



LAKE PADDEN MEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER SPRING 2024

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Greetings to all of our LPMC current and future members. The winter is nearly behind us and your 2024 LPMC board has been busy planning the upcoming season. We hope you're all as fired up as we are to begin the new year!

As you'll see attached, our Tourney Chairs Steve Swank and Paul Berube have once again assembled a balanced schedule of fun and competition for our Saturday events, beginning with our "Opening Day" and membership breakfast March 30th. And, not to be taken for granted, Mike Votipka and his staff have the course in outstanding shape heading into the new season.

Our membership continues to grow year over year and maintaining that growth is vital to the ongoing health of our club. To enhance communications within our current membership and encourage new member interest, the LPMC will be rolling out its own Facebook page in the coming weeks - official announcement coming soon. For current and new members alike, a quick reminder of the membership types and channels to sign up:

- **Full Membership:** GHIN services and full LPMC playing privileges. \$75 to sign up on line at: [Join or Renew Membership - Washington Golf \(WA Golf\)](#) or \$80 in person card sign up at the LP clubhouse.
- **Associate Membership:** Full LPMC playing privileges for those that keep their GHIN membership at other clubs. \$40 in person sign up at the LP clubhouse only.
- **GHIN Associate (aka HOA - Handicap Only Associate) Membership:** GHIN services and club event participation limited to Non-Major Saturday events only (does not include Twilight league or Major event participation).

A reminder that the LPMC Board is open to all members with interest and is a great way to give something back to the club

we all enjoy. If you have any interest in participating in the future or have any questions, feedback, or suggestions for the club, don't hesitate to reach out to any of our board members.

Thank you for the privilege to serve as our club's President for the 2024 season and I am grateful for the opportunity to "pay back" the club for all that it has provided in seasons past, present, and future!

Ken Brown, 2024 President

TWILIGHT LEAGUE REPORT:

Twilight leagues are forming for the 2024 season. We will play on Wednesday and Thursday nights starting on Wednesday, March 27 and Thursday, April 11, and running through mid-August. We plan to have 10 teams playing on each night. The Captain's Meetings will be held at 6:00 pm at the Lake Padden Coyote Grill on March 13 for the Wednesday night league, and March 14 for the Thursday night league. During the meetings, we'll discuss the scoring format, league rules, schedule for the summer, etc. Please bring the \$100 team entry fee to the meeting, along with your completed roster, including the name, handicap, and contact info for each player. If you are an individual and want to join a team or form a new one, or have any other questions, please contact: Joel Wark, Thursday Night Chairman (360-306-0526, email: jcwark@comcast.net) or Tom Bennett, Wednesday Night Chairman (360-739-9844, email: tomb@bennettengr.com). We look forward to another great league season.

Tom Bennett and Joel Wark, Twi-Lite League Co-chairs

PRO-SHOP AND GOLF COURSE REPORT:

We are excited for the 2024 season to begin and look forward to seeing familiar and new players as well. Following 2023's amazing year for golf our goal is to keep the momentum going in 2024. Mike Votipka and our top-notch maintenance team have the course conditions as good as we have seen at Padden and he has a few more tricks up his sleeve for this year. We have updated the main building with new flooring and paint with historic photo's to finish out the interior project.

If you have not registered for the Premier Rewards Card that offers up to a 20% discount on greens fees, power cart rentals and range balls this is the year to do so. The program is FREE of charge, inquire in the pro shop for more details and get signed up today.

A few additional dates to keep on your radar:

- Drive, Chip and Putt local qualifier will be held on Tuesday, July 9th so save the date. We will be looking for 30 volunteers to assist in carrying out the day's activities.
- Club fitting days for Taylor Made, Callaway and PING golf. These will be offered throughout the year and members are encouraged to sign up for 30-minute blocks of time to have your club needs custom fit just like the PGA Tour Players.
- We will be hosting a Western Washington PGA Chapter event on Monday, August 26th. Good chance your local PGA Pro's will need some great amateur partners so keep your game top notch.

Phil Gaggero, PGA General Manager

HANDICAP CHAIR REPORT:

Score Posting will start on **March 1, 2024**

Scores now must be posted on your personal devices either thru, wagolf.org , www.GHIN.com or the USGA /GHIN app on your phone

New for 2024

-9 Hole scores posted adjust your Handicap. No more waiting for a second 9 Hole score to combine them for an 18 hole adjustment.

-Weather adjustments to course index in the case of inclement weather. This is still in the works but it is expected to be in place soon.

-Shorter Par 3 / Par 4 Executive Courses are now eligible for Course/Slope ratings so scores can be posted when played.

Once again, a Point of emphasis is posting scores as soon as possible. Handicaps will update at midnight daily. The 2-week cycle for posting scores no longer applies, you will still receive a Bimonthly update of your handicap from WA Golf.

*The handicap system is in place to create fair play amongst different levels of golfers in our tournament and leagues. Please Post all scores high or low to keep your handicap correct.

Just a few reminders for the World Handicap System-

-Handicaps are based on your best 8 scores of the last 20, your handicap now changes the next day after posting a score.

- **Max score per hole for posting purposes** - is a Net Double Bogey, which is par + 2 strokes, plus any Handicap strokes allowed for that hole.

Tournaments - The handicap policy for our Lake Padden Men's Club Tournaments has not changed. Players will receive a "boxed score" for any net score of 68 or lower in tournament play. Two boxed scores in a rolling 12 month period will result in a handicap modification in accordance with the policy. If you are boxed, you will be notified by email with a letter suitable for framing. The handicap committee reserves the right to adjust handicaps in Men's Club events in order to protect the integrity of the game.

To learn more about the World Handicap system you can go to ***wagolf.org*** website.

See you on the course,

Greg Schenck, Handicap Chair

TOURNAMENT CHAIR REPORT:

Welcome to the 2024 Lake Padden Men's Club tournament golfing season. Paul Berube and I are your tournament co-chairs and look forward to another great Tournament year. Briefly, we are the behind-the-scenes guys that try to make our tournaments run as smooth and as fun as we can while staying within rules of competition. I will send out the upcoming tourney rule sheets and reminders two weeks before each event as well as send out the results and Money Winners standings to keep you all informed.

Please get your paid entries in at the Pro Shop by EOB the Thursday prior to the Saturday event. Paul and I will do the score cards early Friday morning with the help of Phil and staff. It becomes more time consuming when players enter late and at the last moment. We try to accommodate those who are

chronically late, but frankly, it's a pain in the ass so please mark on your calendar, program your smart devices or hire a reminder service to get your entries in on time!

Like last year, there will no longer be ties for any places in our events. With advent of the Genius computer scoring system, ties are easily broken and it's much more rewarding to win \$40 bucks for third place instead of sharing with three other players. We will start on hole 18 and go backward to break ties, lowest gross score wins. Entry fees are \$25 for a Major event (plus \$600 added) and \$20 for the other events.

Our first event is "Opening Day" on Saturday, March 30. Check out all of this year's events on the attached Tourney Schedule. Thanks in advance for your participation. The course is in great shape and we're ready for play.

Steve Swank and Paul Berube, Tourney Co-Chairs

USGA RULES REPORT:

I would like to again encourage our membership to take some time this year to brush up on the Rules of Golf. I have attached two links for rules education. I would suggest focusing on the definitions in the rules book. You would be amazed how much clearer the rules seem if you have command of the definitions. You will find them near the end of the rules book.

I would also like to challenge the membership to take a few of the quizzes offered on the website. It is a great way to test your knowledge and learn the rules at the same time. Definition knowledge helps immensely in finding the right answer. Every so often try an advanced quiz, the questions can be quite thought provoking, and a right answer is pretty rewarding.

Remember: Rules education is not always about what you can't do, it's discovering what you can do.

https://www.usga.org/RulesQuiz/rules_quizzes2019.

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Mark Rachor, Rules Chair

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