



# LAKE PADDEN MEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER SPRING 2025

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Hello Members, New and Old!! Welcome to the 2025 Lake Padden Men's Club!!

After weeks of snow and ice, we are looking forward to getting out to play some golf again. You will find attached the dates of our upcoming events starting with our opening day on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Steve Swank and Paul Berube for putting together another great series of events. We continue to grow our membership which keeps our membership strong.

### **Full**

#### **Membership:**

GHIN services and full LPMC playing privileges. \$75.00 to sign up online @ Washington Golf (WA Golf) to join or renew membership.

#### **Associate Membership:**

Full LPMC playing privileges for those that keep their GHIN membership at other clubs. \$40.00 in person sign up at the LP clubhouse only.

We are always welcoming new members to the LPMC Board. Don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

I am privileged to serve as the 2025 President. I look forward to seeing you on the course!!

Cheers to a great year!!

**Brad Peterson, President**

## **TWILIGHT LEAGUE REPORT:**

Twilight leagues are forming for the 2025 season. We will play on Wednesday and Thursday nights with the regular season starting on Wednesday, April 16 and Thursday, April 17, 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 12 for the Wednesday night league, and March 13 for the Thursday night league. During the meetings, we'll discuss the scoring format, league rules, schedule for the summer, etc. Please bring the \$125 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](mailto:jcwark@comcast.net)) or Tom Bennett, Wednesday Night Chairman (360-739-9844, email: [tomb@bennettengr.com](mailto: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 2025 season to begin and look forward to seeing familiar and new players as well. Following 2024's amazing year for golf our goal is to keep the momentum going in 2025.

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 a new PGA Head Professional, Kyle Haas, who has joined our team. Kyle will be leading many of the tournaments this year and is a great instructor as well if you are looking to improve your game.

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 8th 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 Thursday, August 14th. 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:**

HANDICAPS-Score Posting will start on March 1, 2025. Scores now must be posted on your personal devices either thru, [wagolf.org](http://wagolf.org), [www.GHIN.com](http://www.GHIN.com) or the USGA /GHIN app on your phone. Once again, a Point of emphasis is posting scores as soon as possible.

Handicaps will update at midnight daily for posted scores. The 2-week cycle for posting scores no longer applies, you will still receive a Bimonthly update of your handicap from WA Golf.

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

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

### **Tournament Handicap Policy -**

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, it only applies to Mens Club Events. 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](http://wagolf.org) website.

See you on the course,

**Greg Schenck, Handicap Chair**

### **TOURNAMENT CHAIR REPORT:**

Welcome to the 2025 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 devises 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 29. 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:**

It gives me great pleasure to announce that there are no significant changes to the rules this year, at least none the affect our membership. So this year should run super smooth as far as everyone playing by the rules because we all know them by heart!

I would like to remind everyone, especially our new members, that the local rules on the back of the scorecards are not for us. You will receive an email that will outline the "Notice to Players" for each tournament. Please pay attention to these as they change from time to time depending on course conditions.

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**Mark Rachor, Rules Chair**

## **2025 LAKE PADDEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President: **Brad Peterson**

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Handicap Chair: **Greg Schenck**

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