

SUMMER 2017 NEWSLETTER



LIBERTY LAKE/MEADOWWOOD MEN'S CLUB



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Liberty Lake/MeadowWood Men's Club members:

It is finally summer! We are more than half way through the season. It's been a great season so far.

As most of you already know, the Men's Club and Memorial Scholarship committee have continued to recognize the most deserving students or student athletes in the valley public school system. This year the annual scholarship was given by the Liberty Lake/MeadowWood Men's Club to two seniors in the valley high school district. The Memorial Scholarship Committee evaluated all applicants to determine the best of many excellent candidates.

The following were recipients of the 2017 Liberty Lake/MeadowWood Men's Club \$ 1,500.00 scholarship went to Renay Monohan from East Valley High School and Isaac Emerson from Central Valley High.

Many thanks to the membership, for their contributions towards this very worthwhile scholarship. It definitely means a great deal to the recipients.

Keep up the great work on pace of play. Did you notice the scorecard now has a time indicator on it? It lets you know how your pace is doing based on when you teed off.

Let's finish the year in style gentlemen, and sign up for the events. Two dates to keep in mind are: September 29th – the date for the men's club banquet. The ABCD "all cash" game will be the 30th of September and 1st of October.

Lastly, I would like to thank the board members for all they do to keep this club running smoothly. Also, when you see Mike Kingsley and Todd Harper, thank them and their crew for the hard work they do to get the courses ready for opening day and maintaining them throughout the year.

Sincerely

Tim Nersinger
President

FROM THE HANDICAP CHAIRMAN - BY MIKE STEFFY

As most of you know **The Washington State Golf Association (WSGA)** is our regulatory body in this region. Over the past 95 years they have evolved into one of the largest amateur golf associations in the United States providing a multitude of benefits and services to more than 68,000 individual members at over 550 golf clubs throughout the state of Washington and Northern Idaho. The Liberty Lake/MeadowWood Men's Golf Club is one of those clubs licensed to issue your USGA Handicap Index. In this issue of the newsletter I thought you might be interested in their beliefs on the USGA HANDICAP SYSTEM PHILOSOPHY.

“The WSGA strongly believes that the following statements underscore the essential message of the USGA Handicap System. We ask that every WSGA member join us in upholding these important ideals that support the integrity of golf. These excerpts are from the USGA Handicap System Manual, 2016-2017.

1. A player must earn a USGA Handicap Index.
2. No player has an inherent right to a USGA Handicap Index without providing full evidence of ability to the golf club's Handicap Committee.
3. Fair handicapping depends upon full and accurate information regarding a player's potential scoring ability as reflected by a complete scoring record.
4. Two basic premises underlying the USGA Handicap System are that each player will try to make the best score at every hole in every round, regardless of where the round is played, and that the player will post every acceptable round for peer review. The player and the player's Handicap Committee have joint responsibility for adhering to these premises.
5. Peer review is the ability of golfers to gain an understanding of a player's potential ability and to form a reasonable basis for supporting or disputing a score that has been posted. Members of a golf club must have a reasonable and regular opportunity to play together. Access must be provided to scoring records, as well as a Handicap Index list, for inspection by others, including, but not limited to, fellow club members.”

Regarding #5. The MW computer can be utilized to look up any member's playing and scoring activity as a means of peer review. The Handicap Indexes are revised on the 1st and 15th and posted at each course.

EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL (18 holes) = Maximum Number on any hole

Course Handicap	Maximum Strokes
9 or less	Double Bogey
10 – 19	7
20 – 29	8
30 – 39	9
40 or more	10

POSTING SCORES:

We all know the importance of posting all scores as soon as the round is completed, but there are some scenarios that come up from time to time that leave questions about how, what, or if a player should post. For example, how do players post scores when they don't finish a hole? Or, when they don't finish a round (but have played at least 13 of 18 holes). Here are the guidelines for these scenarios:

ESC as per the chart above in casual play. When you reach your ESC #, and for speed of play purposes, pick up your ball and mark that (ESC #) for your score on that hole. For tournament play, you need to finish the hole with whatever your actual score is. The tournament committee will however post your ESC score for handicap purposes.

FROM THE HANDICAP CHAIRMAN - CONTINUED

Par Plus. You have finished 13 holes played under the rules of golf, and must quit for some reason. You must post scores for holes 14-18 for handicap purposes as par plus any handicap strokes you are entitled to receive on those holes. For example, #14 is a par 4 and you get a handicap stroke there, your score would be par plus 1, or 5.

Most Likely Score. Any time a player starts, but does not complete a hole or is conceded a stroke, they must record for handicap purposes their most likely score. Most likely score is a judgement that the player must make based on their own game. It consists of the number of strokes already taken, plus the number of strokes needed to complete the hole from that position more than half the time, based on what you can reasonably expect to score. (Section 4-1, USGA Handicap System Manual 2016-2017). *Two important points about Most Likely Score: 1) there is no limit to the number of unfinished holes a player may have in a round, and 2) your Most Likely Score cannot exceed your ESC limit.*

CONTACTING WSGA: WSGA welcomes your input and questions, but will not handle any issues regarding score changes, mistakes, etc. That is for me, as your handicap chairman, to take care of.

IT'S EASY TO POST SCORES:

Note the ESC score, the date, the course, the tee box played at that course and the type of round (home/away/tournament).

FYI - For posting purposes, MW is our home course.

Liberty Lake is considered "away".

Any tournament played under the rules of golf would be T, and most likely posted by the tournament committee. All LLMWMC tournaments are posted by the committee.

The GHIN Mobile App is a fast, easy and mobile way to post scores from wherever you have just played.

Using the touch screen on the MeadowWood computer.

The GHIN webpage from your computer.

Random audits are being suggested by WSGA for comparing tee sheet playing time vs score posting. When you play, please post ASAP. (Use the Ghin app and it is done!!)

Playing alone: Reminder that a new rule change this year prohibits posting a score for handicap purposes if you play alone.

FYI: As of 7/15/2017 the handicap range for our members (353 with active handicaps) is +2 to 44, with the average being 14.2.

Questions or comments regarding any of the above, or any Handicap issues, please feel free to contact me (509-981-6688).

JUNIOR GOLF AND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

The memorial scholarships of \$1,500 each were presented at the July board meeting. Pictured (left to right) are Central Valley golf coach Steve Rasmussen, scholarship winner Isaac Emerson of Central Valley High School, Men's Club President Tim Nersinger, scholarship award winner Renay Monohan of East Valley High School and Kit DeAndre, head professional of Liberty Lake Golf Course. Isaac and Renay were nominated by their respective high school golf coaches as outstanding young students, golfers and citizens who plan on continuing their education and contributing to their communities.



(Men's Club member John Twining is the East Valley golf coach.) Good luck to both of our scholarship award winners.

FROM THE TREASURER - BY GARY HANN

The Liberty Lake/Meadowwood Men's club continues to operate on a firm financial foundation. Our current **membership** stands at approximately 365. Including ten junior members. There are also 15 associate members. The year is not over. There are still more tournaments and great weather in the days ahead, so it is not too late to invite a new member.

Thanks to the following **BANNER SPONSORS**: Associated Credit Services, Milionis Construction, Batteries + Bulbs, Heritage Home Loans, Northwest Golf Cars, , Meadowwood Pro Shop, Liberty Lake Pro Shop, Wake-Up Call, Golf Cars, Etc, Jimmy Johns, Washington Trust Bank, M&L Supply, Dave's Bar & Grill, Spokane Oral Surgery, Shanks Painting, and Purrfect Logos.

The Men's club has added \$ 5,609.00 to our first 7 tournaments so far this year.

It's not too early to get the **Men's Club Banquet** on your calendar which will be September 29th, 6:00 pm at the Liberty Lake Club House. A sign-up sheet will be posted around the first of September; with a deadline of September 25th.

Thank you to all the members who make this such a great Men's Club and may your handicaps continue to drop the rest of the year.

JUNIOR GOLF AND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

Thank you to all the members who donated to the Junior Golf Program and the Memorial Scholarship Fund. Thus far, the 2017 donations to Junior Golf total \$1,732, and \$900 was given to each course for their Jr. Golf lessons. The Memorial Scholarship Fund donations total \$1,100, to date. Congratulations to Scholars Renay Monohan and Isaac Emerson. Thanks to Randy Allen and the rest of the Scholarship Committee.

**THANKS TO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING WHO GRACIOUSLY DONATED TO
THE LL/MW MEN'S CLUB JUNIOR GOLF AND SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**

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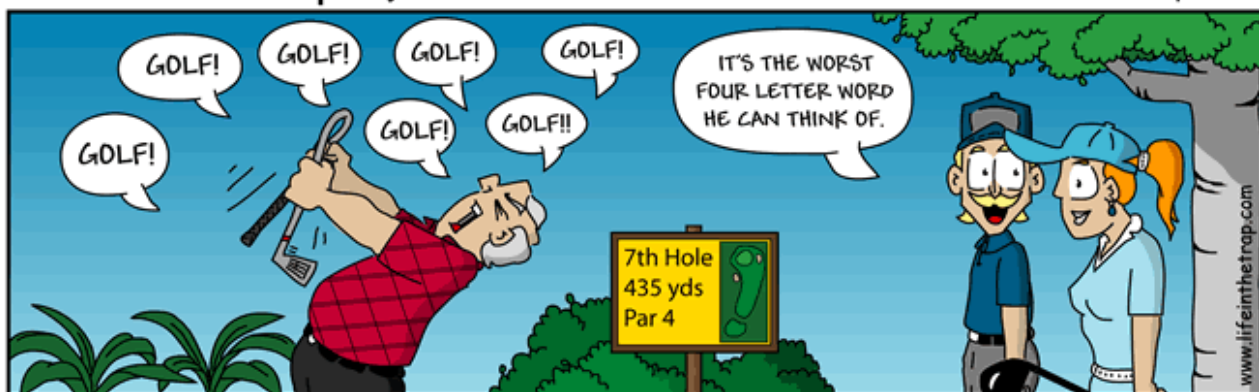
FROM THE TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN - BY PAUL HALTTUNEN

Greetings to all our members and especially to those who have come out and played in our tournaments so far this season. We've had some great tournaments and I am looking forward to the upcoming ones. We have experienced some lower than normal turnouts so far this year, but were buoyed by the great turnout we had for the Yellow Ball. We have over 350 members in our club, but our average attendance, not counting the Opening Tournament is around 50 players. There could be many factors holding down the number of players and I would like to hear from our members as to what those factors might be. Do we have too many team events where it might be hard to get a 4-man or 2-man team together? Do members prefer 1 day tournaments over 2 day tournaments? If you have any suggestions or comments, I would love to hear from you. You may contact me at: 509-999-8161 or email at: toptuna@yahoo.com

The remaining tournaments on the schedule are the Memorial Cup-Club Championship on Aug. 5-6, the 4-Man team, 1-Gross/2-Net on Aug. 19, and the "Liberty Cup" Match Play tournament on Sept. 16-17. We also have the "ABCD Draw" tournament run by Jon Solberg after the Club Banquet the end of September. The "Liberty Cup" Match Play event is a new, first time tournament this year. In my tenure as Tournament Chairman we have never had a match play tournament, and it has been my goal to introduce one to the schedule. The desire is to have the experience of a match play tournament with a Ryder Cup feel. It will be a 2-day tournament, played in foursomes, 2 players each from competing "teams". All players will be divided into 2 teams, the "Lakes" vs. the "Woods" in the same fashion as in the Ryder Cup with the USA vs. Europe. The first day will be best ball and alternate shot formats, and the second day will be singles matches. I won't go into further detail here about how this tournament will be run as it is already described on our website. You can go to the "Tournaments" page and find a description of this, and all the tournaments throughout the year.

Speaking of our website, if you haven't already visited it, the address is LLMWMC.club. I encourage all members to commit this to memory or set it as one of your favorites as we will continue to grow the website and constantly thrive to keep you informed and updated to what is going on with our club. We have the full tournament schedule along with results and archives from all our tournaments, newsletter archives, board members and board meeting minutes. I have recently strived to post the tournament tee times on the Friday before the tournaments. These are usually posted around noon, so if you wait for that you do not need to call the pro shop to obtain your tee time. Tournament results along with a list of skins and deuce money winners should be posted the day after a tournament shortly after noon as well. Reminder: I have posted a notice at tournaments that all cash winners will have their money available at the pro shop after 2 pm the following day.

Yours in golf,
Paul

Life in the Trap by Rick Newellwww.lifeinthetrap.com

ELECTIONS AND NOMINATIONS - BY LEROY FAUTCH, SECRETARY

It is time for Nominations, Elections, and By-Law amendments for the LL/MW Men's Club for 2017.

The following Board of Director (BOD) positions are up for elections at this time:

PRESIDENT, 2 year term. (Current President - Tim Nersinger is running)

HANDICAP CHAIRMAN, 2 year term. (Current Chairman - Mike Steffy is running)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 1 year term. (Current Director – Ed Sonderman is running)

If anyone is interested in running for any of these BOD positions, or would like to nominate a member for one of these BOD positions please contact any member of the BOD, and we will be happy to add your name/nomination to the ballot.

Also on the ballot this time is an amendment to the By-Laws concerning the club newsletter. The By-Laws (ARTICLE V – MEETINGS) currently states “A newsletter shall be mailed to the entire membership prior to the spring and annual meeting. Additional newsletters may be mailed at the discretion of the BOD”.

The purposed change eliminates the wording “Mailed”, and will be replaced with “Published”. Since we have started “publishing” the newsletter on our web site in order to save the club the expense of printing and mailing.

Elections will take place at the year end banquet on September 29, 2017.

Thank you,

LeRoy Fautch

Secretary & Chairman of the Nominating Committee

FROM THE PRO'S:

To our Membership:

I hope everyone has been enjoying this years' golf season, although we had a slow start the weather for the most part has been very nice. I'd like to remind everyone about the second annual Spokane County Golf Championship played at the our three facilities and encourage your participation, sign ups are available at any of the County Courses. A special thanks goes out to Todd Harper and his staff for Liberty Lake Golf Courses' outstanding conditioning this season. I know they work very hard day in and day out to provide the best possible course condition for our members and guests. As always anything me and my staff can do to make your experience the best it can be please just ask!

All the best in golfing!

Kit DeAndre

PGA Liberty Lake Golf Course