

The Wood

LAKWOOD MEN'S GOLF CLUB

JANUARY-MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER



"We learn so many things from golf—how to suffer, for instance."

- Bruce Lansky

Hello Gentlemen,

As we are getting ready to go to press, the March Tournament was just completed and while it wasn't exactly warm out there at least it wasn't like the February event where it came down sideways for quite some time, and at least for me it was just plain miserable. For some of the "mudders" in our Club, they actually enjoy those conditions and that's fine, different strokes for different

President's Message

folks, but the next time it's like that my entry fee will be donated, and I'll be in the nice warm, dry 19th hole watching them trudge on in, rain golf and me are all done! So, on the subject of tournaments, we are in the early planning stages of making a change to the December event to coincide with the awards dinner we normally have with the Christmas party. In some of the recent years the attendance at the party has dwindled to the point of not being a financial reality for us to continue to do. We were going to make the transition to a shot-gun format with dinner and awards this past year, but due to a scheduling glitch we couldn't pull it off,

however this year we already have the date secured along with Avalon Ballroom reserved. So circle your calendars for Saturday December 12th as this will be a somewhat limited field due to the shot-gun format and the sign-ups will probably go pretty quick when the on-line registration goes live, but there will be ample notice of what that date will be so everyone is aware. As most of you know by now there was a price increase that took effect March 1st, and while that is normally not a popular thing, I would only remind everyone that there has not been a rate change since 2015.

President's Message



During the process of this, our General Manager Dennis Stankovic, has kept myself and the Board updated on this, and as he and his Staff have done since coming to Lakewood, their efforts in communicating with us and having a great working relationship have been nothing short of outstanding. Those of you that played in our monthly event in January know that he sponsored a "Men's Club Appreciation Day" in which all the players that day were entitled to 2 free drinks compliments of Management, and they also have been offering a full brunch on Tournament Sundays for the players for only \$12, which if you have tried it you know it's a great deal. The Presidents Cup play is in full swing now (bracket sheet attached) with most of the first round action completed and even some of the second round is in, and I am ahead of schedule so far, and hopefully we can keep up this torrid killer pace that we have set, and possibly complete then event sooner than ever

before. Many thanks to the players for coming out and helping me to keep the schedule moving. Our next event will be April 19th (hopefully it will be 80 degrees by then) and we will have a General Membership Meeting on April 22nd at 6 PM with dinner and a free drink provided, 50-50 raffle, Club information, and a chance to tell some golfing lies to the other guys there, so please try to attend. In closing, some of the guys have asked how to become a Member of the "Sprinkles Club" and the answer is to see me with your \$1.00 donation for a year !

I have been informed by Management that the earliest the course will re-open is April 20th.

Rest In Peace Virginia Bowling

I remain working for our Club, Play Well Boyz, see you soon.



Steve (Rocky with an R) Burke

Membership

As of 2/3/2020:

286 Reg full members

248 Assoc members

534 total members

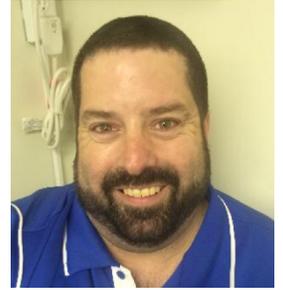


The Mayor, McMonegal

Rules Corner

Major Change: Relief for An Embedded Ball

RELIEF FOR EMBEDDED BALL



Craig Tagler
Rules & Handicaps

<https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules-hub/rules-modernization/major-changes/relief-for-an-embedded-ball.html> ← — COPY LINK AND PASTE

Tourney Time

Fellow Members of the Wood: I hope you have a positive impression of our new tournament software, USGA TM by GolfGenius. Our Research and Development team is pleased to offer this as a new choice in 21st century golf. No longer will the groups input their scores on our club computer, simply assure yourself that all is legible and correct, then sign your scorecards before submitting them to our metal collection box in the club room. Our Event Managers will help me with data entry. Tournament results, even on the day of the tournament, will be readily available from the GolfGenius GGID#, NTWQQQ. We plan to also display results on a screen in the bar. Or later in the week I will create a tournament results web page using reports from GolfGenius.

I will continue to send out information in our email blasts, however there is a website that has pertinent tournament information. Check it out if you are not familiar with it, from our homepage find "LMGC Tournament Sign-Up Dates" on the left-hand margin.

Certainly by now you have heard of our recent cost increase, so just check the tournament descriptions online for the latest numbers. Also, the website noted above will have some information for you, and feel free to contact me if you have more questions.

Swing smoothly,

Dan Wamba
LMGC Tournament Director

<http://www.lakewoodmensgolfclub.com/>



- Answers found here:
- When can I sign up for tournaments?
 - How might I pay online?
 - If the tournament is full, how can I pay online?



The Wood - Saturday Team Play



The 2020 Saturday Team Play season ended on a high note with a 31 to 17 win at Rec Park. This year's team finished with a respectable 4-2 record.

Team members included Ken Foor, Jon McSweeney, Andy Overton, Matt Ginocchio, Elliot Harkness, Eric Reed, Dave Rutkoski, Mark Garber, Doug Sutton, James Isakson, Frank Raduziner, Mike McMonegal, Tony Colon, Bob Baker, Ian Smith, Matt Kerster, Stew Gerns, Mike Mink, John Layana, Christopher Gagan, Steve Burke, Wayne Falcon, Jonathan Deiss, Von Holt, Doug Hutchinson, Gary Renta, Danny Thomas, James Curran, and Zach Jones.

The season started at home vs. South Bay Pub Links on January 18. Lakewood came out on top in this match by a score of 31 to 17, getting off to a great start. Highlight of the day was a hole in one by Ken Foor on number 12.

Our week two match the following Saturday went even better as the team went on the road to Alondra National and beat SBPL by a score of 30 to 18. Winning on the road is tough, so this put us in a position to challenge for the group title. The entire team of 16 guys played well on this day. Our net score as a team was 72.5 strokes.

Our 2-0 start was impressive, but our rivals down the 405 also got off to a great start. El Do beat Rec Park home and away and was also 2-0, and next on our schedule. Week 3 was against El Do at their place. The Men from Wood played well, but not well enough to win, losing by a score of 28 to 20. It's on to week four.

Week four was our home match against El Do. Winning by more than 28 points, which is what El Do got against us in week three, would put us back in the driver's seat. Unfortunately, things did not go as planned. Our small lead disappeared in the last two holes and El Do came away with a hard fought 26 to 22 win. They clinched the group title that day. Lakewood would now be playing for pride the last two weeks of the season.

Week five was our home match against Rec Park. We got back to our winning ways with a close 26 to 22 victory. Joining us that day and helping the cause was Saturday Team Play alumni Evan Rothman.

Week six results are chronicled above and speaks to the resolve of this team as it finished out the season with two wins after being eliminated from playoff contention by El Do, who finished the

season with a perfect 6-0 season. Our 4-2 record got us second in the group. Bring up the rear was SBPL and Rec Park.

If interested in trying out for the 2021 team contact Andy Overton at mayandandyoverton@yahoo.com.



The Wood - Thursday Team Play

The Thursday team played against El Dorado, Los Verdes and Industry Hills this year. We started out with a very close loss to El Dorado at their course 26-22 and took revenge at home beating El Dorado 27-21. We then moved on to Los Verdes and played on the ridiculously slick greens and lost 37-11. Again we were able to avenge our loss and beat Los Verdes at home 30-18.

It was then on to Industry Hills where we may have set some kind of record losing the first 30 points ending in a 34-14 loss. At this point we still not far out of it that is until the embarrassing loss to Industry Hills at home 29-19. Looking back we were most always in good shape through the first 15-16 holes and just had a problem closing. Maybe it was all those practice rounds I made the guys play that wore them out.

Participants the year included Kevin Bainton, Bob Baker, Chuck Bolt ,Myron Bowens, Steve Burke, Steve Cisneros, Jack DeVeny, Bill Dunbar, Chris Gagan, Mark Garber, Tom Grau, Scott Griffin, Mike Keane, Eric Larson, Mike McMonegal, Mike Mink, Mike Redmerski, Scott Richards, Bob Robilotta, Andy Overton, Mike Parks, Ken Smith, Craig Tagler and Darl Winston. Hopefully everyone had fun and enjoyed the completion.

A special thanks to Chuck Bolt who took care of the away matches. We have scheduled our season wrap-up mini tournament for all participants at Lakewood on March 26, where we will play for a share of the excess funds collected during the season.

Ray Bowling
Thurs. Team captain



2019 Presidents Cup Standings

UPPER BRACKET					
#	1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round	4th Round	Final
1	Not an Angel	Not an Angel 2 & 1	PAID		
32	Gabe Rios		PAID		
16	Bill Leivan	3 - 22 @ 810			
17	Jesse Duenas	3 - 22 @ 810			
8	Chuck Bolt	Chuck 2 up	PAID		
25	Andrew Hernandez		PAID		
		3 - 22 @ 820			
9	Bryan Rowe	Big Bryan 1 up	PAID		
24	Steve Devry		PAID		4th Place \$ 75.00
4	El Presidente		PAID		
29	Matty Beard	Matty 4 & 2	PAID		
		3 - 22 @ 820			
13	Red Dog	Red Dog 4 & 3	PAID		
20	Hee Haw		PAID		
5	Sprinkles Brother	Sprinkles Bro. 4 & 2	PAID		
28	Carp		PAID		
12	Long Ball	3 - 22 @ 800			
21	Frank Raduziner	3 - 22 @ 800			1st Place \$ 275.00
2	Feather Knight	Feather hard 21 Holes	PAID		2nd Place \$ 175.00
31	Steve Cisneros		PAID		
		4 - 26 @ 800			
15	The B flight Champ		PAID		
18	Sweet William	Sweet William 2 & 1	PAID		
7	Scott Sanderson	Scotty 2 up	PAID		
26	James Knight		PAID		
10	Dan Peterson	3 - 22 @ 800	PAID		
23	John Kelly	3 - 22 @ 800			
3	Ken Foor		PAID		
30	Ryan Kowal	Blade 16 to go 2 & 1	PAID		3rd Place \$ 100.00
		3 - 22 @ 810			
14	Myrons Brother		PAID		
19	Kim Hannaford	Dr.Dentist 2 & 1	PAID		
6	Mark Johnson	Mark Johnson 5 & 3	PAID		
27	Mr. Short Game		PAID		
		Bob/Mark 3-21 @ 800			
11	Butterball Bob	Butterball by default			
22	Jon Munoz	D N P			
LOWER BRACKET					
#	1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round	4th Round	Final

The "Official" unofficial yearly results and awards

All,
Next to winning a major championship the highest notoriety in golf are the Lakewood men's club "Official" unofficial awards. The results have been tabulated and our winners are:

Senior Club Champion Andy Overton	Club Champion Andy Overton	A-Flight Champion Philip Bernard III	B-Flight Champion Christopher Gagan
C-Flight Champion Wayne Falcon	D-Flight Champion Daniel Peterson	E-Flight Champion Charles Johnson	

Most Improved player:

Jesse Duenas, USGA formula 1.36, lowered his handicap from 26 to 16

Honorable mention Marco Cisneros USGA formula 1.30, lowered his handicap from 14 to 8

Best putter:

Danny Frechette 28.33 putts per round

Honorable mention to Edgar Drake 29.50 and Ken Foor 29.71

Low Gross score for the year:

(Tie) Ken Foor and Matt Beard 69

Low Net score for the year:

Roy Carroll 59

Honorable mention Woody Knight 60

Sandbagger of the year:

We know who you are!

Most Birdies:

Ken Foor (by a landslide) 27

Honorable mention Ken Klein 20

Most Birdies per round:

Ken Foor 3.38

Honorable mention Matt Beard 3.20



Most eagles:

(10 players tied) Christian Abad, Pete Bobst, Logan Deveny, Kim Hannaford, Garrett Harper, Gavin Harper, Daniel Perez, Gabe Rios, Dave Rutkowski, Steve Ashdown

Most Pars:

(Tie) Garrett Harper and Ken Klein 91
Honorable mention Steve Cisneros 83

Most pars per round:

Matt Beard 10.60
Honorable mention Robert Garcia 10.43

Most GIRs:

Ken Klein 88
Honorable mention Garrett harper 80

Most GIRs per round:

Matt Beard 11.60
Honorable mention Eric Reed 10.75

Skins winner for the year:

Angel Ortega 6
Honorable mention Steve Burke, Mark Johnson, Edward Wicorek and Jack Yahner 5

Most CTPs:

Pat Clary 7
Honorable mention Eamon Davern 5

Lakewood's toughest holes

How many times does a guy say "that hole always eats my lunch"?

Once again the top three hardest holes:

#6, #1 and #2

The easiest hole #14

Hardest par 3 #12

Hardest par 4 #6

Hardest par 5 #9



“I own that hole”

This award has plenty of bragging rights. Each winner played a hole at Lakewood better than the entire field consistently over the entire year. Remarkable in most cases their average score was under par with a minimum requirement of playing the hole at least 4 times.

The award for the individual who played each hole the best:

#1 Matt Beard 3.40 (Under Par)

Honorable mention Eric Reed 4.00

#2 Matt Beard 3.80 (Under Par)

Honorable mention Ken Foor 3.86 (Under Par)

#3 Mike Keane and Ken Foor 2.86 (Under Par)

Honorable mention Steve Cisneros 2.88 (Under Par)

#4 Dennis Young 3.75 (Under Par)

Honorable mention Matt Beard 3.80 (Under Par)

#5 Edgar Drake 3.00

Honorable mention Armand Kerechuk and Phillip Esparza 3.17

#6 Bryan Rowe and Ken Klein 4.00

Honorable mention Ken Foor 4.14

#7 Ken Foor 4.57 (Under Par)

Honorable mention Eric Reed (Under Par)

#8 Elliot Harkness 3.89 (Under Par)

Honorable mention Garrett Harper 3.89 (Under Par)

#9 Gavin Harper 4.40 (under Par)

Honorable mention Ken Knott 4.60 (Under Par)

#10 Garrett Harper 3.89 (Under Par)

Honorable mention Dennis Young 4.00



#11 Ryan Visor 3.60 (under Par)
Honorable mention Mike McMonegal 3.67 (Under Par)

#12 (3 tied) Bill Zylstra, Mike Redmerski, Ken Klein, 3.22

#13 Ken Knott 3.80 (Under Par)
Honorable mention Gavin Harper 4.00

#14 Ken Foor 4.43 (Under Par)
Honorable mention Ken Klein 4.56 (Under Par)

#15 Thomas McCoy 3.75 (Under Par)
Honorable mention Doug Sutton 3.86 (Under Par)

#16 Ken Foor 3.71 (Under Par)
Honorable mention Daniel Perez 3.83 (Under Par)

#17 (3 Tied) Dennis Young, Eric Reed and Matt Beard 3.00

#18 Matt Beard 4.60 (Under Par)
Honorable mention Ken Foor 4.71 (Under Par)

Front 9
Matt Beard 36.60
Honorable mention Ken Foor 36.86

Back 9
Ken Foor 35.86 (Under Par)
Honorable mention Matt Beard 36.80

Total 18
Ken Foor 72.71
Honorable mention Matt Beard 73.40



Congratulations to all of the winners! Practice and plan for a great new season!

WHY IS MY NEW HANDICAP SO LOW?

The USGA implemented the new world handicap system determining a player's handicap and how many strokes they receive when they play (both are different numbers). Just remember these two definitions:

Handicap Index: Your handicap, although not the number of strokes you receive for a round.

Course Handicap: the number of strokes you receive on any given course.

The math formulas for a "Handicap Index" changed however not significantly. All players will see a decrease in their "Course Handicap" when we play the white tees. Here's why:

Old formula: $\text{Course Handicap} = (\text{Handicap Index} \times \text{slope rating} / 113)$

New formula: $\text{Course Handicap} = (\text{Handicap Index} \times \text{slope rating} / 113) + (\text{course rating} - \text{par})$

6th grade math reveals the difference: (course rating – par). The number of shots you now receive is heavily influenced by the course rating at Lakewood (since par is always the same). From the white tees the course rating is 70 which is 2 shots lower than the par of 72, therefore every player in the field will have their "Course Handicap" two shots lower (compared to last year). From the championship tees the course rating is 73 which is 1 shot over the Lakewood par of 72 therefore everyone would receive an additional shot compared to last year.

There are other changes, if you have additional math questions track down our numbers guy **Ken Klein**.



From The Wood Pile-March 2020

BOARD MEETING

DATE: 2/5/2020

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:25 PM

PRESIDENT-STEVE "ROCKY"

BURKE-called to order...Agenda Approved. General manager, Dennis, in attendance. Mookie Betts is now a Dodger! Chris Gagnon is working on news letter and is schedules for release in March. Please get your articles to him asap. Holiday Tourney is scheduled for December 12, Saturday. Shotgun start. More info to follow. President Cup coming February 15 & 16. THANKS to Dennis for our "Club Appreciation Day". FYI-Golf fee rate hike is coming. County and American Golf. Dennis=Attended our "Gathering of the Minds" LMGC Board meeting. Sunday Brunch is going well..Members of LMGC should consider Sunday Brunch after our Tournaments. Working on new lithium cart fleet for April. Players club cost will be increasing.

VICE PRESIDENT-MIKE

REDMERSKI-Looking into details for upcoming "Rate Increase". Will notify club of details.

SECRETARY-MIKE PARKS-

Suggested having groups repair divots again. Dan to put a note on scorecard. ALL is Good !!

TREASURER-MIKE MC

MONEGAL-Went over 2020 Budget and Handed out budget report...ALL is good. Motion to accept the Financial Report Accepted. Club Championship is being altered. Please read your email or the LMGC website, OR contact Mike for more info.

TOURNAMENT-DAN WAMBA-144 Members have signed up for this

Sundays Tournament-Low Net. "R & D" (research and development) New System with results, USGA system. Check LMGC website. New system..Golf Genius is here. Works great.

MEMBERSHIP-TOM GRAU-Tom handed out Membership sheet to the Board. (as always) 249 Associate Members, 286 regular for a total of 534 Members...the club Membership is doing well.

RULES & HANDICAPS-CRAIG TAGLER-Talked about an app that seeks out "Sandbaggers"..Craig went to check the app and could not find it. He sent request for info and group did not respond. Craig will attend Handicap class at Brookside in March.

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS-Ken "Carver" Smith-Looking at away tourneys for June, July, August. TBD.

COMMUNICATIONS-CHRIS GAGAN-Welcome to the 2020 LMGC Board. Would like articles in by the end of February. 1st Newsletter coming out in March.

SCGA-RAY BOWLING-Team Play this Thursday Lakewood vs. Los Verdes. WE need "points".

OLD BUSINESS-none

NEW BUSINESS-In case you haven't heard, Ray Bowlings wife, Virginia, passed away on February 23, 2020. Our condolences to Ray and his Family. For those that knew him Bill Emerson has passed away. Bill was a Longtime, Lifetime Member of LMGC.

MOTIONS APPROVED: Motion to accept Financial Report and proposals. Accepted... Budget adopted.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:MIKE PARKS

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:50PM

Golf is a game of integrity..No umpire, No referee...You are on your own.

