



Rainiest December on Record

President's Post

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Year in Review

It's been a very good year at the Golf Club. We were able to get a new metal roof for the locker barn early in the year. Members contributed to the removal of 20 trees, new steps on the #4 tee box, a BBQ grill, TV, ping pong table and dart board for the clubhouse, new lighting in the locker barn and in the west room of the clubhouse, new rope along the #9 fairway, a new ball washer on #3 and even more fish in the pond! Members also did the conversion of two sand traps to grass bunkers. Don Langrock is completing his super-thorough documentation of our irrigation system which will be an invaluable resource. The Equipment Fund bought us a used greens mower thanks to members' contributions. With our new employees, Lars and Benni, the course is in excellent shape, with plans for ongoing improvements in 2016. Finally, I'd like to express deep gratitude to Chris Bangsund for the superb job she's done on the newsletter for the past 5 years. Jodie will be taking over coordination of that come 2016 with the help of member reporters.

Please share your suggestions for activities and projects with the Board. You can write to all of us at board@lopezislandgolf.com

jk

New Greens Mower



Thanks to member donations to the \$1 can over the past few years, we were recently able to purchase this used greens mower with low miles on it. The fund accumulated over \$15,000, mostly in pay per play dollars. The used mower came here from Georgia and cost us a little over \$6000 including shipping, leaving \$9000 still in the fund which will continue to grow with our ongoing contributions.

THANK YOU! Joyce



Fish for Pond

Eeeek...Those aren't piranhas, are they Tom????

I sometimes go after my ball into the pond on 9.



The Other Lopez Golf Course

We had an early Sunday morning golf tournament at 7 Bridges Executive Golf Course. Here are the players



Ladies Decorating



Each year the ladies get together and decorate the clubhouse for the holiday season. Miki brings her tree and they pull out the boxes of decorations and have at it. No one asks them to, they just do it. This year was no different. Thank you ladies for creating a cheery atmosphere at the club.

Chris



All Events Are Posted On Our Website

<http://lopezislandgolf.com/>

Newsletter Continues

As you heard in the President's Post, Jodie will be taking over the newsletter. Here is the rationale from the board:

“Our clubhouse manager, Jodie Snapp, will be working more hours next year and has asked for more responsibility. She has offered to take over the newsletter with the help of members contributing articles and photos. We plan to purchase a camera for use at the club so members don't have to use their own cameras. Jodie can just upload the photos right there. Being on site and knowing all the members, Jodie will be available to members who write articles and take pictures. She'll also be there when interesting photo opportunities arise. This solution is good for the golf club because it invests Jodie more deeply in the club and gives her a chance to learn a new skill.”

Thanks Jodie for being willing to take this on.

Additionally I'd like to thank our member Miki Straughan and her daughter Colleen Isbell. Colleen, a retired graphic designer with many years experience including design and production of newsletters, ads, and other marketing materials, had offered to take on our project and work with Miki to continue the newsletter. The board felt, however, that Colleen's remoteness would make this option difficult. None-the-less, many thanks to both of you as well for stepping up to the plate. Your continued support of the LIGC is amazing, Miki.

Sincerely, Chris

LIGC Holiday Party



25 members and guests celebrate the holiday season with delicious appetizers and sparkling conversation.

Joyce



Ladies Holiday Luncheon



Fun at the Galley. A convivial bunch. Lots of happy talk with some vows to work really hard on next year's golf. A big hand was given to our newest member Becky.

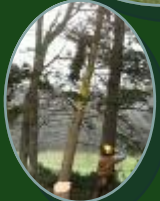
Miki



Fun Pix of 2015



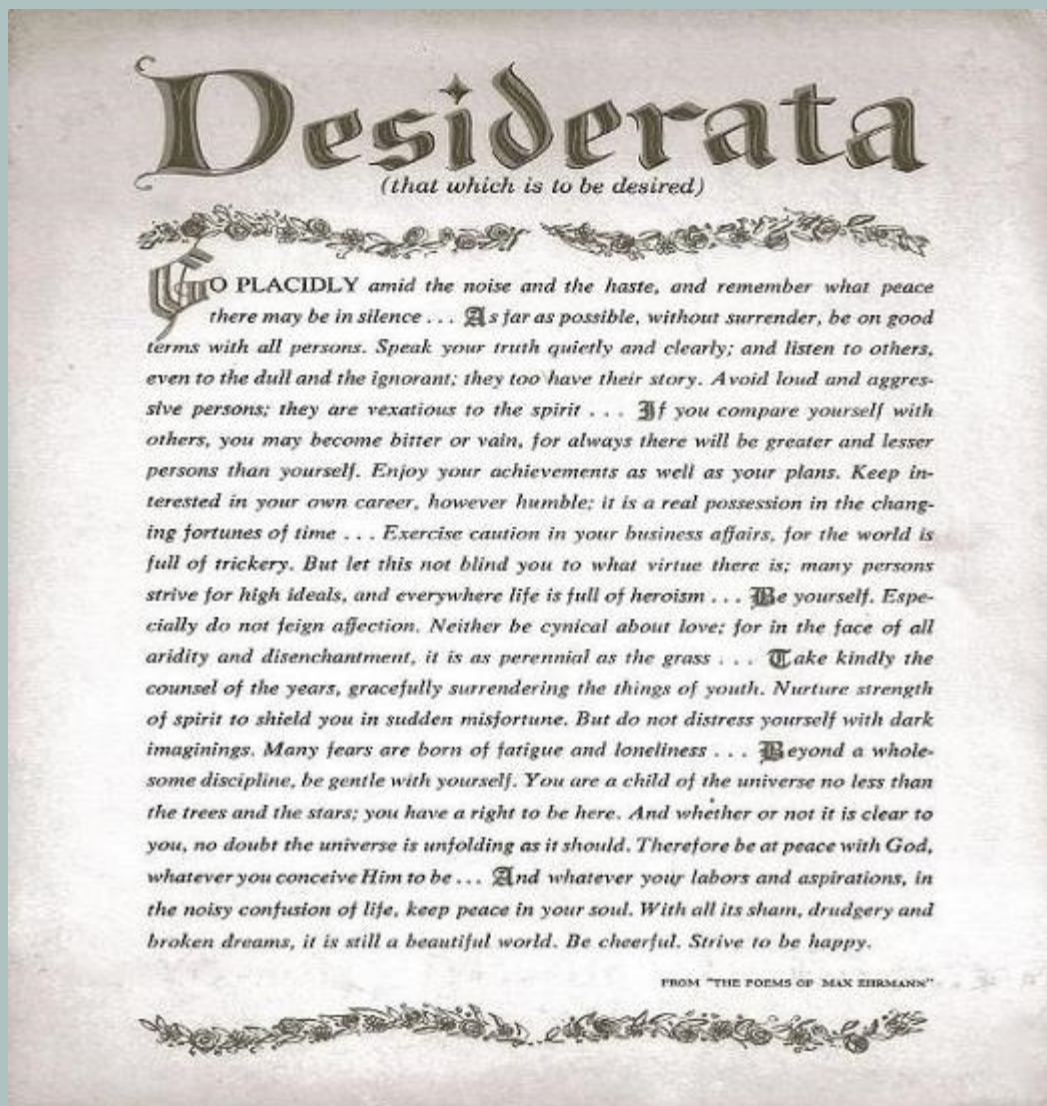
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Reflection

As I reflect back on the past 5 years, I do so with a warm heart. I am honored to know so many of you and be able to call you friend. I would like to thank you for pitching in with articles for twilights, workdays, meetings and all the other club events for the newsletter. I have enjoyed the input. The out of ordinary writings of Rules Tips, Tips from the Pro, News from South, Golf Cart Maintenance, the 'anonymous' tree poem, 'Shots of the Year', our feathered friends (owls, Muscovy duck, Rufous hummingbird & eagles), golf truths /jokes & quotations, Lobo Golf Team updates and all the great photos that were sent to me helped keep the newsletter fresh & interesting. I hope you will continue your kindness with Jodie.

In this time of strife and troubled world and as I depart, I'd like to publish a poem that is near and dear to me. In fact Dick laminated and varnished it for me on a piece of oak years ago and it has since hung above my desk at home. It is as relevant today as it was in 1927 when Max Ehrmann, an American Poet, first wrote it. It may not be 'politically correct' but then those who know me know that I am rarely politically correct. I mean no disrespect to anyone; it's just the way I personally feel. I truly wish I was capable to be & do all that Max writes here. Alas, I am but an imperfect being.



*Peace, Love & Joy
to all*

Chris

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

January 2016

11 College Bowl Game Event tba

February

7 Superbowl ~2:30 pm

March

13 Soggy Bottom Tournament 10 am



College Bowl Contest

Pick your winners of 25 games

Entry fee \$20

January 11th watch the final game
at the club BYOB

To Enter:

Entries must be in Russ Johnson's hands
no later than the start of the 1st bowl
game on Dec 26

You may send it to Russ Johnson

465 Davis Bay Road

Lopez Island, WA 98261

OR

Place it in the Greens Fee box with
\$20 and titled "Bowl Pool"

Questions? Home - 360 468-2655

Join us for an afternoon/evening of fun

Feb 7 Betting beginning @ 2:30 Kickoff 3:30

Numbers Board Betting 1st half commercials contest

Appetizer Potluck-BYOB-Halftime Chili & Hot Dogs



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