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Note From the President

Despite the soggiess that prevails underfoot, thoughts and energies are now in action to assure the best golf season for all.

The greens, membership, finance, and social committees are up and functioning, each headed by board members. Once the season gets going, the Golf committee, headed by Steven Levy, will be in full swing ,and we will be hearing from the building committee headed by Ian and Jim.

I continue to thank all these committee members for their recommendations and continued attention to all the details bringing value not only to our membership but also to our golfing public. We have a golf club and course to be proud of.

Here's to an exciting year for everyone who loves to participate in the game.

Cheers,

Rita

Dues Are Due!

Don't forget to pay your dues this month. The club continues on a tight budget, so please get those dues in promptly. Due date is February 15th.

In case of financial hardship, please contact Rita O'Boyle ASAP at rto@rockisland.com.

We look forward to your continuing membership in the club.

Clubhouse Maintenance

The New Roof

As you can see from picture on the front page of this issue, Larry Prewitt and his team have been hard at work on the clubhouse roof. It will be so nice to have that done and be rid of the leaks! Thanks so much, Larry.

Cleaning the Kitchen: January 18th

The ladies did a little spring house cleaning early this year. The clubhouse kitchen has been revamped. All the drawers are cleaned out and rearranged. Check it out next time you're at the clubhouse.



Club Maintenance

Isn't now the perfect time to get those clubs all shined up and ready for spring?

Check those grips for wear and tear. They will become hard and glossy with age, leading to slippage during your swing. Then check out those shafts for any damage or peeling of the finish. Then of course check the heads for damage. It is also a good time to examine those heads for wear patterns; perhaps you're hitting too often off the toe or the heel. It's also a good time to evaluate those idiosyncrasies in your swing pattern that may show up on the clubhead. Here's a good link for club care: <http://www.golf-digestonia.com/clubs/golfclubcare.htm>.

Upcoming Events

Dogs 'n' S'mores: February 20th, 2PM Tee-Off Time

It's our 1st annual midwinter nine-hole scramble twilight event, so bring your friends.

We're got a special invitation to the public for this one. Let's see how many people we can turn on to our club and course! We will grill hot dogs on the BBQ pit, have a big pot of chili and baked beans, and a salad or two... and of course provide fixin's for the s'mores. You get to roast them over the fire just the way you like them.

\$10 members/\$20 non-members for golf and grub. Contacts:

Margie: zener@rockisland.com (468-2756)

Chris: chris.bangsund@lopezislandgolf.com (468-2502).

Committee Reports

Social Committee

A big *thank you* to the many volunteers who have agreed to coordinate events for our 2011 golfing season. Check out the event calendar on our web site, LopezIslandGolf.com, to get a preview of our social calendar.

In order to save paper and postage, you will not be receiving a paper schedule of events this year. Keep in mind that the calendar is fluid and will be updated frequently as events get fleshed out.

Most of our Tournaments and Twilight Scrambles already have designated hosts, but we still need help with the Work Day lunches on July 27, August 31, September 28, and October 26. Please contact me at 468-4992 or jkruthof@rockisland.com if you can help. Thank you.

Joyce Kruithof, Social Committee Chair

Greens Committee

Johnny has finished rebuilding both the gang mower and the greens mower and has started on the collar mower.

The greens mower has been completely rebuilt with a new 18hp engine, new brakes, and paint job. It is now in use. The gang mower will be our new main fairway mower, cutting a wider path and saving us labor costs as well as providing us with a very nice cut on our fairways. The collar mower used for tee boxes, collars, and aprons is now being rebuilt with a new engine, brakes, and paint job as well as some body work. This work is planned for completion by early March.

We are on budget with our projections and our greens committee is pleased with the progress.

Steve Bryson, Greens Committee Chair

Golfism

If there's a storm rolling in, you'll be having the game of your life... guaranteed!

Soggy Bottom Tournament January 30th

What a fabulous event and a great fund raiser for Lopez Hospice! We raised over \$1500 with 37 participants and a number of raffles with items donated by local businesses.

Jeff Nichols of the Galley Restaurant provided brunch at the club prior to the event, and we all met at the Galley afterwards for the awards (pictures on next page). It was a gorgeous day although a bit cold, but we were so glad the tournament didn't live up to its name.

Thanks to Vaughan Williams and Ronnie Lopez for organizing the event. It took many hours to pull this all together, and both the participants and the Hospice are thankful for your efforts. A special mention must also be given to the two biggest business donors, the Galley Restaurant and Sunset Builders Supply.

The winners :

1st place: Jerry Aaron, Jeff Vigna, Chico and Dan Currier

Driving KP Hole #1: Esa Turunen

Putting KP Hole #13: Josh Ratza. In fact, it wasn't really a KP because he made a Hole in One! Way to go, Josh!

Chipping KP Hole #17 (out of the woods): Jeff Vigna. (Hmmm.... That's twice now we've heard his name. He's not a member; can someone track him down and sign him up?)

Longest Drive #15: Men: Donny Poole. Women: Chris Bangsund

Congratulations to all the winners, and thanks to all who participated!





Long Drive Winners: Chris Bangsund, Donny Poole .

First Place and Chipping: Jeff Vigna

Lowest Score: Jerry Aaron, Jeff Vigna, Chico Currier, Dan Currier (left to right)

Soggy Bottom Pictures

Celebrating at the Galley Tavern



KP Putting, Josh Ratza (left); KP Drive, Esa Turunen (right)



Ladies Bowling: January 25th

Since the weather has been a little rough for golf the last couple of months, the ladies decided to try their hands at a different sport. A group of nine ladies headed over to San Juan Island for lunch followed by a fun day of bowling.

We are happy to say that there were no injuries on the lanes, and there was only one ball that went backwards instead of forward (we won't mention that it was Pat Goodfellow's ball). The hot bowler was Judy Hill with a high game of 159 followed by Margie Zener with a 143, Dore Aitken with a 126 and Joyce Kruithof with a 102.

A fun day was had by all but we don't think any of us would give up golf for bowling.



Help Wanted

Experienced housekeeper needed to clean clubhouse four hours each month starting April and ending October. Position open to both members and nonmembers. Thanks to the Ladies Association who are funding this job.

Contact Dodie Schiessl at wave@rockisland.com or 468-4880.

Ladies Bridge

Our ladies group continues to keep busy with bridge on Monday mornings, rotating from house to house. Nothing like a little social bridge with good company to keep the mind sharp. (In the picture at right, note the amount of space and "stuff" devoted to food vs. that for the actual game.)



Men's Day

Ok, fellas... the women are putting you to shame!

Has anyone signed up to take over the duties that Dennis Mattson did for so many years? Come on, get with it.

And here's another proposition for you. Hot Dog Thursdays. You liked them, right? Marc and Dick are sick of waiting till the last group is in, soooo... how about you guys all chipping in and buying a hot dog machine? A good one is about \$300. Fifteen bucks apiece, 20 guys, and you have it. Margie and Chris will even throw in chili or potato salad or something once in a while. You put the dogs on before you head out, and the last group cleans the machine (which might make for faster play). Marc will pick up the dogs and buns. Sounds like a great deal, right? Commit your \$15 by emailing Chris and we'll git 'er done!



Rules Tip:

Marking Your Ball on the Green

If someone marks your ball on the putting green, that person must be the one to replace the ball.

If it is replaced by anyone other than the person who marked the ball, the player of the ball incurs one penalty stroke under Rule 20.6 if the error has not been corrected prior to play.

Welcome to 2010 New Members

Welcome, welcome, welcome! Sixteen individuals took advantage of the deal of the century, the "2010 No Initiation Fee" special. Some are returning to us, and some are brand new. We are so glad you chose to join us. The fun starts soon.

June: Robert Dunn, John Moore, Steve Unruh, Agnes Govern, Gary Hall, Sharon and Dick Dicker

July: Richard Lea, Anthony Simpson, Thomas Jenks, Ruth Klein

Aug: Dan Currier

Oct: Ray Ellener, Lori and Scott Honeywell

Dec: Russell Nash

A Great Big Thank You!

A great big thank you to Tom and Tammy Cowan for their donation of a set each of men's and ladies' clubs. They are great graphite clubs and make a tremendous addition to our club rentals.

Which means... they must have gotten new clubs themselves, so watch out for their improved play this upcoming season!

But We Still Need....

Well, none of you must have gotten that new improved television during the holiday season.

Our **wish list** is still topped by a large flat screen TV. What better way to while away the winter hours by watching PGA and LPGA tournaments with your friends at the club, in addition to next year's Superbowl (with the Seahawks? Well...) and college bowl games (with the Huskies!).

(And if someone wanted to go all out, David Ledbetter sells an interactive instructional "game" for the Wii system that tracks your swing... and gets it untracked.)

So look for a few raffles to support our wish list this year.

Best Deal Around

Even though the initiation fee is back in effect, joining the LIGC is still a **great** deal. Where else can you play all the golf you want for \$400 + tax a year?

Tell your friends to come on out and join us.

Did You Know...

Here's a tip that might help you choose the correct club this winter.

For every 10 temperature degrees below 80, you lose 10 yards of distance.



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