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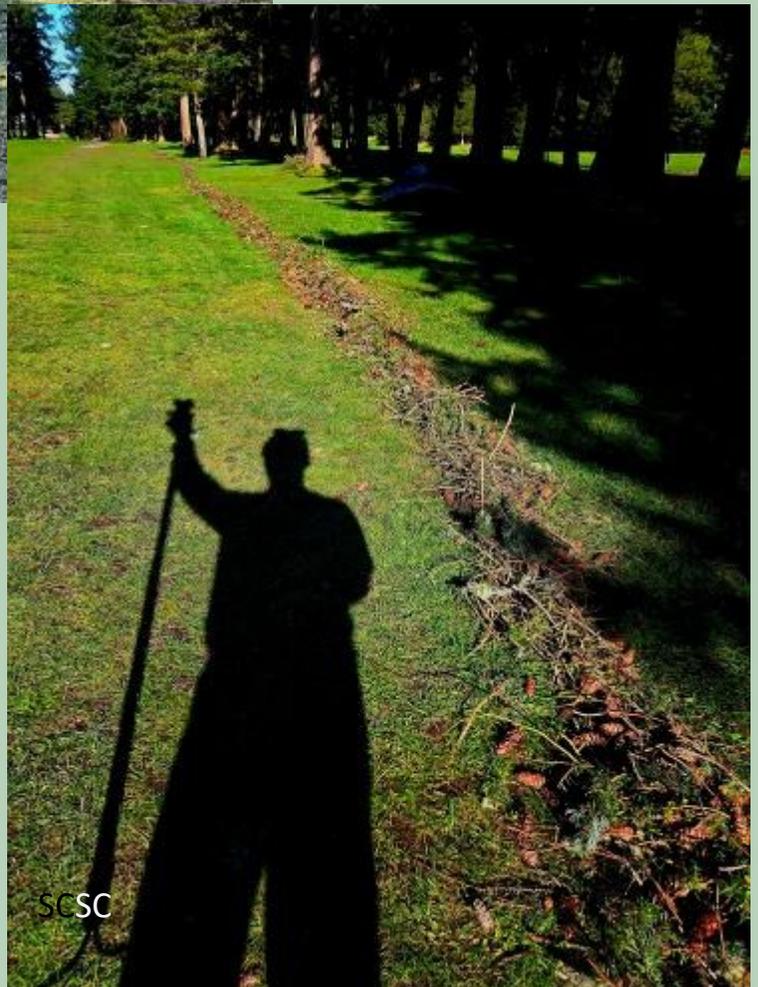
Around the Course



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Shaun Chappell, our newest greenskeeper, has a real flair for tidy-

ing up the course. Even his needle and pine cone piles have artistic appeal to them. If you play midweek you might notice his perfectly aligned debris piles, before he whisks them off to the green waste dumpsite near the number 5 tee box.



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Around the Course

This “soggy with winter” number three fairway is slowly drying out as we approach spring. It is still a safe bet to drive your cart along the tree line and walk out to your ball. As of this reporting, this is the last unmown piece of course to date. Sunny days have allowed the greenskeepers’ use of the rough mower to keep most of the course tidy.

In the Clubhouse

Changes are happening in the clubhouse.

The cellphone on the bottom of the picture has replaced all those cords attached to a messaging machine and the



clunky old phone stand from the past. This “new to us” technology will improve communication with the clubhouse, help us with photos for the newsletters and even launch us on social media. Find us on Instagram @lopezislandgolf

If you are a member we will gladly follow you and accept photos and videos of your greatest golf shots.

You can now send text messages to the clubhouse when you need to communicate with Jodie or a clubsitter in the summer. Same old number 360-468-2679 with new communication. Soon we will have a Square device, so that we may take payments out on the course. This will allow for alcohol sales mid course; that might not help your game but it will help our revenue.



Captain Russel Johnson died unexpectedly on February 9, 2026. He was a long-time resident of Lopez Island.

Russ was a man of the sea; a sailor from his youth and a tug boat captain from his 20's. Known for his Independent spirit, he had a community of friends and colleagues stretching from the West Coast to Hawaii. They would say he had a fine approach to life as long as he won at cribbage, golf and all arguments. Russ leaves behind many dear friends and his beloved wife, Jonelle, who traveled the world with him. A gathering to scatter his ashes at sea will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Doctors Without Borders or your favorite charity.

A Celebration of Life for Russ Johnson will be held at the Golf Club on Friday, April 24th.

New Trial Members

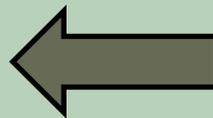
Let's Welcome

Austin Reinmuth



and

Jerry Miller



THE BULLETIN BOARD

Soggy Bottom

A Fundraiser for Hospice and Home Support

April 18th 2026 10:00 AM Start

\$40 for members \$50 for non members

Contact Vaughan Williams for details 360-317-3097.

To all of you who have paid your dues, Thank You! It is with your sustained membership and support that we are able to operate in the lean months of the year. If you have not paid or contacted Jodie about a payment plan, you will have until March 15th before I tack on a late fee and really start to get in your ear.

High School Golf to Begin Soon

The HS golf team have found their new coach and will begin practice soon in March. There will be Junior Golf Clinics with Steve Nightengale on the weekends of March 13/14 and March 20/21. Expect to find kids out practicing in the afternoons soon. Let's give them space as they have a short season, with their first match as soon as March 17th.

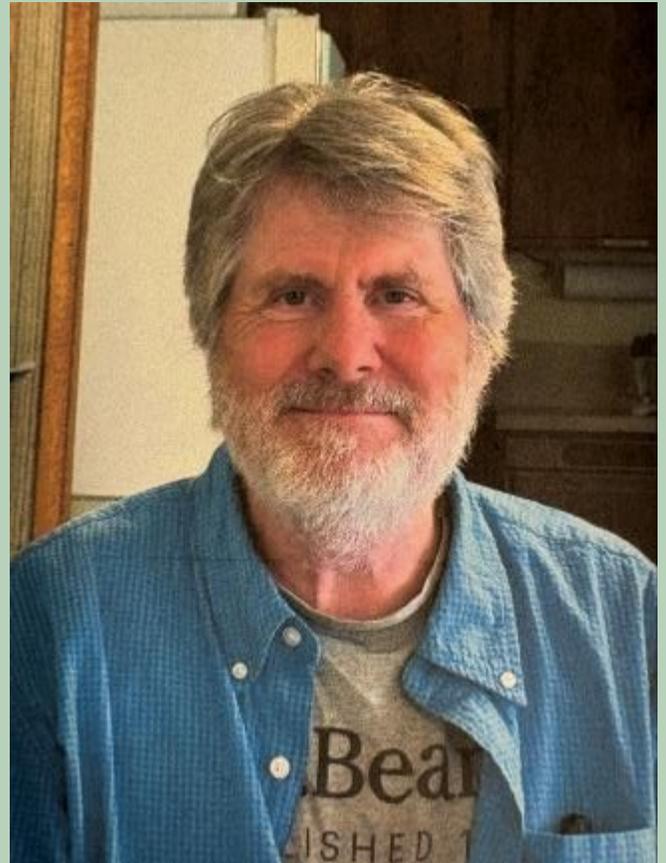
Golf Lessons with Bert Bates

\$15 for small group

1.5 hour lesson

(Max 4 to group)

Times to be determined.



Contact Information

Bert.bates@yahoo.com

831-254-7316



Parting Shot



Mark your Calendars

March 1 You may begin posting GHIN scores.

March 4 Wednesday Night Golf 4:00

March 9 Daylight Savings—Don't forget to spring ahead 1 hour.

March 11 Wednesday Night Golf 4:00

March 15 Deadline for paying dues without incurring a late fee.

March 17 First Home Match for HS Golf Team

March 18 Wednesday Night Golf 4:00

March 25 First Work Day of the Season 9:00—12:00

Wednesday Night Golf 4:00



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