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Annual Membership Meeting: October 4th 7pm

It's that time of year again. October 4th marks the second of our two annual meetings, and elections for the Board of Trustees positions. This year we need to fill five positions, two of which were vacated early and therefore will be one-year terms. The other three are two-year terms.

Inside, you'll get to meet the candidates and learn a little bit about them.

King and Queen Tournament Summary

September 12th was a wet and miserable day, but everyone showed up for the 9:00 am start not wanting to disappoint their partner. At the turn, it was still drizzling, and a few gave up on their current gloves and bought new ones. By 2:30 all the groups were in, and thank goodness there wasn't a need for a playoff because players immediately headed home for a spot by the wood stove.

The winners were announced and crowned at the Awards Ceremony that evening. See inside for details and a picture of the new LIGC royalty on their elegant wicker thrones.

Tournament Results: September Ace

Women: Mary Brown

Men: Rob Nou

Fall Ringer

Women: Sue Crockett

Men: Tom Cowan

Awards Banquet September 12th

Each year the President of the club is responsible for organizing this event. This year Diane had help of the entire Board of Trustees. Rita O'Boyle cooked a fabulous meal with the rest of the Board setting, serving or cleaning. .



Our clubhouse manager Sally Moore, her husband John Moore, and Jewels Bryson helped Rita dish up the meal. It was elegant and fabulous. Thanks to all the Trustees and their helpers!



Prior to the meal we crowned our royalty. Our new king and queen are Rob Nou and Mary Brown, robed in their regal finery in the photo below. Rob shot his best game ever, and Mary did well also.



Then came the Hole in One contest. Each member who made a Hole in One during the year teed off on hole #1 to see who would become the Ultimate Hole in One'r for the year. So there they were, Steve Bryson, Larry Whitney, and – standing in for Jimmy Gouge – Mike Porter. How close could they come to doing it again?



Well, it wasn't pretty! With the crowd watching (pictured above), Steve Bryson's ball found not the green but the gravel, a/k/a the airport parking lot. For Mike Porter... we never did see where his ball ended up; reportedly, the forecaddies were ducking behind the tree. Last but not least, Larry (left) reached the green. Congratulations, Larry; you are the Ultimate!

The rest of the awards came after we ate and drank and laughed... except Marc Zener, who kept getting up to accept awards – five in all, more than anyone else. The other two awards not previously announced were:

Russ Storm: An accumulation of points for the year's events. The award goes to Twanette Porter and Marc Zener, shown at left.



Most Improved: The greatest current-year change in Handicap Index – lower, not higher! This year's winners were Lynne Addington and Marc Zener

Ladies Luncheon September 7th

September 7th marked the final day of the Fall Ringer and September Ace tournament. It was a foggy cool day, but the ladies endured knowing that there would be a fabulous meal awaiting them.

Ed Gutkowski was chef extraordinaire for the Ladies Day Luncheon this year, assisted by his trusty team of Geoff Coiley and Jim Montgomery. The ladies were able to dine on a wonderful meal. Many, many thanks to Ed, Geoff, and Jim.



The Ladies had a business meeting and elected new officers. Nancy Lynch will be next year's President, with Jeanne Budlong as Secretary/Treasurer.

Deepest thanks to Dodie Schiessl and Margie Zener for doing those roles for the last two years and Jackie Worobec for the past year.

Men's Final Hot Dog Event September 9th

Dick and Marc surprised the guys with a bit of a change. Instead of the boiled hot dogs, they grilled burgers with all the trimmings free of charge. It was their way of saying thanks for supporting them all year. .

Horse Race: September 19th

And they're off!!! In the rain, again.... What is with this weather! All the horses made the first hole with no penalties, as you can see in the picture below. We even had a horse-birdie on the hole, the only birdie all day. Clubhouse manager Sally Moore hit her tee shot to about three feet. John waited patiently while all the other horses laboriously cantered to the green before sinking the putt. Way to go John and Sally!



The horses rounded the turn to #2, and the penalties began with one into the airport. Down the stretch, and #3 say five balls find the pond. Good thing we don't start eliminating horses until #4. Beth had her hands full whipping those horses back so they didn't get ahead of the field, and Dennis was in "do as I say" mode. The sun actually came out for a while, but with only three horses left on the ninth hole, it started pouring again. With the mud flying, Pat Goodfellow and John Strathman's horse took the win, Diane Robertson and Ron Metcalf placed, and Marc and Margie Zener took the show spot.

Next year Brian and Nancy Lynch will be our ringmasters.

See more pictures on p. 5.

L to R: Show Team: Marc and Margie Zener; Win Team: Pat Goodfellow and John Strathman; Place Team: Diane Robertson and Ron Metcalf.



Candidates for the Board of Trustees



Joyce Kruithof retired in June from Edmonds Community College, where she had worked since 1978. She retired as department head of Adult Basic Education ESL. Among her many credits, she taught for nine years in Japan.

Joyce loves to golf, read and garden and is looking forward to doing more of each. She currently is on the Board of the Whiskey Hill Home Owners Association.

She and Bob have been members for several years and is a familiar face at the course, always willing to lend a helpful hand. She's the Co-Chair of Tuesday Ladies Day.

Dodie Schiessl and husband Herb first discovered and bought property on Lopez in 1982. They spent the first 14 years as summer people and made Lopez their permanent home in 1998.

She holds a degree in Statistics and Business and has worked in both fields. She enjoys a variety of outdoor sports including golf, hiking, skiing and snorkeling. On Lopez, she is an alternate volunteer for the Thrift Shop, helped out with the Community Center when it was first opened, was head of a fund raiser for Hospice, and spent the last two years serving as President of the Ladies Golf Association.

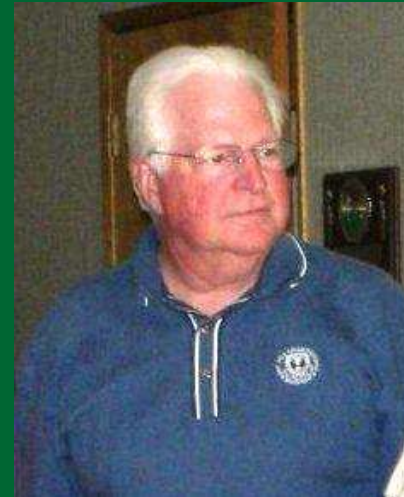
She is currently serving on the Membership Committee for the golf club.



Ian Lange and his wife Joann have been members of the golf course since 1996.

His first visit to Lopez was in 1977, when he bicycled with a group all the way from Missoula MT. It took them six or seven days, about 80 miles a day. He and Joann soon became property owners on Lopez.

Ian is a Professor of Geology at the University of Montana. He thought he had retired but will be teaching there again this fall. He is an avid hiker and climber. He has been very active in "The Thrift Shop" as well as a helper for the Home Tour and a fundraiser for the Lopez Community Center. Ian states that he has never won the "Club Championship", but there 's still time.



Jim Pinkham has been on Lopez since 1945, when his parents bought property. He spent summers here as a child, and made Lopez his principal home since he retired. Jim and Sue's home is on a large farm with orchards, sheep, and gardens. Early October is their annual 'Apple Cider' fest, an entire day of pressing apples from their farm.

Jim grew up in Seattle and went to Garfield High. He was an orthopaedic surgeon with the Everett Clinic for his career.

He took up golf 10 years ago at Sue's invitation. You'll see him at most Golf Course workdays, and he participates in many club events. Jim and Sue are avid Husky fans and have season tickets; if it's a fall day with a home game, chances are you won't see them on the golf course.



Steven Levy has been a member of the golf club for three years. He is active on the Membership Committee, built and maintains the LopezIslandGolf.com website, produces the newsletter, and solves club computer problems.

He first visited Lopez a dozen years ago and fell in love with our island. He and his wife own a home – only a driver plus a three-metal distance from the second tee – to which they plan to retire some day. He currently divides his time between Seattle and Lopez. A business leader who spent a decade and a half at Microsoft, he is now an author, consultant, and teacher of project management.

Rules Tip

Did you know that you cannot ground your club head in a bunker prior the shot, nor can you touch the sand with a practice swing? Okay, so most people know that. But did you know that doing such incurs 2 penalty strokes?.

Darren's Tip From the Pro

Putting Tip

Wanna be a good putter? Here are some basic fundamentals you should be practicing.

- ✓ Get a putter with a very distinct line marked on it to indicate the target line and practice with a chalk line. You can get a chalk line at any hardware store for 5 or 6 bucks, and it's as valuable a training aid as there is anywhere. Find a putt on the practice green that is straight. Snap a chalk line down from about 5 or 6 feet to the middle of the cup. Make sure that **the entire length of the line** on your putter is **exactly** on the chalk line. Start making putts. This will train your eyes to "see square" precisely.
- ✓ Keep your the pressure in your hands soft and constant throughout the stroke. Sensitivity is obviously a huge part of putting. If your hands are tight on the grip you are diminishing your sensitivity - period. Also, if your grip pressure changes during the stroke, it's probably not "a stroke" but more likely a jab, flinch, spasm, push, hit ... well, you get the point - good luck with that kind of technique.
- ✓ There is no independent action in the hands. Nothing could be more logical: If you do indeed have the putter face aligned precisely, as in the first point above, the last thing you'd want to do is to change the position of the face. Therefore, your hands should not be moving independently of your arms and shoulders. To see if your hands are moving, as a drill try watching your hands very carefully (instead of the ball) a few times. You'll see what your hands are doing quite easily.

There are many more (seemingly endless) details about putting, of course, but if you turn these fundamental concepts into habits it will take you a long way toward being a consistently good putter.

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Gladys's 90th

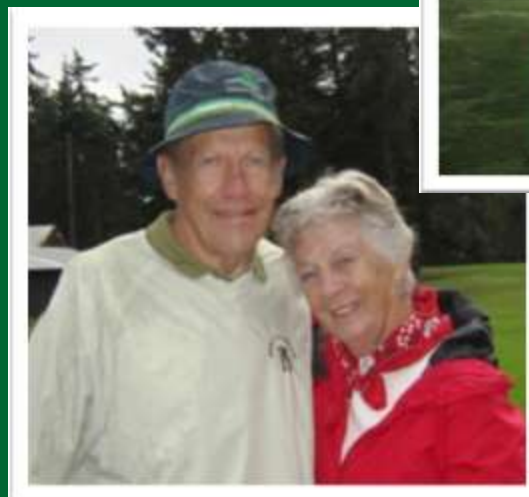
Most of you know Gladys Shipley as Mom to Myrna and Dennis Mattson.

She has been a member of the Lopez Island Golf Club for many years. She celebrated her 90th birthday a few weeks ago.

Take a look at what we caught her doing just before the horse race!



More Pix We Couldn't Resist



From top: The King and Queen of rain; Horse Race ringmasters Beth Hughes and Dennis Mattson; Horse Race winners John Strathman and Pat Goodfellow.

Golfism

If you think it's hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball.

- Jack Lemmon

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