



CHIPSHOTS

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Governor's Order on March 27



*Under Proclamation 20-25, **neither the operation nor enjoyment of a golf course qualifies as an essential business or activity.** Only minimum basic operations, as described in (3)(d) of the Proclamation, are permitted. Course maintenance is also permitted insofar as it prevents imminent damage to the fairways, greens, and other outdoor amenities.*

*Section 3 (d) For purposes of this Proclamation, **minimum basic operations** are the minimum activities necessary to maintain the value of the business' inventory, preserve the condition of the business' physical plant and equipment, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences, and related functions.*

BUT we have ESSENTIAL WORKERS!



We are grateful that Lars and Benni can continue to work and maintain our course during this time. The grass keeps growing, the wind keeps blowing and the rain fills the ponds. They have more than enough work to do but are admittedly lonely. Hopefully this closure won't last too long.

Winter Scenes

January and February



March

Lots of water
in the ponds!



These Leyland Cypress were about 3 feet tall when planted in the fall of 2018. Look at them now! Uncaged, they're on their way to adding striking beauty to our walk to the first green.



The 2020 pre-Soggy Bottom, Social Distancing Edition

On Sunday, March 22, long time host Vaughan Williams led 20 truly intrepid golfers through a somewhat truncated Soggy Bottom. The weather was foul: cloudy, cold, and windy. The mood was.. weird.. social distancing rules were in effect. As an extra precaution, Lars and Benni added metal spacers to the bottom of all the golf cups, so that the golfers wouldn't have to reach deep into the holes to retrieve their balls. And, as is true on all golf courses during this emergency, pins were never removed, to minimize having to touch common surfaces. But despite these challenges, spirits were high, and a fine time was had by all.

Once again, a hearty group from Friday Harbor made the journey to show support for Hospice and inter-island golf in general. Thanks so much for making the trek guys!

Social distancing made the traditional scramble format a bit iffy, so this year's tournament was individual net, with a shotgun start. Still buoyed by last year's victory, Ron Metcalf sailed to victory again, claiming low net on the front nine. Congrats to Ron! Ron's winning ways rubbed off on our host Vaughan, who shot the lights out on the back nine, carding two birdies in a row (and just missing the third), on his way to claiming low net on the back nine AND low net total. Wait a minute.. can the host win all the prizes??

Even though the entry fee was only \$10, many players pitched in \$20, and the total gift to the Hospice was about \$300, very generous guys and gals! BTW, if you want to add a contribution to Hospice associated with the Soggy Bottom, it's never too late to contact Vaughan.

As soon as life returns to some degree of normalcy, and the course re-opens, Vaughan plans to have the real Soggy Bottom, later in the season. Stay tuned for more details. Thanks to all the participants , to Sunset for the prizes and to Vaughan for once again hosting the event, and stay safe everyone.

Bert Bates

HISTORY CORNER

In mid-February a mysterious package came to our golf club PO box. It contained the following message and item:



February 10, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

While cleaning out storage boxes, closets, etc. in prep for my recent move from Tacoma to the Tucson area, I found this long-forgotten memento. You might recognize it as the flag from the 9th hole of the Lopez golf course, circa 1964-5. I graduated from Lopez High School in 1965. I found it on the driver's seat of my car one Sunday morning back then after "somebody's" Saturday night shenanigans. Not mentioning any names! Thought you might appreciate its return.

Regards,

Sandy
Sandy McCauley



I wrote to prod more information from her and got the reply below.

Dear Joyce,

I was happy to receive your note upon your receipt of the flag from the 9th green. As much as I'd love to add more to "the rest of the story," I'm sad to say I have no further info as to the shenanigan that resulted in the flag's disappearance. I have a few suspects in mind, none of whom currently live on Lopez, and far be it from me to squeal on a potentially innocent perp. So, I guess this remains an unsolved mystery, but with a happy ending in that the flag is now back home.

THANK YOU

Thanks to Jeff Hanks for supplying wood chips which Lars and Benni have been putting around some of the flower beds. We also thank Eric Johnson for replacing a toilet in the women's clubhouse restroom and for helping Benni with the remodel of the women's locker room restroom. One stall has been removed and Eric will be installing a new toilet in the other one. Benni has painted the walls and floor. See progress below!





ILENE WARD

March 30, 1934– Jan. 4, 2020

On Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020, Della Ilene Ward, loving wife and mother of four, passed away at the age of 85 at the Christian Health Care Center in Lynden, Washington. She went peacefully, holding her granddaughter Rachel's hand, surrounded by the love of her entire family.

Ilene was born on March 30, 1934, in Valentine, Nebraska, and graduated from Valentine High School in 1952. On July 1, 1952, she married Elmer William (Bill) Ward. Together they raised their two sons, Billy and Rusty, and their two daughters, Shelley and Wendy, on Lopez Island. Their home on Whiskey Hill saw them through four decades of life.

Ilene was a caring, outgoing person who enjoyed playing golf and bridge. She could often be found at the Lopez Island Golf Course with her husband and friends and a manhattan in hand. She was an avid cook and gardener. Ilene was the easiest person to strike up a conversation with or tell jokes to and loved making everyone feel welcome. She enjoyed spending time with her 10 grandkids and 18 great-grandkids.

Ilene is survived by her husband, Bill; her four children, Shelley, Billy, Wendy and Rusty; her sister Bonnie and brother Dick and their families. Ilene loved being a grandmother the most and will be greatly missed by Rachel; Aaron; Virginia; Roberta; Eliza; Emily; Courtney; Ed; Chris; John; and their children.

New Trial Member



Gregg Hamilton

Parting shot...

Yes, it's spring and we hope those of you lolling about in the south will return soon!



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

April - May

Men's and Women's Day golf and our social events will resume as soon as we can open the course.

If you haven't paid your 2020 dues, please contact me. Our need for revenue hasn't changed and we **WILL** reopen! **Joyce**



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