



**The Wood**

Lakewood Men's Golf Club



## Presidents Message

Fellow Wood Members,

Well, 2025 is in the books and 2026 is shaping to be another banner year for the Men of the Wood. This is the first of four newsletters you will receive this year and will cover our events both home and away, which as a club we try to make it worth your membership. We are in full swing with our monthly tournaments with Tourney Director Ian "Smitty" Smith getting January in the books and February's tournament filled in 10 minutes with 136 player and 34 on the waitlist. Ken Klein my VP is in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of the Presidents Cup top 64 money winners, in a bracket tournament with match play running weekends and some good matches already. We are on a shorter day for the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 months of tourneys with Marches event on Daylight savings time bump. This means longer days, which means more players per tournament. If you plan to register for a tournament, make sure to log on at 6 pm on Tuesday when registration opens. Figure out how to do it and ask others if they may know how they do it. Get friendly with the webpage and just check out all the info we have.

We have a webpage at [www.lakewoodmensgolf.club](http://www.lakewoodmensgolf.club), that will get you to all our remaining schedules for 2026 and when tournaments go online. Use and surf the menu for when and where, how and why. The webpage will have the official version for Tournaments. We will also include my 2 halves schedule for all related events as we know them for 2026. I have attached the 1<sup>st</sup> half of golfing events, including shoot outs, away events, and Monthly items. More to Come

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.



Reddog" Redmerski, President LMGC Men's Golf Club



## Website News

Hi Members,

Our club's recent success with the annual toy drive is documented on our club's handy homepage: [www.LakewoodMensGolf.club](http://www.LakewoodMensGolf.club). I am sure all of you are proud to have handed over the unwrapped toys that went to deserving children. I am looking forward to doing this again in November and December.

With a new year upon us let me encourage you to check out some of the updated information found our website:

- The 2026 Tournament Calendar
- The Monthly Hole-in-One Participant's List
- The SCGA Multi-Member Rebate - for those who belong to multiple clubs
- Our photo stream of past and, after you add them, photos of future golf events

One easy way to find the information is to follow the headers at the top and click, then 'pull down' and snap off what you are looking for.

Have a great golf year in 2026.

Swing Smoothly,



Dan Wamba, LMGCC Webmaster



### First Round President's Cup

The first round of the President's cup is under way with the plan to have all 32 first round matches completed by early February followed by the remaining rounds. The tournament typically runs until June.

The start of the Ryder Cup will begin in April. This tournament is immensely popular and growing each year. No teams will be turned away, there will not be a field limit.

For now, find a partner and wait for an email blast with more information probably in March. If you manage to make a Saturday back nine reservation you will be greeted by Jim Curran on the 10th tee. Volunteering his time, he keeps the play flowing smoothly and occasionally helps the snack shops burrito deliveries.

This past Saturday Jim faced a near catastrophic situation when an errant tee shot hit from the first tee nearly struck him standing on the 10th tee. The men's club president and vice president were on the scene conducting a complete investigation. Somehow the golf ball headed dead right avoiding the pine tree just to the side of the tee. Google Maps confirmed the ball sliced 150 yards offline traveling farther sideways than forward. The investigation concluded the perpetrator was not a member of the men's club, but the person's identity remains

anonymous.

The lesson from this incident is clear, no matter where your first tee shot lands as long as it doesn't decapitate someone on the 10th tee the shot was a success.



Ken Klein, Vice President

## Tournaments

Gents,

2025 was an outstanding year for our tournaments. We hosted 10 regular monthly events, the Club Championship, and the prestigious Member-Guest. In addition, we organized several away trips, the Ryder Cup, the President's Cup, the LA Senior Championship, the LA County Senior Championship, the Quad Club, the Summer Shootout, and our annual putting competition. These events were all made possible thanks to the efforts of your board and tournament committee.

We kicked off 2026 with our annual two-man team low-net event, which is being followed by the individual low-net tournament in February. This year, I'm excited to introduce some new formats, including our inaugural Low Gross Spectacular (flighted, low gross only) and a casino event. More details on these will be sent separately.

Check out our full schedule [here](#).

### Tournament How-Tos

Here are a few key reminders if you'd like to participate in this year's events:

#### Registration Process:

- Registration is available exclusively through our website and opens roughly 5 weeks before each event. Each event page includes specific opening and closing dates/times (see link above).
- You must be an active LMGC member to participate. Lapsed memberships will prevent you from registering.
- Events fill up quickly—waitlist spots are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

#### Payment Requirements:

- Payments must be made via credit or debit card only (no cash or checks).
- Registered players will receive an invoice approximately one week after registration opens.
- Payments are due one day after registration closes. Players who miss the payment deadline will be removed from the event—no exceptions.

- If you cancel and qualify for a refund, note that credit card processing fees are non-refundable.

Feel free to reach out with any questions. Play well.



Ian Smith, Tournament Chairman

### 2026 Saturday Team Play

The Season has begun on a positive note. We currently are 2-0 with victories over Skylinks both home and away. Our next matchup is versus El Dorado on Jan 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. We finish our race of 6 matches in our pod vs Rec Park on Feb 7 and 14. We have a great bunch of competitive and just good guys on this team. I think all our team would attest that playing competitive team matches is some of their best golf memories. You are welcome to follow us (we are in group 13)

<https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/5664276>

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### MGC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes (BoD), January 8, 2026

- 17:00 –In attendance: Tom Grau, Ray Bowling, Ken Smith, Mike Redmerski, Ian Smith, Ken Klein, Dan “The Man” Wamba, Jack Deveny, Joe Rubich. Mike Treosti, Jim “Sprinkles” Curran, Craig Tagler, Bob Baker, Myron Bowins.
  - Not present: Mike Parks, Mike McMonegal.
  - Food and beverage deployment.
  - 17:15– Meeting called to order. Presented verbal agenda.
- 17:15 - President’s report: Mike ‘Red Dog’ Redmerski
  - Welcome back and Happy New Year. Thanked the BoD for their continuing commitment.
  - Mentioned the tournament credit card payment process is going well.
- 17:20 - Vice President’s report: Ken Klein
  - Presidents Cup tournament has first round matches scheduled.
  - Mentioned away events at LA Co courses and which courses would be of interest.
- 17:28 - Secretary’s Report: Parks – Knee surgery, Grau taking minutes.
- 17:28 - Treasurers Report: Mike McMonegal – AWOL Myron reports “we have money and Mac knows where it is”.
- 17:30 - Tournament Director: Ian Smith
  - January tournament is full, 136 players. Net tourney, putts and GIR’s. Enter gross scores.
  - Will modify rules for Jan tourney due to course conditions.
- 17:39 - Membership Report: Tom Grau – 180 Associate members, 338 regular members, 518 total.
- 17:40 - Handicap/Rules Report: Craig Tagler

- Tags will do a handicap review in June.
- Forwarded an email for a chance for one dozen free balls from Bridgestone.
- 17:45 – Communication – Jim Curran
  - January 21 deadline for newsletter articles.
- 17:45 - Special Events – Ken Smith
  - The bus trip to be scheduled for May, stay tuned.
  - 1st away tournament in March, stay tuned.
- 17:47 – Web site – Dan “The Man” Wamba – all good
  - Mentioned the December speaker that no one could hear.
- 17:50 - Team Play – Bob Baker – Jack Deveny
  - Bob, Saturday Team play at Skylinks.
  - Jack, A home win against El Dorado!!!!!! Ya HOOO!!!
- 17:55 – SCGA Representative – Ray Bowling
  - Multi club discount is available through SCGA. Also LMGC web page..
- 17:57 - Treosti, Joe Rubich, Myron Bowens – All Good.
- 18:00 - Old Business: Grau, finally, ordered posters for club.
- 18:02 New Business: Bob Baker – starting a Len Kennett endowment fund for Jr. Golfers. Stay tuned for more details.

**18:05 Meeting Adjourned!** Meeting minutes recorded and submitted by Tom Grau

### Finance



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

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### Handicap and Rules Corner

Some of you may have heard that the PGA Tour has adopted some new local rules for 2026. Some of these adoptions are only relevant in the professional setting (video evidence of ball moving for example), but some might be relevant for our club. LMGC's Rules Committee will review these at our February meeting and may adopt the ones that can apply to our course (examples to be considered: ball in someone else's pitch mark / preferred lies placement / immovable obstructions near the green other than sprinkler heads). The committee will announce any new local rules that LMGC in a future email blast. If you have any comments on any of the new rules, please first read this [article](#). Then email [taglerc@earthlink.net](mailto:taglerc@earthlink.net) with any comments that you would like the committee to consider. Fairways and Greens and No 3 Putts!



Craig Tagler, LMGC Handicap and Rules Chairman

**Member Total**

338 Regular

182 Associate

520 Total LMGC

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



Tom Grau, Membership



By James Curran Jr., Communication Extraordinaire

