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CHIPSHOTS

The Lopez Island Golf Club Newsletter

Celebrating 60 Years of Golf on Lopez Island

From Greenskeepers' Lane



Lars and Benni have been back for a month now and the course is once again in amazing shape. If you can, come out soon and enjoy some spring play. You will find the greens are fast, the typical soggy areas are drying up, our ponds are full and in some cases housing pairs of mallards and geese. More than likely you will see these two hard workers on the mowers or behind equipment. On their days off, you just might see them cruising on their new motorcycle purchased during their winter vacation. This 2016 Indian Chief Dark Horse should provide these two years of cruising in style.

Kids' Golf Clinics

During two weekends in March, Lopez Island Golf Club sponsored golf clinics for the Lopez Island High School Golf Team. Monies raised during previous Junior Golf Fundraisers have helped support our small high school's very successful golf team. Their upcoming home schedule is posted below. Please give them the space they need for matches as we help introduce the joys of golf to a new generation. If you see the kids out practicing, introduce yourself and encourage their practice. You might be surprised to find they are just as enthusiastic about golf as you are.



Tuesday, April 3, 2018 Friday Harbor H.S. 1:45 PM

Thursday, April 5, 2018 Orcas Island H.S. 1:45 PM

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 Mount Vernon Christian 1:45 PM

Thursday, April 19, 2018 Grace Academy 1:45 PM

Tuesday, April 24, 2018 Lummi Nation 1:45 PM



Steve Nightingale, former PGA pro, was on hand again this year for his 19th turn as golf instructor for the Lopez Island High School Golf Team during two weekends in March. Joined by their coach Richard Tetu and club member Bob Gerfy, the kids worked individually and in small groups on their ever improving skills.



13th Annual Soggy Bottom



Organized by Vaughan Williams and Ronnie Lopez, the 13th annual Soggy Bottom Tournament on March 18 netted \$1760 for Lopez Island Hospice and Home Support. Thank you to the 36 golfers, Jeff Nichols for brunch treats and many community businesses for donating raffle items.



Left to Right: The winning team of Mark Herrenkohl, Lauren Stephens, Tobin Arden and Ron Metcalf (pictured below) scored a 61, the lowest score ever at this event.





The Clubhouse

Lopez Golf Club's social season is quickly approaching. The Men's and Women's Associations will be starting Spring Ringers during the first week of April and our first Twilight hosted by Mary and Ray Ellener is on April 15th. On April 21st there is a fantastic Golf Tournament supporting our Junior Golf Program, which in turn supports the Lopez High School Golf Team. Finally, it is no April Fool's joke that our greens fees go up on April 1st, making your membership that much more valuable. As a reminder, members get a discount on both cart rentals and guest passes for your house guests.

History Corner:



Do you recognize the member in the picture on the left who currently has been a member of the Lopez Island Golf Club the longest? Also what are these ladies doing in the picture below? The first person to email LIGC@rockisland.com the correct

answer wins a free round for a guest this summer. Answers will appear in next month's issue.



New Trial Member



Jim Orcutt

New Certificate Members



Welcome Back to the Club
Jeff and Lorena Daggett

New Certificate Member



Dusty Forster

New Trial Member



Scott Reding



March Work Day



It couldn't happen without the Work Days. Here we find members trimming lower pine branches, raking up pine cones, hauling tree debris to the burn pile and weeding and trimming around the clubhouse, as well as enjoying a coffee break.

To be more correct, it couldn't happen without the members.





Becky Presley treated the workers with a chicken enchilada lunch with salad and dessert—the added bonus of attending work day. Work Day happens the last Wednesday of every month, March to October. If you are looking to get in your 10 hour work commitment, consider attending a few work days.



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—May

Fundraiser Tournament

Junior Golf – Saturday, April 21

FREE DAY for the community—Saturday, May 19

Tournaments

McConaghy

Men: May 10, 17, 24

Women: May 8, 15, 22

Twilight Golf

Sun. April 15 4:00 PM

Sun. May 6 4:00 PM

Work Days April 25

May 30

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