



# CHIPSHOTS

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Celebrating 60 Years of Golf on Lopez Island

# Off Season Play

\$20 all day play as well as an earlier twilight start time (3:00) are the benefits of off season play, which began October 1st.

While you are out on, what in the winter can seem like, your own private golf course, you may see an unknown player. It could be a new member or a paying player. At any rate, it is always prudent to ask if they need any help.

There are directions for the credit card machine on the counter in the clubhouse if that becomes necessary.





# ***Benni Snoer***

“Thank you for your kind thoughts, cards, food and flowers.

Special thanks to Pixie and John Eslinger and Bill and Carole White. An additional thank you again to Pixie and John for their continued help until I can get back to work.”



# Fall Membership Meeting

**Minutes**

**Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 4:00 PM**

1. Present: 30 members and 4 proxies. Board members present: Russ Johnson, Becky Presley, Ed Gutkowski and Joyce Kruithof; Absent: Bev Smith, Steve Levy and Mark Reisinger

2. Approved minutes of Spring 2018 Membership Meeting

3. Reports

## **Membership** – Joyce reported:

- Losses since 2017: 19 (17 cert. members and 2 trial members)
- Gains in 2018: 25 (6 cert. members, 5 trial members converting to cert. membership, 2 three-month seasonal members, 12 trial members)
- Losses due to death (3), moving (5), lack of interest (5), illness or age (6)
- Totals membership: 146 + 15 juniors; 134 are certificate members, 12 are trial members

## **Finance** – Russ reported:

Income for 2018 is projected to be about \$3000 under budget. Down are green fees, beer and merchandise sales; up are clubhouse rentals and work fees

Expenses projected to be about \$3000 over budget, due primarily to unplanned for increases in property taxes and utilities.

Endowment Fund balance as of today is about \$107,000, including member contributions of \$87,821.

Board met with Finance Committee to draft the 2019 proposed budget (see attached.) Bottom line is \$133,250, an increase of \$3000 over 2018. Membership dues will be increased by \$40, the first increase since 2012.

## **Course Maintenance** – Lars reported:

Bunkers- need sand, especially for #6 bunker, but it is difficult to find acceptable sand that is affordable. Members are encouraged to research this.

Tee boxes – hard to grow grass on some of the shaded ones. Lars will ask for help with seeding in the spring and set up temporary tees

Fairways - #1 is doing extremely well and has received compliments from long-time guests, including Governor Inslee. #9 will be improved in the future with Don Langrock's irrigation plan. Landing areas on #6 and 7 have been extended.

Aprons and Collars – Improvements on #8 should make hitting to the left of the tree an easier putt for those who can't get to the green straight on.

Greens - Lars has made a 'repair green' to use when chunks of a green need to be replaced. There are some weeds in areas on the #3 green that Lars is working to eliminate. He's working with an expert at Wilbur-Ellis to try new treatments and more frequent sprayings. Lars also thanked the dedicated members who helped with the plugging in September.

Ponds – Tom Cowan asked about the weed growth in the ponds and Lars admitted needing help in this area. He has chemicals but has to be careful when to use them.

Equipment – We have two machines that are too frail to use: the 30+ year-old rough mower has finally died and the 4-wheeler continues to leak. Lars found a great deal in Everett on two refurbished machines and the club has purchased them for a total of about \$5200. \$3200 of that came from the Equipment Fund, depleting the fund. The remainder came from the Reserve Fund. Lars urged members to keep contributing to the \$1 pay per play can to build the Equipment Fund back up.

**Buildings** – Ed reported that we are maintaining well. Clubhouse had its annual carpet cleaning, exterior doors were painted and a new door has been procured for the south entrance.

**Social** – Becky thanked members for stepping up to host social events and to provide lunches on work days. The 2019 calendar is similar to this year's. It was passed around for members to sign up. It will be on the bulletin board for members to peruse and add their names to.

#### 4. New Business:

Vote to approve 2019 proposed budget passed

Vote to approve new 2-year Board terms for Joyce, Steve, Russ and Mark and one year for Bev.

5. Announcements and Concerns – Tom Cowan thanked the Board for its service.

6. Adjournment at 5:03 PM.



# Lars's new machines



**John Deere 2653A**

Semi-rough mower,  
great also for  
mowing around  
the tee boxes



**John Deere X330**

Rough mower

# Remembering Dick Pickering

September 19, 1940—September 28, 2018

Richard "Dick" Pickering, 78, passed away peacefully at his Lopez Island home surrounded by his beloved family, leaving behind his wife of 58 years, Barbara; son, Jeff (Karlena), and daughter, Jennifer Turunen (Esa); grandchildren Holly Zoerb, Hilary Smith (Jason), Risto, Lena and Nikki Turunen; sisters, Janet Schwartz (David) & Merry Pickering, along with numerous nephews and nieces.

Although Dick did his share of traveling around the country, Lopez Island was his "paradise"; after all he was very special, being born on the Black Ball Ferry line ferry, Klickitat. Collecting vintage cars and trucks were his real passion .. it was always "just one more to add in the car barn at the Farmhouse". This was the gathering place for entertaining his "cronies" along with, of course, his grandson.

He went to Lopez High school and excelled at basketball and football. In his 20's Dick worked with the county road crew, later as a lineman for OPALCO; he was a volunteer firefighter and little league coach. Dick and Barbara moved into the family farm, where Dick was grew up, and raised their own family there, tending animals and vegetable gardens. Dick would milk Aggie, our pet Ayrshire cow twice daily for 10 years. It was a very bountiful and full Island Life. He eventually took over the Lopez Redi-Mix company from his father in 1975 pouring the foundations and tanks for many of the island's homes until his retirement in 1990. In his retirement he was able to devote his days to his passions, his family and his cars.

Dick had a wealth of endless stories of his beloved Lopez Island that he would tell. People, places and times. It was a richly storied history that he kept in his mind to share with anyone who was interested. His quick wit made those closest to him laugh. He was also renowned for cooking the best alder smoked salmon. He was a man of many talents and his big capable hands could fix almost anything. He was a perfectionist.

We have lost a larger than life and special character and we will fill that loss with deep and long lasting memories. It is with forever gratitude that we have all appreciated your love, strength, opinions and guidance from your many special years of life with us. Your Family!

Arrangements are in the care of Evans Funeral Chapel and Crematory Inc., Anacortes and the San Juan Islands.

To share memories of Dick, please sign the online guest register at [www.evanschapel.com](http://www.evanschapel.com).



# October Work Day







# 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/>

**November 22nd 1:00 PM**

Thanksgiving Meal at the Club

Contact Joyce for details

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**December 4th Noon**

Clubhouse Holiday Set-up

**Holiday Party in December— Date TBA soon**

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