



CHIPSHOTS

The Lopez Island Golf Club

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New Certificate Member



Steve Phelps

Trial Members



Peter and Sandi Redmayne

Seasonal Member



Mark Stuckey

Twilight July 12







The grin on Curt's face says it all. He sank a 46 foot putt to break the tie for his team.

We had a great turnout of 30 golfers plus a few partners joined the group for dinner.

At the end of the game there were 5 teams tied for first place with a score of 36.

There was a putt off to determine 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Curt Bonelli sank a 46 ft putt to put his team in 1st Place.

1st Curt Bonelli, Jamie Stephens, Lauren Stephens

2nd Carole White, Duane Bordvick, Russell Johnson

3rd Chris Bangsund, Mike Summers, Betty Vaudt and Jinny Chun

- Lauren Stephens

Closest to the flag on #1

Jinny Chun & Jim Pinkham

Closest to the flag on #8

Lauren Stephens (none of the men hit the green)

Closest to the line on # 6

Curt Bonelli 19 inches

Nancy Klein 6'3"



Congratulations

July Aces

Joyce Kruithof

Mike Summers



Pilon

1st Tom Cowan

2nd Kit Ledbetter



Lott

1st Carole White

2nd Nancy Lynch

MEETING OF RGHT COMMITTEE (Rules, Green, Handicap, Tournament) July 2, 2020 at 3:00 pm



Members present: Bert Bates, Bev Smith, Bob Gerfy, Carole White, Jeff Hanks, Mary Brown, Tom Cowan
Board Reps: Joyce Kruithof, Mark Reisinger
Staff: Benni Snoer, Lars Petersen

1. Lars gave us an update on course maintenance:

- **Equipment**- Most running OK for now. With recent purchases of refurbished machines, there are far fewer breakdowns, saving time and expense. He is running out of spare parts, though. Lars is still on the lookout for a bunker rake which will be a big time saver. The \$1 can that helps build the Equipment Fund has been extremely useful. (WORD TO MEMBERS- Thank you for continuing to contribute one dollar per round!)
- Big problem with the **pump on the #3 pond**. It will be taken out, examined and likely taken to Bellingham for analysis and repair. This was purchased in late 2017 and installed in spring of 2018. When reinstalled, it will be enclosed in some way.
- **Irrigation** – There are leaks here and there but they can be diagnosed and fixed. The new irrigation systems on #1 and # 9 fairways are working well.
- **Tee boxes** – Using plugs from the fall greens plugging helps repair some of the tee boxes and will again be used this fall. We'd like to be able to level more of the them but will need a lot of sand, seed and fertilizer.
- The **clover** – After the usual long discussion, we decided to have Benni widen the fairways. Jeff advocated for less use of herbicides as they seep into the ground water.

The Practice Area – Lars asked us to remind members that this area is maintained for practice. The committee advises members that PRACTICING ON THE # 9 FAIRWAY AND GREEN IS NOT PERMITTED.

2. #1 OB markers

On hole #1 we all seem to know that the road leading to the airport is out of bounds. However it is not marked as such nor is it mentioned on the scorecard. With no white stakes to indicate out of bounds, someone could play their ball as it lies on the right side of the road and think they were legal. We will place 3 white stakes along the road above the ditch to mark the OB boundary.

3. **Trees** – We will be pruning some trees on #8, #4 men's tee box, #9 both sides of fairway, #6 and #8 tee boxes. Borrowing Curt's cherry picker will help with some of the higher work.

4. On the green:

- Using the **white cup rings**- After much discussion, the committee recommended, by a vote of 6 to 1, that we use the white hole liners (beauty rings) because the holes do not hold their shape for 7 days due to the nature of the soil. They will be set above the cups and at least ¼ inch below the surface of the green. We acknowledge that we are doing something that is not technically allowed but is practiced widely by many prestigious clubs. (After the meeting, this recommendation was forwarded to the Board which voted to accept the recommendation.)



- Carole mentioned that the indicator flags on the flagsticks haven't been set right lately.
- Jeff explained that pin setters are now working singly and training is one on one. Training will include proper setting of the indicator flags. New cups and flagsticks are being installed on July 6. We were installing the cups upside down due to recommended Covid-19 protocols but now sections of pool noodles are being used. These also seem to soften the arrival of the ball.

As of fall, Jeff will pass the coordination/scheduling of pinsetting on to Bert Bates.

5. **Course handicap maximum?** Joyce had a question about this. There is some history on our course that we only use max **course handicap** of 36 for men and 40 for women for daily games and tournaments. Why is this? How was it decided, when and by whom? Can we change it? (The current maximum **Handicap Index** that can be issued to a player in the GHIN system is 54.0.) Bob thought that this 36/40 came about because of the TPP (Tournament Pairing Program) that had been in use on the GHIN computer. TPP is no longer used. It was recommended that chairs of the women's group and men's group discuss how to deal with this on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

If you have any questions about the new handicap system or score posting, consult with Bob Gerfy or Joyce Kruithof who had training offered by WAGOLF in February.

Meeting adjourned: 4:25 PM

-Joyce

July Work Day

Thank you to all the work day participants who helped with weed eating, cleaning out sprinkler heads, raking out bunkers, clearing away branches and small trees and filling in divots. These were just some of the chores accomplished during Work Day.









The tree crew.
Removed
smaller trees
from the
woods be-
tween 5 and 6.



Endowment Investment Committee

July 27, 2020

The EIC met on July 27 to discuss the state of our endowment investments and to decide if any action is needed at this time. The endowment assets are invested about 80% in equities and 20% in money market and have a 5.2% annualized return since inception. The fund balance is currently \$125,786. The committee felt even in these uncertain times, the investment portfolio as held is the most prudent for the long term. No changes were made.

The committee reminds the membership that contributions to the endowment are always appreciated, particularly from new members who have not had the chance to participate as of yet. The white binder near the tv in the clubhouse is full of information and history of the endowment. Please refer to it or contact any member of the endowment investment committee: John Strathman, Russ Johnson, Bev Smith, Dennis Egan or Joyce Kruithof.

Happy 60th Birthday, Benni Snoer

“Wow, a huge thank you to all the members! That was a very unexpected surprise. Someday when all this is over we will have our big party and celebrate all birthdays together. Until then enjoy the day as much as I have.” Benni



A special thank you to all the members that have helped out this year. Club sitting, work days and all who have come out during the week to mow and do other chores. It is so appreciated. Without it Lars would not have been able to go to Denmark to see his first grandbaby! Benni



Rocking the same hairstyle are Lars and his first grandson Zander.

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

Club Championships

Men : August 20, 22, 23

Women : August 18, 21, 23

Work Day August 26, 9:00

The GHIN computer in the clubhouse is disabled, but please post your scores on line at ghin.com

Please wear a mask when entering the clubhouse or locker barn and when 6 foot distancing can not be achieved.



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