

# Los Verdes Hacker

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## President's Message

Jeff Wells



Hello fellow Golfers,

I wanted to give a special shout out to Tony Vinter who captained our last tournament on February 19<sup>th</sup>. The course was playing most difficult, the greens were slick-fast and everyone seemed to finish on time.

As it was Presidents Day eve, it seems fitting to have the current president (myself) and past president (David Haehnel) to win our flights only to be out done by Radek Ciesielski to shoot a net 66 to win his flight and have the lowest net score.

We have the new member tournament coming up March 12, to be Captained by Tom Gibson who I'm hearing is going to be generous with gifts for our new-bie's. Board members will be present to adjoin our newest members on their first journey with us.

We also have the 4 man, 2 best ball tournament Captained by John Keigharn on March 19<sup>th</sup>, I will see if I can get John to say a few words at our dinner meeting March 8<sup>th</sup> to see what he may have in store for us. He may have a few tricks up his sleeves.

Weekend Team Play is still going strong, this field is led by Captain Michael Eastman who has put together a fine bunch of players. I believe this is Mike's 3<sup>rd</sup> year as Captain, he is a strong player himself and leads his players by example.

The Board has put together a really helpful wallet card to be distributed to the membership. The card shows the tournament schedule, weekday and Satellite tournaments, meeting nights and current board members. Make sure you grab one on meeting night and place it in your wallet. Mr. Brian Campbell (member) of Lithographix was kind enough to put this together for us. Thank you, Brian!

I hope to see y'all out there soon.

Hit them straight and not too often gents!

Jeff Wells Sr.  
President

PS: Check out the new **Golf Genius Tips** page along with **Believe it or not**.



## BUS TRIPS



- Industry Hills, March 5 th
- Arroyo Trabuco, May 7 th
- Los Serranos Old Man Endurance July 14th
- Tijeras Creek – Ryder Cup Sept.17th

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## Satellite Tournaments

Satellite Tournaments are competitive, exciting matches against LVMGC members. You never know how the match will end up!!!!

Highly recommended for new members to play.

## Satellite Tournament Captains:

Classic Blue.....Tom Gibson  
Classic White.....Paul Hendrickson  
Eclectic.....Mike Mc Coy  
Presidents Cup .....Mike Mc Coy  
Seniors Match.....Tom Gibson  
Putting Champ.....Tony Vinter

# Tournament Chairman

## Paul Hendrickson

We are off to a fast and wonderful start to the year.



Both of our Team Play teams posted winning records and our Saturday team has clinched a berth in the Playoffs. A lot of work was done and we appreciate the hard work done by both John Keigharn and Dan Burns in assembling a competitive team and putting together lineup's every week for the Weekday team. Our Saturday Team has been led by new Captain Mike Eastman and Vice Captain's Al Von Kanel and Alec Todryk. Mike has put together outings , practices, meetings and he has provided a real great culture of support and enthusiasm within the team. Our teams are open to the entire membership so if you have a handicap of 18 or less and are interested in playing the season runs for 6 weeks in Jan and February, please let the captains know.

The satellite tournaments are going to be introduced in March and they are open to all handicap levels. Two of them will be two man best ball match plays (Blue Classic and White Classic) , you can enter both but you do need different partners for each event if you play both. The General Manager Rick Crowder and AGM Tom Byrne will be assisting us in getting tee times on Wed, Sat, Sun specifically for these tournaments. I will get these tee times and announce to the players. They will be noon time tee times and they will allow us to get matches scheduled.

The President's Cup and Eclectic will be run by Mike Mc Coy and the format is on the website. Senior Match play will be run by Tom Gibson and he is also running the Blue Classic. Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup> will be the New Member tournament and it is open to all new members and is capped out at 60 so please sign up if you have not already done so.

This past month was an exceptional day to play. No more football on TV, the rabbits were out early, the young Dad's group of Haehnel and Scism was out soon after that and there were a lot of new members. That rain has made the course as green as you are going to see it and there are plenty of cloverleaf patches that eat balls up. I am sure Larry Berlant is finding double his allotment of golf balls all over the course. The greens are fast and there are more 3 putts than usual. With regards to Pace of Play, let's keep the mindset of keeping up with the group ahead of you. Please don't tell me why you are behind or who's fault it is. Help your foursome look for balls, if you get behind putt out and go the next tee. Our last group did a little less than 5 hours and this is something we can absolutely control. We do 4 ½ hours or less in 75% of our tournaments and I want it to be 100%. Encourage your foursome to pay attention , enjoy the round, go through your reads and keep up.

Next month, the tournament is Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup> and it will be a 4 Man, 2 Best Ball format. This is meant to be fun and competitive. Priority for tee times is given during the monthly meeting and John Keigharn will be the Captain. Mike Benedetto will be sending out invitations on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.

See you next month,  
Paul Hendrickson – Tournament Chairman

**March Monthly Tournament  
Twosome 2 Best Balls  
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## Meetings, Dinner and Putting Contest Schedule

### **Dinner Speaker:**

"The Club Whisperer"  
Todd Pallis  
From Plaza Golf

### **Subject:**

The importance of Proper Club Fitting

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March 8th Monthly Dinner**

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All monthly meetings are held on a Wednesday night.

**January through October** they are held on the **2nd Wednesday** night of the month.

**November and December** the meetings are held on the **1st Wednesday** night of the month.

The dinner starts at 6:00. The meeting starts at 7:00pm.

The putting contest starts 5:00 unless it starts at 4:30. **You know what that means?** get there early!!!!

## Entertainment Chairman

**Randy Sgro**

**Meeting Night is Wednesday March 8th, 2023**

Already deep into the first quarter of the year!



we are continuing to improve our meetings and this month is no exception. If you are a new member, this is the place for you to meet, learn and see how our club operates and explore all the opportunities you have to play at Los Verdes Golf Course. If you are a long standing member who has not been to a meeting in a while we would love to see you again. We are working hard to make these meetings more informative and fun for all of our members and your feedback is invaluable in this endeavor.

**This month's meeting we will feature the following:**

**Todd "The Club Whisperer" Pallis**, from Plaza Golf. Todd will be speaking to you regarding the importance of proper club fitting and answer all of your questions regarding your golf equipment.

All attendees are included in a drawing to win a number of Tee Times which as everyone knows is a rare find these days. (Maybe the hardest find). Attendees also have the opportunity to choose preferred tee times for the March Tournament.

Our Chef will be preparing an St. Patrick's Day staple:

### **Dinner:**

Corn Beef & Cabbage  
Potatoes

### **Desert:**

Desert  
Coffee & Tea Station

### **Beverages:**

Keg of Beer

Please bring your friends or your family and help us in reviving traditions at LVMGC. The cost will be **\$35.00 per person**. So please reserve your spot today.

We are looking forward to seeing you at this event.

***Happy St. Patrick's Day!***

See everyone on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Randy Sgro - LVMC Entertainment Chairman

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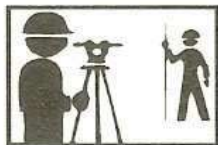
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# All things Rules of Golf

Alec Todryk

## Membership,

Welcome new and returning members of Los Verdes. For 2023 we will continue to operate business as usual with in the USGA and local rules outlined by the Los Verdes Rules Committee. Outlined below are two local rules that all members should be aware of while playing in events and 5 key changes to the USGA rules of golf for 2023.

## Local Rules

**Smut grass Rule:** A player whose ball lies close to smut grass, in a position where the swing movement of the clubface to hit the ball is obstructed by the smut grass, is allowed to place the ball within one club-length of where the ball came to rest no nearer the hole without penalty. There is no relief for stance on smut grass, only the clubface obstruction.

**Exposed Tree Root Rule:** If a player's ball is in play and there is interference with the lie of the ball or the area of intended swing from exposed tree roots that are in a part of the general area of the course that covers all of the course except for the other four defined areas: (1) the teeing area the player must play from in starting the hole, (2) all penalty areas, (3) all bunkers, and (4) the putting green of the hole the player is playing, the tree roots are treated as ground under repair. The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b. Find the nearest point of relief that is not closer to the hole and the ball must be dropped within 1 club length and come to rest in the relief area. Interference does not exist if the tree roots only interfere with the player's stance.

## Key 2023 USGA Rules change

**Modifications for Players with Disabilities:** The modifications to the Rules for players with disabilities have been made part of the Rules and are in effect for all players who are classified in the categories covered in Rule 25.

**Handicap Usage in Stroke Play:** With the continued growth of score-posting technology following the adoption of the World Handicap System™, players are no longer penalized for failing to put their handicap on their scorecard in stroke play. The committee will be responsible for ensuring the accuracy of each player's handicap.

**Club Damaged During Round:** The Rule has been amended to allow a player to replace a club that is damaged during a round, provided the player did not damage it through abuse.

**Ball Moved by Natural Forces:** A new exception provides that a ball at rest must be replaced if it moves to another area of the course or comes to rest out of bounds after being dropped, placed or replaced.

**Back-on-the-Line Relief Procedure:** The back-on-the-line relief procedure, often used for penalty area and unplayable ball relief, has been simplified so that the player now drops their ball on the line, and the ball must come to rest within one club-length of where it is dropped.

Link to rules changes - <https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/articles/2022/11/key-rules-of-golf-changes-2023.html>

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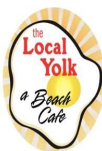
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# 2023 Monthly Weekend Tournament

## Schedule

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February - Individual Low Net

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Month	Format		2023	Captain
January	Individual Low Net	Sunday	22-Jan	Maroun Aboutanos
February	Individual Low Net	Sunday	19-Feb	Tony Vinter
March	Foursomes, 2 Best Balls	Sunday	19-Mar	John Keigharn
April	Partner Best Ball/ SCGA Qualifier	Saturday	22-Apr	Paul Hendrickson
May	Individual Net	Saturday	20-May	Chris Vassallo
June	Individual Net + Partner Blind Draw Net (total)	Saturday	24-Jun	Ralph Ferdinand
July	Orange Ball	Sunday	22-Jul	Al "K9" Von Kanel
August	Club Championship Weekend	Week-end	19-Aug	Jef Wells
August	Club Championship 1 day	Sunday	20-Aug	Jef Wells
September	Member - Guest Partner Best Ball	Sunday	24-Sep	Jef Wells
October	1-2-3 Waltz	Sunday	21-Oct	Mike Benedetto
November	USC-UCLA Showdown	Friday	17-Nov	Steege & Ventura
November	Foursomes, 2 Best Balls	Saturday	11-Nov	Rob Hoeberling
December	Hail to the Chief Individual Net	Friday	8-Dec	David Haehnel
December	Limited Club (4 clubs)	Saturday	16-Dec	Stan Kohler



## ADVERTISING

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## Handicap Chair Thoughts

### The Fun, the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly from your Handicap Chair

**Fun facts:** 22,436 rounds were posted by members in 2022. 8,007 rounds were at Los Verdes, and 14,429 rounds were played elsewhere!

**The Good news** is that 232 members averaged worse or within one stroke in "Home Tournaments" than they did in "Home Rounds",

**But the Bad news** is that 92 members somehow averaged better than one stroke in "Home Tournaments" than in "Home Rounds"!

**My first thought** was that it was "kind of strange", but my second thought was "this isn't right"!

I took a closer look at all posts by all members broken down by type (Home, Home Competition, Away, and Away Competition) for all 2022, and I encountered a trend I didn't like. Everybody talks about sandbagging, but without feeling any need whatsoever to apologize, I call it cheating!

What is the difference between winning a tournament by moving the ball to a better lie, not putting out, or applying the "hole in the pocket" trick to find a "lost ball" in the middle of the fairway, and playing with an inflated handicap index?

I don't know any member by name that cheats on the course, but I do know 23 members that averaged more than 3 shots better in tournaments, which is quite unusual to say the least. The Ugly is that 10 members averaged 5-7 shots better, and that 9 that averaged more than 7 shots better in tournaments! Why is that not called cheating?

The board is debating whether to publish the findings, and if we agree to do so, stay tuned for a shocking next edition of The Hacker! Either way, I will be reaching out to the members impacted by my finding to discuss the situation and will determine with the Board and Handicap Committee whether or not their Index should be adjusted down!

*Jesper Lykke. Handicap Chair*

## New Members

**For new members:** Do not confuse this with the recent notice about signing up for the Weekend Tournament. Please remember that you are only allowed to play in one tournament each month, either the Weekday or the Weekend (on Feb. 19).

New member wait list

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DqRJkYszA-VGkZGx7U930I1v4A6YTnJlZ8G7LCLTMyg/edit?pli=1>



## Believe It Or Not

PGA Pro Matt Fitzpatrick and our own Anthony Vinter grew up in the same town of Sheffield. These two chaps spent some time chatting it up and learning the secret of Matt's putting grip at the meet and Greet on Monday, February 13th,

Our President Jeff Wells listened intently to the secret and made a 35' foot putt for EAGLE on 16<sup>th</sup> during the low net tournament. Cheers !



Please send your Golf related "Believe It or Not Pictures" with a caption to [ref910@gmail.com](mailto:ref910@gmail.com) to be displayed in the Los Verdes

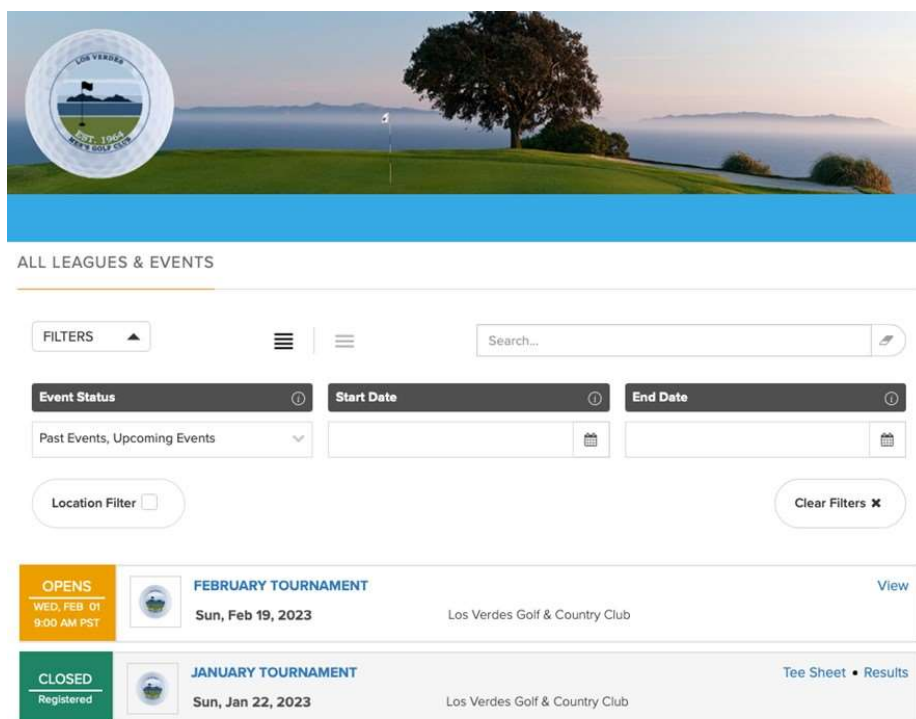
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By simply clicking on the link, you will be able to view all the past and present events, and from there you can access each event portal. You can then use the portal to sign up for a tournament, check tee sheets, or view the results of past tournaments.

Additionally, **if you are NOT receiving** our tournament invite emails from Golf Genius, we recommend that you also check this site periodically for all upcoming events, including tournaments, meetings, and other events. This way, you can easily keep track of all the events available for our members and stay up to date with what is happening.



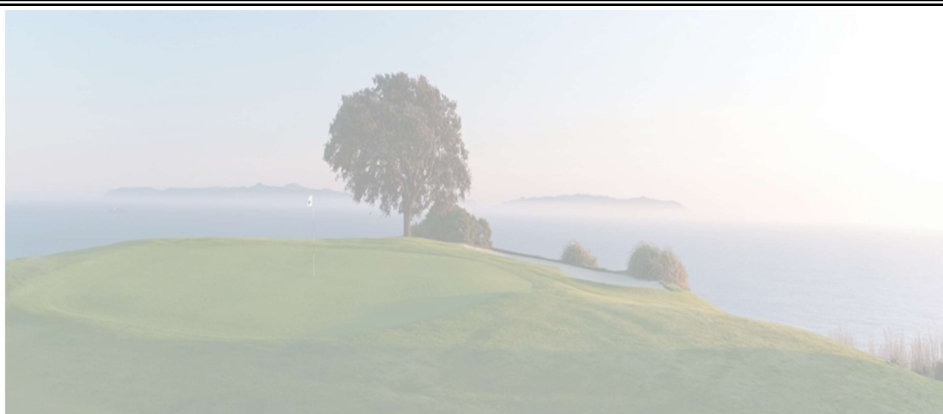




## Weekday Announcements:

The March Weekday Tournament (Mar. 13-17) is an individual Low Net Tournament, so bring your "A Game" and send positive thoughts for nice spring weather.

Look for the Eclectic and President's Cup satellite tournaments sign up information in March. These tournaments begin in April and will finish in October.\*\*



## WEEKDAY TOURNAMENT SNAPSHOT MARCH 1, 2023

### FEBRUARY WEEKDAY TOURNAMENT FORMAT: PARTNER NET ODD & EVEN

The weather continued to play havoc with the Weekday Tournament, especially for those who took the opportunity of playing in the special Tuesday afternoon shotgun round where wind and cold ruled the day!

Scores continued to stay higher than normal. Was it the cooler weather, the hard and fast greens, or the pressure of having to play well on your odd or even holes?!!

The low round of the tournament was turned in by **Steve Steinkamp & Don Young** (pictured below) who shot a 4-under par net 67 to win the Valentine Flight! The only other round under par for the tournament was turned in by **Stan Kohler & Mike Pera** who finished second in this flight with a net 70.

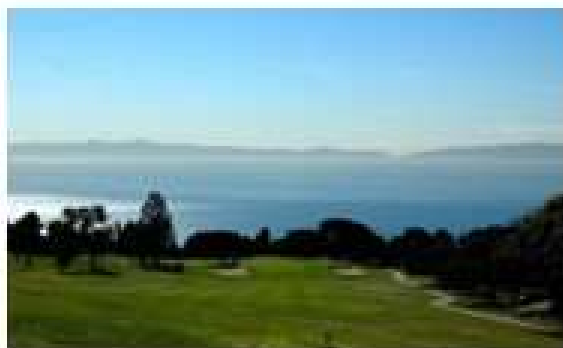
Congratulations to **Dan Burns & Ed Butler** who won the Cupid Flight with a net par 71.

**Mike McCoy** and new club member **Dan Hom** teamed up to win the Candy Hearts Flight with a net par 71.



**Mike McCoy, Weekday/Eclectic/President's Cup Tournament Captain**





## 2023 WEEKDAY TOURNAMENTS

DATES	FORMAT	POSTING AS
JAN. 16-20	Individual Low Net	Competition Score
FEB. 13-17	Partner Odds & Even	Home Score
MAR. 13-17	Individual Low Net	Competition Score
APR. 17-21	Partner Better Ball	Home Score
MAY 15-19	Individual Low Net	Competition Score
JUNE 12-16	Individual Tin Whistle	Home Score
JULY 17-21	Partner Pars or Better	Home Score
AUG. 14-18	Individual Low Net	Competition Score
SEPT. 18-22	Partner Blind Draw (by flight)	Home Score
OCT. 16-20	Partner Better Ball With Scary 3s and 5s	Home Score
NOV. 13-17	Individual Turkey Shoot 9	Home Score
DEC. 11-15	Individual Low Net	Competition Score

*All formats are compatible with Pot Game and Seniors play.  
For questions or further information, contact Mike McCoy, Weekday Tournament Capt.*