

Brrrrrrrr!

2014 in review

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It's been a surprisingly good year for the Golf Club. Membership numbers are holding almost steady. We had two new Trial Members this year, one of whom will convert to certificate membership next year. One Limited Seasonal Member will continue next year. We've heard from several members that their friends and relatives are planning to join in 2015. All great news! We've got most of our equipment running satisfactorily and our new hire, Ben Reece, is doing an excellent job learning the ropes. Jodie Snapp has been a lifesaver in the clubhouse. We've never been more organized! Our experiment with beer sales started in May this year. We hope to see more profits next year when we have a full season. Our Endowment Fund has earned us close to \$4000 on the \$52,000 we have invested. We hope more members will pledge to the fund so we reach our initial \$100,000 goal by the end of 2016. This year we ran Business League twice a month instead of just once and plan to do that again in 2015. If any of you have ideas for new events or activities to energize the club, please contact one of the board members. I'll be sending out the 2015 dues bill in a few days for those of you who like to pay before winter plans take over. Remember to check the event calendar on our website for the full social and tournament schedule planned for next year. <http://lopezislandgolf.com>

Wishing you happy holidays! If you're here over the winter, come out and play! The course is in fine shape.

Joyce Kruithof (for the Board of Trustees)

Winter Golf Cart Care

Winter servicing Golf Carts

Not unlike other times of the year, the most significant issue is batteries if the cart is so equipped, although gas carts do have batteries for starting and need some care. The one thing I see most often is corrosion of the battery terminals and the sub-structure in the cart. This needs to be cleaned with baking soda, making sure that the caps are on tight before doing this. Mix baking soda with water to a milky consistency not too thick as you will be painting this on with a brush. Make sure your cart is outside near a water faucet and hose. Paint the baking soda on all the terminals and battery tops letting the liquid flow down the side onto the sub-structure. Keep doing this until it stops bubbling. Rinse it off with water and dry the terminals. Now apply the red battery terminal protector liberally (this can be obtained at NAPA). Next check the water level inside the batteries and make sure the water covers the plates but **DO NOT** top off the batteries with water prior to charging them as it will overflow as the battery is charged!!! You are now ready to charge the batteries fully! This is an important step as a drained battery can and will freeze. After your batteries are fully charged, disconnect the positive terminal from the battery and set aside until spring, also disconnecting the charging cord. If you have a newer EZgo cart, flip the switch to the tow position. This should carry the cart until spring, at which time a thorough service can be done. Air up your tires, so when you return in the spring you are not dealing with flat tires that make it hard to get to the air hose. Finally it's a good idea to cover seats, as birds and other creatures deposit stuff on them in the winter.

Remember, battery acid is caustic and dangerous. A spark can cause an explosion and acid can and will burn you. Use gloves and eye protection and wear old clothes.

This advice is a result of 60 years of working on or watching others work on cars/carts etc... It is my opinion and is by no means authoritative or cast in concrete. Use it at your own discretion. Dick Bangsund

ALL Events Are Posted On Our Website

<http://lopezislandgolf.com/>



The ladies were at it again, decking the LJGC halls with boughs of holly and lots of other things. The clubhouse looks festive once again. Thanks to James Straughan who brought the Christmas tree, and to those who helped decorate... Beth, Lynn, Mary, Nancy and Patty. Also to Joyce, Dodie, Gretchen, Miki & Chris who brought lunch.






December 6 Holiday Party



Now there's a
jolly ole elf



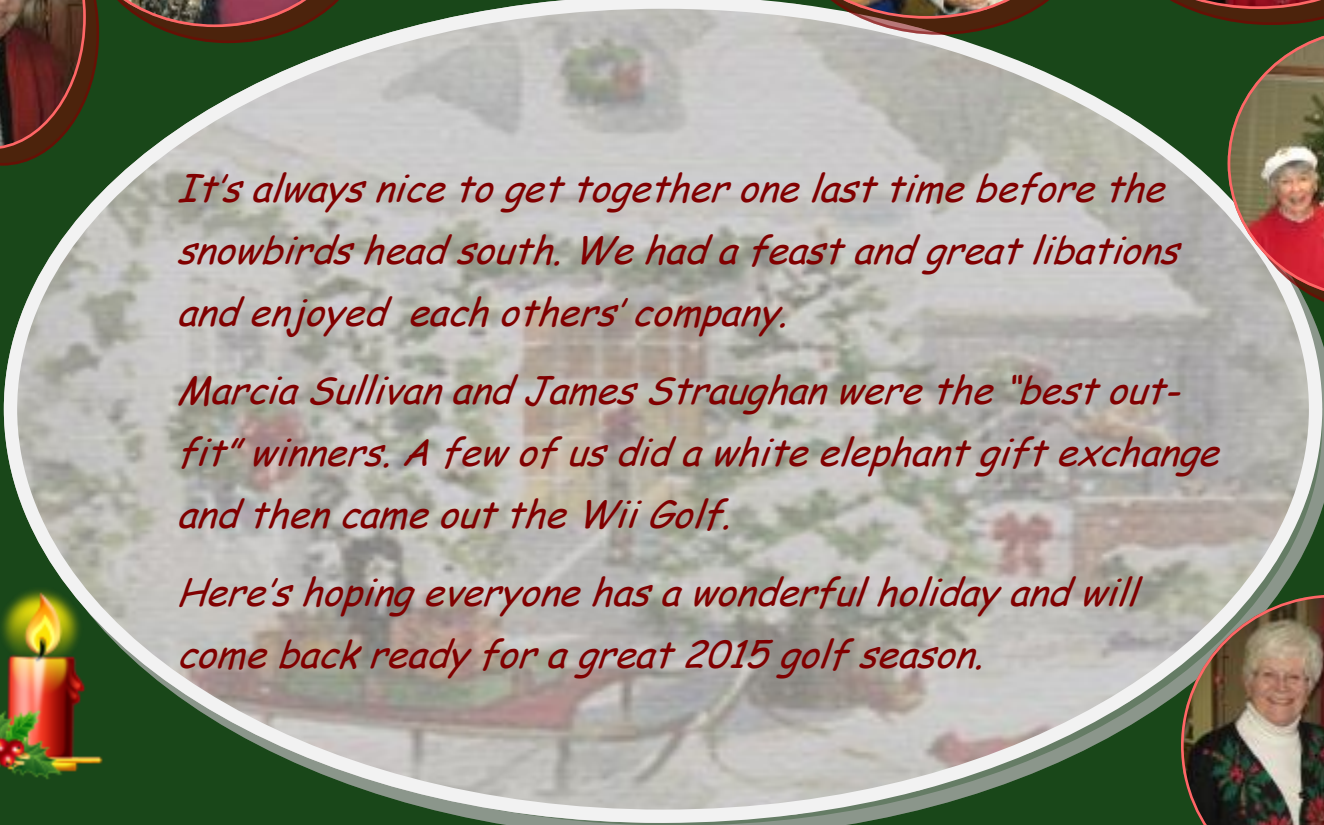
Easy on that punch, ladies



The outfit winners!




Not me,
I swear it!




It's always nice to get together one last time before the snowbirds head south. We had a feast and great libations and enjoyed each others' company.

Marcia Sullivan and James Straughan were the "best outfit" winners. A few of us did a white elephant gift exchange and then came out the Wii Golf.

Here's hoping everyone has a wonderful holiday and will come back ready for a great 2015 golf season.



A little Wii golf
anyone?



I think Bob saw the ghost
of Christmas past!



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

December:

20 Ladies' Holiday Luncheon Noon

February

8 Soggy Bottom Tournament 10 am

Ladies' Holiday Luncheon
Dec. 20th 12:00



2015 Schedule of Events

Tournaments

McConaghy Men-May 14, 21, 28 Women- May 12, 19, 26

Presidents Cup Men-June 11, 18, 25 Women- June 9, 23, 30

(Ladies' Field Day on June 16)

Lott and Pilon Match Play July all month

Club Championship— men and women play on same days-August 18, 20, 23

King and Queen Sept. 20

Twilight Golf (all at 4 pm except as noted)

Sun. April 19 Sun. May 3 Sat. May 23 (new member & memorial party too) Fri. June 2 Sun. June 28 Sun. July 12 Sun. July 26

Sun. Aug. 9 Sun. Aug. 30 Mon. Sept. 7 (Horse Race, starts at 2 pm)

Sun. Sept. 20 (9-hole scramble at 3 pm after K&Q make the turn)

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

March 25· April 29· May 27· June 24

July 29· August 26· September 30· October 28

Annual Events

Spring Membership Meeting – Sunday, May 17, 4 pm

Fall Membership Meeting – Sunday, October 4, 4 pm

Annual Awards Ceremony and Dinner—Sunday, Sept. 20



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