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Summertime Golf 2000 COL

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This is it....what we've been waiting for, summertime golf! It's in our heads all the time. We check out the weather; we turn our backs on the to-do lists; we make excuses and out we go. But the ball goes in the airport, the water, the woods. We say darn and shucks and a whole lot worse...... BUT THEN there is that one phenomenal shot and we say, "Isn't golf grand, I'll be back out tomorrow!" ENJOY

Greens Plugging & Sanding





The greens punching and sanding went off well on Tuesday, June 3rd. We incurred no setbacks other than a rundown cart battery. Dennis Mattson and his friend Perry Brown, Jim Smith, Herb Schiessl, Johnny Nopson and Jerry Rempfer were on hand to perform the work necessary for plugging and sanding all 9 greens. Starting when Women's Day was about over, Dennis drove the

sanding truck and put down the sand first as suggested by Steve Nightingale. Next I ran the plugger over the green and when I was finished, Perry pulled our broom apparatus over the green while Herb and Jerry hand broomed any problem spots to coax the sand into the holes. We finished up about 6:30pm on green #3 down to myself, Dennis and Perry. We closed up shop. Watering began that night.

Other than the length of our day it seemed to me to be overall a success. We will really know the results of our efforts after we begin to mow the



greens on a regular basis but it's becoming clear our greens need a little work. This plugging (punching) will buy us time but we should somehow put forth the effort to do a real "plugging" this fall. Although a real plugging entails a fair increase in the work load, I hope we can pull it off.

Mark Reisinger





Pink-Ball-Twilight

June 8th

We gathered for yet another Pink Ball event from the minds (which they're out of) Bob Gerfy & Joyce Kruithof. This year's tourney was different from the previous (--?? 5?? 6?? - how many have they thrust upon us!) ones. Instead of a scramble, 3-player teams played Alternate Shot from the first tee through the last putt using their Pink Ball. Instead of one or two

KP (closest-to-the-pin--why a K??) holes, each group recorded their KP on every Par-3 hole -- and there were 4 of them: the practice green was turned into Hole #10 -- and totaled up the footage.

Only two teams lost their Pink Balls. Low score was the team of Ed Carpenter, Mary Brown and Dick Bangsund at 47. 2nd Place went to Jim Smith, Lynn Hall and Jon Avent with a score of 49. Third place at 50 were Gary Hall, Bev Smith and Perry Brown.

The KP winners were Bob Gerfy, Miki Straughan and Bill White with a total of 129'-10." In 2nd Place were Jim Smith, Lynn Hall and Jon

Avent at 130'-7." In 3rd at 141'-7" were Ron Metcalf, Pat Goodfellow and Bob Hall.

Hosts for the event were Pat Goodfellow and Beth Hughes.

Bob Gerfy

Ladies Field Day June 17

The ladies had a gorgeous day to host their annual fun day invitational. There were 37 of us with ladies from San Juan, Orcas and Whidbey Islands.

The theme this year was, "Create your own golfing hat," and we had some wild contestants. It was a hoot seeing how creative people could be!

Hat Judges

1st Place

2nd Place

The group was split into two flights but one person stood out above the rest and she was in the higher handicap group! Lauren Stephens with a gross score of 88

Winners

beat EVERYONE! Of course she was wearing her golf hat signed by Arnold Palmer, Peter Jacobsen, Mark O'Meara and Tom Kite! You just can't lose with those guys wrapped around your head all day! Ask her about that hat....it's quite a story! Lauren has returned to golf after many many years and she has quickly turned her game stellar! The

rest of us can only wait until her handicap comes down :-) Congratulations Lauren, we are so glad you have decided to come back to the game! Your enthusiasm is inspiring!



There are many people to thank who helped with this event. All of our Lopez ladies who participated helped in some way by bringing food, creating the game, registration, etc. etc. but let me name those who weren't there to golf but just to help. Our guys who kept the scoring and stayed for the entire round: Perry Brown, Ed Gutkowski and Dick Bangsund. The early morning ladies' group who each

year comes and gets the coffee, breakfast and turn snacks served: Mary Stiger, Joan Thomas and Marlene Langrock. And of course Jeanne Budlong who handled all the finances.

It was a fun day.....thank you all.

Chris Bangsund

Lauren Stephens Ed Guttkowski

June Aces

President's Cup1stLauren Stephens1252ndChris Bangsund1203rd Tie Joyce Kruithof112Mary Brown112

Tournament Winners Winners

Perry Brown120Bob Gerfy115Ed Gutkowski109

Spring Ringer

1st Lauren Stephens 59Bob Gerfy 562nd Mary Brown 62Ed Gutkowski 593rd Chris Bangsund 62.5Tom Cowan 62

40 members participated in a very active twilight event, with team building and an alternate shot format. Closest to the pin were: Betty Vaudt, Lynn Hall, John Strathman, and Jim Pinkham.

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The very enthusiastic winning team was Chris Bangsund, Lauren Stephens, Bob Hall and Sue Crockett. Second place was Don Langrock, Betty Vaudt, Miki Straughan and Gordie Gruenke.

Third place was Joyce Kruithof, Gretchen Gruenke, Dennis Mattson and Brian Lynch, and fourth place went to Ray Ellener, Lynn Hall, John Vaudt, and Jim Pinkham.

The participants all brought delicious food, and devoured six huge pizzas. They were also very generous with the 50:50 raffle, netting the club \$70.

Jim Smith



Golf Truths

You probably wouldn't look good in a Green Jacket anyway!





Hosted by: Steve Bryson Gary Blair







June 20

Many thanks to the Orcas ladies'

group for hosting our outing to their home course. Luckily they talked us into using riding carts. That is one hilly golf course and the different elevations also make for challenging golf shots! Under new ownership for the last few years they have seen quite a few improvements and are

happy that the course has been saved from development. Thank you Orcas ladies. We had a great time!

Chris Bangsund

Golf Lessons

wl Steve Nightingale Monday June 30th & July 14th

1 hour long sessions 11-4 \$50 private \$60 total for semiprivate

Ladies' Clinic: 4-5:30 \$15 each limited to 6 ladies

Sign up at the club or call 468-2679

ALL Events Are Posted On Our Website http://lopezislandgolf.com/



June 25th

Workday

25 members turned out for our June Work Day which was followed by a

generous spaghetti, salad and dessert lunch prepared by Bette and John Vaudt and served by Ian Lange and Judy Whitney.

o The umbrellas for the picnic tables got set up and the picnic area was pressure washed

o The west half of the cart barn got swept out

 All the trash in the containers in the locker barn, outside the cart barn, outside the clubhouse and on the tee boxes was removed, sorted and recycling taken to the dump

o The dead refrigerator got taken to the dump

o Lower branches of trees were pruned to enable the rough mower to get closer

o Piles of weeds/pine cones/tree prunings were picked up

- o Weed wacking was done around the #4 pond
- o Bunkers were weeded
- o Sprinkler heads were cleaned and irrigation zones were identified

Joyce Kruithof

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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June		
30	Lessons with Steve Nightingale	11-5:3
July		
1	Ladies' Ace, Lott, Fall Ringer	8:30
2	Business League	5:30
3	Men's Ace, Pilon, Fall Ringer	8:30
13	Twilight Event	3:30
16	Business League	5:30
30	July Workday	9-12

Green Eggs & Ham

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Arrive 3:30 Tee time 4 pm Scramble Format

Provided:

Ham, Chicken Wings & Deviled Eggs

Please Bring:

BYOB

An appetizer, side dish or dessert Setups

\$8 each

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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 esa.turunen62@gmail.com