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# CHIPSHOTS

The Lopez Island Golf Club Newsletter

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# Horse Race



With Dennis cracking the whip and Jodie trying to keep folks honest on strokes, it was like herding cats during this year's Horse Race. Down the final stretch the Texan favorites, Jim and Bev Smith, kept their winning stride as they secured the coveted victory. It came down to a chip-off between Bob Gerfy and Jimmy Billesbach to determine 2nd (Bob and Joyce Kruithof) and 3rd (Jimmy and Nancy Lynch). Special thanks to Myrna for keeping us fed and watered on the trail.





# Awards Dinner



Carole White giving a hole in one demonstration.



The 2016 Aces and their adoring gallery.





## Awards Dinner Continued





## The 2016 Volunteer of the Year is Don Langrock.

Don has worked tirelessly for many years to gather information about our irrigation system and has now created an operation and maintenance manual that thoroughly describes the present system. The manual includes information about the pump houses, irrigation boxes and electronic controllers as well as schematics that show the location of all the pipes and sprinkler heads. Using his extensive engineering background, Don has created a document that will serve as a template as we adjust, modify or enhance our irrigation system. There are 3 copies of this manual as well as an electronic version that can be modified when changes are made. We are grateful to Don for offering to take on this huge task and pleased to honor him with this small award.



## Wurst Golf Tournament and Blues Fest



The second Annual Wurst Golf Tournament and Blues Fest brought some good natured competition for an excellent cause, the Lopez Island Children's Center. Many thanks to the sponsors, donors and players during this event.



# Work Day



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It was a small and dedicated crew who arrived on the September Work day to help Lars with the plugging of the greens. Thank you: John Strathman, Tim Madison, Dennis Mattson, Dick Reiswig , Perry Brown, Larry Whitney and finally chef du jour Jim Ghiglione for all of your hard work during this important annual event.



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# Remembering Eddy and Jack Williams

**Edna (Eddy) Brooks Williams: January 23, 1921 – September 1, 2013**

**John (Jack) Handley Williams: February 14, 1921 – December 9, 2015**



They met at Yakima High School when they were 15. Eddy came from a farming family in Yakima Valley. She loved the farm: riding horses, picking apples, being chased by geese, and hanging out with her special dog. Jack was a Yakima city boy – his dad was a dentist. Some of his relatives were the first fruit orchardists in Selah. They married on June 6, 1942, and Jack went to dental school in Portland while Eddy worked as a bank teller.

Once Jack graduated, he became a dental officer in the Navy (in Idaho and California) making sure the troops' teeth were in good shape before shipping out during World War II. They settled in North Seattle in 1946 and started the dental practice where he worked (and for some years Eddy assisted) until 1980.

They had two daughters: Christy Lynn in 1946 and Kathy Jean in 1949, and moved to Sheridan Beach on Lake Washington in 1952. The family was very active: swimming, boating, golfing, water and snow skiing, horseback riding and showing their Morgan and Tennessee Walking horses, hiking and camping, beachcombing and agate hunting, and other travels. There are many stories of these adventures and travels. Eddy was a Camp Fire leader, on the PTA, went to Toastmaster's, and was a Children's Orthopedic Hospital Guild leader. Jack was involved in the Gold Foil Club and other dental-related groups.

Dad's cousins were Ray and Ross Spencer, which brought the whole family to Lopez. Later, the Spencer brothers homesteaded the 140-plus acres of Spencer Spit and the land above it. We used to stay in the old, original cabin at the end of Spencer Spit and the kids sleeping on the rocky beach, cooked out, water-skied, and hunted agates. We were all there when The Spit was sold to the state as a park.

Starting in the mid-1970s, Jack and Eddy built a house on Shoal Bay (much of it by their own hands), and moved there in 1980 after retiring from dentistry. They integrated into the Lopez Community: Jack was president of the Golf Club for at least two years and club champion for two years. Golfing was a regular hobby. He was also on the Thrift Store Board and Eddy was on the "Basement Beauty" team – pricing donated items. They went to senior lunches, had many social gatherings with friends on the island, and hosted family times at the house and dock on Shoal Bay. They each had long and fulfilling lives, with the usual joys and sorrows that go with living many dreams.



By Kathy Williams



# Membership Meeting Minutes

## LIGC Fall Membership Meeting Minutes

**October 2, 2016**

**4:00 PM**

**WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, ASCERTAIN QUORUM-** 23 members were in attendance and we received proxies from 7 others. Board members present: Joyce Kruithof, Russ Johnson, Ed Gutkowski.

**MINUTES OF SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING May 15, 2016 were approved.**

### REPORTS

- Membership –
  - Joyce reported that we've lost 14 members and gained 10 since this time last year. We currently have 146 certificate members, 4 of whom are honorary senior members. 6 of our members are trial members. In addition, we have 24 junior and student members.
  - A new certificate membership offer is being promoted: Join before Jan. 1, 2017 and play for free for the remainder of 2016 AND receive a punch card (value \$99) for six 9-hole rounds of golf to use for your family and friends.
- Buildings
  - Ed described the clubhouse weatherization project completed in August by Sage Building Solutions. Old insulation was replaced with R-49, leaky areas in the ceiling were sealed, and rodent exclusion measures were taken. The cost of this project was \$7565. We are already seeing the results. The clubhouse is retaining heat better and members and renters report being more comfortable in the room. Lars and Benni will be installing ridge vents to complete the attic part of this project.
  - In addition to all the small outbuildings and locker barn being painted earlier in the season, the clubhouse got its paint job this past month. Everyone seems pleased with the updated look!
  - Lars and Benni will be building a handicap ramp to make the clubhouse easier to access.



- Proshop --Joyce read Jodie's report. Highlights:
  - Jodie thanked all the members who pitch in with clubsitting, bringing in additional revenue, cleaning, greeting visitors and providing a friendly and helpful service.
  - She gave a big shout out to Deb and Steve Stanford who've been our recyclers for the past two years. They also replaced the outside bins and labeled them in large letters.
  - Beer sales were up from last year but it's unpredictable when beer will sell unless there are large groups of men out playing. Member Becky Presley as well as Lars and Benni are now licensed to sell.
  - Green fees were strong earlier in the summer but dropped off in mid-August. Not sure why.
  - Clubhouse rentals were up from last year.
  - We have a nice selection of logo golf shirts for men in 4 sizes and many colors for only \$35.
  - Jodie will only be working once a week for a few hours on Saturdays until next April. Members are encouraged to help guests. Off-season rates went into effect on Oct. 1. All day play for \$20.
- Course Maintenance
  - Lars reported on the late September plugging project. The greens are still sandy and are in need of rain to work more of the sand in.
  - Learning the irrigation system has been a challenge.
  - October plans include improving the tee boxes by verticutting and seeding. Sections of the tee boxes may be roped off while new grass is growing.
  - November plans include removing some dead trees and adding new logs in the parking lots.
  - This year's purchases included a refurbished greens mower, a new sprayer and a walk-behind blower, all purchased with funds from the Equipment Fund. Within 2 years, we may need a new fairway mower.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

## **NEW** GOLF CLUB MEMBERSHIP OFFER 2017

Join Lopez Island Golf Club before January 1, 2017

And play for free for the remainder of 2016

AND receive a punch card (value \$99) for six  
9-hole rounds of golf to use for your family and  
friends.

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**Equity Certificate: \$387.50 (one time charge)**

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To request an application form and more information



### November

6 Day Light Savings Ends

24 Thanksgiving

### December

21 Winter Begins

25 Christmas

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