



CHIPSHOTS

The Lopez Island Golf Club
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New Club Manager!



Please welcome Krista Lieske as our new Club Manager. Krista will begin training on Fridays and Saturdays in January and start her full hours in April. Stop in and introduce yourself next time your're at the club.

Scotland!



James Haan sent these photos from his recent trip to St. Andrews, a dream trip for James. You may recognize him from the cover of our newest scorecard.

New Club Champion Plaque in Progress

Our Club Champion plaque has had its winners displayed since 1974, over fifty years ago. The plaque is now full. See the attached photo below. Scott Jennings and Kit Ledbetter are working on the new plaque that should last another fifty years until 2074. Dave Zapalac donated the wood for the new plaque from his wood collection in his sawmill. See the photo of Scott Jennings starting to work on the wood. The wood is from a Douglas Fir tree from Lopez Island. Scott and Kit expect to have the project finished sometime in the spring. Stay tuned! And thank you!!!



Glow Ball Winter Solstice Event



organizing



Just before heading out →

We had five teams of four players that ventured out on the longest night of the year to play an eight-hole scramble at 5:30 pm. Glowball golf is very hard because you can only see the clubhead by the glow of the ball (which is not very bright.) You don't want to turn on your flashlight too much because your eyes won't adjust to the dark. When you hit the ball, all lights must be turned off. On the tee you can just see a faint glowstick attached to the flagstick in the distance and when you putt you can see the hole with a glowstick in the bottom of the hole. Your depth perception is off because of the dark.

What a way to celebrate the 2024 Winter Solstice - playing golf in the dark! The weather was about 50 degrees and there was no wind or rain. We had a sky full of stars as we tried to hit a glowball in the dark. Rob Nou organized a potluck dinner after golf with the highlight dish Tom Cowan's enchiladas and of course ice cream and brownies. We had 21 players for the event with many first time glowballers. Glowball is very challenging but when you hit the ball that is lighted and it flies in the air, it is even more rewarding than daytime golf. The first place team of Vaughan Williams, Jack Coffey, Rob Nou and Greg Hamilton shot an outstanding round for a scramble of two under par in the DARK.

Kit Ledbetter

WINTER SCENES



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 2nd
- ◇ 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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Golf Lessons continue!

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!



CONTACT INFORMATION

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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)

March 26

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 TBA

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!!!

President's Post

Looking forward to 2025!

- ⇒ New club manager—see Krista Lieske on page two
- ⇒ Mary Ellener—Event Coordinator—You will hear from her! Think about hosting a social event or making lunch on a work day.
- ⇒ Junior Golf Fundraiser tournament in spring — more information coming soon
- ⇒ New calendar interface and videos on the website— Thanks Steve.
- ⇒ Clubhouse reorganization project
- ⇒ Pub Nights return in May — every other Thursday
- ⇒ Women and Men share Tuesday golf time
- ⇒ Committees get to work!
- ⇒ Joyce retires!

Parting Shot...



**Esa completing
his work hours
in Finland**



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Announcement

What is Inactive Score Posting Season?

Inactive score posting season runs from November 15th through the end of February in WA Golf territory. If you play golf during the inactive season in our area, those scores are not postable for handicap purposes. But, let's say you play somewhere else during this time, like California, Arizona, or Hawaii, where they don't have an inactive season. In that case, you should post that score as soon as practicable.



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