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## Publisher's Note

We have a big season ahead with many great events. This year you won't be hearing so much from me. Each event's hosts will take photos and do the write-up about their event for the newsletter. It will be fun hearing from others and giving the newsletter a little different flair.

If you have signed up to host an event, please either email the report & photos or you can give them to me on a flash drive. I like to keep on top of the newsletter so please be prompt following your event. If it is above and beyond your abilities, please arrange for someone else to do it. Certainly if you have any questions you know where to find me...

Thanks for helping out this year, Chris Bangsund





## April Aces

**Mary Brown**  
**Perry Brown**

**Welcome Back**

**New "Old" Member**

**Vaughan Williams**

### Last month's question for the rules committee

Dear Rules Committee:

What are the USGA rules concerning animal droppings on greens and fairways? The other day, there was a solid mass of deer pellets about the size of a large pizza between my ball and the cup on #5. Could I move my ball to bypass the glop or am I forced to putt through it or scrape it up?

And what about droppings in the fairway or rough: Do I get complete relief for stance, ball position and swing? Or must I stand in it, hit off it, swing through it???

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,  
Mort Squeamish

### Rules Committee Answer

Dear Squeamish,

"Loose impediments" are natural objects including dung, provided they are not:

- fixed or growing
- solidly imbedded, or
- adhering to the ball.

#### 23-1 Relief

Except when both the "loose impediment" and the ball lie in or touch the same hazard, any loose impediment may be removed without penalty.

Suggestion: You may wish to carry doggie bags in your golf bag in the future.

Also Squeamish



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<http://lopezislandgolf.com/>

# Spring Opener Twilight Golf April 13th

If numbers are any indication, the first twilight golf game of 2014 was definitely a success. Even the sun greeted the 31 eager players.

The delicious dinner was catered by the Southend Restaurant. If you like Mexican flair with a difference, then you loved this. Burritos stuffed with meat, tater tots, avocados and sour cream. There was salad, a fantastic, decadent chocolate cake (with nearly an inch of fudge frosting) and ice cream, compliments of the hosts, Jim and Miki Straughan.

The game started on time with participants spread among 8 holes, four to a team leaving one team of three.

We were looking forward to seeing Dick Bangsund in a bunny suit after his delightful Christmas dress up, but he came as his own charming, unadorned self.

Our newest member, Tim Madison, helped set up the tables and sold raffle tickets. Beth Hughes supplied the lovely flowers and Pat Goodfellow livened things up with peeps around the vases.

An excellent job was done by Jim Straughan who had the unenviable task of taking in money, handing out money and snapping photos of the cheerful golfers.

A big thank you to Ed Carpenter for rounding up a crew to put away all the tables! Thank you too, to Bob Gerfy and Gordy Gruenke for collecting the markers on holes, 1, 8 and fairway 7.

The game was a 9-hole scramble with KPs on hole #1 and hole #8, longest drive for men and longest drive for women.

And the winners were: -----

- First place team: Gordy Gruenke, Mary Ellener, Bob Gerfy and Rip Van Camp
- Second place team: Dick Reiswig, Diane Robertson, Dan Currier and Nancy Mariotti
- Tied for third: Joyce Kruithof, Deanna Carpenter, Bill White and Ray Ellener
- Tied for third: Tim Madison, Pat Goodfellow and Miki Straughan
- Longest drive, women: Carole White      Longest drive, men: Tim Madison
- KP hole #1      Rip Van Camp      KP hole #8      Dick Bangsund

One must add to all this that Rip was not only on the #1 winning team and KP on hole #1, but Jeremy Levy drew Rip's name for the 50/50 raffle! Nice going Rip.

Congratulations everyone. It was great fun!      Miki Straughan





# Junior Golf Fundraiser

## April 19th

Once again, everybody won!

Adults got to play golf with some wonderful kids. High school golf team players got to mix with adults of all ages -- 24 to nearly 80! -- a practical example that golf is a game for a lifetime. Some of us won prizes from Dixon Golf, who introduced us to the first biodegradable golf ball. All of us got to eat Chris Bangsund's fabulous breakfast treats and delicious lasagnas -- three types! - plus two delectable desserts. And the junior golf program earned over \$3000!

We played a true alternate shot tournament -- no scramble, no best ball, no minimum number of drives, no everybody putts -- just hitting in rotation from the first shot of the first hole to the last shot of the last hole. And, every team was issued an official Dixon ball that would earn 6 strokes credit if it survived the round. (6 of 7 were lost totally and 1 lasted only through questionable circumstances.)

Winning team: Richard Têtu, Sue Crockett, Russ Johnson, Erik Paton

A tie for second: Ed Gutkowski, Sarah Reeve, Bill White / Lauren Stephens, Alex Cook, Jim Pinkham

Bob Gerfy won closest to the pin on # 8/17.

Erik Jonasson won the drawing for Dixon Amateur Endorsement.

Thanks to Dixon Golf representative SaraKatherine Goldsmith for setting up a Dixon Challenge.

Thanks to our many hole sponsors and raffle prize donators.

Thanks to the many who bought raffle tickets -- and to Dodie Schiessl, Carole White, Pat Goodfellow and Rita O'Boyle for organizing this important fundraising activity.

Thanks to the adults who shared their time playing golf:

Sue Crockett	Russ Johnson	Ed Gutkowski	Bill White	Ron Metcalf	Alex Cook
Jim Pinkham	Carole White	Mark Dawson	Bob Gerfy	Ted Phillips	Tim Madison
Jamie Stephens	Joyce Kruithof	Lauren Stephens	Richard Têtu	John Quickstad	Rip Van Camp

Thanks to Chris Bangsund for the delicious breakfast, lunch and turnaround snacks.

Thanks to the Golf Team players:

Chloe Mason    Sarah Reeve    Erik Paton    Sam Heller    Erik Jonasson

And a special thanks to Richard Têtu who does so much to keep a golf team playing for Lopez High School.

I think that the LIGC's Junior Golf Program is our finest work and yearly achievement. We raise money and donate the use of our course for youth clinics and the high school golf team's practices and matches. From these donations we also help pay for the team uniforms and equipment. For me, the payback is getting to play with these kids in this annual fundraising tournament. I have seen some mature from little kids to full-sized young adults. Most seniors are headed for college and it's a joy to learn a bit about their plans and dreams. I think they benefit from knowing that Lopez Island adults want to spend some time with them.



Bob Gerfy





# High School Golf Team



Here are some photos from the Lobos' home match against Grace Academy on Tues April 22. They did great! Sam Heller medaled with a score of 39, followed by Pepe Fajardo with a score of 40. Sarah Reeve medaled for the ladies with a 49. Wow, I am duly impressed with these kids.....I rarely shoot in the 40's and sadly I've been playing for 8 years. Coach Têtu, am I too old to go back to high school and be on your team? :-)

The Lobos have 4 of their 14 matches left, and then it's on to League Tournament, District, and finally State at the end of May. Coach Têtu said the team is doing quite well overall. I'm betting we hear great things from State.

At the Junior Golf Fundraiser, Coach Têtu told us how the number of high school teams competing at State has decreased from 40 to 20 over the last several years as schools, golf clubs and their support of the youngsters has diminished. He thanked us for our continued support of the high school team. We at the LIGC are so proud of our Lobos and are in awe of Coach Têtu's ability to pass on the skills and the etiquette of the game to this young team. It's a joy to golf with them and we are hoping that more of them will join us at the various twilights and events this summer. Here's to a GREAT wrap-up of the 2014 high school golf season! Chris Bangsund





# April 25th Twilight Golf

Deanna & Ed Carpenter outdid themselves this time. What a meal they put on. Deanna keeps saying it's all Costco but I'll tell ya, I don't find stuff that good at Costco.

Bob Hall & Ed took care of the game and made up the 5 teams. We all lucked out with the weather; it was a gorgeous evening. Of course you couldn't tell that by looking at Gretchen... aka Nanook of the North!

Steve Levy has some of the strangest looking putters but this one takes the cake! Good luck, Steve, getting that approved by the PGA!

The winners:

1st place: Gordy Gruenke, Miki Straughan, Carole White & Steve Levy

2nd place: Bob Gerfy, Sue Crockett, Nancy Mariotti & Lynn Hall

KP's: #1 Carole White 53' Steve Levy 102'

#8 Chris Bangsund 78' Bob Hall 39'8"

(As you can tell, none of us got too close...well except Miki who got closest to the line at 8" ).

Thanks so much to Deanna & Ed for putting on a fabulous meal!



# UPCOMING EVENTS

Remember to check out the **EVENTS CALENDAR** in the **DIRECTORY** on the **WEBSITE** for specifics on all the events. <http://lopezislandgolf.com/>

## April

30 Workday 9-12

## May

1 Ace /Men's Day 9 am  
High School Home Match 1:45 pm  
4 Twilight Golf 4 pm  
6 Ace /Ladies' Day 8:30 am  
Ladies' Assoc. Spring Meeting 1:30 pm  
High School Home Match 1:45 pm  
7 & 21 Business League 5:30 pm  
13, 20, 27 Ladies' McConaghy Tourney 9 am  
15, 22, 29 Men's McConaghy Tourney 8:30  
18 General Membership Meeting 4pm  
24 Twilight Golf 4:00  
New Member & Memorial Party (following)  
28 Workday 9-12

## General Membership Meeting

May 18 4 pm

Please come and have your voice be heard! We have some important topics to discuss this year. This is your club and your opinions are important.

Make your vote count!

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for more information and an application form




**BUSINESS LEAGUE  
GOLF**

STARTS April 23rd  
1st and 3rd Wednesdays thereafter:  
May 7 & 21 June 4 & 18  
July 2 & 16 August 6 & 20  
September 3 & 17

Build your own **DREAM TEAM FOURSOME**

Give it a name and come out to play  
a fun 9 hole competition.

**\$5 members \$15 non-members**

**5 pm Registration 5:30 Tee Time**

Contact: Esa Turunen @ 468-3603 or  
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## Breakfast Club

Unfortunately Mary & Ray Ellener are unable to do this monthly event this season. It was so popular last season. Is there any member who would like to carry on this event? Or perhaps multiple people just doing 1 event? The Elleners are a tough act to follow, but I know someone else would be welcomed with opened arms.

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