

CHIPSHOTS

The Lopez Island Golf Club

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hickory players on
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Jodie's Year End Report

Despite this unprecedented year, we have a lot to be thankful for here at the Lopez Island Golf Club.

Most importantly we are open and playing golf. We were able to play tourna-

ments including the Club Championship and we even sneaked in a few Twilights.



We are outside, exercising, interacting with our friends and fellow members and providing an outlet for other individuals to do the same.

Overall our little island course has survived for over 60 years. We will get

through this as well. Being a member-owned course has in many ways been the key to our success. We can all be proud of Lopez Island Golf Club and its many valuable members.



Final Work Day of the Year

October 28th 2020







Thanksgiving Eve, with balls a-glowing, 16 intrepid golfers took on the course at night. Inexplicably, the group turned in the worst display of ball striking ever seen anywhere in the game of golf. Fortunately the hilarity factor was off the charts. Highlights-wise, Tom did drain a 60 foot putt, and Kit, Esa, Vaughan and Rob were able to hit par 3s in regulation. The team of the two Erics and the fabulous Poole brothers took home the hardware.



Thanksgiving Hickory Event wasn't all fozzals

Story and photos by Kit Ledbetter.



The 1st Annual Thanksgiving Hickory Golf Event was held on November 29, 2020 at Lopez Island Golf Course. We had beautiful weather and great course conditions. We had eight players for a two team scramble event where we shared pre-1935 hickory-shafted clubs. Every shot was hit with hickory clubs and the two teams scored 6 under par and 3 under par respectively. Kit Ledbetter said, "The fun with hickory shaft golf clubs is that everyone is going to hit bad shots, also known as fozzals, a hickory era term for bad shots; you just have to lower your expectations and have fun." After the game Bert Bates said, "I don't think we would have scored any better with our modern clubs today!" Several Lopez Golf Club members have purchased hickory shaft clubs already and play with them about once or twice a month. It was a fun day and everyone said they are looking forward to next year's event.

The two teams were:

John Quickstad

Bert Bates

Vaughan Williams

Reese Hamilton

Kit Ledbetter

Tobin Arden

Ananda Velo

Rob Nou

Lopez Golf Members John Quickstad and Kit Ledbetter are also board members of the NW Hickory Players (<http://nwhickoryplayers.org/>). Please check out the website. Northwest Hickory Players is an association of golfers formed to enjoy and encourage playing golf with hickory era, pre-1935 equipment. The intent is to focus on Oregon, Washington, British Columbia and neighboring states. NW Hickory Players organize about ten events per year and will host the 2021 US Open (Hickory) at Gearhart OR.



Ananda Velo takes a few practice swings with a hickory club.



Reese Hamilton (left) and Rob Nou (below) take their turns on the first tee box with their hickory clubs.



Bill Ward



On the morning of Tuesday, November 3, 2020 Elmer William "Bill" Ward Jr., devoted husband, and father of four, passed away.

Bill was born on January 16, 1932. He enlisted in the army at 15 and fought in the Korean war. On 7/1/1952 he married Della Ilene Johnson, the great love of his life. He was a dedicated resident of Lopez Island, having moved here in 1963. He served his community as a lineman with OPALCO, keeping the power grid live in even the worst storms, part time emergency responder and member of the fire department. Bill was an avid golfer and was a Lopez Island Golf Club member for many years. He kept anyone around him laughing with his sense of humor. He loved his ten grandchildren and 19 great grandkids and will be greatly missed by Rachel, Aaron, Virginia, Roberta, Eliza, Emily, Courtney, Ed, Chris, John, and their children. He is survived by three of his children, Shelley, Wendy, and Russ, his sister Frances and his brother Mick and their families. He was ready to reunite with his love, sweet Ilene, his oldest son Bill, his sister Winnie, his brother Jim and so many more. He missed his wife and old friends. He can finally breathe again. Rest in peace.



**Kiyo Oya
converts to
certificate membership!**

Board Members' Kids Make the News

HOLE IN ONE!

By Erik Reisinger on #10

**Witnessed by Kit Ledbetter
on December 12, 2020**

**Hazel Arden, a non-golfer,
found this picturesque spot
for a Christmas photo shoot,
perhaps not realizing how
she was taunting her father
Eric and brother Tobin.**



Parting shot...



Our sweet little clubhouse back in the day, when we had to play golf in the snow and always uphill. Circa 1970.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

January– February

Need some new headcovers? Visit the clubhouse and peruse the **FREE STUFF** table before February 1st when it will disappear.



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

Membership dues and fees are due by

February 15th. Email Joyce if you can't find the bill (sent via email on Dec. 2.)



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