



June, 2010

From Jack McNevin, President

After another close election, the new Board of Directors is the old B.O.D. MY thanks to all for the willingness to serve our club again. The Match Play tournament has come down to Fred Foster and Doug Brown, good luck gentlemen. The " Scoring Clinics " will have their " Skills Challenge " on the 17th of this month. If you have participated in at least 2 Clinics, you can enter the Challenge for \$ 5. The Club will match the entry fees for the total prize money to the winners. Should be a lot of fun. This has been an enjoyable event with Jeff and Scott, we will do this again. Our course is looking great. Come on out and enjoy it.

From Alan Brooks, Green Committee Representative

I attended the Las Positas Green Committee meeting at the end of May. It was held at the golf course and we had an opportunity to interact with our new Superintendent, Dennis Orsborn. He and Jeff Shafer, the City Golf Course Manager took us to several locations on the course to demonstrate some of the problems they face. As most of you know, not far below the lovely green grass we all love is a thick layer of clay. You could make pots out of the stuff. This is responsible for most, but not all, of the drainage problems at Las Positas. Compounding the drainage problems is an antiquated irrigation system, and the use of recycled water. First, the irrigation system.

The irrigation system waters everything uniformly, sort of. The sprinkler heads that water the fairways water the greens and bunkers too. Ideally, sprinkler heads next to greens would have two sections that allow the greens to be watered independently of the fairways. Ours aren't. But on the front nine at least the sprinkler heads are independently valved; a valve is built into each head and is individually controlled from the irrigation boxes you see around the course. On the 8th green and 9th tee box area and virtually all of the back nine the sprinkler heads are not individually valved. Between 7 and 11 heads are ganged onto a single valve, and the valves are controlled from a panel in the Maintenance Facility. This makes individual control of the amount of water put on the course almost impossible.

One of the things that was tried in the bunkers was to dig big holes at the low points, fill them with rock and gravel, sort of a french drain, and put the sand back over the top. The hope was that the water would flow out of the sand and into the drain holes. Unfortunately, the water seems to like staying in the sand.

Other things that are being tried are different ways of aerating the greens and aerating at different intervals. They are also trying some different turfgrass combinations in some of the persistently bad spots in some of the fairways, such as the landing zone on #2.

Ah, yes, the recycled water. What a wonderful, environmentally friendly thing for our golf course to be doing. Right? Except that state regulations don't allow human contact with the recycled water, so they can only water between 10 pm and 6 am, unless someone is standing right there to turn the water off when the golfers come by. Not too bad where the heads are individually controlled at an irrigation control box close by. Remember the situation with the back nine? 7 to 11 sprinkler heads on a single valve, controlled by a panel in the Maintenance Facility. Not exactly a flexible system. I asked at my first meeting what it would cost to completely redo the irrigation system. The answer was around \$3M.

Which brings up the level of play and the budget. Lesson revenues are up, but everything else is still down. Between the economy and the wet winter we're hurtin'. So talk up Las Positas. Fortunately, the fairways and rough are looking pretty good and the greens remain the best in the area.

There is still no date for the Jack London extension. The consensus seems to be that it's going to happen, but when is very uncertain. Oh well.

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FORMAT INDIVIDUAL
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FIRST FLT	SCORE	\$\$ EACH	SECOND FLT	SCORE	\$\$ EACH
JIM SMITH	70	\$40	HAL DANCE	63	\$40
FRED FOSTER	71	\$30	HARRY VANTINE	66	\$35
WYNN SMITH	71	\$30	ALAN BROOKS	67	\$27
DENNIS ROONEY	71	\$30	JERRY VIEIRA	67	\$27
ERNIE SOUZA	72	\$17	C.NEUENSCHWANDER	70	\$17
JACK MCNEVIN	72	\$17	RAY PETERSEN	70	\$17
MIKE ROUDEBUSH	73	\$5	DICK BULMER	71	\$10
GENE BROADMAN	73	\$5			\$173
		\$174			
THIRD FLT	SCORE	\$\$ EACH			
DEAN VANFLEET	64	\$37	TOTAL PAYOUT		\$520
BILL ORMOND	64	\$37			
MIKE MCGRUFF	65	\$30	OF NOTE !! HAL DANCE AND JERRY VIEIRA		
HARRY RIZZO	66	\$22	BOTH SHOT UNDER THEIR AGE, WAY UNDER !!		
DOUG BROWN	66	\$22			
HARRY SHAY	67	\$15			
DAVE DEAN	70	\$10			
		\$173			

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FORMAT 2 MAN BB ANNUAL
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FIRST FLT	SCORE	\$\$ EACH	SECOND FLT	SCORE	\$\$ EACH
BULMER--BERNARD	60	\$30	VIEIRA-- C.NEUENSCHWANDER	61	\$30
NELSON--TOLE	64	\$22	O'SHEA--ROUDEBUSH	62	\$25
HANSON--KNIGHT	64	\$22	BAUMAN-- BROWN	63	\$20
MCNEVIN-- FOSTER	65	\$15	O'REILLY--SHAY	64	\$7
			LOSASSO--HAWLEY	64	\$7
		\$178			
					\$178

THIRD FLT	SCORE	\$\$ EACH		
MOLE--BRIEMLE	63	\$30	TOTAL PAYOUT	\$534
GIL--RIZZO	64	\$25		
PETERSEN--SHUGARTS	66	\$17		
GILBRETH--SHRYOCK	66	\$17		
		\$178		