



The Wood

Lakewood Men's Golf Club



President's Message

Fellow Wood Members,

The Men's Club lost one of our best with the passing of a true legend Len Kennett, who was 98. Len contributed to golf in this region by preserving our local course, introducing Junior Golf programs, and supporting golf activities for many players across Southern California. If you are like the Redmerski family, my dad Dutch, my brother Dave, and my son Brandon, and myself had the pleasure of dealing with Len on a professional as well as a personnel level. As President of the club multiple times, I had the pleasure of playing in the Member Guest with Len and golf legend Paul Runyan. What a great time to spend 4 plus hours with 2 of the greats and get lessons. He used to donate a set of Shamrock Clubs and a bag as our grand prize for member Guest. Whenever I greeted Len, he always responded the same way with I'm fine and haven't hit a bad shot all day. His tips in the LA Times and the Herald Examiner were just what you needed to play just a bit better. 2 years ago, the board brought in a new plaque to honor Len's unbelievable record for our club shooting his age at least 387 times as he told me you got to live long enough to get on this plaque. One of my golf goals is just that, to get in the VIP Membership "Age Shooters Club". So far, we have 3 players on this great trophy, Len, our own Senior Rep Ray Bowling and a new addition with Kevin Bainton. To join this elite club, you must keep both your body and golf skills in top shape. I was also honored that Len was there when I received my latest Senior Club Championship. It meant the world to me. So, when you go to play the 3rd hole remember to glance at the Len Kennett Walk Bridge and say a little prayer for the great man who is now with his Bride Marie. I included some pictures of a few of the things I mentioned.



For all the news about our club and what is happening for you to participate see the articles inside the newsletter and come on out and get involved.

Bunkers and Rough

Mike "Reddog" Redmerski, President LMGC Men's Golf Club



Website News

I have worked on some website updates recently to refresh our news and keep our pages interesting. We are still working to improve your website experience, even if some think we are too rich in detailed descriptions. Please speak up and either catch me around the club room or send a note by email. For myself and the other board members, contact information may be found here: Start from our home page, www.lakewoodmensgolf.club/, and navigate to "Our Club" then select "Board of Directors and Officers."

Swing Smoothly,



Dan Wamb, Webmaster

2026 SCGA THURSDAY TEAM PLAY

Team Play is our club's Ryder/Walker/Presidents Cup all wrap up into one with competition starting in the middle of January and running for 6 consecutive weeks. If you enjoy competition and being part of a team, this event would be for you. Anyone interested in playing this year, including all the guys on the team last year, please contact me with your email address and cell number at jdeveny@aol.com. The requirements are an index of 18.4 or less (or play down to a 18.4), a member in good standing of LMGC, and have posted at least 12 rounds in 2025. I also need a commitment from you to be able to play in at least 3 of the 6 events.

Our POD this year will be with El Dorado, Los Verdes and Costa Mesa with home and away events over 6 weeks. Each event is a match play format and consists of 8 two-man teams playing team matches and maybe singles matches as well.



Captain Jack (CJ)

Ryder Cup

The Ryder Cup is moving along on a pace to be completed by the end of August. Watch for an announcement for the final match.

There are still opportunities to help out at Lakewood ANY evening. Form a group or show up alone. The work is easy and just might help you avoid a nasty divot in a future tournament. We are filling in divots with a sand mixture. Ask ANYTIME in the proshop and you (and your group) will be given a cart and sand. It is simple, quick and makes a difference.

The Senior club championship is coming in September, look for an announcement shortly.



Ken Klein, Vice President

Tournaments

Gents,

We are more than halfway through our President's Cup season, with some of our most premier and exciting events still ahead of us. Congratulations to all members who have taken home a prize and thank you to everyone for making our year fun and competitive. A special shout out goes to members Colon Gardner, James Teeter, Wayne Falcon, and Kim Hannaford for taking the top 4 money spots in the July Red, White, and Blue event.

Looking Ahead

Our next tournament will be the 4-man team Orange Waltz scheduled for Sunday, Aug 3, 2025. Here is a quick list of other upcoming events:

- Sept 6: LMGC Member-Guest
- Sept 13-14: LMGC Senior Club Championship
- Oct 12: Individual Low Net

Tournament Reminders

The remainder of the 2025 calendar can be viewed [here](#).

Here are a few key details to be mindful of when signing up:

- 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). **Regular monthly event registration will open at 6:00 PM PST on the specified date.**
- 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

Cancellation Policy:

If you're unable to play in an event that you've previously signed up and paid for, the following policies will apply: ● All cancellation notices must be sent to myself (iancsmitty@gmail.com)

- If notice is received 2 or more days prior to the registered event, the player will receive a full refund to the original form of payment (minus credit card processing fees)
- If notice is received less than 2 days prior to the registered event, the player will forfeit their fees
- If a player withdraws during an event, or no-shows, any fees paid will be forfeited
- There will be no credits retained by the club

Day-of Guidelines: ● For a breakdown of how-tos the day of an event, click [here](#) .

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



Ian Smith, Tournament Chairman

2026 Saturday Team Play

Team Play is our club's Ryder/Walker/Presidents Cup, running for six weeks from mid-January. If you enjoy competition and teamwork, this event is for you. This year features a fourball (net) 2-man best ball format against El Dorado, Skylinks, and Rec Park. I am always looking for new Lakewood players on the team.



Bob Baker- bakerbob27@gmail.com cell/text at 310-344-0001

LMGC 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD MEETING

DATE: 0702/2025

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:15 pm

PRESIDENT-MIKE REDMERSKI-Called to order, agenda approved. Tourney coming Sunday. Member/Guest is filling up quick. (140 players) Hats, towels, and markers included. Should be another Great Event. Shoot the works coming soon.

VICE PRESIDENT-KEN KLEIN-Ryder cup moving right along. 8 matches left. Need to be scheduled asap. We need members to volunteer to help maintain the course/fairways etc. Ken will send out a blast email to all members. Possible "Lottery" for players that volunteer. TBD. Question on "Distribution of Funds" for side pots, tournaments, Low putts, etc. Discussion pursued. TBD Open to Discussion

SECRETARY-MIKE PARKS-"Broke" my Callaway soft chrome off the 10th tee at Rec. BEAST! Discussed side pots.

TREASURER-MIKE MC MONEGAL-Budget is all good. Did not have time to print it out because he has to WORK NOW!! Mac went over the budget "thoroughly". Thanks Mac.

TOURNAMENTS-DAN WAMBA-(absent)

MEMBERSHIP-TOM GRAU- Regular members—332. Associate187- Associate-519 Total. Great job "T".

RULES & HANDICAPS-CRAIG TAGLER-(absent)

ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS-KEN SMITH-Away tournament September 20,2025. 52 players. Soboba golf course \$150. Bus to leave @ 6:00 AM. Shotgun start at 8:30 AM

COMMUNICATIONS-JIM CURRAN-August 13-Newsletter due.

TOURNAMENTS -IAN SMITH-Red, White and Blue Tourney this Sunday, 145 players signed up. August 3rd, ORANGE BALL.(pucker time) September Senior Championship tourney and the Big Event, Member/Guest. Discussion re: turning in an unverified, incorrect scorecard. Hole by hole. Please be sure to check and verify your scorecard BEFORE you sign and turn in. Ian will put out scorecards with Lots of info on them. Please read your score cards. Also discussed refunds for no-show or late dropouts. For info contract Ian Smith-Tournament Director.

SCGA -RAY BOWLING-SCGA -Bill Dunbars Grandson, Christian Boyer trying out for Wimbledon!! Came up short. CONGRATULATIONS!

MEMBER AT LARGE- Mike Triosti.-

BOB BAKER-Saturday Team Play Captain-Quad Pod...Eldo, Rec Park, Skylinks, and Lakewood. Meeting with Captains from the other clubs to discuss new options.

JACK DE VENY-Thursday Team Play Captain-More distribution of side pot \$'s

JOE RUBICH-Joe and Myron will be running the shootout starting Wednesday, July 9,2025. \$5.00 entry fee..the More the Merrier !!

NEW BUSINESS-September 10, General Meeting and Putting contest. Parksy brought up adding a New tourney called “Casino” tourney. Each player assigned a “suit” (Clubs, Hearts, Spades, Hearts)..Play the hole and pinned on the flag is a suited card. Player with the suited card and 1 other low net to be used on each hole. Two holes with Jokers on the flag.must take “2” of the highest Net scores. Fun tournament. This Sunday, Flight Room, Celebration of Life for Will Snyder(Jack Snyders Brother) from 1 pm to 5 pm.

OLD BUSINESS-None

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:15 PM - Parksy



Finance

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



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Rules

Rules Reminder “Use the Rules to Your Advantage!”

The major changes to the Rules of Golf from 2019 include allowing the removal of “loose impediments” through the green. This includes penalty areas and bunkers. Of course, if your ball moves in the process of removing the LI, you will incur a penalty.

Yours truly had forgotten about this change during a recent outing at La Mirada. My ball had a leaf laying over it in a bunker on the 18th hole at La Mirada. I was about to hit my bunker shot with the leaf in place when my partner (shout out to Wood member and all around 'good guy' - Robert Garcia) reminded me that I could remove the leaf before I hit (as long as my ball didn't move in the process). After successfully removing the leaf without moving my ball, my subsequent "sand save" earned us a skin and a tie for 1st place in the event!

A couple reminders regarding Loose Impediments (LI's)

- Insects / Bugs / spider webs ARE LI's.
- Sand is only a LI if your ball is ON THE GREEN.
- Frost is NOT a LI.

What I want us all to take away from this is to remember that the Rules of Golf are not always a punishment. Sometimes they allow situations to work out in our favor. The more you know and understand the rules, the better your overall experience can be!



Craig Tagler, LMGC Handicap and Rules Chairman

Member Total

334 Regular
181 Associate
515 Total LMGC

Members, see the web page for the Membership Recruitment Program the BoD has implemented. Any questions please contact Tom Grau.

Travel

The away trip is on Sept. 20th at Soboba Casino. The cost will be \$150.00 and there will be 52 spaces available on the bus. Rooms might be available which increase the amount of people to 56 that can play. More information on rooms to come later. If interested, especially if you would like a room, please contact Ken Smith at smithken99@yahoo.com. If you can suggest anything else, let me know.

By James Curran Jr.

Communication Extraordinaire

