



THANK YOU

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This is a belated thank you but nonetheless sincere. There have been many individuals in the last couple of years who have given up their memberships for various reasons but even in leaving have shown their hearts are still with the golf club. Because we as members all own a share of the course & club, we hold a certificate of ownership. That value is currently \$387.50. When/if we leave the club we are entitled to that amount returned to us. However these recently past members, knowing our financial struggle, donated the value of their certificates back to the club. It was a final act of commitment to a club and sport that they valued.

Jim Addington

George Keeler

Marc Zener

Lynne Addington

Brian Leyde

Margie Zener

Carol Avent

Dan Leyde

Mark Hutcheson

Richard Singer

Thank you all so much!

Workday April 24



Boy things grow fast during spring-time in the northwest. Still a lot of outdoor projects were accomplished on this second workday of the season. Plus there was the added clean-up of that large fallen tree near the pond on #9. It was a massive project and took quite a few fellas to finish the chore. Thankfully Dick Bangsund brought his backhoe/tractor and was able to dig out the stump, load all the debris with help from the crew onto his equipment trailer and took it down to an area along #5 for later burning. It was back-breaking work and the guys did it with smiles on their faces.



But that wasn't the only backbreaking work done.....the fabric liner in the sand trap on #6 was partly exposed. Volunteers worked hard at pulling that fabric out from under the sand along with the fabric on #9 fairway sand trap.



None of that mentioned the weeding of flower beds & gravel, weed-whacking and mowing that took place.

The workers all came in for a hearty meal that Lynn Hall & Carol Gregory provided. Thanks to all who worked so hard to clean up our course.



Ghin Information

The Dreaded “R” – Handicap Index Reduction or Sandbagger?

The definition of a “reduced handicap index”, ex: 18.2R, is when a golfer has a minimum of two eligible tournament score differentials that are exceptional, at least 3.0 better than the golfer’s handicap index.

The definition of a “sandbagger” is one who misleads others about his/her ability level, claiming to be worse than he/she actually is.

If you have a “reduced handicap index” does that make you a “sandbagger”? The answer is “no”; it simply means that you have demonstrated a scoring potential that is better than your current handicap index.

Business League May 1st

Wow, they couldn’t have asked for a nicer evening yet only two teams showed up for the first business league of the season: team Vapor (Donnie Poole, Dick Reiswig & Steve Bryson) and team Lopez Village Market (Aaron Dye, Richard Brown, Bjorn Ottesen and Justin Hurle). Yet they had fun and a lot of good golf anyway.

Winners: Vapor with a score of 29

Long Drive #12: Steve Bryson driving over the pond and just short of the sand trap.

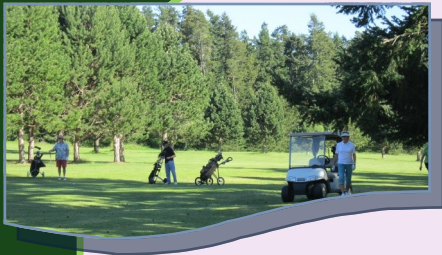
Other notables: Dick Reiswig made 3 birdie putts outside of 14 feet. No wonder they won; that’s a tough one to beat.

ALL Events Are Posted On Our Website

<http://lopezislandgolf.com/>

Pink Ball Twilight

May 5th



This is always a fun game.....confusing, but fun.

Thanks Joyce & Bob for putting on this event. The teams play a step aside scramble on the white ball and an alternating player on each hole plays the pink ball start to finish. Then there are a couple of KP's thrown into the mix. If your pink ball at any time went out of bounds, into a pond or got lost, that was the end of your pink ball competition. Only 3 of the 7 teams came back with their pink balls.

Pink Ball Winners both low score (49) and low putts (14):

Perry Brown, Sue Crockett & Jerry Aaron

As for the white ball, well one of the captains got a little confused. Instead of playing a step-aside scramble with the white ball they each played their own ball from tee to hole. We were all wondering what was taking them soooooo long and why they looked so exhausted when they finally came in. Dick Bangsund got razed big time for that one. We're thinking if he is a captain again there just might be a mutiny.

White Ball Winners both low score (37) and low putts (10): Chris Bangsund, Diane Robertson, Julie Van Camp, Jon Avent

Second place tied: Team of Bob Gerfy, Beth Hughes, Carole White & Rip Van Camp and team of Joyce Kruithof, Dick Reiswig, Scott & Lori Honeywell

KP's: #1 Jim Pinkham (52") & Mary Brown (19'8")

#9 Barbara Reiswig (1' 3")

Bob Gerfy won the 50/50 drawing but donated his portion back to the club.

Hmmm, if I ever win I'll stop that precedent in a hurry!

It was an incredible evening, warm....very warm. In fact we are a fickle bunch. There were a lot of comments on how hot, how tooooo hot it was. Wasn't it just last week we were complaining about the cold?



Lobo Golf Team Results

May 3rd Results: WIAA District 1 Tournament at Gallery Golf Course, NAS Whidbey



Both the ladies' and the gentlemen's teams won their respective championships. A big congratulations to our home teams!

As individual players, Sarah Reeve took 2nd place, Marné Cook was 3rd, Samantha Swanson was 10th, Eryn Dye was 13th, Jessica Burton was 19th, and Sophie Burton 20th; five of these six young women move on to the Tri-Districts tournament, which is the qualifying tournament for the State Championship. On the men's side, Michael Reeve was 3rd, James Brant was 5th, Brytt Weber took 6th, and Sam Heller earned 9th; all these young men earned a spot to the Bi-District Tournament. Chase Schober came in 14th, missing the cut for the State qualifier by only one stroke, while Thomas Hobi came in 20th. Wow, what a fabulous showing !

Richard Têtu, their proud coach, commented: "Sure, I am very happy for them to be able to go home with both trophies and half the medals, but most of all, it is their behavior on and off the course that never fails to impress me and the adults who meet them. For example, Marné came off the course and gave herself a penalty for a double hit that nobody else ever saw; forgetting to do so would have put her in a tie with Sarah Reeve for first in BB/B and second in overall scores, but she never considered the possibility of playing without the integrity she always demonstrates. Another example? Chase Schober, one of our two captains, could have appeared down in the dumps after missing, by only one stroke, to qualify and move on toward the State Championship, a tournament in which he competed so well last year. Instead, he never ceased to support his friends and fellow-competitors with good words and humor. Those attitudes, those behaviors that all our players demonstrate day after day, rain or shine, is what I consider our biggest success. Kinda nice to tag along with a bunch of people like that."

May 9 Results: Bi/Tri District Tournament

Our individual and team scores were solid, especially considering that only a select few players and teams were allowed to compete. The following people earned spots to the state tournament: Marné Cook, Sarah Reeve, James Brant, Sam Heller, Brytt Weber. Out of eleven schools, our ladies tied for second place with our friends at Grace Academy, with Marné Cook taking third and Sarah taking seventh place. Because of the large field, Samantha Swanson and Eryn Dye did well without being able to earn team points. Our men came a very close third to Bear Creek's 57 points and Northwest Christian's 51 with 50 points; James Brant was sixth, Sam Heller was seventh, Brytt Weber was tenth, and Michael Reeve was eleventh.

The team is currently at the state competition at Oakbrook in Lakewood. Knowing that golf is such a mental game, let's keep those positive vibes going to them.



Have you notice the new flags on our greens? Our old ones were tattered and needed replacing. The new ones look GREAT and in addition the top ferrule has been replaced with a laser link that provides accurate distance measurement with some newer handheld rangefinder.

We ask that you lay the flagstick down gently as you go to putt in order to maintain the integrity of the laser.



**Welcome Back
Renewed Member**

Ted Phillips

May Aces

Sue Crockett *

Bob Gerfy

*Judy Whitney & Sue Crockett initially tied. Sue Crockett prevailed in a playoff.

Golf Truths

The shortest distance between any two points on a golf course is a straight line that passes directly through the center of a very large tree.

Breakfast Club May 11th



Well the Elleners did it again. Another successful event with good food, good conversation and \$160 profit to the club. Over 30 people were served this month and everyone was quite appreciative of Ray & Mary's efforts. There were even a few who went golfing afterward as the weather was better than last month.



Spring Ladies' Association Meeting

May 14



President Miki Straughan conducted our spring meeting with Secretary/Treasurer Jeanne Budlong giving us the necessary reports. Our intent as a separate club is to contribute to the improvement of the general golf club/clubhouse. We discussed a couple of items: a reverse osmosis water unit in the kitchen and cleaning of the clubhouse and course bathrooms. The expense of the R/O system is prohibitive for us at this time and it was also decided that the cleaning issues are best left to the board and general membership.



We then discussed the purpose and rightful use of the Three Putt Can monies and came to an agreement on when and where it will be spent.

Nancy Lynch, this year's Tuesday ladies' day coordinator, discussed some pending issues. Chris Bangsund discussed our upcoming Fun Day on June 11th, finalizing some of those details.

Recycling

Pat Goodfellow has graciously offered to handle the recycling from the club, but please....let's help to make her job a little less time consuming.

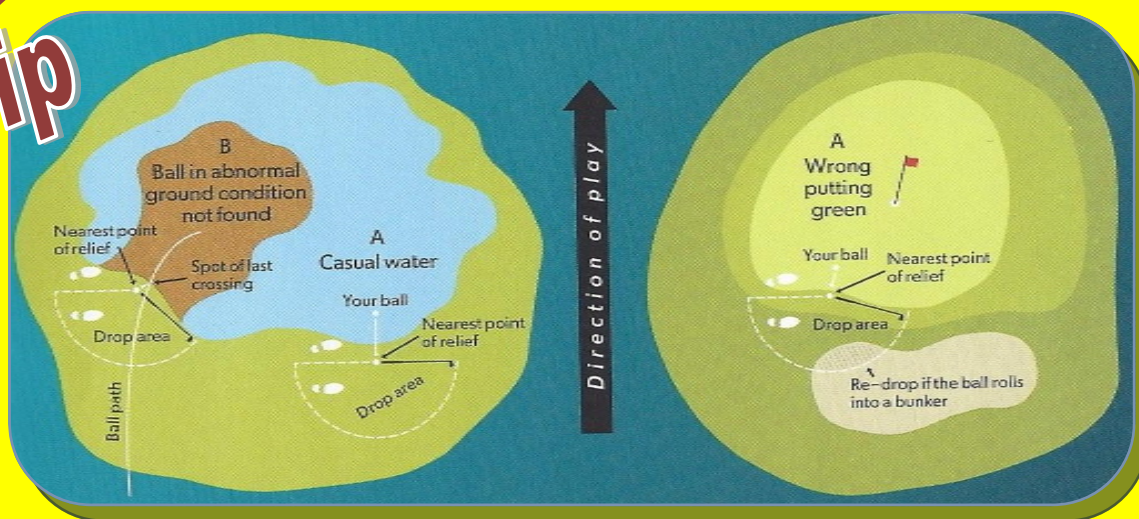
Plastic bottles: Please remove the caps and place them separately in the same bin.

Aluminum cans: Please flatten them completely.

Glass: Try not to break any



Rules Tip



Abnormal Ground Conditions - Embedded Ball - Wrong Putting Green

Casual water—Ground under repair—Holes, casts or runways made by burrowing animals, birds or reptiles

<u>Situation</u>	<u>Relief (not applicable in water hazards)</u>	<u>Rule</u>
Interference by abnormal ground conditions	No penalty. Drop A (see below & illustration)	25-1b
Ball in abnormal ground conditions not found	No penalty. Drop B	25-1c
Ball embedded in its own pitch-mark	No penalty. Mark, lift, drop as near as possible	25-2
Wrong Putting green	Drop according to A, if not two penalty strokes	25-3

Dropping requirements:

A Drop within one club-length from the nearest point of relief, but no nearer the hole. If the ball lies in a bunker the ball must be dropped in, and played from, the bunker (you can also choose to drop outside the bunker under one penalty stroke).

B Ball is deemed to lie at the spot where it last crossed the outermost limits of the abnormal ground condition. Drop within one club-length of the nearest point of relief from that spot

(See the complete text in the USGA "The Rules of Golf")

Courtesy of Mary Brown

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Spring General Membership Meeting

May 19th

The meeting was called to order by President Joyce Kruithof. A quorum was ascertained. Each of our committee heads gave their respective reports.

The course is in great shape; however, we need more help with fairway mowing. Steve requested a new position for 12 hours a week for three months. We also have 2 pieces of equipment that are in dire need of repair. Johnny has been busy mowing and hasn't had the time to repair them.

We lost 23 members last year but have gotten 7 new ones this year so far. Thank you for giving us a try.

As always there was a lengthy discussion about the financial situation of the club. A lot of ideas were suggested and discussed; however, nothing firm was voted on. The Board will discuss the options at their meeting Friday.

We will keep struggling along, hoping the tide will soon turn and as always both ask and thank our membership for their continued support and help.

Lessons available Steve Nightingale, PGA Pro



Monday June 10th 12-6:30

1 hour slots for private/semi private lessons 12 pm—5pm

1.5 hour group 5-6:30 (minimum 4)

\$50 private \$60 for two-some \$20 each for group

Sign up at the club, call Sally Fri-Mon 9-3 468-2679

Or email at ligc@rockisland.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

May:

25: Twilight Golf Event with 4-8 pm
New Member & Memorial Party

29: Workday 9-12 am

June:

4 & 6: Ace tournaments Ladies & Men

5: Business League 5-7 pm

9: Twilight Golf 4-6 pm

11: Ladies' Fun Day

4/18/25: Ladies' President Cup Tournament

6/13/20: Men's President Cup Tournament

23: Twilight Golf 4-6 pm

25/26/27: LIFRC Golf Workshop 1:30-3:30

26: Workday 9-12

Breakfast Club June 8 9-11

The breakfast club continues. Bring your friends!

*Breakfast Enchiladas : Sausage and Scrambled Eggs
in Flour Tortilla topped with Cheese Sauce, Tomatoes and
Cilantro*

Southwest Hashbrowns

Strawberries and Cream

Juice and Coffee

*A \$5 donation per person is appreciated. Advance notice
is also appreciated but not mandatory.*

Sign up at the club or contact Mary Ellener @

468-2734 or marytobacco@comcast.net

New Member & Memorial Party

Once a year we come together to welcome
our new members and honor our past
members. Please join us after the twilight.

May 25th 6-8 pm

contact Sue Crockett 468-2775

by Weds 22nd

Business League Continues

DATES: June 5, July 10, Aug 7, Sept 4

TIME: Sign in 5 pm; tee off 5:30

Cost: \$5 members; \$15 non-members

It's a 9-hole competition for a team you create. You
can name it anything you'd like. If you don't have a
team, Esa will assign you one.

Contact Esa for more information @ 468-3603 or

Esa.turunen62@gmail.com

June 9 & 23 Twilight Golf

Watch for sign up sheets at the club

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