The Wood

Lakewood Men's Golf Club

President's Message

Fellow Wood Members,

Welcome to all our old members and any new members to Lakewood Men's Golf Club, for what should be a great 2025. These 1st 2 tournaments with not enough time in the day to get everyone who signs up in our tourneys. Starting in March and going all the way through October, we will be gaining more daylight and should be able to field somewhere in the 144 to 156 players in our events. We have had Team play going on through January and will be having other events besides our monthly events for all to get involved in our club. Ian Smith our New Tournament Chairman will be monthly events and remember we only take Credit Card or ATM cards for Sign-ups. Just remember we do many of our events through Golf Genius, so not having on your computer or phone is just a way to get late tee times and miss out on all we offer. Ask if you need help. This will get you to our portal page and from there you can learn all you need to know. www.lakewoodmensgolf.club. Plus, Ian sends out an email the day before signups so make sure your email is up to snuff. Tee times fill up in 2 minutes so make sure you can get on when it's time to sign up. Schedule for 2025 events is on the portal page. Put the dates on your calendar. This year our GGID# for tournaments will

always be lmgc month date, year. Example March is lmgc030925, so no more guessing GGID#.

Our 1st General meeting for 2025 with be Wednesday, March 12th after our Sunday March 9th Tournament. This will start at 6:00pm and we will have some food and comradery, along with some info on all the events and opportunities for things to come for the year. Raffle drawing for tee times for members attending meetings. We will do this for the next 2 general meetings. The 4th meeting is the Putting Championship. How does it work, you ask? 1st Quarter General Meeting 3/12/25 draw 2 winners to choose their tee times for the next 2 tournaments. Attend a meeting get 2 next tourneys' pick your times. Pretty Cool, gives 2 guys a chance for whatever tee times they want, early, midday or later. We also usually have a 50/50 drawing which will be separate from the tee times. So hopefully I will see you at the meetings.

So, check out the webpage listed above, click on the 3 menus lines upper right had corner and just see what the club is about. Everything from results to signups, club history and current 2025 schedule, plus non monthly events are at your fingertips. As always, with any questions please feel free to send me an email, ask any of my board and we will get you an answer. I think you will find we offer quite a few opportunities to get involved with "The Wood" as we like to call ourselves.

Bunkers and Rough

Mike "Reddog" Redmerski -President

LMGC Website Report

Hi Members,

A fun fact about our website is that you can navigate to a page where you can view the LMGC Constitution and Bylaws. Here is where we see one of our club objectives is to "...learn and practice the rules, etiquette and the true spirit of the game of golf, thus promoting its highest standards." Lofty stuff indeed. Our website also has cool features to help us review tournament results, see our calendar and view specific tournament information. All of these pages are there to help our members do their best with the rules, etiquette and all of our other club objectives. Admittedly some of it appears to be a nerdy rabbit hole of too much information, but how else are we to learn the game and thus rise to the occasion of playing by USGA rules as well as to be one with the true spirit of the game of golf?
Have a great year in 2025.

Swing Smoothly,

Dan Wamba, Tournament Director

2025 LMGC SCGA THURSDAY TEAM PLAY

We have played 3 of our 6 matches and are 1-1-1. Match #1 - Win at home 30-18 vs Eldo. Match #2 – Loss 18-30 at Eldo. Match #3 – Tie 24-24 at home verses Los Verdes. Match #4 at Los Verdes is a must win to make a playoff run. If you like Match play format and playing and competing on some great courses in Southern California, then you will want to be a part of Team LKWD.

If you are interested in learning more about team play, please contact me.

Jack DeVeny – jdeveny@aol.com or by cell/text at 562-243-5984.

Captain Jack (CJ)

Rules / Handicaps:

Three important topics for this edition of the newsletter (There's a lot to read, but all players are responsible for everything mentioned below and it will affect your handicap)

1. Scoring for Match Play and Posting to GHIN

Un-played holes: if your match ends before the 18th hole and you choose NOT to play the hole, record 'net par' for those holes. Net Par means you look at the hole's handicap #. If it less than or equal to your course handicap for the day, then you record a score of bogey. If the hole's handicap is higher than your course handicap, then you record par for the hole.

Example: The 18th hole at Lakewood is the #6 handicap hole. If your course handicap for the round was 6 or higher, then you would record a 6 (bogey) as your score since you 'get a pop' on that hole. If your course handicap is less than 6, then you would record a 5 (par) since you don't 'get a pop' on the hole. Do this for any unplayed holes

2. Conceded Holes:

If you don't complete a hole due to concession, you must record (for GHIN purposes) the score you 'most likely' would have gotten. Confer with you opponent to make sure you agree. For example: your 10 foot putt is conceded – for GHIN purposes, count it as a '2 putt' since even the pros make less than 50% from that distance.

3. Score Posting on GHIN

You must post your match play (President's Cup / Ryder Cup / etc.) score on the date of play. Players who do not post will be assessed a 'Penalty Round' on your scoring record. A penalty round (designated as "P" on GHIN) is a score posted equal to the lowest differential on your current scoring record (last 20 rounds). Now that handicap revisions take place daily, you must post on the date of the round so that your index is updated the next morning. (You may recall GHIN used to only update on the 1st and 15th of each month, but with daily revisions, the expectation is that scores are always posted on the date of play).

4. New "Handicap Review" via GHIN

Last fall GHIN (via USGA) released a new option for Handicap Committees to assess the validity of a player's handicap called "Handicap Review". Hopefully you all know that your index is based on the best 8 of your most recent 20 rounds in your 'Scoring Record'. The new Handicap Review process uses an algorithm to analyze all of your posted rounds from the past 365 days and identifies any potential anomalies. The program will then recommend either a 1 or 2 stroke deduction to your index. The deduction is applied to each of your previous 20 rounds so that its effect is reduced after each subsequent round posted. You can review the FAQs on the USGA site here for more details. The LMGC Handicap Committee will begin utilizing this tool in March, 2025. At this time, the system only allows clubs to review one player at time, but the upcoming new version (USGA is calling it "Phase II") will allow us to review every member of the club at once. We will begin quarterly "Handicap Reviews" once Phase II is released.

See you on the course! Craig Tagler – LMGC Handicap and Rules Chair

President Cup

The president's Cup is in full swing with most of the first round matches and a few 2nd round matches complete. We should all thank the Lakewood staff for providing us the tee times for this tournament.

The Ryder cup will begin when the president Cup matches near conclusion. Lakewood is generous with the tee times they provide us but we can't have full fields for both events on the same time. Hence there is not a firm starting date (yet) for the Ryder cup. Fast becoming the most popular tournament the Ryder cup has the comradery of match play with a partner. When the Ryder cup started two years ago it was never thought there would be 64 teams but last year there almost were. Ask a partner and be set when the field is open for registration (probably April).

The next time you play Lakewood take a moment to notice what a great golf course it is. The grounds staff do an amazing job. The greens are rolling like a fancy country club. People have complained about the sand traps and this is a legitimate concern, please keep in mind the greenskeeper is well aware of the issue, as is the men's club. There have been positive ideas flowing on how to correct the issue.

A reminder in the history of the game sand traps were referred to as hazards and to be avoided. If a person is fortunate enough to ever play Pine Valley (always voted the best golf course in the world, they would discover the sand traps aren't raked at all. A ball can endup in a deep footprint.

The practice sand trap at Skylinks is one of the worst around, no sand, rock hard and what looks like a terrible place to practice. One afternoon there was a crowd gathered around that sand trap and an old man was giving a clinic, it was the US Open runner up to Jack Nicklaus, Isao Aoki. Casually splashing shot after shot out of that pit with great precision. He didn't complain, just swung smoothly. The lesson was simple, it can be done.

Come out and support these guys.

.Ken Klein, Vice President

BOARD MEETING

DATE: 1/8/2025
CALLED TO ORDER: 5:07pm

PRESIDENT-MIKE REDMERSKI-Welcome to 2025. First Board meeting of the year. Beautiful Day. New tournament director. Thanks to Dan for all his hard work. Possible change to the LMGC bylaws will be presented at the first General meeting in March…Stay tuned.

VICE PRESIDENT-KEN KLEIN-Started Presidents Cup. No confirmed tee times yet. Away events…Any county course. Suggestions welcomed. 4 events a year, 18 courses available. Hopefully come up with 1st quarter away tourney. (March) Suggested posting a few pictures or video on LMGC website… PLUS any tournament information.

SECRETARY-MIKE PARKS-Need Tourney Reminders.

TREASURER-MIKE MC MONEGAL-Mac submitted Budget Proposal and went over with the Board. Proposed Budget Approved.

TOURNAMENTS-DAN WAMBA-Shoot the Works went well. No issues, script and checks coming soon. Fun tournament. Great job Dan.

MEMBERSHIP-TOM GRAU- TODAY at 10:34a.m. we had 512 Total members, 190 Associate, 322 regulars.

RULES & HANDICAPS-CRAIG TAGLER-2nd hole fence along water. Play it as obstruction in the general area. Stance & “1” club length. #3 and #12 need markings for drops when going in the water or O.B.

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS-KEN SMITH-Lots of golf planned for 2025…Ryder Cup, President Cup etc. Need to plan and squeeze in a bus trip. Carver looking for courses to play. TBD. Suggestions welcomed.

COMMUNICATIONS-IAN SMITH/JIM CURRAN-Article due on January 29. (Hopefully).

IAN SMITH- TOURNAMENTS -New sheriff in town! Ian's report is on LMGC website. 1st tourney is full-144 players. 6:35 a.m. tee time...36 groups. 18 on waiting list. Good turnout!! Shout out to Dan Wamba for his time an effort. "Dan The Man"
Credit Card payments only starting in January cv
SCGA -RAY BOWLING-SCGA -Ray suggested LMGC posters for Membership. Lots of SCGA Tournaments online for some really nice golf courses.

TEAM PLAY-BOB BAKER-Saturday team play at Lakewood vs Mountain Meadows. Good Luck boys!!

MEMBER AT LARGE-JACK DE VENY-Team Play vs Eldorado @ LKWD..LMGC gets a Victory 30-18. Great Start Boys!!

MEMBER AT LARGE- Mike Triosti.-(Absent)

BOB BAKER-Saturday Team play Captain….

MOTIONS APPROVED-Proposed Budget Approved.

OLD BUSINESS-None

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:25 pm

"Watch your club hit the Ball"

Parksy

Gents,

We had a strong showing for our first monthly event on January 12, 2025, with 143 players participating in our 2-man Net Better Ball team tournament and paid out over $4,000 in scrip and side pot winnings. Congratulations to all our winning teams listed below and a special shout-out to member Matt Beard for firing off a gross 66 to take the low gross of A flight and the field. Full event results can be viewed on our website here.

Looking Ahead…

Our next event is an Individual Low Net tournament scheduled for February 2, 2025. We're set to have a full field of approx. 130 players. A complete list of our upcoming regular monthly events can be found on our website here.

Tournament How-Tos

If you haven't yet participated in one of our events, here are a few key details:

Registration Process:

● Registration is exclusively through our website and opens approximately 5 weeks before each event date. Each event has a dedicated registration page specifying opening and closing dates/times (see link above).

● You must be a current/active member of LMGC to participate

● Tournaments fill up quickly - waitlist options are available on a first-come-first-serve basis

Payment Requirements:

● Payment must be made by credit or debit card only (no cash or checks)

● All registered players will receive an invoice approximately one week after registration opens

● Payment deadline is one day after registration closes. Players who do not pay by the deadline will be removed from the event. No exceptions.

● If you cancel your registration and receive a refund, credit card processing fees are non-refundable

Day-of Guidelines: ● For a breakdown of how-tos the day of an event, click here.

Important Announcement

Starting March 25th, regular monthly event registration will open at 6:00 PM PST. This change from the current 10:00 AM opening time is designed to provide more members with an opportunity to secure a spot. Mark your calendars!

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out.

Ian Smith, Tournament Chairman

Finance

The Men's club has money, and I know where it is.

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Membership Report – Oct 2024

LMGC Membership as of 15:32 1/28/2025

322 Regular LMGC Members
188 Associate LMGC Members
510 Total LMGC Members

Any questions contact me.

Tom Grau, LMGC Membership Director

2025 Saturday Team Play

We have played 3 of our 6 matches and are 2-1. Match #1 - Win at home 31-17 vs Mountain Meadows. Match #2. Loss 26-22 at Mountain Meadows. 1 or 2 putts could have flipped this one to a win. Match #3 – Win on road at El Dorado 30-18 with every pairing contributing points. Next 3 weeks critical wins are needed to make playoff run. If you like Match play format and playing and competing on some great courses in Southern California then you will want to be a part of Team LKWD.

If you are interested in learning more about team play, please contact me. Bob Baker – bakerbob27@gmail.com or by cell/text at 310-344-0001

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Side Note:
The board is addressing the poor shape of the bunkers. I have spoken to Tom and Rick (mgt) at the course. They are saying they are having drainage issues and are trying to rectify the problem.
We are asking them for prompt service on the issue.
Stay tuned.
Regards,
Joe

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By James Curran Jr.
Communication Extraordinaire

Why do golf announcers whisper? Because they don’t want to wake up the people watching.