

# Chipshots

The Lopez Island Golf  
Club Newsletter

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# Around the course...

**Mark Reisinger fills us in on the new pump for number 9**

**pond. Read his message below.**



Update on the installation of the new VFD and pump and motor in #9 pond pump house. Will McDonald, McDonald & Sons Ventures LLC, and I finished up the installation of the new components for our irrigation system today. After testing the system, running irrigation zones from different controllers all over the course, and basic instructions from Mr. McDonald I accepted the system as complete and operational. Benni and I will have some sprinkler head adjustments to perform come next Spring but other than that all systems performed as expected.

Boy, this is going to be something to really look forward to next Spring. As you may recall we moved up one pump and motor size (5hp vs 3hp) to accommodate capacity and lessen stress on the pump/motor to try to increase its longevity. Another advantage may

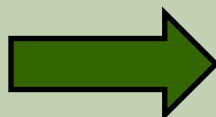
end up being we can now not worry about running two or more zones at the same time. All the juggling of the times each zone comes "on" during the watering window now is of no concern. Water pressure will remain a steady 77 to 80 psi regardless of the amount of water we are trying to move. We can water a zone from all 4 irrigation controllers at the same time if we wish it so. The water hammer effect we experienced with the old pump is totally gone as the new system is very smooth and much more gentle upon starting the pump/motor. I am hoping this will help keep our leak count down during the summer months.

Any current leaks will, of course, still be present next Spring so we will continue to hunt those down and repair them as we find them.

We will be locking the pump house door so only trained individuals will be allowed access. Turning off any circuit breakers to engage in repairs of a main line is no longer part of our repair logistics and not necessary. The VFD has total control of the pump so any de-pressurization needed to make repairs on a 2" main line will be done from the VFD.



**The new pump before installation.**



## ...and near the # 5 tee boxes

The Great Fill-In is finally happening. The failed pond near the number 5 tee boxes is being filled in with more than our green waste. The Buffum Brothers have a few pond projects now and in their future and we are receiving the fill. A few years back the RIGHT Committee approved the use of this failed pond as a receptacle for the courses green waste. With the idea that it would eventually get filled in. It is cur-



rently about 1/3 of the way filled with more material to come perhaps next summer. For those golfers who have lost their shots into this unretrievable abyss, there is hope soon for a playable landing.

## Finally, a new platform for the practice tee

Kit Ledbetter and Gregg Hamilton are working on this new practice tee. Donnie Poole is pouring the 10 foot square concrete slab and a new mat for the top has been ordered. Look for this to be finished very soon. As of this reporting, the pouring of the concrete has begun. Come out soon to see the results.



# Lopez Island Golf Club Fall Membership Meeting

## Minutes: October 12, 2025

Meeting called to order at 4:02

Quorum: 19 required, quorum established (38 total attendees/proxies)

New member acknowledged

Bob Gerfy spoke about outgoing president Joyce Kruithof's illness

Spring meeting minutes approved

Bert Bates: Membership report:

Stable from last year

Benni Snoer: course report:

The pond on #5 is being filled in by volunteer effort

Sweeper on order to pick up pinecones and other detritus

We plugged the practice green with the new small tines (no plug pickup needed) and it worked well. We need volunteers to schlep the plugger between greens when the weather allows

Mark Reisinger: Irrigation report:

We upgraded our irrigation system

All irrigation now runs on the new variable-frequency/constant pressure pump on #9, making the system far more efficient. We expect to see fewer repairs going forward.

New electrical panel in the #9 pumphouse, but we still need to fix up the pumphouse itself

The #3 pump becomes our backup

We will shut the irrigation system down for the winter next week.

Russ Johnson: Finance report:

Membership budget for next year is roughly the same

Green fees well ahead of last year, Pro Shop a bit short

Gross income is slightly down vs. budget

Expenses: similar to last year

Endowment: \$243K (up 50% over two years ago, averaging 8.8%/year since inception)

Contributions aren't up to what we saw last year

New budget approved by acclamation

Bert Bates: read out the new fee rates

Changes: Twilight (after 4pm) rate \$20 to \$25, off-season rate \$20 to \$25, summer greens fees \$40/9 holes and \$50/18, punch cards \$225 to \$250, fee in lieu of work \$250 to \$300

New business:

Discussed the shifting employee roles and changes to various positions.

Lachlan, Benni, and Shaun (stepping in for Jodie)

Krista will be leaving

Jodie Snapp will be the new general manager (what Krista did plus a large percentage of what Joyce had done).

Two new candidates for the board, Tom DiGiorgio and Bev Smith

Approved by acclamation

Volunteer of the year: Steven Levy

Announcements:

We're going to replace the driving-net platform with concrete this winter

Adjourned at 4:50 pm *Submitted by Steven Levy, Club Secretary*

# Volunteer of the Year

## Steven Levy

He is our **tech wizard** and jack of all trades

- ◆ Created both the newsletter and the website and maintains both.
- ◆ Researched, procured and set up new computer
- ◆ Installed overhead lighting in the side room, new toilets in the women's restroom and flooring in the men's room
- ◆ Fixes locks, thermostat, ball washers and other little things that catch his eye
- ◆ Has been our Board secretary for 13 years!



# October Work Day

Jerry boldly worked on the locker barn and cart barn gutters removing needles and other gunk.

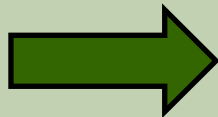
Meanwhile Jodie and Kris moved needle piles down to the green waste site.



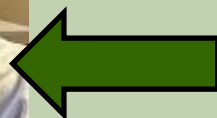


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Lynn and Bob picked up all the on course garbage and recycling. Then they acted as hospitality bringing workers coffee and Lorena's delicious banana bread refreshments.



Stewie cleaned up her adopted tee box garden at number 4 and sweep up piles of needles around number 8 tee box. She also pulled thistles from the number 4 pond.



Did you know you could adopt a section of the course to care for? If you are interested, come see Jodie and she can help you select an area that you can care for too.

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Spooky and festive Halloween decorations made the delicious lunch prepared by Jeff and Lorena Daggett really special. Home-made sloppy Joes, coleslaw, chips and apple crisp filled the hungry workers. The cheery gold table clothes and special decorations made us feel really cared for.

# Parting Shot...



The brown, dry grounds are soon coming to an end, as the rains return to Lopez Island Golf Club and the rest of the Pacific Northwest. We will miss that sweet, summer roll we all enjoy taking advantage of in the late part of the summer. Unlike other San Juan Island courses Lopez Island Golf Club course is playable all year, minus a few snow days. Don't let the return of the rain and the green grass slow your play. Wide open fairways and a good rate for all day play makes our course the place to take friends and visitors during the off season.

See you on the course soon!

# What's coming up...

## POSTING GHIN SCORES

November 15 to the end of February is an **inactive** posting season in Washington and Northern Idaho. You can't post scores for rounds played here during that period. However, if you play rounds in states with active posting periods you can post your scores.

GHIN fee going up to \$42 in January. You'll be able to pay this when you pay your 2026 dues.



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