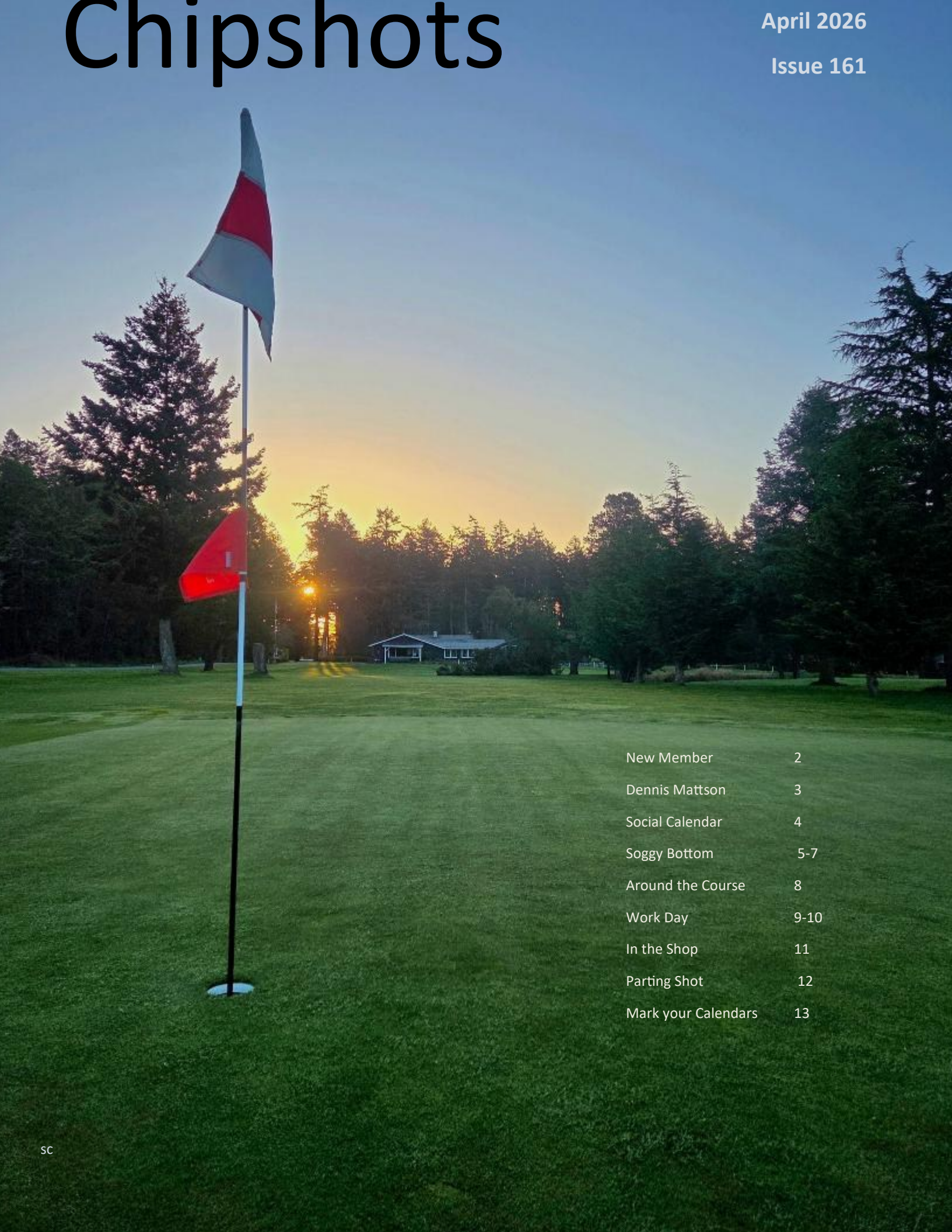


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New Trial Member

Josh Ratza



Let's Welcome Josh Ratza. You might see Josh out playing with his two sons who have taken a recent interest in golf. Let's welcome them all to the club.

Dennis Mattson

Dennis Roy Mattson, age 84, of Lopez Island, Washington and Yuma, Arizona, went

home to be with the Lord on April 6, 2026.

Dennis was born on June 27, 1941, to Roy and Carrie Mattson in Anchorage, Alaska.

The family moved to Merrill, Oregon when Dennis was 5. After his father passed away when he was aged 11, Dennis worked on his uncle's farm until drafted into the Army in 1963. While at Fort Lewis, Washington he met Myrna Shipley through mutual friends. It was love at first sight and the two were married seven months later and would celebrate 61 years of blissful matrimony. After



military days in Tacoma, Dennis and Myrna moved to Everett where he quickly became the son Myrna's dad never had. The two enjoyed fishing, hunting and working together at PACCAR where he was a welding Foreman for 21 years.

After a couple years of marriage Dennis and Myrna gave birth to their first son Jeff, and two years later their son Scott. For the next few decades Dennis enjoyed his children, their sports, family vacations, playing soccer, and racing his sprint car every Saturday night at Skagit Speedway.

Following his years at PACCAR, Dennis opened Sub Shop #55 in Silverlake and quickly became a social butterfly. In 1992 he and Myrna moved to Lopez Island full-time where they lived next door to his in-laws on Port Stanley. For the Shipley/Mattson clan, Lopez Island was their home away from home and both families would spend as much time there as possible. Dennis became the unofficial "Mayor" of Port Stanley and the Port Stanley "Happy Hour" where he continued to spread his social butterfly wings every day at 4pm.

Dennis worked for Windssock Farms until his retirement while Myrna managed Lopez Island Golf Club. In 1997 they started a "Snowbird" life traveling annually to their second paradise home in Yuma, Arizona where they would winter for the next 29 years.

On Easter morning 2026, Dennis suffered a massive and unexpected stroke and passed away peacefully with his wife and sons by his side the following day.

He is preceded in death by his Roy (father), Carrie (Mother), Phyllis (sister), Al and Gladly Shipley (in-laws) and many aunts, uncles and cousins. He is survived by Myrna (wife), Jeff and Cheree (son and daughter in-law), Scott and Marcy (son and daughter in-law), Chase and Whitney (grandson and wife), Rylee and Matthew (granddaughter and partner), Duane and Pam (brother and sister-in-law).

In lieu of a memorial service, a private time of celebration and reflection will be held later this summer at Port Stanley with friends and family.

The Mattson family wishes to thank all of those that have reached out to express their condolences and thoughts during this difficult time. Thank You! Condolences can be mailed to the family at

Myrna Mattson C/o Jeff Mattson 10727 27th Street N. Lake Stevens WA 98258

LIGC Social Calendar

As you can see there are plenty of openings in our social calendar. Contact Jodie or Mary Ellener if you'd like to get involved.

DATE/TIME	DAY	EVENT (Board Member)	COORDINATORS
March 25 9 am	Wed.	Workday	
April 19 10 am	Sun.	Soggy Bottom	Vaughan Williams
April 29 9 am	Wed.	Workday	Jodie and Mary E.
May 17 4 pm	Sun.	Twilight Scramble (Spring Meeting at 3 pm) New Member/Memorial Party	Mary and Ray Ellener
May 27 9 am	Wed.	Workday	
May 31 4 pm	Sun.	Twilight Scramble	
June 14 4 pm	Sun.	Twilight Scramble	
June 24 9 am	Wed.	Workday	
June 28 4 pm	Sun.	Twilight Scramble	
July 12 4 pm	Sun.	Twilight Scramble	
July 26 4 pm	Sun.	Twilight Scramble	
July 29 9 am	Wed.	Workday	
Aug. 9 4 pm	Sun.	Twilight Scramble	Steve Levy Family
Aug. 23 4 pm	Sun.	CC Party (potluck appetizers)	
Aug. 26 9 am	Wed.	Workday	
Sept. 7 1 pm	Mon.	Horse Race	Kit and Charleen
Sept. 20 12 pm	Sun.	K&Q Tournament/Awards dinner	Board
Sept. 20 3 pm	Sun.	Twilight Scramble	
Sept. 30 9 am	Wed.	Work Day	
Oct. 28 9 am	Wed.	Workday	Lorena and Jeff Daggett

Soggy Bottom



It may have been the biggest turnout ever for the Soggy Bottom. Sixty participants in total. Almost \$4000 raised that day. This year was different in that Swall'ech Construction and Sunset Building Supply participated as supporting sponsors. This change improved both the food and the prizes. Most importantly, the tournaments name did not live up to expectations. The day was sunny, warm and not one bit soggy.

Overall, the participants seemed to have a great time playing the course and enjoying the atmosphere of the club.

Chris Collins from Swall'ech Construction and Shaun Westervelt from Sunset Building Supply brought in their grills and lots of enthusiasm and made the best lunch the Soggy has ever had. Grilled burgers. Thank you also to Daves BBQ for supplying the potato salad.



Clockwise from the top the teams named themselves : Girl Power, Lumberjacks, Team Conner, Starfish, High Noon, Motley Crew, Whack-a-mole



Top from the left: Wandererosas, Standing Tall Friday Harbor, The Purple Golfer Eaters
Second Row from the left, Happy Family on the Spot, Mash'em and Bash'em,
Third Row from the left: Sunny Soggies, Sunny Dispositions



Around the Course



We hired Gage Burson and his saw with the three foot bar to take care of this pine tree mess. After he was done, he took a core sample of what is left of the tree and deemed it healthy. It was due to this healthy growth that it split in two. The Grounds Crew spent a few days moving the branches and rounds down to the green waste pile.

Workday



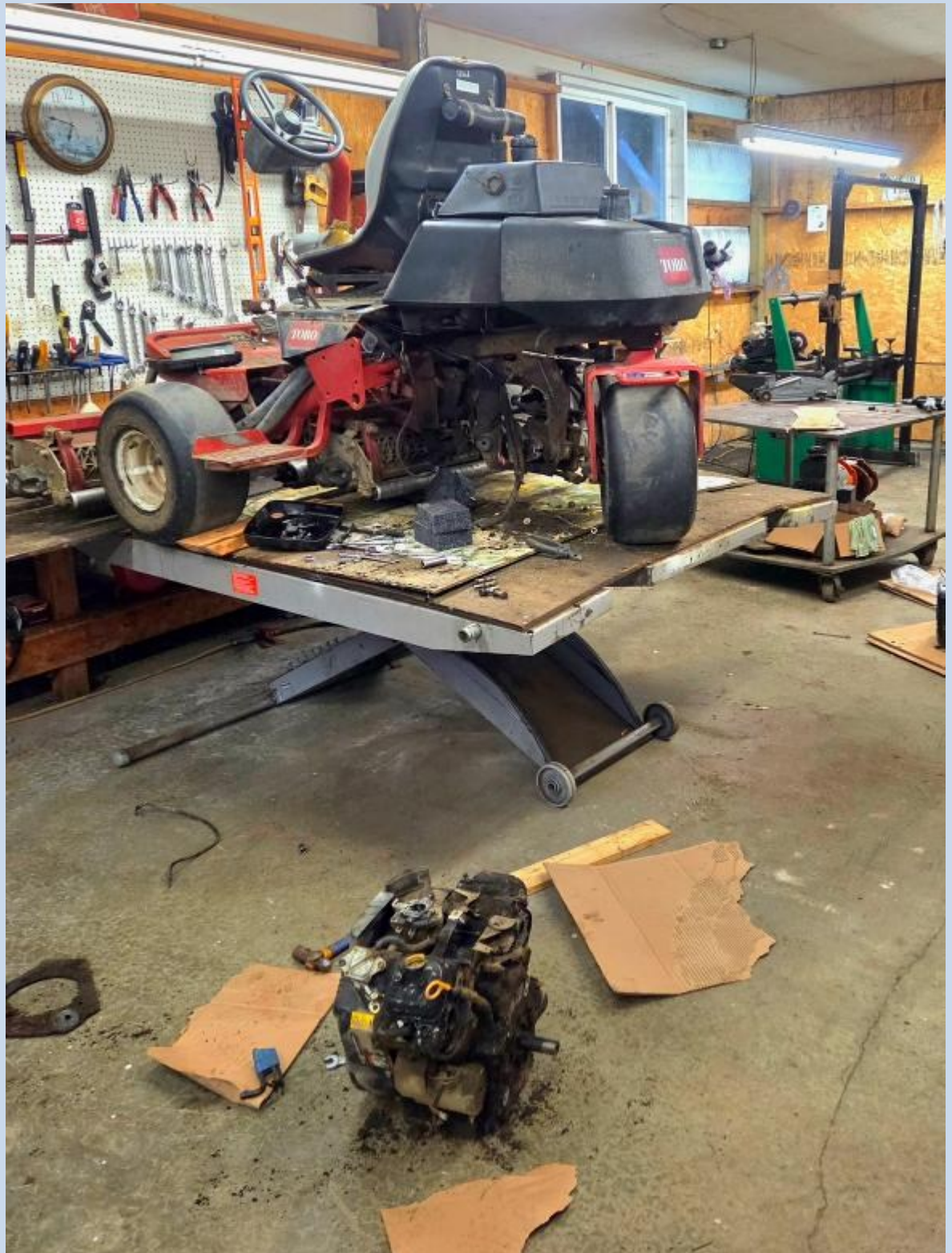
Work Day

Bunkers were edged and weeded, so was the flower bed next to the number one tee box. Divots were filled on the tee boxes and on course garbage cans were sorted. The irrigation system and sprinkler heads were all tested. There was some socializing and a lunch was served. Mary Ellener brought us a delicious pasta salad, cookies and brownies to go along with our green salad and sandwich fixings. Mary also dug deep into the kitchen to find repetitive items and long forgotten appliances that went to the Take it or Leave it. There is always a list of chores to be done. If you can't make workdays contact Benni or Jodie for chores you can do at other times.



In the shop...

Our tee box mower got a new engine and is working much better now as the crew tries to keep up with the ever growing grass. Have you noticed the new mow pattern on the tee boxes? It is subtle but different than in years past. It is a Shaun Chappell interpretation of a tee box look.



Parting Shot

Parting Shot: Amongst the trees on the path from number eight green to the number nine tee boxes. Where ferns and daffodils begin to take over in the spring.

Mark Your Calendars

May 10th Mothers Day—Take your Mom Golfing—Mom's are Free

May 17th Membership Meeting 3:00

May 17th Twilight 4:00 Hosted by Mary and Ray Ellener

May 25th Memorial Day

May 27th Plugging and Work Day

May 31st Twilight 4:00 Host to be determined.



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