



Open for a snowball fight?

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President's Post

GOOD IDEAS?

I hope this message finds you well and almost ready for the 2012 golf season on Lopez. I also hope your winter brains have been percolating with good ideas to bring to the club this season. We need good ideas to produce more revenue, to bring in new members and to keep the club vital and inviting. One idea that's been circulating for several years now and recently brought to my attention by one of our members is based on the TEE IT FORWARD initiative. This idea is promoted by the USGA, the PGA and by, among many others, Barney Adams,

founder of Adams Golf. Recently it's been put into action at Overlake Golf and Country Club in Bellevue. An article in this month's [Pacific Northwest Golfer](#) mentions the thirty-year campaign of one of Overlake's members, Pat Thorlakson, to create forward **purple** tees. These are "flat slabs set in the fairways closer to the greens" that can be used by new players, kids, or even better golfers who may want to play a very quick round and/or focus on their short game. Flat slabs as forward tee markers, similar to the 150-yard marker on our #5 fairway, would not require the creation of new tee boxes or additional maintenance. Overlake uses them for their Junior Golf program and finds that some of their older players enjoy using them too.

If you have an opinion about this, please write to board@lopezislandgolf.com. We'd love your ideas to bring new players, new revenue and new energy to Lopez Island Golf Course in 2012.

Joyce

ALL Events Are Posted On Our Website

<http://lopezislandgolf.com/>

Remembering Fran

Fran McDaniel, a long time resident of Lopez, passed away Dec 14th at the age of 74 in Ogden, Utah with her step daughter Debbie Wilson at her side. Fran spent her early years as a teacher in The Seattle Public School System.

She was known for her tireless efforts helping the preschool underprivileged children. She and her husband Bob, who died 8 years ago, took many trips with the kids to various sites in the Seattle area.

Both Fran & Bob were active members of the Lopez Island Golf Club, Fran being a member for more than 20 years. She also was active in the Lopez Garden Club and Senior Center.

We will miss her cheery face and warm personality.



Rules Tip:

A significant change to the 2012 rules involves Rule 18-2b. A new exception is added which exonerates the player from penalty if their ball moves after it has been addressed when it is known or virtually certain that they did not cause the ball to move. For example, if it is a gust of wind that moves the ball after it has been addressed, there is no penalty and the ball is played from its new position.

Courtesy of Marc Zener



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just have to pay for
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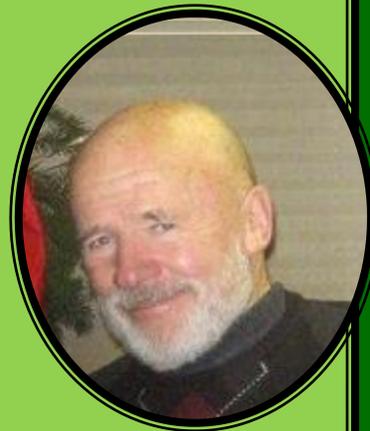
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Valuing the Volunteer

Volunteering to work and make our course better has always been 'the way' of the LIGC. We as certificate members are also owners of the Lopez Island Golf Course but more importantly we have always taken real ownership of the endless tasks associated with any golf course. We take pride in our course, club and accomplishments. As always, there are those who go above and beyond the call of duty. In this issue we will honor Dennis Mattson & Gordy Gruenke, both long time members, both previous 'Volunteers of the Year' and still very active.

Gordy was volunteer of the year in 1996. He has been a member since the early '90's and was a Trustee for 4 years (2 terms). Gordy's main love was working on the gardens, ponds & rockeries. He built the garden on the west side of the clubhouse complete with drip system, rockery & plants. He also did the rockery work around the current BBQ seating area and around the men's tee box on #9. He worked many many hours and gave a fair amount of funds for the pond on #5, and with extra dirt from the ponds, he re-contoured the #3 fairway. However, hole #4 is widely known as "Gordy's Hole". He not only designed and helped build the green, but more recently designed, helped build, supervised and footed the bill for most of the pond on #4. It was his baby, and he spent every day there working on it tirelessly.

Dennis was volunteer of the year in 2010. He has been a member of the golf club since moving to the island full time in 1993, but has played the course since the early 1960's. As soon as he became a member he began helping around the course and helping Bill Ward with the machinery. He was a heavy equipment operator and helped enlarge the pond by the ninth green and on the fourth fairway. He has always loved the course and the people in the club so it has been an act of love to participate. When he retired he stepped up and ran men's day. He continued in that role until just last year when he decided to let someone else have the fun of "herding the cats". Dennis also took care of many people's golf carts as well as a lot of the golf club equipment. During the summer more times than not you will find him in the tractor shed working on equipment. He is always there for the "plugging of the greens" even after the pulling machine attacked him. If it's sunny on Lopez (or even a little cloudy) you will usually find him on the course.



You guys are the best! You are indicative of the heart & soul of the LIGC. Thank you for all your efforts.....we take our hats off to you!

Member News from South



Many of our members winter in Arizona or other warm places. Here is an article from the Casa Grande, Arizona newspaper about an event that involved two of our members. Dick & Chris Bangsund on Monday Jan 2nd during a pickle ball lesson, found themselves confronted with something we all dread, a full cardiac arrest of a friend. But they pulled from back training, did CPR and used the new AED shock device. Their friend is alive and well recovering from a double bypass and a new aortic valve. Whew! Please, please, please, if you haven't taken a CPR class, contact the local fire department and get yourself scheduled in one! You just never know when you'll be asked to help save a life.

Letter to the Editor: Thank you for saving a life *Published: Wednesday, January 4, 2012 Casa Grande Dispatch*

Outstanding work! If you were one of the participants in pickle ball lessons at Palm Creek Golf & RV Resort on Monday I would like to express my gratitude for your actions that day. You had a choice, and many of you chose to get involved in actions that saved a man's life. Decisions like this do not happen every day nor have such good outcomes. Quick action to begin CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and the immediate implementation of an accessible AED (automated external defibrillator) made all the difference in the outcome for this person. This provided your fire department paramedics the needed time to respond and continue the efforts you folks started.

On behalf of the Casa Grande Fire Department, thank you. Thank you for thinking it was important to learn CPR and also for utilizing properly the AED that delivered the shocks to stop ventricular fibrillation.

Chris Fagenbush Captain/Paramedic

In Other News...



There are a group of LIGC members who each year participate as marshals in the Phoenix Open held the last week of January most years. Our group works on hole 13 and it includes Larry & Judy Whitney, Perry & Mary Brown, Dick Bangsund and past members Shirley & Cliff Stenvall. Although Cliff couldn't attend this year, Shirley was there with

Mary & Judy doing crowd control by working the ropes near the tee box as the players approach. The guys are also near the tee box. Larry was in charge of 'direction of drive', signaling to the workers who laser the shots keeping them out of harm's way if there is an errant ball. Perry & Dick were in charge of keeping the crowd quiet when the players were putting on the 12th green and teeing off of 13. Their normal routine is working Friday & Sundaygreat to be able to attend on the final day. However there was a bit of a mishap this year. On Friday, as the delivery cart was taking Dick and two other marshals to their holes, the driver drove headlong, full tilt, smack dab into a concrete walled planter! *Smooosh!* Injuries you ask? Well sure, all seem better now, but ask Dick about it this summer...he's a great story teller!



Another member, Duane Bordvick, also attended the Phoenix Open....but as a spectator. Hmm, take a look at these outfits he and his friends wore. Who was spectating who is what I'd like to know!

Hey and did you notice that a local boy won that tournament....

Kyle Stanley from Gig Harbor.



Breaking News

GREGORYS WIN MESQUITE CHILI COOK OFF

After months of testing different ingredients and making various chilis, I finally came up with a bison chili recipe. During the ordeal, I almost lost my taste for chili. Probably, because of the chipotles in adobo sauce, Carol named it "PUCKER BUTT BUFFALO CHILI". On the day of the event, I wore my new Wrangler Original Boot Cut jeans and selected my leather Gaucho hat that I purchased in Buenos Aires, Argentina. With my Sierra Club belt buckle, I was READY.

There were approximately 25 to 30 entries. There were two prizes, one for the

best chili and one for the best name. Carol and I took turns serving samples in small cups with tiny spoons. It was exciting to see many people return for another sample. After several hours, the results were tabulated. We won the best name prize. Because you can only win one of the two prizes, I felt we had the best chili also. So next year, should I decided to enter again, my chili name will be "OLD BILL'S CHILI".

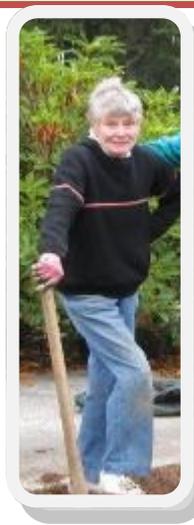
Bill



Beth has been at it again.....

Planting a couple of hydrangeas on the north side of the clubhouse that were donated from Toadstool Nursery. They don't look like much now, but wait until this summer when we'll have some nice color amongst the Hellebores.

Thanks Beth for your willingness to beautify our course.



Golfisms

A 'gimme' can best be defined as an agreement between two golfers ...neither of whom can putt very well .

If your best shots are the practice swing and the 'gimme putt', you might wish to reconsider this game .

Have you forgotten your dues payment hurry to avoid late fees submit before March 15!

**Welcome
New Member**

Tom Patty

Many Thanks to.... Lopez Islander Resort

Bill Diller and the Lopez Islander Resort continually show their support behind the scenes, and it's time to acknowledge that. The resort provided lunch on a workday, advertises for us on their website, has paid for the LIGC to be a member of the San Juan Island Visitor Bureau and is planning on housing free of charge Steve Nightingale, PGA Pro when he is on Lopez for the Junior Spring Clinic next month. Thanks Bill, for your continued support.

Another Reminder



January 1st was the start of the \$1.00 'special golf fee' approved by the membership and levied on members for each round of golf played whether 9 or 18 holes. This 'on your honor' fee is designated for the equipment fund. You may place your remittance in the drop box or in the container provided on the counter just inside that door.

PLEASE help us keep our equipment and therefore our course well maintained!

ENTERING SCORES

Starting March 1, 2012 the WSGA starts posting scores.

Remember golf is a game of integrity. If you plan on entering net tournament competitions you must enter all your scores.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

February-March Events:

Feb 26th: Soggy Bottom Tournament

Mar 17,18,24,25: Free Youth Golf Clinic

Mar 28th: First Workday 9-12

Free

Sponsored by: LIGC & LVM

YOUTH GOLF CLINIC



Ages 12-18

March:

17th 12-3

18th 9-12

24th 12-3

25th 9-12

Contact: Bob Gerfy 468-4992

**Steve Nightingale
PGA Pro**

Soggy Bottom Tournament

.....an annual event

Benefits Lopez Hospice

Feb. 26th 11am-4pm

\$25 members \$35 non-members

Contact: Vaughan Williams 468-2922

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