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On May 18th the club held the spring edition of its biannual general membership meeting, with a stronger-than-usual turnout of about 35 members. (Where were the rest of you?)

The biggest point of discussion was the club's new Snack Bar license, which allows us to serve beer under the limited conditions described at the end of this article. This summer the Board will test the concept, in the hopes of enhancing the social aspects of the club. We have a great clubhouse, and Board members hope that the ability to relax with a beer after a round will encourage golfers to make more use of it – talk with each other, cheer on the PGA/LPGA golfers doing it for more-than-twilight money on the big-screen TV, and maybe even encourage nonmembers to realize the value of what we have on our small island and consider joining the Golf Club. The club also hopes to make a small profit overall, but that's less of a consideration than the social aspects.

But it wasn't only about the beer. The board members discussed the state of the club – lost a few members overall but holding our own financially in these tough times, albeit with little room for the unexpected. Rip Van Camp noted that the endowment fund, designed to spin off interest against an untouchable principal, has raised over \$30,000 from just under half the members. Its value has already increased, and he made a strong case for further contributions from those who can afford to make them.

The club also announced we'll be replacing the very tired carpet in the clubhouse, thanks to the donation of expertise by member Roy Paswaters and volunteer labor. Cleaning the current carpet has proved only slightly better than futile, and the squares by the entry are damaged and need to be redone in any event.

We also discussed plugging the greens – not just the schedule (June 3, after Women's Day play – volunteers needed!) but the best method for bringing the greens back quickly. We'll be trying one of the suggestions on a practice green shortly.

The club also voted to adopt a series of small changes to the bylaws – clarifications of the duties of club officers, recognition of the endowment, and a series of typographical and other small corrections.

Thanks to all who attended and participated in some very positive discussions.

In summary, the beer policy mentioned at the start of this article allows us to sell cans or bottles of beer for consumption in the clubhouse or on the course as long as we open them. (We may request that they be consumed only in the clubhouse or the picnic tables, but that's still under discussion.) No one can buy more than one beer at a time, with a limit overall of either two or three. Only servers with a state-issued license may sell them, which for now means only Jodie in her role and during her hours as clubhouse manager, though Board member Steven Levy has also obtained a license as a backup. We will attempt to persuade players to respect the no-outside-alcohol provision that's always been in place. We will continue to obtain banquet permits for events such as twilight golf so that participants can bring their own drinks and aren't limited to beer. We plan to offer a small variety of beer at fair prices. The Board will monitor the experiment throughout the summer, modify house policies as needed, and continue to report out to the membership to ensure that we are not changing the core characteristics of the Golf Club.

-- Steve Levy

# Golf Cart Maintenance

This is a three part series on the maintenance of golf cart buggies, both electric and gas.

This first in the series is what should be done in the spring prior to starting your golf season. This article will assume the cart has not been used throughout the winter months and does not have a maintainer on it.

**First and foremost:** Water in the batteries.

This applies to gas carts as well. Yes Martha, they have batteries also. Remove the water reservoir lids and check the water level. If the water/acid is below the grey plates, then add **ONLY** enough to cover the plates. If the water/acid is above the plates do not add water until the batteries have been charged. The reason for this is as the batteries are charged they heat up and the water/acid expands. If you fill it to the top prior to charging, the water/acid will overflow and the acid eats and corrodes the terminals and battery supports which then leads to large problems.

**Second:** Charge the batteries.

Once completed, this is the time to top off the water (distilled or RO is best, rain water next best) filling it to the ring that is inside the top of the battery. Be careful to not over fill. You do not want to dilute the acid unnecessarily. Also be careful around batteries. The acid is very caustic and splashed in the eyes can be a bad thing. If possible wear rubber gloves and never let anything metal touch the terminals as a short can cause battery fumes to explode. FYI, most chargers (maintainers the exception) do not read the need for charging. In other words, left plugged in the charger will not maintain the battery in a charged state. To activate charging, the charger either must be timed (dial type) or unplugged and plugged back in to get it to start the charging cycle. This is why even though a cart has been plugged in all winter the batteries can be low on charge. Also batteries that reach a very low level of charge can freeze. This is because the chemical composition of battery plates and acid changes at low charge. You'll be able to tell if your battery has frozen by looking at the outside of the case from above. It will appear to have swelled out making it look a little like a football. This takes its toll on the plates in the battery and shortens the life of the battery considerably. So what should you do?? You can ask someone to charge your cart once a month in winter or you can take the batteries home to your warm garage so they don't freeze or you can use a Maintainer. Maintainers are very expensive but certainly less than a set of batteries in long run. The higher cost is due to golf carts running on 36 and 48 volts, unlike car batteries. Also remember a maintainer will not charge a cart after 18 holes; it only maintains the charged level of batteries as they sit for long periods.

**Third:** Lubrication/Oil/Tires

- ♦ Like automobiles, your golf cart will need lubrication for the steering gear and the differential. Also spray lube on the different cables and don't forget to spray the battery terminals with red coating to prevent acid corrosion.
- ♦ Gas carts need oil, either in the crankcase or in the oil injector reservoir.
- ♦ Maintaining your tires with proper inflation is important. There is an air source on the west side of the cart shed. Different tires require different pressures. These pressures are many times indicated on the side of tire or certainly in the owner's manual.

You are welcome to print this sheet and use it as a reference. Well maintained carts are less likely to fail and leave you stranded in the middle of the course, needing a tow and repair....and ruining a good game.

Dick Bangsund, Let's Go Buggy



# Workday April 30

April Work Day was a big success:

- Sprinkler heads around the greens were cleaned
- The tee boxes were mowed, cleaned up and sand was put into the divot repair containers
- Trash was picked up
- Lower branches of trees were trimmed
- Tree windfall and pine cones were raked up
- Flower beds and paths were weeded
- Clubhouse windows were washed
- Rough areas were weedwacked

Tired workers were treated to a chili and cheese toast lunch prepared by Lynn and Bob Hall.

In addition, Dennis Mattson mowed two fairways, Bob Hall is working on restoring the flag pole and the high school golf team weeded bunkers on #5 and #6.

Thank you all for your help. If others would like to take on some of these jobs on days other than work days, please let me know. Help with recycling will be needed in June. Fairway sprinkler heads need to be cleaned. And we can always use extra hands raking up tree debris and taking it to the burn pile at the far south end of the course. If you see a need, don't hesitate to mention it or address it if you can.

Joyce Kruithof





# Ladies' Golf Association Spring Meeting



On Tuesday, May 6, 2014, after a dreary, drippy round of golf, the Women's Association held its semi-annual Spring meeting. The focus of discussion centered around increasing women's participation on Tuesdays and in the Association. Also of importance was discussion about our June 17<sup>th</sup> invitational fun day. Chris Bangsund has a really fun day planned and I'm sure that Mary Brown will create a game for the day that is not only challenging but a lot of fun. Some of those present paid their annual dues of \$10.00 and there will be an envelope on the women's board at the clubhouse for anyone to put their dues in.

This was a brown bag lunch meeting but Gretchen Gruenke provided 2 pizzas - yum. I am comfortable in saying that although a ton of business did not get accomplished, we all had a great time and are really wanting to see some new faces next time.

Jeanne Budlong, Secretary/Treasurer LIGCWA.



## Golf Lessons w/ Steve Nightingale

**June 2 & 16** 1 hour long private lessons available \$50 or \$60 total semi private

Also available **Ladies' Clinic Only** 4 pm-5:30 pm:

**June 16, 30 & July 14** \$40 for all 3/\$15 each limited to 6

See the sign up sheet at the clubhouse

# Endowment Fund

## About the Endowment Fund

A friend and fellow member came up to me recently and asked, “ **Just what is an endowment anyway ?**” and “**Why do we need one ?**”

I explained that an endowment fund is an instrument used by many organizations that is intended to provide funds from the capital invested to manage the long term financial needs of the organization. The invested capital is maintained as principal and only the proceeds generated can be used. I explained that our goal was to achieve a minimum of \$100,000 in capital invested by the end of 2016 that would generate \$4-5000 annually for club use.

The member nodded understanding, “**And so what about my second question?**” I was ready and replied that over the past several years the club has lost over one hundred members and in the past three years has lost a net of 40 with the current level of 141 active members. The loss has come from moving, age, discontinuing golf and in some cases because of death. Further, I indicated that the Board had determined that there would be insufficient funds to finance replacement of aging equipment.

I explained that the Board and some concerned members looked at the situation and determined that we needed solutions to preserve the club over the long term in order to ensure that we had a financially stable club and course to serve the membership, visitors and the community.

The questioning member was listening and even nodding at times, so I decided to continue.

The Board proceeded to form an endowment development committee designated as **the fearsome founders**. We developed an endowment document and plan and then proceeded to solicit participation. It was decided to make the contribution low and extended over a period of time and the level was set at \$500 a year for three years and a total of \$1500. We thought this was very reasonable level when you consider the need and that LIGC is probably the lowest cost annual membership course in the country at less than \$500 a year membership fee.

I decided to add a few statistics to my conversation indicating that the fearless founders had succeeded in less than one year to enlist participation of 65 members (almost 50 %) that had committed over \$60,000. An investment committee was formed to manage the funds and over the past six months have placed \$33,000 in Vanguard index funds currently showing a return of 6.3%. My questioner opined that he thought that was a very good start. He nodded, thanked me, and went out for a round of low cost golf.

**The next week I received a check for his first contribution to the endowment.**

The founders continue contact efforts with the hope to encourage those not participating to join. We have a goal to enroll at least 20 additional members in order to reach our goal of \$100,000 by the end of 2016. We hope you will respond like my doubting friend.

**Please contact me, Joyce Kruithof or any member of the fearless founders noted below. Also, a reminder that there is a binder in the club house that provides information and forms on the endowment.**

Come join us to help maintain a viable and sustainable golf presence on Lopez for members, guests, visitors, the community and for our youth.

Rip

**Fearless founders. When you see them I urge you to thank them for their dedicated service to the club and the community.**

Russ Johnson

Duane Bordvick

Jerry Aaron—Board member also EIC

Brian Lynch-- also EIC

Bev Smith--also EIC

Joyce Kruithof—Board member also EIC

Joe Reynolds

John Quickstad

Rip Van Camp—also EIC

Dick Reiswig

John Strathman—also EIC

\*EIC is the Endowment Investment Committee

**Postscript: We have received \$8000 for year two commitment. There are about 20 members who had committed for year two who have not sent their checks in as yet. We will need those checks to make our next \$20,000 investment.**



**April Aces**

**Pat Goodfellow**  
**Jim Montgomery**

**McConaghy Champs**

**1st Mary Brown Bob Gerfy**

**2nd Joyce Kruithof Ed Gutkowski**

**3rd Pat Goodfellow Tom Cowan**



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# Memorial-New Member Party



## BACKWARDS GOLF A TWILIGHT HIT!!!!!!



Backwards Twilight Event created by John Quickstad.

John reversed and/or recreated 7 holes by playing the course backwards. For Hole #1, we teed off close to #9 green, hit over the trees between the 8th and 9th fairways, and then on to #8 green. Hole #2 went from near #5 green to just south of the blue/white tee box of #5. Hole #3 went..... well, you get the idea. The whole thing was backwards!

So, we had no blue, white or red stakes to help us gauge distances. We had to hit reversed shots: Playing from near the #3 green on the airport side, we played back up three to the #2 green. I hit a drive that started over the runway and faded back into the fairway. We hit from the practice green over the #9 pond and between the big tree and bushes.

We let a foursome of fly-ins onto the course after 3 PM. John's scramble group met them on #5 fairway, John and partners playing south, the visitors coming right at them going north. The aviators must have thought they'd met the ghost of Wrong Way Corrigan!

We had nine foursomes on the tract - the biggest turnout of the year! The team of Tim Madison, Ron Metcalf, Barbara Reiswig and Kathy Keller won with a net score of 32. Next came three teams at 33, one at 34, two at 35 and two at 36. Everybody won some cash -- and everyone had a great time.

We celebrated these new members:



Chris Dern  
Kathy Keller  
Tyler Brower  
Larry Meurk  
Roy Paswaters

Nancy Mariotti  
Steve Kyser  
Tim Madison  
Vaughan Williams

Yeow, my aching head

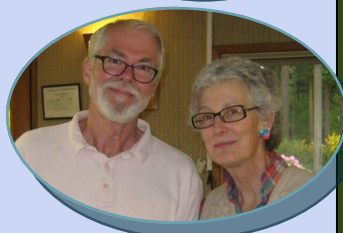


We remembered these golfers who died in the past year:

Doug Cowan  
Gordy Rydberg

John Sangster  
Bill Mc Kinney

Eddy Williams  
Doug Allan



To top things off, we enjoyed a great Italian dinner cooked by Mary Ellener, assisted by husband Ray.

Bob Gerfy





# May 28 Workday

More than 20 industrious members showed up to weedwack, empty garbage, clean sand traps, trim trees, weed flower beds, clean sprinkler heads, clean restrooms, sort and haul off recycling, prune rhodies, mow, rake up debris, sort rental clubs and finally to enjoy lunch prepared by James and Miki Straughan.

The course requires a lot of work this time of year and the help of members is absolutely essential to keep our course in shape. Next week we'll have our annual greens plugging to assure our greens stay healthy. We hope for your continued help in responding to ongoing course and clubhouse maintenance needs. We can't survive unless everyone pitches in.

Thank you all for your willingness to work for your golf club!

Joyce Kruithof





# Lopez High School Team State Results



**This from Coach Têtu on May 28:**

“Sarah Reeve, Pepe Fajardo, and Brytt Weber all made it to the second round of the State B/BB Golf Tournament. Pepe posted an 83, Brytt had a 90, and Sarah had a 102. Tee times will be announced in the next hour or so; there are only 20 gents and 20 ladies playing tomorrow. This is the first time that all our players who go to state make it to the final round.”

## **Final Results May 29th**

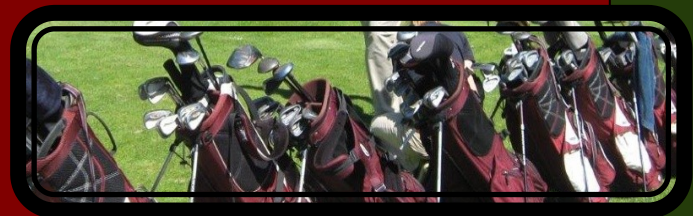
Good evening to all.

The Lopez golfers are back home from the B/BB State Golf Tournament. Sarah Reeve had the third best round of the second day, took sixth place (and is two strokes from fourth place). I wish you could have seen her play! (Remember, I rarely use exclamation points.) To put it in a different light, the young lady who won the tournament shot a 73 and a 71. Sixth place looks darn good.

In the gentlemen’s competition, Pepe Fajardo took 16th, 5 strokes off from 8th place. He had a wonderful round of 83 yesterday with three birdies. Brytt Weber is right behind him with 20th place and some very solid holes. Those two rankings combined to give our young men a sixth place as a team.

Add to this that the ladies won the State Academic Championship, and I think the players had a pretty good season.

Respectfully,  
Richard and Debbie Têtu



## **Congratulations**

# **We are so proud of all of you!**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

<b>June</b>		
<b>3 &amp; 5</b>	<b>Ace Tournaments</b>	<b>8:30</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Business League</b>	<b>5:30</b>
<b>3,10,24</b>	<b>President's Cup Ladies</b>	<b>8:30</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Twilight Event</b>	<b>3:30</b>
<b>12,19,26</b>	<b>President's Cup Men</b>	<b>8:30</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Women's Invitational Field Day</b>	<b>8:00</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Business League</b>	<b>5:30</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Twilight Event</b>	<b>3:30</b>
<b>24,25,26</b>	<b>LIFRC Sponsored Golf Lessons</b>	<b>2-4</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>June Workday</b>	<b>9-12</b>

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## Breakfast Club anyone?

Unfortunately Mary & Ray Ellener are unable to do this monthly event this season. It was so popular last season. Is there any member who would like to carry on this event? Or perhaps multiple people just doing 1 event? The Elleners are a tough act to follow, but I know someone else would be welcomed with opened arms.

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### BUSINESS LEAGUE GOLF

STARTS April 23rd  
1st and 3rd Wednesdays thereafter:  
May 7 & 21 June 4 & 18  
July 2 & 16 August 6 & 20  
September 3 & 17

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**

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