



Endowment Fund

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In just a few short months our members have shown their continued support and love of the LIGC by committing nearly \$60,000 from more than 60 members! We are well on our way to reaching our first phase goal of \$100,000 by 2016. The Founders Group will continue, as could the rest of us, to do outreach to members not yet contacted. Subsequent phases will be to solicit former members and other members of the community as well as creating an opportunity for making bequests to the fund. We can't thank Rip Van Camp enough. He submitted the Endowment Fund idea to our board of trustees and all those "Fearless Founders," as Rip lovingly calls them, and took the initial step to see that our golf club/course would become a sustainable entity. Rip says, "It's been a team effort, as these things always are." Please thank them in person when you see them: Jerry Aaron, Duane Bordvick, Russ Johnson, Joyce Kruithof, Brian Lynch, John Quickstad, Dick Reiswig, Joe Reynolds and of course Rip Van Camp. An investment group has been set up whose intent is to find a safe place for our monies to appreciate in value achieving a reasonable interest, hopefully in the 8% range. Those individuals in the investment group are: Jerry Aaron-treasurer, Brian Lynch, Bev Smith, John Strathman and Rip Van Camp.

If you have not yet contributed to the Endowment Fund and would like to, the pledge form is provided at the end of this newsletter for your convenience to print and send in.

The LIGC is such a unique golfing family. We are close, hard-working and hold our golf course dear to our hearts. Without these members we would fall the way of so many golf courses into disbandment.



Horse Race

Sept 22



The horses this year were a delicate bunch, afraid the wet weather might put a damper so to speak on their race. They hemmed and hawed and finally when the rain subsided a bit went to the post, the bell was sounded and they were off. Well, most of them anyway. This little filly was a self-admitted fair weather racer and so stayed back at the barn. Ten teams started out on hole #1. Four teams were eliminated after hole #4 when the skies opened up and the rain came pouring down. The whip-masters (Joyce Kruithof & Jim Smith) in an effort to hurry the race along, decided to jump to hole #7. It rained all through 7 & 8 but the race finished dry coming down the stretch on hole #9. Brian & Nancy Lynch took the win. There was a photo finish with a chip off to determine Place which went to Miki Straughan & Gary Blair. Bev Smith & Bob Gerfy were in the Show position. Thanks to Myrna Mattson for driving the beverage cart and Dennis Mattson for handling the betting. We also thank the organizers this year, Pat Goodfellow and Ron Metcalf. Team 4 was drawn for whip-masters next year, Bob Gerfy & Bev Smith.



Looks like chaos to me



Tough Lies



Sept 25 Workday



Again we thank our members who showed up on workday to help maintain our course. A lot of chores were completed:

*Wind-blown tree debris was picked up
Carpets and floors got vacuumed
Restrooms on course and in locker room were cleaned
Recycling was taken to LSWDD
Traps were raked
Picnic table umbrellas were stored
The flower beds were cleaned and the overhanging branches were removed from the parking lot area.
The greens had been double verticut on Monday for sand to be placed then worked-in on workday. Also on Monday the kitchen was cleaned and reorganized.
Inventory was taken and the back storage room was cleaned out.*

*Thank you for all
your hard work!!!*

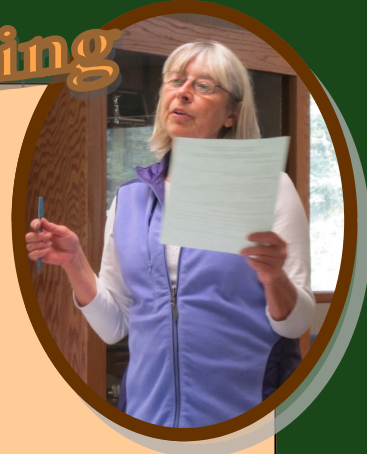


Fall General Membership Meeting

October 6



This fall meeting had such a positive flavor. So many of the past meetings revolved around our tight financial situation and although our operating budget is still tight, the institution of the new Endowment Fund made it all feel a little less ominous. Rip Van Camp gave the status report while Joyce Kruithof our president painted in the committed amount of nearly \$60,000.



Each board committee chair gave their reports.

Membership: We are down again this year to 149 members and anticipate further decline to 132 next year. We continue to reach out for new members.

Marketing: Mary Ellener has formed a new Marketing Committee with Carole White & Tom Patty who both have had extensive experience in the marketing world. They will be looking with new eyes at ways of increasing revenue. They welcome any & all of your ideas. Please contact Mary at

marytobacco@comcast.net

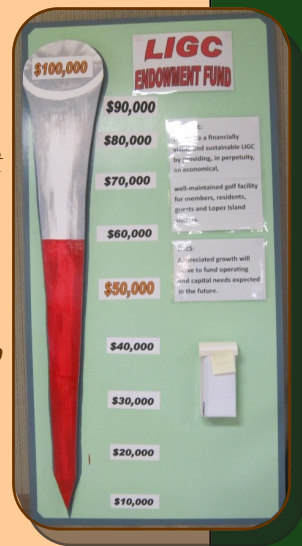
Social: Sue Crockett has designed guidelines for doing club events for those members who have not yet done one and may be a little leery to jump in. Remember you newer members can ask more experienced members to help you through your first event. We were all there once. There are still quite a few openings for hosts. You can either contact Sue at scrockett333@comcast.net or sign up at the club. Sue also stated that most the pro shop items are on sale now through the end of the year and you can place your money with a note in the short round container on the counter.

Buildings: Because our budget is so tight most of our effort went into maintenance. We continue to struggle with the toilets in the course restrooms. However the major problem/complaint was that they kept running. If that happens to you please just lift the tank lid and see that the rubber gasket is sealed....it really is an easy fix. Another accomplishment this year was the servicing of the septic system and the installation by Dennis Mattson & Larry Whitney of the risers at two of our septic tanks. Also Mark Reisinger not only solved many of our clubhouse lighting problems but he handled the Opalco commercial lighting upgrade netting the club \$1000 in the black.

Greens: Expenses were higher this year mostly due to the irrigation pumping system and equipment problems. The equipment has been repaired and the pump re-installed. We still need to repair the wet season mower and install a new engine we already purchased for the Cushman.

Finance: Jerry Aaron gave a guarded report saying we would be pretty close to budget by the year end; however, because our board members were so frugal in 2012 they were able to pay back in January of this year the \$5,000 that was borrowed in years past from the reserve fund. Because of the anticipated decrease in dues revenue for 2014 our budget will be lowered to reflect that at \$134,250.

New Business: We welcome and thank Ed Gutkowski and Mark Reisinger who were elected to the board with Sue Crockett agreeing to stay 1 more year. We also thank our retiring board members Gary Hall and Jim Ghiglione.



WELCOME

NEW MEMBER

TYLER BROWER



*Years ago, when men
cursed and beat the
earth with sticks, it
was called Witchcraft.
Today, it's known as
GOLF*

November 3rd



Last Day of Score Posting is November 14th, 2013

As a seasonal golf association, the WSGA has a period of time in which scores from rounds played within the area administered by the WSGA (Washington and Northern Idaho) are never to be posted for handicap purposes. This period runs from November 15th to the last day of February. Should you play a round during that period in an area (ex: California, Arizona) that is still accepting scores for handicap purposes, you must post the score as soon as practicable. Our handicap indexes continue to revise throughout the entire year reflecting those scores posted in areas still observing "active" golf seasons even while in Washington and Northern Idaho we are in our "inactive" golf season.

Golf Truths

Every time a golfer makes a birdie, he or she must subsequently make two double bogeys to restore the fundamental equilibrium of the universe.



Don't forget to clean out
your bags & carts of all
food stuffs !!!

ALL Events Are Posted On Our Website

<http://lopezislandgolf.com/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

October:

30 Season's Final Workday 9-12

December:

3 Decorating the clubhouse

8 Holiday Party at the clubhouse 4 pm

10 Ladies' Holiday Luncheon 1 pm
at the Bay Cafe

October 30th

Workday

9-12

Lunch Provided

Please try to attend the final workday of the season. There are many chores to be done in preparation for winter.

Holiday Party

Dec. 8 4 pm

Potluck heavy Hors d'oeuvres

BYOB

Games, Prizes

White Elephant Gift Exchange

(optional)

LADIES' HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

DECEMBER 10TH

Save the Date

Lunch at the Bay Café

Noon

Specifics to follow

Via email & posted at the club

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PLEDGE FORM

Dear LIGC Endowment Fund Contributors,

Thank you for agreeing to contribute to our Lopez Island Golf Club Endowment Fund initiative. Please sign on the line below, acknowledging your agreement to the terms and guidelines of the plan and committing to contributing \$500 a year * for three years to get the fund established. Your first \$500 payment can be included when you return this form. Checks should be written to LIGC with Endowment Fund in the subject line. Our mailing address is PO Box 124, Lopez Island, WA 98261.

THANK YOU!

Signed

Date

I agree to have my name as a contributor publicly acknowledged. Yes ☐ No ☐

The amount of your contribution will not be divulged.

* Feel free to make a larger contribution.