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### **From Jack McNevin, President**

A lot going on this month at LPSGC ! The Match Play starts, Senior Short Game Clinics start the 8th, the greens will be sanded, etc. An ongoing problem, i.e., " late signups " has been addressed by the Board at our meeting of April 1. Starting with the May tournaments, a \$ 3 late fee will be added to the normal entry fee of \$ 5 if your entry is not in the Senior Box by the deadline of Tuesday, noon, the week prior to the tournament. ( 8 days ). The additional \$ 3 will go into the prize fund. The last tournament was a disaster from the stand point of changes, incorrect handicaps, incorrect pairings, etc. The starting grid had to be redone, score cards redone, etc. We had 13 late entries out of 56 players, or an increase of about 30% over the original list of players who were in on time. This makes for a lot of extra work for the Pro Shop, the scoring table, the handicap chairman, the tournament chairman, and the few who do the work. We don't want the \$3, we want the entries in on time. In a lot of clubs, if you are late you don't play. We are saying " If you are late, you pay \$ 8 " . On a lighter note, Our VP, Paul Bauman, eagled # 4 from 138 yds, with a six iron ! Way to go Paul. Come on out, play well.

### **From Alan Brooks, Green Committee Representative**

The big news from the Green Committee meeting in March was the announcement of a new Superintendent for Las Positas.

From Jeff Slater, Las Positas Golf Course General Manager;

"I am pleased to announce that Dennis Orsborn has been chosen as the new Superintendent at LPGC for Livermore Golf Management.

While we congratulate and thank Moody Ayeb for his dedicated service over the last two years and wish him well in his new position with CourseCo, we look forward to having Dennis “on board”. I have personally reviewed his background and his recommendations are, without question, impressive. Dennis will be on site starting March 29th and takes over full responsibilities on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.”

This is the CourseCo. announcement. CourseCo is the contractor for green (and sandy and wet and cart path) parts of the course. Jeff deBenedetti is the Pro Shop contractor and

## **LAS POSITAS GOLF COURSE ANNOUNCES NEW GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT**

**Livermore, Ca.** - CourseCo, Inc has named Dennis Orsborn as Superintendent at Las Positas Golf Course in Livermore, California.

Orsborn is a 30-year veteran of the golf industry and received his Bachelor of Science in Turf Management from California State Polytechnic University. He has been involved with more than ten new golf course developments and held positions at the following notable courses: Big Horn Golf Club, Palm Desert; Classic Club, Palm Desert; Journey at Pechanga, Temecula, CA; Annenberg Estate, Rancho Mirage, CA; Indian Ridge Country Club, Palm Desert, CA. Orsborn served two terms as President of the California Golf Course Superintendents Association and hosted the PGA Tour for the Bob Hope Classic in Palm Desert in 2006.

“We are excited about Dennis’s expertise,” says Michael Sharp, Vice President of Golf Operations with CourseCo, Inc, and “his background and experience in the industry will be a tremendous asset to Las Positas.”

CourseCo, Inc, a Petaluma, California-based management company operates golf facilities throughout California and in Washington State. For more information, contact CourseCo, Inc, Post Office Box 1019, Petaluma, California 94953; (707) 763-0335; email [courseco@courseco.com](mailto:courseco@courseco.com) or see its website [www.courseco.com](http://www.courseco.com).

I understand that CourseCo is moving Moody over to Metropolitan, in Oakland. I believe his last day is around the middle of April.

In other news from the meeting. There is still no definitive date for the start of construction on the Discount Mall and the reworking of Las Positas. Jeff Slater's belief is that there is too much money already committed for it not to happen, but when is up in the air. Jeff is hoping that course modifications will catch either the spring or fall grass growing seasons, but we'll see.

The rain this winter has definitely hurt the bottom line at Las Positas. Green fees, cart rental, range, and merchandise sales are down in the 20 to 30% range over the first two months of last year. On the up side, instruction is up 88%.

