



President's Post

What do you value about our golf club? Playing with friends? No need for tee times? Being able to stay active? The low cost of membership? The peace and quiet of an easy nature walk? See NEWS FROM THE BOARD on page 9 to find out how you can give us your opinions.



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<http://lopezislandgolf.com/>

July 22 Twilight Golf



Undeterred by the rain, an enthusiastic group of golfers played a 9-hole scramble followed by a picnic potluck with chicken, salads and beans. The three winning teams all shot 35. Places were determined by putts. In first place: Mary Ellener, Joyce

Kruithof, Dick Reiswig and Jimmy Billesbach. In second: Nancy Lynch,

Dennis Mattson, Beth Hughes and Larry

Whitney. The third place team included

Joe Mandich, Barbara Reiswig and Ron

Bates, who was visiting from Friday Har-

bor with his wife Sandy Montana. KPs on

#1 went to Brian Lynch and Joyce Kruithof.

The team with the fewest putts was

Bob Gerfy, Pat Goodfellow, Rosie

Mandich and Perry Brown. After dinner, a surprise

birthday cake arrived for Jim Pinkham, celebrating his

70th. Steve Levy was having a birthday too so he got

to help Jim blow out the candles. Thanks to Gretchen

Gruenke, Marcia Sullivan, Mary Brown and Judy

Whitney.



Workday July 25



MISSING PHOTOS: Dolores Vrooman, Jimmy Billesbach, and Julie Van Camp removing thistles from the plants around the #4 tee box and Richard Marcy digging out weeds on the greens!



Valuing the Volunteer



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Dick Reiswig

Dick Reiswig has been giving of himself on Lopez for number of years. “He is very involved with the Youth Group on the island and helps out with the Spring Junior Golf Clinic,” says Margie Zener. “He has a heart of gold and would do anything for anyone.”

Dick grew up in Seattle. He sold commercial real estate and spent his spare time skiing and coaching racers. He and Barbara bought their home on Lopez in 1995, joined the Golf Club in 1997 and moved here full time in 2001. Dick was named Volunteer of the Year in 2007. He was the brain power behind 2 very successful auctions for the club, each bringing in more than \$10,000. He ran Men’s Day for a number of years and told Dennis Mattson the job was like herding cats. Dennis quickly found out how true it was.

“Dick was behind the 50/50 Raffle,” says Chris Bangsund. “He initiated it for the Lopez Yacht Club and seeing how successful it was for them, we decided to give it a whirl for the golf club.”

He was involved in the club house enhancement and continues to this day to help out enormously for the club.

“I had the pleasure of being Dick’s partner in last year’s King and Queen tournament,” says Chris. “Neither of us played very well but oh how he gave it his all. I saw him at the first twilight this year and he was still lamenting and apologizing over his tournament play. He wants so much to do well for others.”

Thank you Dick for caring so much about the LIGC. You and others like you are why this club is so great.

Tip from the PRO

Learning Young

It is wonderful to introduce young kids to golf. They learn so quickly and naturally. Even if they don't play again for years, much of their early learning will carry forward to when they start playing again. I would be retired if I received a dollar for every time I hear, "I wish I'd started golf young!" Parents and grandparents should try to get youngsters interested. You might just have a playing partner for life. Golf was the most fun my father and I had together and I now have a new friend Jack (age 10) with whom I just golfed for the first time.



When should they start? As their attention span and your patience dictate. I have had a serious 3-year-old and a 9-year-old who wasn't ready. They must have fun, so play when the course is slow. Have a soda or lunch after. Have them smile after a good shot. (Right Jack?) If you must keep score, count only how many good shots they have. They can not only have a game to play for life, but they will also

learn many life skills along the way. You never know. I even know this guy who ended up with a career in the game that would probably surprise a few people.....

More Lessons in August:

Dates: August 13 and 27

Time: One-hour lessons between 11 AM and 5 PM

Cost: \$50 an hour for one person; \$60 for a pair

SIGN UP AT THE CLUBHOUSE.



Steve Nightingale

Women Golfers Travel

On June 7, seven intrepid women braved the dreary weather to join dozens of women from all over Puget Sound at Skagit Golf and Country Club for their annual Women's Field Day.

On July 10, seven of us joined Orcas women at San Juan Golf and CC for their annual event. Photos are from San Juan.



August 1 Business League



The organizer

RESULTS

1ST PLACE – 6 UNDER PAR – SUNSET BUILDERS

VAUGHAN WILLIAMS, CHICO, ESA TURUNEN, DONNIE POOLE, JOHN SEIBOLD

2ND PLACE– 5 UNDER PAR – RED HOUSE POTTERY

JEFF HANKS, STEVE BRYSON, GARY BLAIR, JIMMY GOUGE, KEVIN ZOERB

3RD PLACE- 4 UNDER PAR – TOM PAL PAINTING

JIM GHIGLIONE, DENNIS MATTSON, TOM PAL, JIMMY BILLESBACH

LONG DRIVE #11 –DONNIE POOLE

KP #1 – CHICO 16FT. 1/2IN.

KP #8 – JIM GHIGLIONE 26FT. 4 ½ IN.

There were 5 teams for the August Business League and a total of 23 players. It was a beautiful evening but the wind was blowing and cooling down the temperature. The business league brought in a total of \$75 in green fees this evening.

It appears that we are getting more and more members to play in this which is great. Invite your friends and come on out and join in the fun.

Hmmmmm – The liquor store did not win? What was that all about? I might add that the “RINGER’S” drive on # 5 was about 105 yards to the green and he didn’t make it on in TWO????????? My oh My.....

OUR LAST BUSINESS LEAGUE WILL BE SEPTEMBER 5TH



Winners

Not winners



NEWS



HOLE IN ONE! Ed Carpenter got an ACE on #8 with a 6-iron on July 14!

From the Past...

Visiting last month from Yakima were Cliff and Shirley Stenvall. On the day I caught them playing golf they were celebrating their 21st wedding anniversary.



Sad News

Micky Storms (wife of the late Russ Storms) passed away July 23 in Emblar, Oregon. Survivors are Rip Roberts (son) and Judy Pyant (daughter) and families. PO Box 224, Emblar OR 97841.

Many of our long-time members have fond memories of Micky and her husband Russ who were both vital members of the club for many years.



NEWS FROM THE BOARD

Your Opinion Counts!

Please spend one minute answering the survey at the link below. Just click on the link. You will be asked only two questions:

1. On a scale of 1 to 4, how important is the Golf Club to you?

4= Extremely Important 3= Very Important

2= Not very important 1= Not at all important.

2. What do you value most about your membership in the Golf Club?

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BGVMZK7>

Please complete the survey by August 15. Your responses will help us create a new brochure about why people should join the club. The results of the survey will also be available to you at or before the annual meeting on October 7.

New Board Members Needed!

The terms of four board members are expiring in October. Dodie Schiessl and Ian Lange will be leaving the board. Joyce Kruithof and Steve Levy are willing to run again. Jim Ghiglione, Gary Hall and Sue Crockett will be in the second year of their two-year terms. If you are willing to be nominated, please contact Judy Whitney (2027) or Diane Robertson (2271).

Committee Members needed too!

To find out more about committee work and to volunteer to be on a committee, contact the following board members:

- ◆ Greens Committee — Jim Ghiglione (3026)
- ◆ Social Committee — Sue Crockett (2775)
- ◆ Membership Committee — Joyce Kruithof (4992)

MORE NEWS FROM THE BOARD

The Board is continually discussing our membership dilemma (losing more members that we're gaining) and has several ideas to get your input on. The following two ideas will be discussed at the Fall Membership Meeting on Sunday, October 7, at 4 PM. If you have comments before then, please send them to me at joyce.kruithof@lopezislandgolf.com

1. Institute a **TRIAL MEMBERSHIP** category.:

- ◆ Good for one year only, after which the trial member can choose to become a certificate member
- ◆ Not available to current members or people who were members in the past 10 years
- ◆ Cost: \$425 + tax (or whatever current certificate members are paying)
- ◆ All benefits and responsibilities of membership (except voting and certificate ownership) are available (unlimited play, social events, men's and women's day play, work hours, etc.)
- ◆ Lockers or cart storage are available at the usual fee
- ◆ GHIN registration is allowed for the current GHIN fee

2. Offer current members a **MONETARY CREDIT** if they recruit a new adult member:

- ◆ \$50 if they bring in a trial member (does not include student or junior member)
- ◆ \$100 if they bring in a certificate member
- ◆ The credit will be applied to the membership dues of the sponsor
- ◆ If after the one-year trial membership their sponsoree becomes a full certificate member, another \$50 will be applied to the sponsor's dues that year.

PLAN AHEAD!

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP! This is a 3-day low gross tournament with an additional prize for low net. Women play on **August 14, 17 and 19**. Men play on **August 16, 17 and 19**. On the 19th, play begins at noon, followed by a celebratory pot-luck hors d' oeuvre gathering.

Please come to cheer the players on and celebrate afterward.

KING AND QUEEN Tournament (noon), Awards Ceremony and Dinner prepared by Mary Ellener at 6 PM on **Sunday, September 9**.

MENU

Tomato and Kalamati Brushetta
Roasted garlic and Campanzola Cheese
Caesar Salad
Penne Pasta Alla Vodka
Caramelized Onion Lasagna with Pancetta
Bracioli : Flank steak Stuffed, rolled, braised and simmered in marinara sauce
Roasted Vegetables
Assorted Italian cookies

Cost, including wine, will be \$25. The signup sheet will be available around August 15.

\$20

On Sale

May 1st-Nov 30th

Raffle Tickets for

\$20

Free 2013 Membership

**Lucky ticket drawn
Dec. 1st**

*Raffle open to general public & club members

*Items not included: golf club or cart rentals, locker, cart storage,
GHIN fees & special assessments

ITEMS FOR SALE

- **Grips**
- **Odyssey putters**

See Sally at the club-house.

Send me your golf items

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

August-September Events:

August 2 and 7: ACE

August 5: Last Twilight Golf event 4 PM

August 14, 17, 19: Women's Club Championship

August 16, 17, 19: Men's Club Championship

August 19: Party after Club Championship

August 26: Horse Race 3 PM (Betting starts at 2 PM)

August 29: Work Day

September 4 and 6: ACE

September 5: Last Business League 5:30

September 9: King and Queen Tournament; Awards Dinner

Last Business League of 2012

September 5

Put your dream team together, give it a name and come on out the first Wednesday evening of each month.

\$5 Entry Fee \$15 Non-Member Green Fee . 5 pm registration 5:30 Tee Time. Just show up or contact Vaughan William 468-2922 or vewilliams@centurytel.net



RULES TIP

MEN! CAUTION WHEN PLAYING IN THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP-

Rule 7 1- B – When two or more rounds of a stroke –play competition are to be played over consecutive days, a competitor must not practice between those rounds on any competition course remaining to be played, or test the surface of any putting green on such course by rolling a ball or roughening or scraping the surface.

Penalty – DISQUALIFICATION.

In other words after your round on Thursday you may not play any more on our course until Friday's round.

(Contributed by Margie Zener)

McConaghy Tournament Winners in July (low net)

Women: 1st: Sue Crockett; 2nd: Margie Zener

Men: Tied for 1st: Jimmy Gouge and Jim Montgomery; 2nd: Bob Gerfy

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