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Help! We Need Some Stuff!

The Golf Club really needs your help with donations of a few items.

- **Large flat-screen TV (e.g., 50" diagonal).** The old projection TV in the clubhouse has pretty much made its last putt. For 2011, we'd like to make the clubhouse more enjoyable as a place to hang out – and more attractive to both rental guests and visitors. We can get a great deal on satellite TV including the Golf Channel for the warmer months (see the picture above if you're already having trouble remembering the idea of warmer months). New ones are going for around \$500, so if you are replacing your old one with the newest model....
- **Golf clubs and sets:** Our current rental clubs are almost persimmon-driver vintage. We have opportunities to gain some revenue via club rental... but we need better clubs to do so. In addition, we're increasing the number of clinics and learn-to-golf opportunities, which also draw on our clubs. If you have replaced your old clubs with a new set – and who doesn't need an adjustable driver and spiffy new putter, after all? – please consider donating your old set to the club. We can even use single clubs that you've replaced. Drivers and putters are standalone clubs in most sets anyway, and even a few graphite-shafted hybrids and irons would improve our collection significantly.

In Memoriam: Greg Starkman

Many of you who have spent time at the golf course over the last several years know Greg Starkman. He was an integral part of the club, not only serving as a Trustee for a number of years but also going far beyond that with all the work he put in. Greg passed away on Thursday October 21 at home. He will truly be missed by all members of the golf club.

Please keep the family in your thoughts.

New Members

We have three new members this month: Ray Ellener and Scott and Lori Honeywell. Let's make them feel welcome!

Note From the Club President

As the longest standing member on the Board, I was elected President for the coming year.

I would like to commend the outgoing members for their dedication during their tenure. Just to mention, four years for Pat and Mary is no small contribution.

We look forward to a good year driven by an enthusiastic energy to continue the club's goals. The various committees headed by a board member will be seeking your participation. I encourage you to contact Dodie, Steve L, Steve B, Joyce, Jim, Ian or myself to offer your support. Together we make membership worth a million!

Keep golfing,

Rita



Membership Committee Update

The Membership Committee continues to forge forward seeking more exposure for our golf club. We just submitted Lopez Golf for the 2011 Birdie Book, which is distributed to more than 3,500 Pacific Northwest golfers by Puetz Golf. We have included an "in-season" and an "off-season" discount coupon in hopes of attracting golfers to our beautiful island and our course.

Check out the new postering at the Lopez Village Market. "Give the Gift of Golf" this Holiday, enabling individuals to take advantage of the last months of the No Initiation Fee special.

Looking further forward, we'd like to become an active part of the Tour de Lopez experience. We're planning an open golf tournament on Friday April 29th, and we may also be a Chamber of Commerce organized rest stop for the Tour itself that Saturday.

We also are in contact with the Lopez Island Family Resource Center to participate in their 2011 Summer Workshop schedule. Our plan is to have a three-day beginning-golf workshop for ages eight to adult.

Again, we'd like to thank you all for your input and want you to know that we keep working diligently on your behalf.

Initiation Fee... Not! (But Not For Long....)

Don't forget! There are only two months left in our "No Initiation Fee" 2010 special. The Board is planning to terminate the offer the moment the Space Needle's New Year fireworks begin. Tell your golfing friends!



Darren's Tip From the Pro

Wood Game Tip

Many people complain about not being able to hit the ball well with their woods (or metals), and in particular their driver. From what I've seen, poor quality contact is a major problem for many of these players.

Put a tee in the ground (without a ball) sticking up approximately 1 to 1.5 inches. You should be able to strike the tee consistently without hitting, or even brushing, the ground at all. If you miss the tee, or touch the ground in any way, don't wonder any longer why you can't hit your driver. Remember -- the longer the club, the more precision required. Practice this exercise until you can consistently clip the tee without touching the ground (or even the grass).

Once you get quality contact handled, the feedback you get from your shots becomes meaningful. Then you can work on directional control.

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GHIN (Handicap) Information

Remember, you will be able to post your Lopez Golf Scores only until Nov 14th 2010. The GHIN system will reopen March 1st, 2011.

Get ready, though; as with most things, the price for GHIN Handicap is going up. It will rise \$3 in 2011, to \$28 per person.

Upcoming Events: Mark These Dates on Your Calendar

November 12th and 13th: Members Arts and Crafts Expo

We have some incredibly artistic members, so come and celebrate with us.

- Friday the 12th, opening party 5:30 pm.
- Saturday the 13th, coffee and cake 10 am to 2 pm.

It's not too late to sign up to either display your wares or have items for sale. Contact Rita at 468-2813.

December 4th: Holiday Party at the Club, 5 pm

Heavy appetizers and desserts will be provided by Margie and Chris. There's a White Elephant Gift Exchange, along with golf games!

Members are welcome to bring a friend. Stay tuned for specifics

December 7th: Ladies Christmas Luncheon, Noon at the Clubhouse

We'll play nine holes @ 10 am if the weather permits.

Cost: \$15 per person, includes lunch and wine.

All lady members and their guests are welcome. Please join us.

Golfism

My favorite shots are the practice swing and the conceded putt. The rest can never be mastered..

- Lord Robinson

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Rules Tip: On the Putting Green

While on the putting green, the line of the putt must not be touched, except the player may place the club in front of the ball when addressing it provided you do not press anything down. Rule 16-1a. Breach of this rule in stroke play, two strokes; in match play, loss of the hole.

