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# President's Post

Your new GOLF CLUB BOARD is hard at work! You can contact one of the following board members with questions and suggestions. Here are our designated areas of responsibility.

**Buildings** – Gary Hall -- See something that needs to be done around the clubhouse or cart and locker barns?  
[gary.hall@lopezislandgolf.com](mailto:gary.hall@lopezislandgolf.com)

**Finance** – Jerry Aaron -- Questions about the budget? Suggestions for generating revenue or saving?  
[jerry.aaron@lopezislandgolf.com](mailto:jerry.aaron@lopezislandgolf.com)

**Social Events** – Sue Crockett -- Want to sign up to host a twilight golf event or prepare a work day lunch?  
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**Marketing/Membership** – Mary Ellener -- Ideas for bringing in new members or marketing the course?  
[mary.ellener@lopezislandgolf.com](mailto:mary.ellener@lopezislandgolf.com)

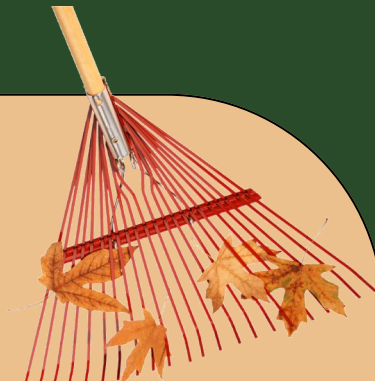
**Greens** – Jim Ghiglione -- Suggestions relating to course conditions?  
[jim.ghiglione@lopezislandgolf.com](mailto:jim.ghiglione@lopezislandgolf.com)

**Pro Shop**– Steve Levy -- Are there other items you'd like to see for sale in the clubhouse?  
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**Communications, Membership, Junior Golf** – Joyce Kruithof  
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If you have an idea about something that doesn't fit into one of these categories, just contact me and I'll address the issue or find someone who can. Each board member has or is recruiting a back-up team to be part of a committee. If you are called upon to help, please say YES. If you already know you'd like to help, contact the board member in charge.

# Sept. 26 Workday

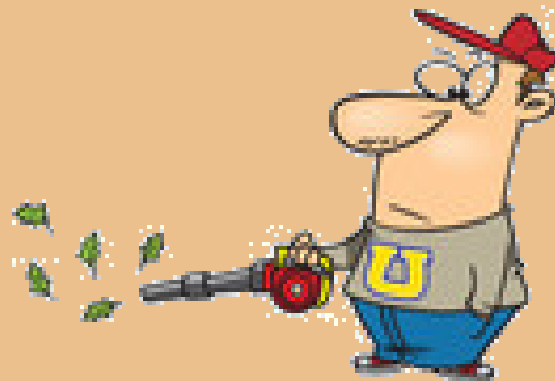


*We had about 15 volunteers for workday and Ed Gutkowski served a fantastic split pea soup lunch with salad, roll and berry tart for dessert.*

*Course benches, sand boxes and patio tables were put away for the winter. The gutters were cleaned, pine cones raked, garbage picked up and a little weeding done. It was a beautiful day, wonderful food and friendship.*



*Herb Schiessl*



**Last Workday**  
**Oct. 31st**  
**9-12**

We still need your help to finish cleaning up the course for winter. Please attend if you're able!

ALL Events Are Posted On Our Website

<http://lopezislandgolf.com/>

Lunch provided by  
Lopez Islander Resort

# Fall General Membership Meeting

Oct. 7th

Thirty-one members turned out for our fall meeting which met the quorum requirements. The main topic of this meeting was the financial situation of the club and the budget for next year. According to Dodie Schiessl, treasurer, we currently have \$26,000 left in our operating fund which, barring any unforeseen circumstances, should last us until the dues income starts early next year. "Thanks to the \$45 donations from club members this year we may be able to squeak by without dipping into our reserve fund like we had to do last year," she said. She announced that \$5K of the \$10K we borrowed from that fund last year has been repaid and if all goes well this next year she would hope the remaining \$5K borrowed would also be paid back. She relayed the proposal by the Finance Committee of raising dues this year by \$25 to help offset the member attrition that our club had last year. When asked whether \$25 was enough, Dodie said, "It's all just an educated guess and we won't truly know until March 15th." The fear is always losing members when dues are raised, so there is a balancing act that we continually play during these hard times. The dues increase was passed almost unanimously with only 1 no vote.

There was a lot of discussion about discounted greens fees and their place during the high season. The board will continue discussions on this topic.

Next up was the Greens Committee with trustee Jim Ghiglione reporting that the course was in great shape with many thanks and credit given to Steve Bryson. "He was even able to come in under budget," says Dodie Schiessl. Steve in turn gave special thanks to a group of volunteers who did many of the course maintenance chores leaving Johnny Nopson more time for equipment upkeep. This group of volunteers mowed, managed sand traps, changed pins and removed garbage on a regular basis. They include Perry Brown, Ole Snoer, Ed Gutkowski, Tommy Thomas, Jerry Aaron, Herb Schiessl, Marc Zener (and pin changing crew), Jim Pinkham, Jim Smith, Larry Whitney, Dennis Mattson and Jon & Carol Avent. Steve announced that he will cut his own hours to 8 months in 2013 and increase Johnny's to 11 months.

A trial membership was voted in and will be given a try in 2013. The cost for this trial membership is \$450 saving the individual the Certificate cost of \$387.50 for 1 year. Requirements/restrictions/abilities for this type of membership are: available 1 year only, no voting rights, volunteer work required, can participate in all club events.

The dues reduction for bringing in a new member was voted down unanimously. It was agreed that the reward for bringing in a new member was the member himself, sharing in the costs and the duties of the club.

Last was the voting in of new board members. Outgoing board members were: Joyce Kruithof, Dodie Schiessl, Steve Levy & Ian Lange. Joyce & Steve were willing to do a second term. Jerry Aaron & Mary Ellener agreed to run for the other two spots this year and all 4 were voted in unanimously.

# New Trustees



## Jerry Aaron:

Deputy Chief Jerry Aaron retired from the Everett Police Department in July 1990. In fact he retired the same day as his fellow policeman & friend Jimmy Billesbach. Jerry also bought his property on Lopez in 1990 and almost immediately went on the waiting list to join the LIGC. "I'm not quite sure how long it took to become a member," he said, "a couple of years I would guess. It was at full membership at that time." Jerry moved to Lopez full time in 2009.

Jerry's goal in being a trustee is to help save the club from going the way of so many other small golf courses. "Having better cash flow with enough members enjoying themselves will help this club." After his first board meeting Jerry encouragingly said, "We have good employees and a good board, all who want to do a good job for the club."



## Mary Ellener:

Mary Ellener officially retired this year from the real estate business, which she had been in since 1978. She and Ray had a home built on Lopez approximately 7 years ago which is also when they joined the golf club. Ray is in the marine industry still and they also have a home in Tacoma.

Her hobbies are golfing, biking and sewing. She volunteers with the Tacoma school district and Catholic Community Services. They have three children and three granddaughters.

"My goal in being a trustee is to help build the clubs membership, which seems to be the number one priority, give my support and lend a hand wherever I can or am qualified to do so," Mary said. "I would also like to commend the members on their commitment to this club, with all the expertise and work they contribute on an ongoing basis. It has been my pleasure getting to know them and working with them."

***Thank you both for your willingness to help our club!***

# Many Thanks to Dick Bangsund.....

*Did you notice what's missing?*



*How about now? Yep, that nasty leaning dead tree along the cart path on #9. He and his trusty backhoe came up on a day no one was here and got rid of it.*

*Thanks Dick for noticing a problem and handling it! That's what our members are known for.*

## Rules Tip

Now that the Rainy Season has arrived remember:

If your ball lies on the putting green you may not brush aside casual water or mop it up with a towel.

If you do, you will receive a 2 stroke penalty for Breach of Rule 16-1a

Courtesy of Margie Zener

Hmmmm.....

Ian.....have you been going after that pink ball again?



Thanks to whomever placed the life ring near the ponds on 3 & 4. You just never know when someone will get the urge to 'go for it'.

# Get your raffle ticket

## SOON !

**PURCHASE TILL  
NOV. 30TH**

**DRAWING  
DEC. 1ST**

**AT THE LIQUOR STORE M-Sat 10-7 Sun 12-5**

# Free Membership 2013

# Tickets \$20



Recent studies found average golfers walk 900 miles a year.  
 Another study found golfers drink 22 gallons of alcohol a year.  
 This means, on average, golfers get 41 miles to the gallon!  
 Kind of makes you proud. Almost makes you feel like a hybrid. . . .



## Hosts still needed

*There are still events needing hosts for 2013. Just one twilight and several workday luncheons. If you've never done a twilight ask someone who has to help you. Also, the club is willing to pay for workday luncheon food...all you have to do is prepare and serve it.*

**For 2013 events**

### Luncheons

March 27 April 24

June 26 July 31

Aug 28 Sept 25

Oct 30

### Twilights

July 7

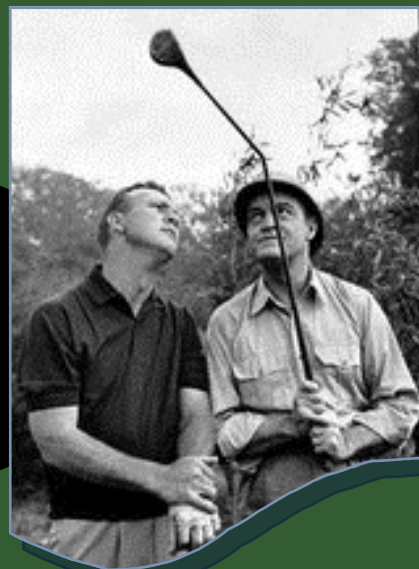
*Sign up at the club or email*

*sue.crockett@lopezislandgolf.com*

# Golfisms

*"Arnold told me I could cut eight strokes off my game.....skip one of the par 3's"*

Bob Hope



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**Oct. Events:** 31st: Season's Last Workday 9-12

**Nov. Event:**

20th : Pie making for Lopez Families 12

**Dec. Events**

4th: Holiday decorating party noon

11th: Ladies catered holiday luncheon 12-2

15th: Golf Club Holiday Party/Dinner 6pm

## Decorating Party Dec. 4

Come join the ladies after golf to decorate the clubhouse, have some soup and bread, spiced cider, play some music and get into that good ole' holiday spirit. Timing approximately noon. Bring any extra decorations you might have around the house.

## Golf Club Holiday Party

Dec. 15 6pm

Organized by Miki & James Straughan

Catered Dinner

Games

White Elephant gift exchange

Details later

Sign up at the club or contact Miki at

[mikijgs@rockisland.com](mailto:mikijgs@rockisland.com)

## Thanksgiving Pie Making

Nov 20th Noonish

Every year the LIFRC provides Thanksgiving baskets containing all sorts of food stuffs to families in need on Lopez. This year some of the golf ladies plan on making pies for those baskets after golf at the club on the 20th. If you'd like to help contact:

[chris.bangsund@lopezislandgolf.com](mailto:chris.bangsund@lopezislandgolf.com)

*"The fragrance always remains....*

*....in the hand that gives the rose."*

## Ladies Holiday Luncheon

December 11th

*This will be a catered event.  
Ladies mark this date!*

*Details to follow*

*Sign up at the club or email*

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