

CHIPSHOTS

The Lopez Island Golf Club Newsletter

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Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye....the 2011 season has officially started! Wipe those cob webs off your clubs, start doing your stretching exercises and come on out!

TOURNAMENT FEES



Don't forget that in order to enter all the tournaments, your Ghin fee of \$28 along with a \$30 Compete Tournament fee has to be paid. You can also just enter individual tournaments and those fees vary. Contact Chris Bangsund or Bob Gerfy.

GOLF TIP: *As our season gets under way, here's a link for you to review your golf etiquette.*

<http://www.usga.org/etiquette/tips/Golf-Etiquette-101/>



ALL Events Are Posted On Our Website

<http://lopezislandgolf.com/>

Get used to going there!!!! We are trying to 'go green' and will NOT be sending out paper schedules of events this year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May is upon us and **WOW** do we have an action-packed month of golf for you. Remember to check out the **EVENTS CALENDAR** in the **DIRECTORY** on the **WEBSITE** for specifics on all the events.

<http://lopezislandgolf.com/>

You will hear me say that often, hoping that checking the website will become habit-forming for you. Here's a quick rundown:

ACE: The first week of the month

Business League: May 4th 5:30 pm (and subsequent 1st Wednesdays of each month through September)

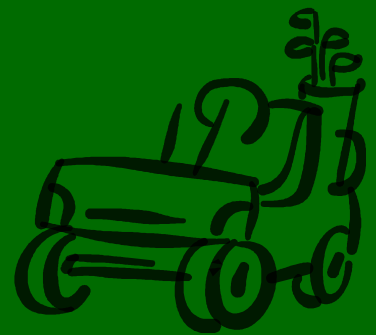
Twilight Golf: May 6th 4 pm Pink Ball / Galley Catered

Senior Services Tournament: May 14th 1 pm

McConaghy: 3 rounds on the last three weeks of May

Twilight Golf & New Member Party: May 21st 4 pm

General Membership Meeting: May 22nd 4pm



Business League Begins

Build your own **DREAM TEAM!**

May 4th, June 1st, July 6th, August 3rd, Sept 7th

Registration: 5 pm Tee Times: 5:30

Entrance Fee: \$5 / player

Greens Fee: \$15 Non-Members

Put your Dream Foursome together, find a business or Organization to represent.

Contacts:

Margie 468-2756

Vaughan 468-2922

Wednesday Evenings



LOPEZ SENIOR SERVICES GOLF TOURNAMENT MAY 14th 1pm

This annual event is essential in helping our local Seniors with the operating budget for Woodmen Hall. This is an 18 hole event with hot dogs at the turn and heavy appetizers & prizes following. Entry fee is \$50.

Islanders Bank is the major contributor to this event; however, the Seniors ask other businesses to sponsor each hole for \$25. So if your business has a publicity budget.....

Attendance was down last year, so let's get out there and show our support. Talk this tournament up with your non-member golfing friends! The Seniors support our Club in so many ways, it's time for us to support them! Contact: Carl Bender 468-3901 or

benderc@rockisland.com



PGA Professional Golf Lessons - Steve Nightingale

Mondays May 2nd/May 16th Members or Non- Members

Private, Semi Private, Ladies Group or Open Clinic

Noon—Six 1 to 1 1/2 hr sessions Prices Range from \$20-\$50 pp

Call Sally at the Clubhouse Friday-Monday 9-3 468-2679

Here's a fun golf game to test your knowledge. Just highlight, copy and paste into your web browser:

<http://www.cincinnati.com/golf/golfquiz/html/brand.htm>

Workdays

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Don't forget the last Wednesday of each month from 9-12 followed by a great lunch! We've had 2 so far. Our great volunteer work force is what keeps our dues lower than most clubs. Here's a shot of March's weary group. What a

better way to end a morning of camaraderie and work than to enjoy a gourmet lunch provided by Ed Gutkowski & Ole Snoer!



JUNIOR GOLF CLINICS



Thanks to Bob Gerfy for heading up and reviving the **LVM Sponsored Junior Golf Clinic** this year. Steve PGA Professional Head many times in the past. Juniors who participated was split between the first



Nightingale was again the Instructor as he has been so. There were a total of 31 in the 4 day event which two weekends in April.

Others that were instrumental in making this a successful event were Richard Tetu, Eric Russ, Gary Blair, Joyce Kruithof and Marc & Margie Zener.





Spring Ringer has Started
*But it's not too late to pay your money
and join in the competition!*

APRIL 17TH TWILIGHT EVENT

The first twilight of the season started off with a bang! It was a gorgeous day amid so many rainy ones. Sponsored by Beth Hughes and Pat Goodfellow, they decorated with lovely Spring flowers and col-



ored golf ball Easter Baskets. These items were auctioned off and brought in \$30 for the discretionary fund of the club. Twenty-eight participants enjoyed the 9 hole step aside scramble. Scores came in as low as 31....6 under par. But hold on, we did skip hole #3 (a par 4) because of the

soggy turf. Still, a darn good score. The winners with the 31 were Eric Russ, Nancy Lynch, Kendal Quaid & Deanna Carpenter. Congratulations for a fine display so early in the season!

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

DAN LEYDE

SPECIAL FEATURE

While you were gone....

Johnny Knopson has been very busy rebuilding our golf course equipment. As you know our machines have aged and our trustees have been struggling with how to replace them. **Well, HERE'S JOHNNY!** He tore into three of those machines and rebuilt them to near new condition –so much so that the manufacturers of those companies are planning to feature him in one of their own newsletters! Here's a rundown of what he's done:



THE 5 REEL GANG MOWER had been relegated to the bushes for the last 10 years. Johnny rebuilt all 10 gear boxes, replaced all the bearings, bushings, gears & reels and bed knives. Our fairways will have a precision cut this year and take some of the heat off of our older 5100 mower. Johnny took the Gang Mower from scrap to a worth of \$18K with only \$3200 in parts.

THE GM3100 also has been rebuilt with a new motor, bushings, bearings, bed knives, hydraulic fittings & hoses and new brakes which brought it up to OSHA standards. The hydraulics were reworked and tested to bring it from a sub-par 2000 psi to the appropriate 3200 psi. What that means for you is smoother and faster greens....so get ready! The grass will now be “shorn instead of torn”! The condition of this machine was brought from \$2K value to \$18-22K with only \$3500 investment in parts.

THE GM3000 was the final unit to be rebuilt this winter, and oh what a job that was. Because of our corrosive environment with the salt fertilizers, our equipment takes a beating. This machine was a “rust bucket”, Johnny said, “and was just short of using it for parts only”. But he stripped it, primed and painted it and replaced parts. It too got a new motor, brakes and replaced much of the same things as the 3100. This machine is a multipurpose machine doing verti-cutting, collars, aprons and tee boxes. We spent \$4200 in parts and now have a machine worth \$15-\$18K.

Johnny hopes that next winter we will have the budget to restore **THE 5100 REEL MASTER** which is very aged. If that can be accomplished we will then have a fleet of equipment that, with proper maintenance, will last us another 10 to 20 years.

THANKS JOHNNY for all your care and hard work. His comment in jest was, “With a sledge hammer and a cigarette, I can fix most anything”.



LOBO GOLF TEAM

Puetz Birdie
Book

We're in it!

*Circulation
of 3500 this
year.*

Check it out

Just in case you haven't been out on Thursday afternoons 2:30-5, our High School Golf Team has been giving it their all in matches with other schools. Coach Tetu has 24 members this year...9 ladies and 15 gentlemen. Some are returning but many are brand new to golf.



Feel free to go out and give them your support, but try to be a little inconspicuous.... remember how nervous you were when you first started.

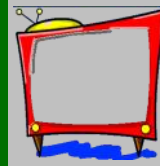
Please make them feel welcome....these kids are our future.

Also a *HUGE thank you* to all the members who have donated clubs for their use!



THE 50/50 DRAWING

San Juan County has given us written verification that as a private club we need no permit for this raffle. So new this year at each of the tournaments and twilight events will be the 50/50 drawing. Here's how it works. Six tickets will cost you \$5....Lucky 13 tickets cost \$10. Whoever wins the draw will receive 1/2 the money while the other half goes into the discretionary fund of the club. The hosts of that event can designate what category within the fund the earnings are to go to.



**The Clubhouse
TV Works!!!**

AND NOW WE HAVE DIRECT TV

*Funding this will
come out of the
discretionary fund via
raffles. Look for some
events centered around
the PGA Majors*

*Tournaments!
Perhaps you have some
golf videos that you'd
like to share.*

WANTED LIST:

*Yes, the club could still use a few items.
Perhaps your purchasing new items and are
looking for a good place to donate your older
ones:*

LARGE FLAT SCREEN TV

REFRIGERATOR

PROPANE BBQ

GOLF CLUBS

GOLF CART

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