

# CHIPSHOTS

The Lopez Island Golf Club

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## NEW MEMBERS



Andrew Charter  
joined last year as a  
seasonal member  
but is now a full  
certificate member!

**Jan Stuckey**

**Trial Member**

**Picture coming when she and  
Mark return to Lopez for the  
summer**

# HOLE IN ONE!



Wednesday Night Golf - 3/13 - Thursday

On Thursday, 3/13, we were playing WNG on a Thursday because the previous day's weather was foul.

Playing the back nine, as we stepped up to the 13th, we knew that there was a KP prize on this hole, and we could see a tee marker from the earlier foursome, about 8 feet from the pin. We all groaned. It was going to be a hard mark to beat.

Eric Johnson teed up third in our group, grabbed his gap wedge, hit a beautiful high floater that landed about five feet right of the pin, took a great (and predictable!) bounce and rolled in for a hole in one! (And of course, the KP prize :))

This is Eric's third hole in one on the Lopez course. He's now had one on the first green, the eighth green, and now the fourth green. We think perhaps Eric has the first Lopez, hole-in-one hat trick!

If anyone knows of a previous such hat trick, let us know.

Triple congrats to Eric!

As is tradition, we retired to the Galley where Eric bought us all a beer.

p.s. For what it's worth, your reporter has witnessed all three of Eric's holes-in-one, just sayin'

Bert Bates

# HIGH SCHOOL GOLF SEASON



Zoe, Mira, Kai, Josie, Ana, Simon, Isaac, Uli, Kayden, Henry, Aspen, Vix and coach Ginger Plum

This year's team is looking sharp in new sweatshirts provided by Brett Goodwin! The team is co-coached by Athletic Director Ginger Plum and Jessie Patrick. Home matches have begun and the team is getting in practice every day after school. In addition, Steve Nightingale came to Lopez for the past three weekends to give instruction. This is Steve's 25th year working with our high school team. He recalls his first year in 1999 when Bessie Wright recruited him when he was working at San Juan Golf Club. See pictures of the clinics on the next page.

# Weekend Clinics with Steve



# more

Thank you to Scott and Krista and to Herb and Dodie for providing lunches for the team on the Saturdays of the clinics and to Bill Diller for putting Steve up at the Islander on the three Fridays he was here.



AND getting ready for their first match against Lummi. →  
On March 18

## Wednesday Night Golf

WNG, 3/19

My wife Kathy and I just finished our 8th winter on Lopez. I understand that that still makes us Lopez newbies, so with that said: For the last several years we've extended Wednesday Night Golf so that we're now playing WNG year round. The weather gods have been good to us and over the last few winters, Wednesday afternoons have often been the best weather of the week and golf has proceeded.

So true to form, on Wednesday 3/19, despite bad weather, four hardy Wednesday Night golfers ventured out for a late afternoon nine. The winds were fierce—we estimated gusts up to 40 knots. When we played shots into the wind, they got gobbled up and spit out, usually falling far short of our targets. Thinking we might fare better when playing with the wind, we soon discovered that the tail wind would knock our shots down, again falling far short of our targets.

Around the 5th hole we looked at each other, acknowledged how miserable the golf was, but vowed to finish the nine, just for our bucket lists I guess?

Well, we finished, posted huge scores, and no one died.

Kudos to Rob, Jack, and Eric Meng for putting up with yours truly.

Bert Bates

# Golf lessons resume in APRIL!

## GOLF LESSONS With Bert Bates

\$15 for small group 1.5 hour lesson  
(Max 4 to a group)  
Times to be determined



And tell your friends!



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## 2025 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

**Men and Women will combine their weekly golf days on Tuesdays as an experiment in 2025.**

**ACE tournaments** (low net) will be on first Tuesday of the month, April thru September.

**Spring and Fall Ringers** (using 1/2 handicap as of first day of each ringer)

- ◆ **Spring Ringer** — April 1 thru June 24
- ◆ **Fall Ringer** July 1 thru September 16

**President's Cup -- modified Stableford rules**

- ◆ Play on June 10, 17 & 24
- ◆ Choose scores from best 2 rounds

**Pilon (men) and Lott (women) Tournaments** --match play using 3/4 handicap

- ◆ All July
- ◆ Players arrange their own playing times

**Club Championship Tournament-**

- ◆ August 19, 23 and 24
- ◆ Low gross scores win 1st and 2nd places
- ◆ Additional flights by handicap
- ◆ Low Net winners get **McConaghy Trophy** (new idea)

**King and Queen Tournament -- net tournament**

- ◆ 18 holes, stroke play, full handicap
- ◆ Winners of monthly ACE Tournaments play as teams
- ◆ Prize to low net team
- ◆ Ties broken by closest to the pin chip-off by 1 player per team

**TOURNAMENT RULES**

Update September 2024

\* All events, except match play, must be played as scheduled. Entry fees TBD

**ACE -net tournament**

- ◇ 18 holes, stroke play, full handicap--men and women
- ◇ Usually played first women's and men's day of the month, April through September
- ◇ Male and female winners from each month are paired and compete as a team in the King and Queen tournament at the end of the season

**Spring and Fall Ringers**

- ◇ Players record scores from daily game on women's day and men's day, changing scores on subsequent weeks when lower scores occur on individual holes
- ◇ 1/2 handicap as of first day of ringer

**Mc Conaghy Tournament --net tournament -- Revised 2024 -- See Club Championship****President's Cup Tournament -- modified Stableford rules**

- ◇ 36 holes, stroke play, full handicap -- men and women
- ◇ Use the best two out of three scores on men's and women's day from three weeks in June
- ◇ Points: Bogey 1, Par 2, Birdie 3, Eagle 4, Double Eagle (Albatross) 5

**Pilon (men) and Lott (women) Tournaments --match play**

- ◇ 18 holes for each match
- ◇ 3/4 handicap
- ◇ Ties played off by sudden death beginning on the original starting hole
- ◇ Prizes for 1st and 2nd place
- ◇ Tournament played during the month of July; players arrange time and date of matches

**Club Championship Tournament--gross tournament**

- ◇ 54 holes, stroke play, no handicap -- men and women
- ◇ Prizes for 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup>
- ◇ Additional flights by handicap
- ◇ Low net winners are awarded the **McConaghy Trophy**. (Low net winners cannot be gross score winners.)
- ◇ Ties played off by sudden death starting on hole #8

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PREVIEW of things to come....

**PUB NIGHT**  
**BEGINNING MAY 15**  
**AND THEN EVERY OTHER THURSDAY**

**4:30 - 6:30**

**GOLF HALF PRICE AFTER 2PM**



**PING PONG**  
**CORN HOLE**  
**DARTS**



**JOIN US FOR GOLF AT 2PM**  
**HAVE A BITE TO EAT**  
**PLAY SOME GAMES OR JUST**  
**ENJOY TIME SOCIALIZING**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**HOT DOGS & CHIPS \$5**  
**BEER & HARD SELTZER \$4**  
**SOFT DRINKS \$2**

**FUN FUN FUN!!!**

## LIGC 2025 Social and Work Day Schedule

### Twilight Scrambles (all at 4 pm except as noted)

Sun. May 4

Sun. May 18 (after Spring Membership Meeting) and New Member/Memorial Party)

Sun. June 8

Sun. June 22

Sun. July 13

Sun. July 27

Sun. Aug. 10

Sun. Aug. 24 – CC celebration usually PL appetizers

Mon. Sept. 1- Labor Day (Horse Race, starts at 1 pm)

Sun. Sept. 7

Sun. Sept. 21 – 3 pm (between ACES and dinner)

### Work Days (all last Wednesday of the month, Mar. through Oct., 9-noon, followed by lunch)

April 30

May 28

June 25

July 30

August 27

September 24

October 29

### Wednesday Night Golf - Every Wednesday of the month, start time depends on the season

### Annual Events

Spring Membership Meeting – Sunday, May 18, 3 pm

Fall Membership Meeting – Sunday, October 12, 4 pm

Annual Awards Ceremony and Dinner—Sunday, Sept. 21

**OTHER** -SOGGY BOTTOM Field Day -fundraiser for Hospice – Sunday, April 13, Time 10AM  
check in

**New logo gloves are here!**



**Only \$20 for members!**

# March Scenes around the course



## MARCH WORK DAY



**Above** - Rob filling divots



**Right** -Stewie stewarding the flower bed on the 4th tee

**Below** -Ron and David edging and pulling weeds in bunkers



## MARCH WORK DAY



Scott and Suzi outdid themselves yet again with a terrific lunch for the dedicated members who came out for our first work day. Thanks to Krista for driving the hospitality cart and taking photos. Also, thank you to those pictured as well as to John Trench for getting rid of trash and recycling and to Darrell Marmion for cleaning gutters. We hope to see more members out on April 30. If you need a task and can't be here on the Wednesday work days, contact Benni.



Terry weeding the rhodie bed by the first tee



Lynn, Rob and Kit relaxing after work



# Parting Shot...



Golfing in Bolivia!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

## Announcements

The active score posting season resumed on March 1!

### April Events

- \* High School Golf Home matches:
- \* April 15 at 12:00
- \* April 24 at 1:00
- \* May 1 at 1:00
- \* April Work Day: Wednesday, April 30 from 9 to 12 followed by lunch provided by Lynn and Bob Hall



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