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December 5, 2007

GENERAL MEETING

WED., Dec. 5, 2007

Dinner – 6:30

Program To Follow

No Raffle Ticket Sales after the Pledge of Allegiance

DATE:

Saturday, December 15th, 2006

CAPTAIN:

Bill Louder

FORMAT:

Tournament Day – White Tees
Individual Low Net by flights -
Limited club tournament. A player
must start with not more than 5 clubs.

Week Day – White Tees
Individual Low Net by flights -
Limited club tournament. A player
must start with not more than 7 clubs.

ELIGIBILITY:

All regular LVMGC members with a
valid December, 2007, SCGA
handicap index

RULES & Scoring:

Tournament Day
Will be posted at the Tournament
Table

Weekday

Will be posted in the Red Tournament
Book



General Meeting – December 5th

In the month of December, we usually never have a Guest Speaker but since we just got word from American Golf that a new Course Superintendent has been hired, I thought it would make sense for the L.V. Men's Club to meet him.

No, it's not Carl Spackler!!

Besides the new Superintendent, we also have invited Jorge Badel (Head of Golf Operations for L.A. County) to talk about the ongoing irrigation project at Los Verdes and how it is impacting the quality of play at the course.



In retrospect, we have had a great year at the Los Verdes Men's Club. We were fortunate to have as our Guest Speakers people like the Comedian from the Def Jam tour who asked us if a certain Member of our Club was drinking "stupid juice". We were educated by the head docent from the Aquarium of the Pacific; only to be followed the next month by the Commander for the entire Pacific Region of the Coast Guard.

The month after, we had one of the year's best Speakers, someone who served in the Secret Service for 3 decades and for 5 different Presidents. In May, we were fortunate to hear from the top dog in the Superior Court system for the entire County of Los Angeles.

By this time, I felt our Speakers were getting a little too esoteric, so in June I decided to book 3 buxom beauties from an international Vodka company with our headliner being a Professional Female Golfer (Bada Bing!!). Then, bringing it back to reality the next month, we heard from the General Counsel and SVP for the American Golf Corporation. (Can you say..."Lawsuit"?)

In the middle of summer, I was fortunate to confirm an appearance by a world-famous Wood Artisan whose sculptures have appeared in Museums across the country. In September, we heard from the Doctor who heads the physical therapy unit at Torrance Memorial Hospital; only to be outdone the next month by a Doctor who heads the World Anti-Doping Association and helped bust Marion Jones and Barry Bonds (among others).

Last month, we were graced by our second female Guest Speaker for the year, the LA City Councilwoman from the 15th District. So ask yourself, how many of these Speakers did you hear this year and how many Los Verdes General Meetings did you attend in 2007?

As always, we look forward to all of you attending the General Meeting on **Wednesday, December 5th**. For Dinner that night, we will be serving **Roast Beef, Spinach Salad, au gratin potatoes, green beans and chef's desserts with a coffee station.**

Thanks for participating.

Bill Richard
Program Chair



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tom Gibson

The end of the year is upon us. *Wow*, it seemed like only yesterday that I was nominated.

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as the club president this past year. It really meant a great deal to me.

I would like to thank the 2007 board for all their hard work this past year. I could not have made it through these last 12 months without your on-going dedication and support. Our club is lucky to have gentlemen like you donating your time.



This was the first complete year with the eHacker. Not only have we received good feedback from the members on it, the savings allowed us to increase various parts of the budget and give more back to our members in the form of increased prize funds, more money for the monthly meeting speakers, etc.

Congratulations to all of the 2007 yearly tournament winners. December is the time for the presentation of the trophies, which will be my honor to present. Especially for the winner of the Eclectic tournament! Come support your friends with your own form of affable jeering.

Kudos: I would like to personally thank the following... every member of the Los Verdes Men's Club. Without every one of you, this would not be the fantastic club that it is. THANK YOU for making this the best club in the SCGA. It was a pleasure to lead you for this past year. I am sure you will continue to pledge your support to our incoming president Peter Bowen and the 2008 Board of Directors as they lead our club into the future.

See you on the links.
Tom – Future Past President

SCRIP NOTICE: At the time you end your membership with the Los Verdes Men's Golf Club, you will have until Jan 1st of the following year to claim and use your scrip. The scrip not used will then be returned to the general fund.

SCGA TEAM PLAY

SCGA Team Play competition will commence in early January. The Los Verdes Men's Club will enter a Thursday team and a Saturday team. If you would like to participate on one of this year's teams, contact a team captain for information.

Thursday Team Captain: Kim Bucci
Saturday Team Captain: Glen Itow (please email)
Contact info in the LVMC Directory

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James (Bill) Davis

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**LVMC Tournament Schedule
Monthly Tournaments**

- January 21-----Low Gross / Low Net
- February 25-----Partners 1-2 Ball
- March 25-----4-Ball "Combined"
- April 21-----Partners Best Ball
(SCGA Qualifier)
- May 19-----Blue Ball Classic
- June 23---2-Best Ball W/Bonus points
- July 22----Partner B.A.S. Tournament
- August 18-----Tin Whistle
- September 23-----Member / Guest
- October 20-----Orange Ball Classic
- November 25-----Turkey Shoot
- December 15-----Limited Club

CAPTAINS

Monthly Tournaments:

- Stan Kohler
- Bob Mork
- Troy Steege
- Bob Bittner
- Bill Louder

Satellite Tournaments:

- Classic.....Stew Gerns
- Eclectic.....Les Chapin
- Presidents Cup.....Eldon Johnson
- Seniors.....Brian Watts
- Scotch 2-some.....Bill Davis
- Net Club Champ.....Bob Rogers
- Gross Club Champ.....Brad Davis
- Putting Champ.....Don Crane

See Member Directory for Phone #'s

TOURNAMENT RECAP

Ben Serns



The November tournament started off with a 1-hour delay due to a mistake made by American Golf when they over booked tee times and made it their priority to put those tee times ahead of ours. This made it impossible for all or our members to finish during the daylight hours. The reason for the overbooking was simple – they never looked at the roster I provide them on the 9th of November and they booked tee times until 0700am. I talked to the LVGC Management and I was told they would not let this happen again....but....time will tell.

On a brighter side, Bill Richard shot 70 to take Low Gross on tournament day (that was also a net 63). Brian Watts shot 79 for a net 65 to take the Low Net money. The week day Low Net was won by Einar Larson with a 68.

In all we paid off 81 guys last month out of 152 players.

Next month we have a limited club tournament. This has proven to be the fastest tournament we have all year (less thinking about what club to use). So folks even tend to play a little better - - maybe they should get rid of a few clubs permanently.

The Scotch 2-some format will change in 2008. Due to the dwindling interest in the tournament and the issue of making tee times.....the tournament will now be a 54 hole stroke play event that will end on the August Tournament day. You will have to complete 36 holes of stroke play (only 1-round per month) with another player from the field or another Board Member before the August tournament. The final round will be played on Tournament day. If you are interested....Bob Rogers will start taking sign-ups in January. The tournament will start in April 2008.

Due to the construction at the course, we are still playing WINTER RULES until further notice. Once the construction is complete, the course condition will be better than ever.....but until then we'll have to play under some pretty rough conditions. I am sure it will all be worth it in the end.

See you meeting night - Ben

You Can Find Complete

TOURNAMENT DAY RESULTS

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WEEKDAY RESULTS

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<http://www.lvmgcc.org/Tournaments/2007/Tournaments.htm>

2008

LVMC Tournament Schedule

Monthly Tournaments

<u>Captain</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Format</u>
Steege	January 20	Individual Low Net
	February 24	2-Best Ball W/Bonus points
Kohler	March 23	4-some 4, 3, 2, 1 – Ball
	April 19	Partners Best Ball (SCGA Qualifier) 2



2007 ROAD TRIPS

Of all the great reasons to belong to Los Verdes Men's Club, I feel the best one is to PLAY GOLF!!! Keeping that in mind we have a great bus trip schedule for 2007. New for this year we will be having two TGIF trips that will be held on local courses starting at around noon on a Friday afternoon (a perfect excuse to start the weekend early). Any new members who have questions about the bus trips can see me on meeting night. Thanks , **Jim Louder**

The 2007 Schedule

Mar.16	Fri	El Dorado
April 14/15	Sat/Sun	Silver Lakes
June 2	Sat	Elkins Ranch
July 29	Sun	Goose Creek
Aug 26	Sun	Soboba Springs
Sept. 14	Fri	Skylinks
Nov. 3&4	Sat/Sun	Laughlin
Dec. 9	Sun	SCGA

SCGA TRIP INFO

Hello Golfers

One of the most popular bus trips that we have is the December trip to the SCGA course in Murietta. (Hopefully it won't burn in the fires) This year's trip will be on December 9th. We will leave from Robinson helicopter by bus to the **SCGA** course. The cost is \$90.00 per player which includes golf, cart and generous prize fund. This trip fills up fast so get your money in early! I will be posting next years Bus trip schedule in the December Hacker so stay tuned.

Thanks

Jim Louder

Steege	May 24	Blue Ball Classic
	June 21	Tin Whistle
	July 20	Partner B.A.S. Tournament
Steege	August 23	Scotch 2-some
Serns	September 21	Member / Guest
Vassallo	October 18	Orange Ball Classic
Kohler	November 23	Beat-Your- Buddies (B-Y-B)
	December 13	Limited Club Tournament

Club Championship – 9-12,13,14

LIVE THE RULES “The Love of the Game”

During the past two years I've had the privilege of holding the title of Rules Chairman for the Los Verdes Men's Club which I consider an honor. I've learned so much about this great game which has brought me a new respect for it's history, the people who play (and especially those who excel), and, most of all, the purpose and reasons behind the Rules of Golf. I know that the study of these Rules is a laborious task of which not every LVMC member may have the time, but the results may be very rewarding.



As a 'parting shot', so to speak, to our members (or anyone who plays the Game) I would like to not only encourage but to challenge each of you to take the time to be familiar with the Rules of Golf and some of the important decisions. Think of it this way: golf is well known as a game of honor, as exemplified by Bobby Jones in the 1925 US Open. If you haven't heard the story, on a greenside chip from a steep bank, Jones' ball moved ever so slightly just before impact. Even though nobody else saw the ball move, Jones called a 1-stroke penalty on himself. Because of this, he failed to win the tournament outright, instead dropping into a playoff which he lost in 36 holes.

If you admire the courage it took to make that call you're on an honorable path. Being a student of the Game and in regard to the high level of respect Bobby Jones exemplified, he would indeed be a role model which we can admire and appreciate. To live to those standards both on and off the golf course would be a challenge to anyone ... and difficult to achieve. But isn't that what personal integrity is all about: having a standard to shoot for and learning along the way. Sure, we're not perfect and temptation can sometimes get the better of us. The goal would be, to always keep our expectations within reach and to adopt a personal guideline of which we can be proud, because when you get down to the nitty-gritty, self-esteem is what it's all about.

So please keep in mind the real purpose for the Rules of Golf ... how they cross the boundary of 'just being a game' and move into a way we can actually live our lives.

And if there is just one suggestion I can impart to our membership as I write this last 'Live the Rules' article it would be this:

“Know what you are doing BEFORE you put your fingers on the ball”. After all, knowing the Rules just makes us better golfers ... and better people, too.

Happy Holidays!

Stewart Gerns,
Rules and Eligibility Chairman
Los Verdes Men's Club 2007

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Tournament Winners			Side Pots		
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1	Wrobel, R	\$ 346	1	Richard, Bill	\$ 429
2	Richard, Bill	\$ 326	2	Buttitta	\$ 393
3	Serns	\$ 308	3	Henry, D	\$ 347
4	Aboutanos	\$ 239	4	Prather	\$ 302
5	Turner, J	\$ 238	5	Choi	\$ 300
6	Pope	\$ 231	6	Serns	\$ 283
7	Johnson, E	\$ 223	7	Gibson, T	\$ 231
8	Gibson, T	\$ 215	8	David, B	\$ 224
9	Stahl	\$ 207	9	Louder, J	\$ 222
	Lanschutzer	\$ 198	10	Pisarski, Dave	\$ 209
11	Ronk, Jeff	\$ 195		Noyd	\$ 206
12	Aoyama, M	\$ 194	12	Walley	\$ 205
13	Rogers, B	\$ 190	13	Yuzuki	\$ 205
14	Bergman	\$ 182	14	Uphoff	\$ 193
	Holker, D	\$ 180	15	Hayes, S	\$ 187
16	Nouri, I	\$ 173	16	Sartorius	\$ 183
17	Maggard	\$ 166	17	Barwick	\$ 179
18	Davis, Bill	\$ 166	18	Marckx	\$ 174
19	Davis, Brad	\$ 165		Rangel	\$ 172
20	Pisarski	\$ 164	20	Austin	\$ 168
21	Durden	\$ 162	21	Ratay	\$ 166
22	Lewis, Lee	\$ 158		Davis, Brad	\$ 165
23	Richard, K	\$ 156	23	Johnson, E	\$ 162
24	Witty, B	\$ 152	24	Neely	\$ 153
25	Fox	\$ 150		Steege	\$ 153

