

Then came the blindfolded putting contest, which was a hoot. Same-sex partners were chosen by draw. One putted blindfolded; the other instructed. They could communicate verbally, but *no touching allowed!* There were three putting greens laid out on the carpet. Each putt out of bounds added a stroke to the score. Crossing any part of the hole was “holing out”; however, if they were good enough to stop the ball within the hole, they deducted two strokes from their score. Not to mention any names Russ and Jim, but some took forever communicating with their partners, while others just whacked at the ball and took their chances.



The only “hole in one” recorded was by non-golfer Audrey Bordvick. Way to show up those committed golfers, Audrey!

Men’s winners were Vaughan Williams putting and Don Langrock instructing, scoring 9 for three holes. Two Ladies pairs tied for first place with scores of 11: Rita O’Boyle putting/Jonelle Johnson instructing and Joan Thomas putting/Diane Robertson instructing. Both teams scored 11.



Apparently the Bangsunds could neither instruct nor take instruction. Dick’s team had the men’s high score of 15 with him putting, Chris’s team had the women’s high of 14 with her instructing. Let’s pass the hat at the next event to provide them with some communication lessons.

Our final event was the *White Elephant Gift Exchange*. The hottest item this year was a pink metal flexible stork. Marc Zener was lucky enough to end up with it.

Throughout the entire there was a slide presentation of the 2010 golf club events that everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

Fun was had by the 34 attendees – a great year topped by a great year-end party.

## Ladies Holiday Luncheon December 7<sup>th</sup>

Snowmen, snowmen, snowmen was the theme this year. (Or maybe snowladies.) The celebration was very creative, thanks to Rita O'Boyle, who set white ornaments on a table with paints for us to paint our own snowmen and decorate the centerpiece.

We also were graced with the attendance of some prior members who shared Golf Club stories of years gone by. Thanks to Jeanne Storer, Jean Schuster, Joan Congdon, and Fern Christensen. We were so happy to renew our friendships. Thank you for joining us.

Twenty seven ladies attended. We shared stories of special Christmas Ornaments, and we had a wonderful meal, a gift exchange, and a short business meeting.

Thanks to Rita O'Boyle, Gretchen Gruenke, and Nancy Lynch for all your hard work putting this spectacular event together.



*Celebrating past members: From left, Dodie Schiessl (current member); Joan Congdon; Sue Cook (current member, back to camera); Jeanne Storer; Fern Christensen; and Jean Schuster.*



## Note From the Club President

Dear Members,

2010 is nearly done, and I wish to acknowledge those staff and members who have dedicated their time to the success of the club.

- First, the staff, Jimmy, Jonny, and Sarafaye, for the excellent job in keeping the greens so beautiful and the fairways playable despite the aging of our equipment.
- Second, the members, whose thousands of work hours have supported the maintenance staff.

Work at the club continues through the end of the year. The new roof is coming. Club Member Larry Prewitt of A Classic Roofing Co. is donating his time and crew to this installation. No more drips for the next 25 years! Thank you, Larry.

Next, I acknowledge clubhouse manager Sally, who has brought enthusiasm to keep every golfer happy. Her innovative ideas are helping to increase revenue in the pro shop, which she and the golf committee are excited to expand in the coming year.

Buckets of gratitude go to all the members who make the social functions of the club so enjoyable. The twilight and tournament events involve much thought and energy in order to provide the activities and delicious meals.

I have previously mentioned thanks to the outgoing board members but wish to give special mention to Mary Brown who has overseen and will continue to oversee the GHIN program.

The strength of any organization relies on the input of the membership. I am particularly thankful for the willingness of those members sitting on the following committees: membership, greens, golf, finance, social, and buildings. We look to a great year of collaboration making the club strong, pleasurable, and successful.

Wishing you peace and happiness and great golf in 2011,

Rita

## Help Wanted:

- **A Real Man:** To run Men's Day for 2011.
- **Someone with a Computerized Sewing Machine** who would be willing to sew the LIGC logo on clothing.

## Stuff Wanted:

- **Refrigerator:** A clubhouse refrigerator has announced its retirement, rather noisily. If you have a working one that you're replacing, we'd be grateful.
- **Large Flat-Screen TV** for those days in the clubhouse where it makes you feel good to watch highly paid golfers make the same mistakes we do.
- **Newer Golf Clubs** for our rental stock.
- **Propane Barbecue** for better eatin'.



*Our board at the Lopez Village Market.*

## No Initiation Fee: Going, Going...

Don't forget! There are but a few weeks left in our "No Initiation Fee" 2010 special. The Board is planning to terminate the offer three hours after the ball drops in New York's Times Square. Tell your golfing friends!

## Membership Committee Update

- **KLOI Advertisement:** Listen for our events and ads to be broadcast over the local radio station.
- **San Juan Islands Visitor Bureau:** We have become members of the SJIVB. They update any specials or events that members have continually. Check us out on at <http://www.visitsanjuans.com/visitors/event-calendar/>.
- **LIFRC:** We are in the Summer Workshop for the Lopez Island Family Resource Center. Our three-day clinic will be headed up by Trustee Steve Bryson June 27, 28, and 29. Look for specifics as that event nears.
- **Tour de Lopez Open Golf Tournament:** How many of those bicyclers come the day before? How many spouses come to support their partner who bicycles? So we're holding an open tournament Friday, April 29th. We will get publicity via the Chamber of Commerce as "things to do" that weekend and also get greens fees on a not-so-popular weekend. We also have put in a request to be a Chamber of Commerce Rest Stop on Saturday, showing off our great clubhouse and golf course as well as providing a community service.

## Holiday Decorating November 30<sup>th</sup>

Thank you, thank you, thank you to Santa's Elves, who were busy elves a few weeks ago. They decorated the tree and decked out the Club with boughs of greens and holly.

Thanks to Pat, Mary, Beth, Rita, Gretchen, and Margie, and a big thank you to Herb and Dodie for cutting down the tree and putting it in the stand, and to Bob and Lynn Hall for donating the tree from their property.



### Rules Tip: Baby, It's Cold Outside!

Please remember: the use of hand warmers is allowed during a round of golf. However, keep that hand warmer away from your golf balls. Golf balls may be warmed up *prior to* a stipulated round of golf, but if you use your hand warmer to warm up your golf ball *during* the round, you are in violation of rule 14.3. The penalty for breach of this rule is disqualification,

## Upcoming Event:

January 30<sup>th</sup>:

### Soggy Bottom Golf Tournament

Barring snow or frozen greens, this Hospice fundraiser will be a team scramble with everyone welcome. Talk this one up to your nonmember golfing friends. Contact Vaughan Williams at 360-468-2922 or vewilliams@centurytel.net.

### Golfism

An opponent having trouble remembering whether he or she shot a six or a seven... probably shot an eight .

### Now That's a Hazard!

#### RICHMOND GOLF CLUB

##### TEMPORARY RULES, 1940

1. Players are asked to collect Bomb and Shrapnel splinters to save these causing damage to the Mowing Machines.
2. In Competitions, during gunfire or while bombs are falling, players may take cover without penalty for ceasing play.
3. The positions of known delayed action bombs are marked by red flags at a reasonably, but not guaranteed, safe distance therefrom.
4. Shrapnel and/or bomb splinters on the Fairways, or in Bunkers within a club's length of a ball, may be moved without penalty, and no penalty shall be incurred if a ball is thereby caused to move accidentally.
5. A ball moved by enemy action may be replaced, or if lost or destroyed, a ball may be dropped not nearer the hole without penalty.
6. A ball lying in a crater may be lifted and dropped not nearer the hole, preserving the line to the hole, without penalty.
7. A player whose stroke is affected by the simultaneous explosion of a bomb may play another ball from the same place. Penalty one stroke.

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