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As many of you prepare to head south.....

President's Post

At a workday a few months ago, a member said to me, "This isn't a club; it's more like a co-op." I like that image. In a co-op, everyone pitches in so everyone can

benefit. In a co-op, everyone expects to do work. Here are some ways you can pitch in to both fulfill your work responsibility and to help us save money and stay afloat:

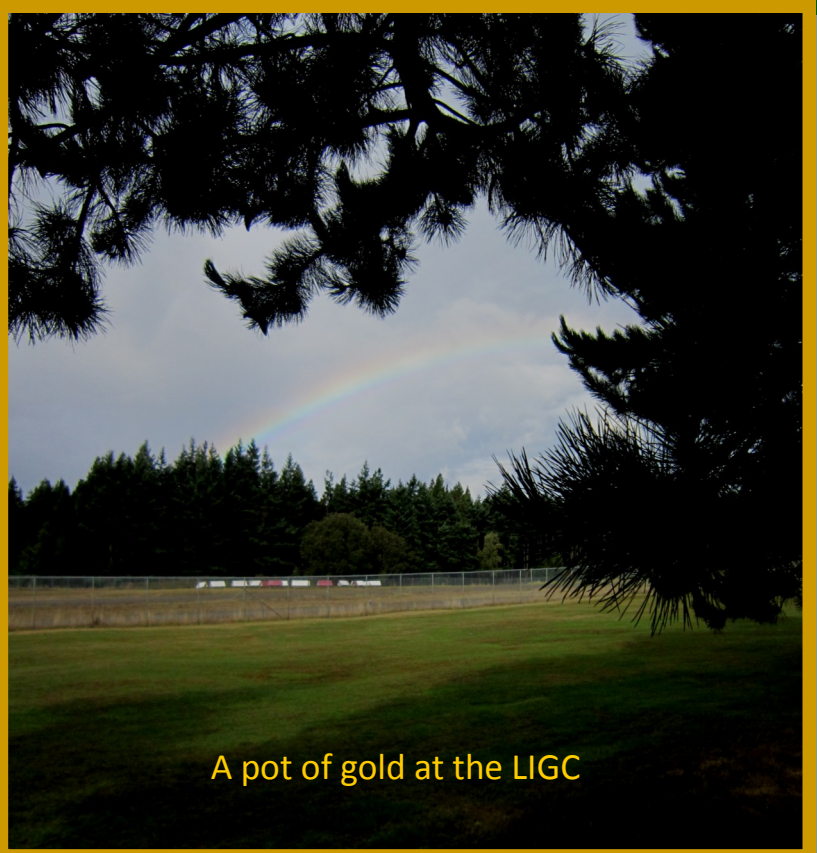
- ◆ Show up on work days.
- ◆ Sign up for club-sitting.
- ◆ If work days don't fit your schedule, offer to do jobs on other days.
- ◆ Talk to the Greens Committee about how you can help out on the course with weeding, mowing, fertilizing, pruning, cleaning up bunkers, changing pins, etc.
- ◆ Talk to the Building Committee about jobs in and around the clubhouse –plant care, recycling, kitchen cleaning, general maintenance and repairs.
- ◆ Offer to do things for the club when you're off island. For example, take water samples to the testing lab, pick up needed supplies at Costco or other places in Burlington, Mt. Vernon, Anacortes.
- ◆ Offer to host social events. Two twilight events (May 12 and June 24) still need hosts. If you've never done it, there are people with experience willing to co-host with you the first time around.
- ◆ Prepare lunch for work day parties. July 25 and Oct. 31 are still available.
- ◆ Donate supplies or money!

The new board is excited about working together and hopes members will contact us with questions and suggestions. To reach all of us, email board@lopezislandgolf.com

Joyce

*If your email address
changes for the winter
months, please inform us
so we can keep in touch!*

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Board of Trustees 2011-2012

Joyce Kruithof: President
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Sue Crockett
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Finance
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Buildings & Grounds
Membership/Social
Greens

ALL Events Are Posted On Our Website

<http://lopezislandgolf.com/>

General Membership

Business Meeting Oct. 9th

I urge you to join me in thanking the 2010/2011 board members for all their hard work and dedication. It is no easy task to make decisions that reflect the wishes of the entire membership. Stepping down at this time are: Rita O'Boyle, President/Finance Committee; Jim Pinkham, Building Committee; Steve Bryson, Course Maintenance/Greens Committee.

Please welcome those individuals who are taking their place; Sue Crockett, Jim Ghiglione, Gary Hall. Thank you for stepping up to the plate and taking on the role of Trustee. More on them later in this issue.

Of special note from the Committee Heads:

Dodie Schiessl reported that although our certificate members are down a bit this year, we gained a substantial number of junior members. It seems our efforts this year to promote junior golf have indeed worked.

Course Maintenance currently has a great workforce. All our machinery is in good condition as is the course itself. Although Steve Bryson is stepping down as Trustee, he will continue on in a supervisory role for the course management.

The Buildings Committee, reported by Jim Pinkham, has solved most of the pending issues. Larry Prewitt has completed the roofing of the main building and is currently working on solving the leak issue of the cart shed. The well continues to have its occasional problems and did fail its last test. However, Don Langrock is spearheading a solution and hopefully it will be back in compliance soon.

Finances. Ah yes, it is the biggest concern with small golf courses around the nation. These are tough times and the Lopez Island Golf Course is not immune. Here is where we spent most of our time that evening. How do we keep the "Course Standard" that was implemented several years ago, with the rising cost of so many pieces of the puzzle, ie: fuel, labor, supplies? Do we keep the "Course Standard" and raise dues....perhaps losing members because of the increase? Do we let the standard fall, not raise dues and perhaps lose members and guest greens fees because of a deteriorating course? We argued and we haggled and we contemplated solutions. The solution we came up with and one that passed commandingly was to minimally raise dues (after 3 years of no increase) by \$25 AND to implement a \$1.00 per round special fee to all members (starting in 2012), paid on the Honor System. Ok, I can hear you guys moaning through the airwaves :-). But hear me out it was decided in this way those members who utilize the course more will pay more instead of having a higher Dues-to-All increase which may drive away members who play infrequently. It was roughly calculated for 2011 year to date, there were 3500 member rounds, whether 9 or 18 holes, which will bring the club the additional funds to balance the budget and keep the course standard high. I hope the entire membership will realize how hard it was to solve our financial dilemma and will give this solution a whole hearted try. Remember, nothing is cast in stone.....if this proves to be a 'White Elephant', we can always try something different next year. AND don't forget, the more certificate members we have, the easier it is to meet our financial obligations.....so bring in those friends!

Respectfully submitted, Chris Bangsund

New on the Board of Trustees



SUE CROCKETT: *I am a Seattle native and have been coming to Lopez for 14 years. We divide our time between Mill Creek and the island. I retired from nursing after 40 years and now have the time to help with the golf club. I have seen the course evolve in the past few years; I am hopeful that I can do my part to keep the standards of the club what we, as members, expect.*

GARY HALL: *Kathy and I have been on Lopez (Port Stanley) now for almost 40 years, with a permanent residence in Redmond. I retired from Northwest Airlines after 39 years as a pilot and am now working as a flight instructor at Boeing.*

We have 3 daughters and 7 grandchildren which keep us very busy, to say the least.



JIM GHIGLIONE: *Sherry and I have been married for 31 years. We have one son Zachary, who is 30 and living in Toronto. Sherry worked on San Juan Island, as the DSHS supervisor for the state, commuting three days a week. Sherry just retired after 32 years working for the State on September 30.*

I have been playing golf since I was 10 and was taught by my Uncle Russ. His primary focus about golf was it is a sport of honesty, integrity, respect and courtesy. Lessons that still serve me to this day. I currently play to a 15 handicap but this last year or so, I have not played as many rounds as I would like, so am not playing to my handicap.

I have been involved in the fire service since 1979, first serving as a volunteer firefighter with Mason District #4 and then being hired by the City of Shelton in 1981. I moved through the ranks from Firefighter, to Lieutenant, Assistant Chief & Fire Marshal and finally Chief of the Department. I filled numerous roles with the city while in the Fire Department, from Building Official, to Code Enforcement Officer, Facilities Maintenance and Library Board Member.

Sherry and I honeymooned here in the San Juan Islands in 1980, and vacationed here every year from 1985 through 2006. We loved coming to the islands and when the position of Lopez Island Fire Chief was advertised in 2008, we applied and when the job was offered we accepted. The only condition the Commissioners stipulated was I had to be here for the 4th of July Fireworks show! I started work in mid April of 2008, working one week here and one week back in Shelton and on July 1, 2008, I began my new job as Fire Chief on beautiful Lopez Island. We bought a home on Whiskey Hill 18 months ago and consider Lopez home sweet home.





Spotlight on James Straughan

James has earned his Honorary Lifetime Free Membership with the LIGC!!! James turned a very young 90 this year!

James was born in New Jersey in 1921. He was a Link trainer instructor in WW II (mock-ups of cockpits for training pilots). After switching from architecture to psychology he earned his bachelor's degree in psychology at the U. of Florida. He studied for a year at the University of Arizona and completed his Ph. D. at Indiana University. After postdoctoral work at Stanford U. he taught abnormal psychology and personality theory at universities in Oregon and Washington.

He met Miki at a friend's Christmas party in 1970. Their first date was in February. They married three months later. He had three children and his bravery is attested to by his marrying a woman with five teen-agers!

Miki and he moved from Seattle to Sheridan, Wyoming, where he was Assistant Chief of Psychology at the VA. While in Wyoming he hunted, bowled, joined the bow and arrow club, and was president of the local Audubon Society and continued activities in professional organizations.

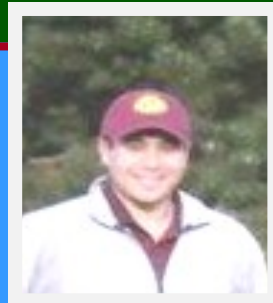
He retired to Lopez in 1988, bought a sailboat, joined the yacht club and with advice from and occasional aid from Mike Porter, single handedly built the house on Whiskey Hill. He finally decided he had time to join the golf club in 2000.

Currently he has a vegetable garden, chops wood, walks up Whiskey Hill at least once a week, exercises at Woodman Hall three times a week, belongs to a book club and when he can fit it in, plays golf.

Miki says, aside from being a tall, dark and handsome professor when they met, this photo attests to his sense of humor.



Spotlight on Eric Russ



One of our former junior member success stories is Eric Russ. Eric went to Lopez High School and was on the Lobo Golf Team. His current handicap is a 2 to 3 and attributes his good play in part to his lessons with Steve Nightingale and of course lots of practice. He also said , “Without my introduction to the game of golf and the golf team in my sophomore year on Lopez and playing for 2 years on the golf team at Skagit Community College, I would not have this great opportunity”.

Although he is a member of LIGC, he spends his summers caddying at a course in Montana. He recently was hired to caddy during the winter months at a private course in Hawaii on the Big Island. The course has been ranked as one of the top courses in the U.S and the World by Golf Magazine, and allows only a handful of caddies.

Eric is on Lopez until November 2nd, so I’m sure you’ll see him out on the course.



Notice anything different around the clubhouse??? You guessed it, that

ole scruffy overgrown juniper by the parking lot door is gone thanks to Dick Bangsund! Beth Hughes (our famous flower lady) will head up a group to design and install a more welcoming entrance.....stay tuned!



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Win Win Win

FREE GOLF FOR 2012*

\$20 Raffle Tickets on Sale : Lopez Liquor Store Tues-Sat 10-6

LUCKY TICKET DRAWN DECEMBER 1ST

*Raffle open to general public & club members

*Items not included: golf club or cart rentals, locker, cart storage,

GHIN fees & special assessments

Members Needed

We need some members with new ideas for the various committees. Please contact the Board of Trustee Committee Heads to sign on:

Joyce Kruithof: Social/Tournaments

Sue Crockett: Membership

Dodie Schiessl: Finance

Jim Ghiglione: Greens/Course

Ian Lange/Gary Hall: Buildings

Steve Levy: Proshop

**Returning
Members for 2011**

Julie Van Camp

James Lockwood

Welcome Back

UPCOMING EVENTS

Remember to check out the **EVENTS CALENDAR** in the **DIRECTORY** on the **WEBSITE** for specifics on all the events.

<http://lopezislandgolf.com/>

November-December Events:

Raffle Winner Draw: December 1st !!!

Club Holiday Party: December 10th

Ladies Christmas Luncheon: Date pending



Holiday Party

Mark your calendars

December 10th

Watch for details



Don't Forget
before Nov 30th

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