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Raising Revenue—The Membership Committee

At the spring general meeting, club members and the board explored ways to raise club revenue in these difficult times. Out of this discussion was formed the Membership Committee.

The Membership Committee is working hard on ways to both increase club membership and raise public awareness of what a great golf club we have. They solicited suggestions from the club membership.

In early June, they proposed over a dozen suggestions to the Board of Trustees—some simple and easily implemented at no cost, others more complex. The Trustees approved many of these ideas and continue to study the others.

The committee has begun implementing this first round of ideas, ranging from seven-days-a-week twilight hours to publicity and deals for vacationers to an expanded website ([click here](#)) to this newsletter.

Thanks to all who responded to the initial email.

Please keep those ideas coming. As the song says, "We've only just begun!"

Hot Deals

Initiation Fees Waived... for Now. Don't forget that the Board of Trustees previously waived—for this year only—the initiation fee for becoming a new member of the LIGC... so if you know someone who has been on the fence about joining, now's the time to jump.

6-for-5 Punch Cards. Punch cards are now available for vacationers—and others—who play multiple rounds in a limited period. These \$99 cards are good for three months. They entitle purchasers to play six 9-hole rounds for less than the price of five. For an additional \$5 per round, they can play a full 18 holes. Tell your friends who aren't members.

Twilight golf has been extended to an every-day bargain: \$15 after 4:00 PM.

Member Guest Passes. You, as a member, can now bring a guest to play, free of charge, a Men's, Ladies or Twilight outing and introduce them to the club. Only one time per guest, please!

Success Stories

Recent Tournament Winners

April Ace: Dodie Schiessl and Joe Reynolds

May Ace: Lynn Hall and Bill Gregory

June Ace: Rita O'Boyle and Dennis Mattson

McConaghy: Jackie Worobec and Marc Zener

President's Cup, Men:

- 1st Place: Jim Montgomery with a score of 120
- 2nd Place: Bill Gregory with a 114
- 3rd Place: Marc Zener with 112.

President's Cup, Women:

- 1st Place: Lynn Hall with a 111
- 2nd Place: Rita O'Boyle, 109
- 3rd Place: Chris Bangsund, 103

Spring Ringer, Men: (tie) Gary Blair, Rob Nou, net score 56.5

Spring Ringer, Women: Rita O'Boyle

Holes-in-One

June: Larry Whitney, on #17.

Upcoming Tournaments and Events

Tournaments

The Fall Ringer begins.

Men's Pilon/Ladies Lott Tourney begins. This is also called match play... a fun one where the participants can decide which day to play.

Twilight Golf

The hosts of each evening decide what type of format to play, with the goal of having fun and making everyone feel comfortable. We'd appreciate hearing your suggestions.

The Twilights for July are Friday July 16 and Sunday July 25. Both tee off at 4:00 PM. Sign up in advance on the forms in the clubhouse.

Other Events

The Rack and Bric-à-Brac" Sale is Saturday, July 10. It starts at 8:30 AM and runs until 2:30 PM. Members may donate good-quality household items and clothing at the clubhouse through July 5. This event is a fundraiser for the Women's Golf Association. Contact Dodie at 468-4880 with questions about donations.

At the same time, there will be a "Car Boot" Sale in the club parking lot that day. (The "boot," you may recall if you read John le Carré or Agatha Christie, is what they call a car trunk across the Pond.) Members wanting to sell goods from their boot – er, car trunk – may rent a spot for \$25.00. Contact Rita at 468-2813.

Rules Tip

The out of bounds stakes on #1/10 have been removed from the ditch. The road now determines out of bounds. Play the ditch as rough.

In Other News...

New Members

The Board approved five new members in June: **Agnes McGovern, Robert Dunn, Steve Unruh, Gary Hall,** and **John Moore.** Let's all make them feel welcome, on the course and as part of the life of the golf club.

Workday

Don't forget workday is the last Wednesday of every month from 9:00 AM to noon. The course is closed during those hours, and members do various jobs around the course and

clubhouse. Lunch was served by Dodie Schiessl and Sue Cook on the June 30 workday.

Lopez High Graduation

At the Lopez High School graduation ceremony on June 12th, the LIGC presented a one-year (non-voting) membership to the four graduating seniors who were part of the golf team. Congratulations to all of them.

We encourage them to come out and play... and to renew with Junior Memberships next year.



President's Note

The Lopez Island Golf Club, located in the heart of the "Friendly Isle," offers a unique golfing experience for all levels of golfers, from beginners to single-digit handicappers. The course is owned by the members, who do much of the work of the club on a volunteer basis. Although the course is privately owned, it's open to the public except on days that a Club function is scheduled. The friendly, comfortable pace of the island is evident on the course where a player has the luxury of playing at his/her own pace surrounded by lush forests and the glacier tipped Olympic Mountains to the south. You may find yourself sharing the course with deer, eagles, and an occasional wild turkey.

You can fly in (the Lopez airport is our neighbor), boat in, ferry in, or bike in. Rental equipment is available along with soft drinks and light snacks. The course is always open, and the clubhouse is staffed during the summer season from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

We enjoy sharing the ambiance of our club and hope to see you on the course soon!

New Website

We have a new club website; check it out at <http://lopezislandgolf.com>.

All suggestions are welcome – improvements, new or missing content, even pictures. A website is a growing, living representation of the organization; please send ideas to Chris Bangsund at ideas@lopezislandgolf.com.





Golf Clinic News

Five women are currently having fun putting, chipping, and pitching on the club practice area from 5:30 to 7:00PM Mondays. These clinics are followed by drinks, snacks, and good conversation. There's a nominal fee of \$20.

Club volunteer teachers are giving the three-session clinic. Steve Bryson is taking the lead, most ably assisted by Bob Hall and Pat Goodfellow.

A new series of Ladies and/or Men's Beginner Golf Clinics will begin on Monday evenings when we get a minimum of four to sign up with Sally, our clubhouse manager extraordinaire; call to register at 468-2679.

What other specific clinic(s) would you like?

Also, if you'd like to help with instruction, please contact Bob Hall.



Twilight Golf Report

June 11: The Whitneys and the Halls hosted this event, and a fun one it was! It was staged poker-run style, so no one knew which team member's ball would be used until they reached the hole.

There was a tie for first, but Marc Zener, Nancy Lynch, and Marcia Sullivan won out. Second was the team of Larry Whitney, Rita O'Boyle, and Carol Gregory. Meanwhile, the Longest Putt turned out to be a family affair, with Brian Lynch at 12'8" and Nancy Lynch nailing one from 7'6".

June 27: The event was hosted by Margie Zener, Lynne Addington, and Chris Bangsund in taco-bar style. Good food, good friends, and some good golf describes the evening, which concluded – it was a taco bar, after all – with KP by Ron Metcalf and Sue Crockett.

In first place with the low net score were (left to right) Miki Straughan, Kendall Quad, Ed Carpenter, and Mary Brown.



The longest drives were crushed by Rita O'Boyle (left) and Lynn Hall among the women, with Dick Bangsund outdriving the other men.

The Fewest Putts per Team award was holed by Dick Bangsund, Carol Gregory, Beth Hughes, and Marc Zener, below.



Please remember to sign up prior to a Twilight outing on the sheets in the clubhouse.

Request: Twilight is already a lot of fun, but we're looking for suggestions to make it even more fun, especially for higher-handicap or novice golfers to whom even a fun contest is a scary thought. Send your ideas to Steve Bryson.

Happenings and Hot Dogs

Chefs Bangsund and Zener have been cooking hot dogs after Thursday's men's golf.

There's a rumor that the Food Channel is interested in filming a special on the event, but we're confident that the rumor is unfounded.

The hot dogs are real, though, so come on out and try them!



The fearless KP crew of the Taco Bar Twilight.



Rental Clubs

Our rental clubs are looking a bit worse for wear. Actually, most of them were last current when Ben Hogan was still playing. If you've upgraded your clubs lately, we would very much welcome the donation of your previous set, either with or without the bag.

We do have two or three pretty good **junior-player** sets, which sets us apart from many clubs. What a great opportunity to teach the next generation the joy (and the occasional frustration) of golf, especially if you have guests or friends coming from off-island.

Member/Offspring Tournament

The official **Member/Offspring** event scheduled for June 19th was canceled due to insufficient entries. The cancellation didn't stop a group of members and their offspring from meeting and golfing together on the tournament day.

Offspring who have participated in past years have formed friendships, and they look forward to seeing one another each year.

A good time was had by all, and the spirit of the event, if not the total substance, was carried on for another year.



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