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# **CHIPSHOTS**

The Lopez Island Golf Club Newsletter



**Celebrating 60 years of Golf on Lopez Island**

BJ "Mac McConaghy and Mida Catherine Stolle at the first clubhouse.

# From Greenkeeper's Lane



Cecil Orcutt, 1960. One of the Charter Members.

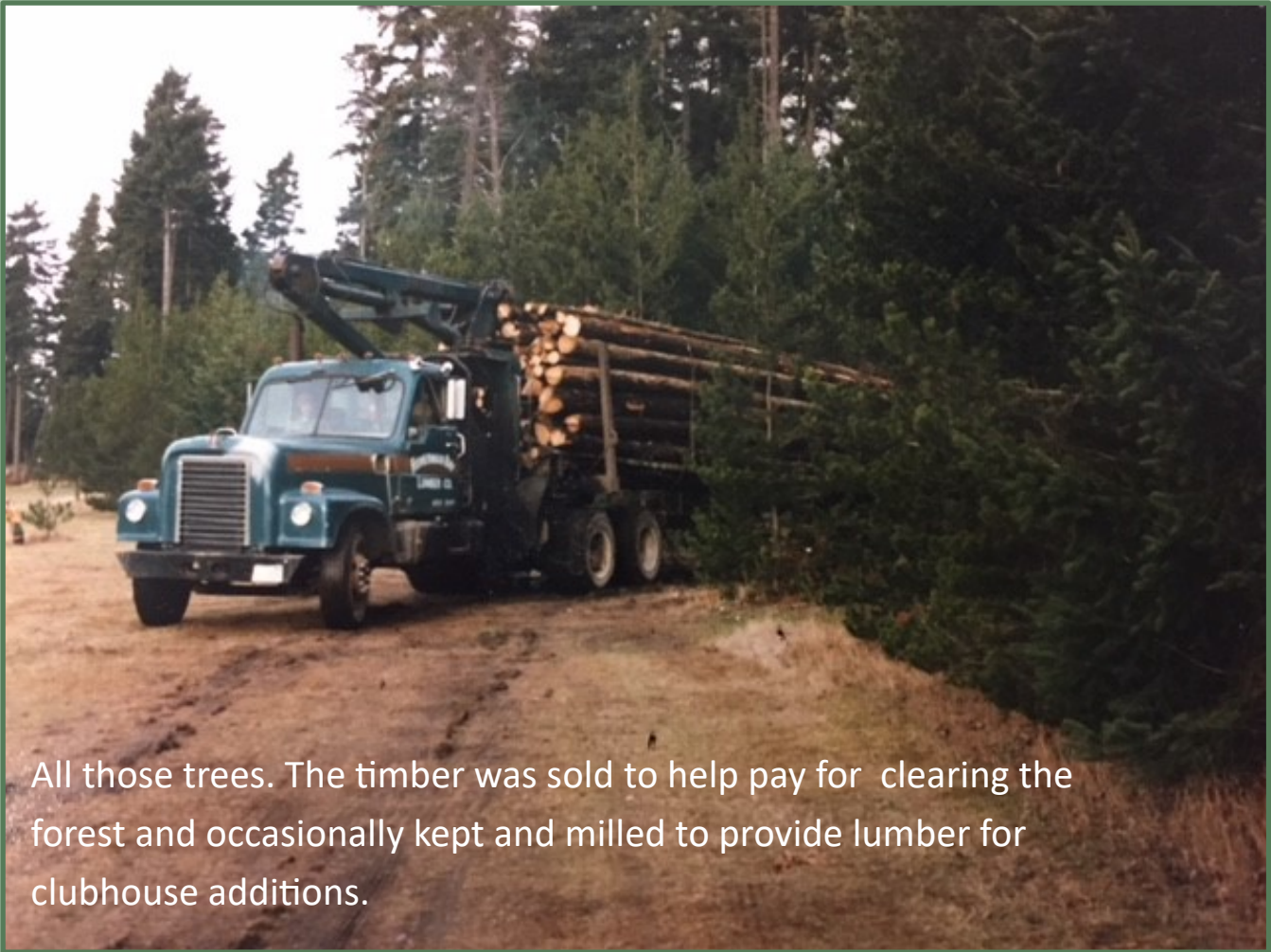


Clearing of the 6th fairway.



Dedication Ceremony of the #6 Fairway in 1967. There was an additional dedication when the green was opened a year later on July 14th, 1968.





All those trees. The timber was sold to help pay for clearing the forest and occasionally kept and milled to provide lumber for clubhouse additions.

Lopez Island Golf Course was the brainchild of Mac McConaghy, who graces our cover. The golf course we know today was piecemealed together out of old barley fields and a few open spaces to act as greens. Originally, it was a 6 hole course with coffee cans for cups and, equally as folksy, matching homemade pine poles and handmade flags as markers. Eventually, the course was increased to a more correct 9 holes and the tee boxes became grass instead of literal boxes. An irrigation system was installed, between 1969 and 1970, leading to green greens all year long and ending the long practice of having the local fire department practice water drills on the course in an effort to water the greens. We have definitely come a long way from those early beginnings. Improvements continue to this day with upgraded equipment, capable knowhow and lots of hard work from many, many members and staff alike.



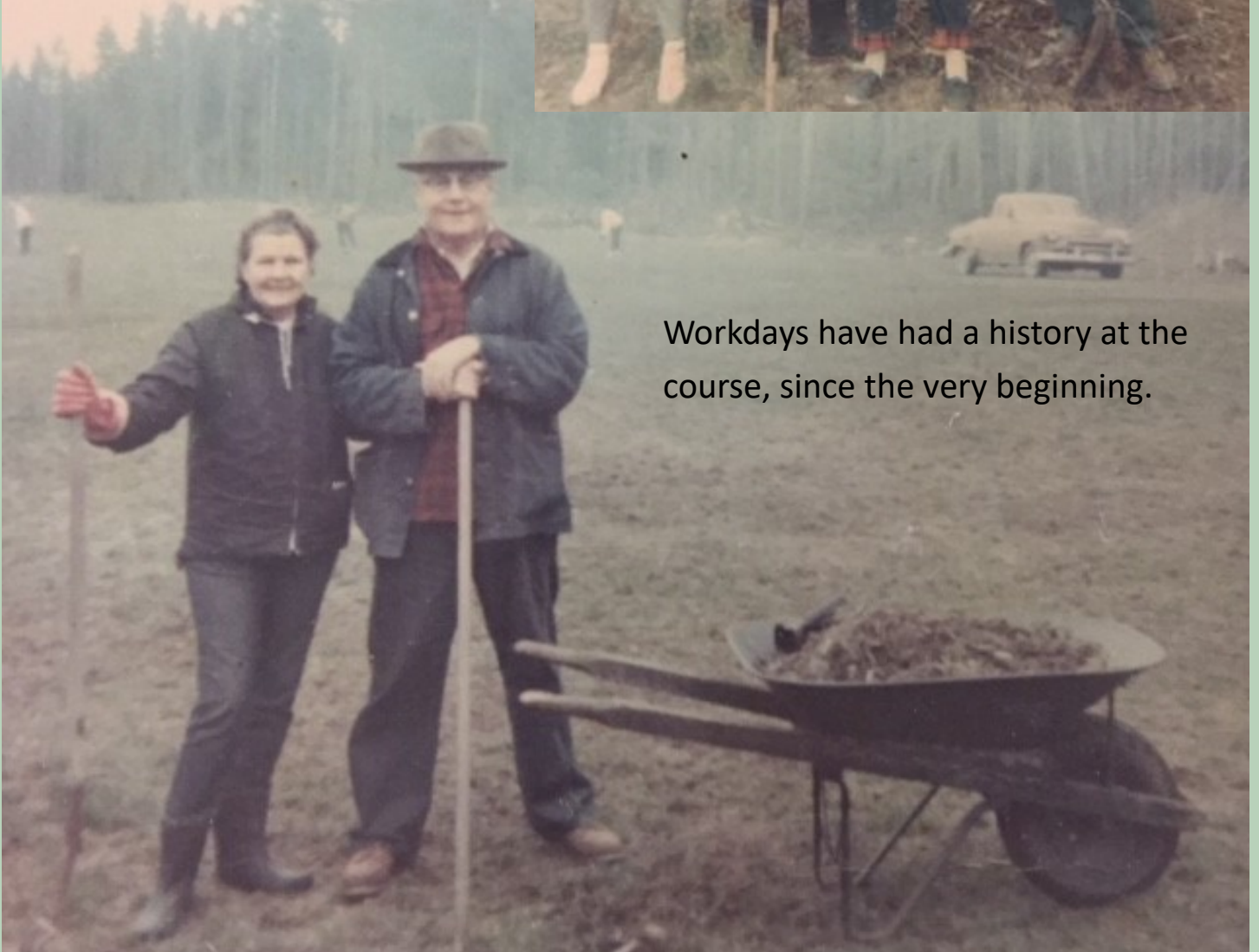
# Women's Association

From Inter-Island Tournaments to Lunches to style shows and more, the Women's Association has made it their goal to enhance the club's vitality.





# History of Workdays



Workdays have had a history at the course, since the very beginning.

Keeping the area around the clubhouse clean and tidy has always been a priority. 1980



Smoothing out the edges of the pond on #9 during a workday in the Spring of 1977.



# The Clubhouse



The second clubhouse

Oh yes, and we can't forget the King and Queen Crowns, here being worn by Vesty Kramer and Illene Ward 1976.



New clubhouse addition in progress in 1972.



Players relaxing after the Scotch-Mixed Four-some on a sunny Saturday in July of 1969.

Free golf advice has always been available upon request. As seen here by Al Pilon and Frankie Billesbach.





**And on to 2018....**

## **New Trial Member**



# **Chris Gill**

# Remembering Ed Carpenter

Ed Carpenter, of Seattle and Lopez Island, passed away at home January 2, 2018, with his family and beloved cat Jolie. He recently was happy to attend his granddaughter Nasrene's graduation from USD in San Diego. Ed was born July 8th 1937 and raised in Camas, WA where he attended high school and worked summers in the local paper mill, later attending Willamette University before graduating from the University of Washington in political science and then UW law school, cementing his lifelong passion for Husky football.

Ed started his career in Boeing's legal department but ultimately followed his passion for working with his hands into construction, building homes in Park City, UT where he lived with his family for seven years. In addition, Ed was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating, skiing, biking, backpacking, and golfing. He loved his country and served in the Army National Guard. Furthermore, his passion for history and World War II trivia led to many European adventures, plus an endless supply of entertaining stories.

Ed loved to travel - especially Europe and in later years the United States. After retirement he spent time in Regensburg learning the German language and riding his bike across Europe multiple times. Recent winters were spent in Rancho Mirage.

His final large construction achievement was the house on Lopez Island where he spent many hours pounding nails, pouring concrete, gardening, and then making unique pens while listening to country music and following sports radio. He so enjoyed his time with his many Island friends, several times winning the Mayor's Trophy for his Yacht Club float in the 4th of July parade.

Ed is survived by his wife of 56 years Deanna, son John and daughter Catherine, three cherished granddaughters, Nasrene, Rebecca, and Olivia, brother Richard, and nieces and nephews. A celebration of Ed's Life Adventures will happen at the U of W Club on campus on April 24<sup>th</sup>. 4:00—6:00 PM. Everyone is welcome.





# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

## LIGC 2018 Social and Tournament Schedule

### Fundraisers

Soggy Bottom (for Hospice) – Sunday, March 18

Junior Golf – Saturday, April 21

### Junior Golf Spring Clinics

March 16, 17, 23, 24

### Tournaments

#### McConaghy

Men-May 10, 17, 24

Women- May 8, 15, 22

#### President's Cup

Men– June 7, 14, 21

Women—June 5, 12, 19

**Lott and Pilon Match Play** – mid June -> July all month

#### Club Championship

Men – Thursday, Saturday, Sunday (Aug. 23, 25, 26)

Women – Tuesday, Friday, Sunday (Aug. 21, 24, 26)

**King and Queen**— September 16

### Twilight Golf (all at 4 pm except as noted)

Sun. April 15

Sun. May 6

Fri. June 1

Sun. June 10 (new member party too)

Sun. June 24

Sun. July 8

Sun. July 22

Sun. Aug. 5

Sun. Aug 19

Mon. Sept 3-Labor Day ( Horse Race 1PM)

**Work Days** (last Wednesday of the month, March - October, 9-noon, followed by lunch)

**Community Golf** - Every other Wednesday of the month, 5:30 PM, starting date TBA

### Annual Events

Spring Membership Meeting – Sunday, May 20, 4 pm,

Fall Membership Meeting – Sunday, October 14, 4 pm

Annual Awards Ceremony and Dinner—Sunday, Sept. 16

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