

# CHIPSHOTS

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Celebrating 60 Years of Golf on Lopez Island



# Off Season Play



To the left, Joyce and Bo'sun demonstrate the new seed mix repair kits you make and

take with you around the course. You will find the bottles and the seed mix in the clubs room. This ingenious idea, thanks to Carole White, will allow everyone the ability to take repair mix out on the course for those inevitable divots. Every little bit helps keep our course in top shape as we support our hard working greenskeepers.

As always, when the greens are frozen, please do not play on them. Damage from walking on the greens when they are frozen takes months to repair. Additionally, during the wet season, please use cart paths as much as possible, and be aware of wet areas around greens and on the right side of the #3 fairway.



# New Rules of Golf for 2019

The USGA and R&A (Royal and Ancient) have changed the Rules of Golf for 2019 in ways that should speed up play and simplify the game.

Some of the changes seem to fit the way we actually play golf. For example, we no longer have to hit a provisional ball if we think our shot has landed out-of-bounds or may be lost. We can walk to where we think the ball is and, if it's OB or lost, we can drop another ball according to this illustration:

We don't have to remove the flag when putting. Though we'll usually opt to pull the flag, there are times when we might want to save time by putting while another player is walking to her ball, raking a sand trap, etc. without having to walk 40 feet to pull the pin and another 40 back to our ball.



The length of time to look for a ball is reduced from 5 minutes to 3.

We can fix spike marks as well as ball marks on greens.

There is no longer a penalty for accidentally moving a ball on the putting green — even though it's really the fault of the wind.

To learn about all the changes, go to the USGA Rule Hub: <https://www.usga.org/rules-hub.html>. There's a digital version available at the USGA website and an APP for your cell phone!

New rule books are available from the USGA. We'll get some for sale at our shop. There is at least one simplified, quick-reference version due out in mid-January. If that passes muster we might get some of those. These booklets are usually quicker to use than the full rules book.

**Bob Gerfy**



# Thanksgiving Day Dinner



20 Hearty Eaters.

WAY too much food!

8 golfers played 6 holes in two teams and tied! Hand warmers were awarded as prizes.





# Holiday Decorating Party



Golf club elves arrived early in December to help make the clubhouse festive for the holiday season.





# Christmas Party







**Trivia winners Joyce and Ruthie  
(with a little help from Dan Myers)**



Monday Morning Bridge Group, Wednesday Night Bridge Group, Mahjong group. The clubhouse isn't only for watching golf and football on TV. These active groups have been enjoying our clubhouse and in many cases add to the rental budget.







# Ping Pong



We have a very organized Ladies Ping Pong League renting the golf club every Tuesday night this winter season. Many of the 20 committed players are tennis players staying in shape during the winter. We gave these ladies a real reasonable rental rate with the idea that we are introducing them to our facility, available for other rentals and we might just spike some interest in golf in them later. At any rate, they are having a lot of fun.

**MEN PLAY TOO! THURSDAY NIGHTS.  
SEE VAUGHAN FOR DETAILS.**





# Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



A heartfelt thank you to the LIGC Membership for your support of all we do, as your employees. The Golf Club Family has generously allowed us to be ourselves, as we work to improve all aspects of Lopez Island Golf Club. We look forward to next year filled with golf games, dinners and many, many friendships.

-Lars, Benni and Jodie, with Bo'sun



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Ester Allport  
at the Ladies  
Association  
Christmas  
Party, 1991.  
When just  
one Christ-  
mas tree  
wasn't  
enough.

January 19th -Moonlight Golf  
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Please send in your Membership  
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