

CHIPSHOTS

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NEW CERTIFICATE MEMBER!



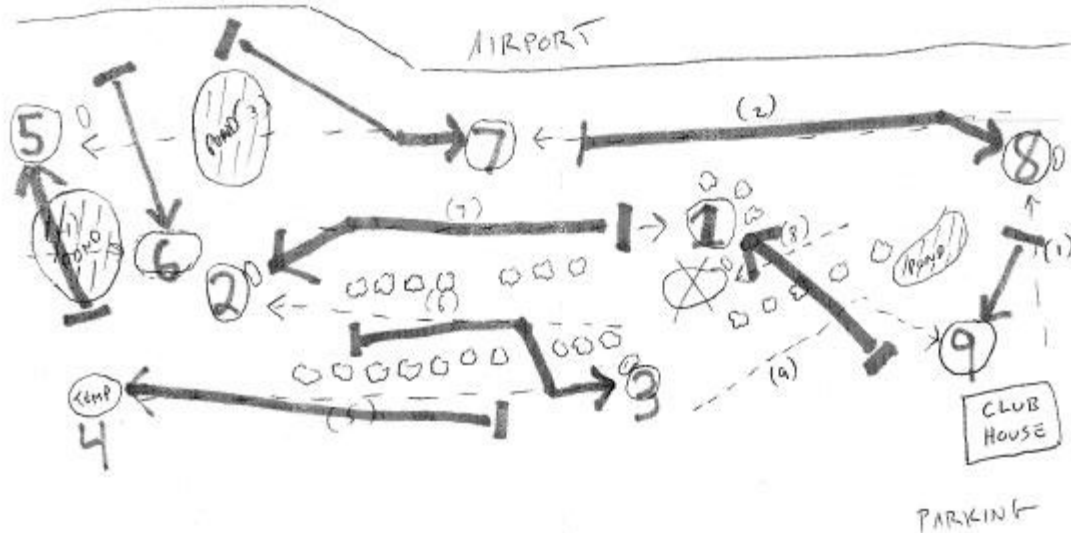
Michael Haan has been a seasonal member for two years and this year decided to convert to certificate status. He lives in Texas but figures he'll come up to Lopez more often with his new membership. He also placed third in the Club Championship so he may be a force to be reckoned with. We thank Darrell Marmion for bringing Michael to Lopez!

Backwards Golf and Dinner August 6

LIGC, BACKWARDS
BLUE AND RED TEES

ADDITIONAL O.B. BOUNDARIES

#2: O.B. ON LEFT UNTIL LAST TREES ON LEFT
#3: O.B. ON RIGHT UNTIL GAP IN TREES



Back by special request, Bert Bates' version of Backwards Golf was a big hit again this year. One twist on this non-step-aside scramble was that there were no minimum number of drives required of each player. HOWEVER, if we used 1 drive from each player, we could subtract 2 strokes from our total score, and if we used 2 drives from each player, we could subtract 5 strokes. This motivator worked for all the groups!

Pictures



Dinner was a potluck, Bob gave out prizes but no one remembers who won though there were prizes for lowest score, most 1-putts and KPs on #5, 6 and 9.



Match Play Tournaments



Every July the men and women have a match play tournament. The women's tournament is named after Peggy LOTT and the men's after Al PILON. This year there was a small turnout for the LOTT with Bev Smith and Lauren Stephens making it to the final bracket. Here's what Lauren reported about the result:

"Bev killed me. She was 5 up with 4 to play when I conceded the match. I never led. She was very kind in her victory."

Kit elaborated a bit more:

"Kit Ledbetter defeated Rob Nou in the final match on Sunday August 13, 2023 by a victory of 4 holes up with 3 to play. The match was close with Rob Nou up by one hole after the front 9 and he carded a score of 38. Starting on the 10th hole Kit won six straight holes with two birdies and 4 pars to take a 4 up lead in the match. They tied the 15th hole and the match was finished with a 4 hole lead and only three holes to play. "

2023 Club Championship



One group of women and four groups of men competed this year. See winners on the next page.





The Women

Winner: Lauren (97, 93, 86)

Runner-up: Agnes (96, 94, 91)

Also ran: Joyce (104, 96, 101)

It was an exciting third round as Lauren and Agnes were tied going into it.

Joyce nabbed the low net prize with 208.



Men's Club Championship

A new member, playing in his first CC, led the tournament from start to finish. Rob Treece shot 69 - 71 - 74. His 214 placed him above second-place finisher Kit Ledbetter (222) and third-place Michael Haan (225).

We tried a new format this year: A Senior Club Championship for those 70 and over who opted NOT to play in the Club Championship. Tom Cowan won this flight with a 241.

The Low Net tournament saw Russ Johnson and Bill White tied after the first two rounds. In the third round, Russ had 3 birdies in the first 4 holes and went on to shoot 201. Bill White and John Quickstad tied for second place at 210.

Twilight Golf Scramble—August 27

Almost no pictures but we had a good time, played well and ate well. Thanks to our hosts, Lynn and Bob Hall. Here are the winners of the 3-person step-aside scramble:

KP on #1: Bev Smith and Russ Johnson

First place team at 33 with 14 putts: Jim Smith, Asha Lela and Robert Reid

Second place at 35 with 12 putts: Curt Bonelli, Joyce Kruithof and Bob Hall

Third place at 37 with 13 putts: Bev Smith, Sharon Bonelli, Jody Klein



Big Success in 2023

Wednesday Night Golf draws a steady crowd of 10-15 golfers who gather at 5 pm to play various nine-hole formats. Bert Bates keeps the game interesting by changing it up every week. Sometimes it's a team format with individual prizes for KPs or low net or longest putt or fewest putts or... Next week (Sept. 6) the group will be playing with just one club. That's right. One club, not one club and a putter, so choose your club carefully. Can you really putt with your favorite 7-iron? Join the challenge. This group continues to play all year long with the start time adjusted as days get shorter. If you haven't played with this group yet, contact Bert to get on his email list: bert.bates@yahoo.com



ANOTHER Big Success in 2023



Bert Bates started giving group lessons to women last season and continued this year by popular demand. He expanded his audience to men and is continuing to teach 1.5 hour classes two mornings a week. All profits go to the Equipment Fund but more importantly, the lessons have bolstered the confidence of some of our member golfers and introduced golf to a new audience. We expect to gain new members soon! Thank you, Bert.



Annual Visitors



This group of old friends has been enjoying a golfing weekend every year for 25 years since their friend Lee died. This is the third year Lopez has been their destination. We are happy we can host these appreciative return visitors.



MEMBERS AT WORK



Dennis and Gary pulling some weeds out of the #4 pond



Curt still at work on the irrigation, an endless job that will require many member-hours of work. Contact Mark Reisinger to offer your help.

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AROUND THE COURSE



August Work Day

It was a big day for tree removal and irrigation work. Other tasks included blackberry removal, tee box divot repair, weed whacking here and there, garbage and recycling pickup and sorting, And a big thank you to Mary Ellener and her assistant Carole White for the lunch spread. And I must mention all the sweet treats!



More Work Day Pictures



And More Work Day Pictures



And Even More Work Day Pictures



Parting shot....



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

September and October Events

- ⇒ **Horse Race — Sept. 4 at 1:00; betting starts at noon**
- ⇒ **Twilight Golf — Sept. 17 between ACES tournament and Awards Ceremony/Dinner**
- ⇒ **Work Day — September 27— This is our annual all-day greens plugging!**
- ⇒ **Fall Membership Meeting — October 8, 4 PM**
- ⇒ **Work Day — Oct.25**

We need members to offer to host:

- ⇒ **Twilight Golf Event: September 17 (between ACES tournament and awards dinner)**



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August ACES

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