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## President's Post

### WINTER UPDATE

Hope you're all enjoying a mild winter. If you're not on Lopez you should know that we have had oodles of rain so the course is super lush and green. Despite the rain, members have been playing all winter and taking advantage of the prime course conditions that Lars and Benni have provided for us. We are so very fortunate to have them! Look inside this newsletter to see what they've been doing on the course lately and what their plans are for 2016. Some of you are wondering what you'll be able to do on work days this year and I assure you there are plenty of projects planned for 2016. Each work day, Lars and Benni will have projects and supplies ready for members to tackle, starting with our first work day on March 30!

On March 13th plan to participate in the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Soggy Bottom Tournament, a fundraiser for Hospice. This low-key 18-hole event is a great way to start our golfing season. The Galley will serve brunch and prizes will be awarded at the Galley after the event. Also in March, there are four days of free golf lessons for local youth ages 12-18. See advertisements for these inside this newsletter.

The clubhouse has been getting winter use this year with the addition of ping pong, darts and TV sports. See pictures inside. The Golf Club is available for social events and casual socializing. Please feel free to use this resource and bring your non-member friends, neighbors and relatives to the clubhouse. Maybe you can even convince them to join the Club! Anything you can do to bring in new members will be appreciated.

Joyce

# News from Lars and Benni



Hope everyone is enjoying the mild winter here on Lopez Island or wherever you are. I (Lars) am back on the golf course again after working at Royal Oak Golf Club in Denmark doing maintenance work on their equipment. It is nice to be home again.

In December and January we've been cleaning up the golf course after storms, painting benches, tee markers, baskets and divot sand box frames. We have taken down broken trees and cleaned up fairways with the sweeper and burned, so there are no piles. We have been treating greens and tee boxes.

I am starting to grind reels on our mowers so they are ready for the new season.

Our ambition for 2016 will be to have Lopez Island Golf Course in the top 3 in San Juan County ! 😊

Looking forward to seeing you guys on the first work day in March. We have started a list of fun projects.

Benedikte and Lars



# New Paint!

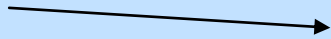




**No more  
pine  
straw!**



**THE  
SWEEPER**



**Benni proudly  
displays the  
results of the  
new sweeper.**



# Plans for course maintenance in 2016

- Greens:
  - Continue verticutting once a month
  - Continue treating once a month
  - Aerating with solid tines in April and top dressing
  - Aerating with hollow tines in September and top dressing (after last match)



- Tee boxes:
  - Verticutting, seeding and fertilizing in April



- Fairways:
  - Leveling with dirt from dirt piles around the course and seeding in spring
  - Cheap fertilizer
  - Talked to Dan Currier about making a levelling bar for fairways



- Bunkers:
  - More sand (They are researching)
- Tree areas:
  - Cutting down trees that are dead or leaning
  - Give more sun/air west of #6 tee box



- Parking lot:
  - Keep raking gravel to get rid of weeds
  - More gravel
  - New logs opposite side of club house (logs from tree areas)
  - Fence around dumpster



- Buildings:
  - Paint small buildings on course, black with white trim and green roof
  - Start with gas shed to see how it looks



- Equipment:
  - Weekly maintenance and repair
  - Status on equipment: everything runs with no major problems. Try to sell equipment we don't use - old collar mower, chipper etc.



# CLUBHOUSE CORNER

A small, yet hungry group of football fans arrived at the clubhouse on February 7th to enjoy the 2016 Super Bowl between the Denver Broncos and the Carolina Panthers. The fans were considerably one-sided as they rooted for the Broncos. Chili and cornbread were provided and revelers were asked to bring snacks to share. A few members admitted they were really there just to see the commercials. In the end, the Broncos defeated the Panthers 24 to 10.



# First New Member of 2016!



**WELCOME!**  
**Suzi Jennings**

**AND Devers convert to  
Certificate Membership**

**Ron and Karen  
Dever**



# March Tournament

**11th Annual**

## Soggy Bottom Golf Tournament Benefit for Hospice

**Brunch by the Galley!**

**Cash Prizes!**

**Sunday, March 13, 2016**

**10 AM Sign in      11 AM Tee off**

**LIGC members: \$30    Non-members: \$40**

To register, contact Vaughan Williams at  
468-2922 or [vaughanewilliams@gmail.com](mailto:vaughanewilliams@gmail.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/>

## MARCH

11 Youth Clinics	3 pm
12 Youth Clinics	8:30 am
13 Soggy Bottom Tournament	10 am
18 Youth Clinics	8:30 am
19 Youth Clinics	8:30 am
30 Work Day	9 am

## APRIL

17 First Twilight Golf	4 pm
27 Work Day	9 am
30 Junior Golf Fundraiser	9 am

## GHIN

You can start posting your scores on March 1st if you've paid your \$31 GHIN fee.

Courtesy of Lopez Island Golf Club

**FREE** 2016 YOUTH GOLF LESSONS Ages 12-18



4 Day Clinic:	Friday	March 11	3:00—5:30
	Saturday	March 12	8:30—Noon
	Friday	March 18	8:30—Noon
	Saturday	March 19	8:30—Noon

Sign up with Richard Tetu at Lopez Island High School or  
Contact Joyce Kruithof at 468-4992

Instructor: Steve Nightingale

**DUES and FEES for 2016:**  
Please pay before the late fee kicks in on March 15!

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