



July 2021

## 2020 LWMGC AWARD WINNERS!!!!

The following event winners have awards to be picked up:

<u>Club Champion</u>	<u>Member-Member</u>	<u>LWMGC cup</u>
MUN KAY	KAI SONG / JAMES KIM	SAM KIM
WOOHYUN PAIK	DAVID CHO / CHOUNG SONG	DAVID CHO

**ALL AWARDS THAT ARE NOT CLAIMED WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE JULY 27<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.**

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### From the President's Corner

This newsletter will keep you up to date on the topics that we present in our general membership meetings. The newsletter will contain information on upcoming Wednesday, flight competition and major tournaments, major events, handicap issues, greens and rules, governance concerns for golfing, financial updates and any other pertinent information about the club.

We are having our annual Member-Guest tournament on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. We only have room for 144 players (72 teams). The tournament includes 18 holes of golf, putting contest, box lunch, goodie bag, raffle prizes and a plated sit down dinner. The entry fee is \$150 for the team and \$30 for non-playing dinner guests. Spots will go fast so watch for an email when signups are open and enter early.

We have our general membership meetings on a quarterly basis occurring on the fourth Tuesday in the months of January, April, July and October. Our next general membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 27th 2021 at Clubhouse 2. The social hour begins at 7:15 am and the meeting starts at 8:15 am.

You will be able to sign up for the putting contest which begins right after the meeting, buy tickets for our 50/50 drawing, 3 chances for a round of golf and a hot dog, drawings for a coupon redeemable at Jersey Mike's and there will be a drawing at the end of the meeting for \$100. In order to win, you have to be present to claim the \$100 prize. Also, director Tony Rossignol, will be taking photos for those that have not submitted a photo to be included in our club manual.

**John Soule – President**

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## **Tom McCray's Report**

### **News from the course!**

As most of you are now aware we had a change in leadership in the golf course maintenance department at the beginning of the year. We have now contracted with Casa Verde Golf Maintenance, a division of Troon Golf the largest golf management company in the world, to supervise the maintenance of the golf facilities. Steve Brew is the company representative on site and has the backing of some of the best people in the business to maintain and improve our golf course conditions. Please welcome Steve to the community when you see him out on the course and if you have any suggestions get them to me and I will discuss with Steve during our daily meetings.

### **Course Conditions**

As I am sure you are aware the golf courses were not in the best shape for the last couple of weeks due to the arrival of the warm summer weather and the mistiming of some of our practices to prepare for the change. We were aware of these challenges a bit late, but have started an aggressive program to recover and the greens are looking better already. As much as this was not the best scenario, I believe we will have learned a valuable lesson for the years to come to get ahead of these issues before it becomes a problem.

While the greens are a primary focus we are also on a program to get control of the rough and get it to a consistent playable length. We are also changing the current mowing schedule to allow for the fairways to be cut wider than they have been. In an effort to recover some of the weak rough conditions we were on a program to fertilize and prep the area to get the turf healthy on the sides of the fairway and needed to allow it to grow in. It is very healthy now and ready to be cut to the appropriate length without scalping the grass.

Our green speeds are always a point of discussion and I want to take a minute to clarify the basic guidelines we need to go by during each season. Our greens are Poa Annua, which is typical in the golf facilities that are closer to the ocean since it like the cooler weather. This presents a challenge for the few months that the temperatures get too warm and creates a set of challenges to get them playable. In the cooler months the grass is very healthy and durable making it easy to get them cut to a fast pace. In the warmer months these greens would be susceptible to stress when cut too short, hence the slower speed. Recently the greens have been bumpier than they should have been, but the slow summer pace should be expected. Two years ago, we were pressured to get the greens to a faster summer pace and we nearly lost

all the grass during a heat wave. Being adaptable during these times is part of the game so please make sure to take a few putts prior to heading out to know what to expect out on the course.

If you have any questions about course conditions.....

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### Treasurer's Report

The first 6 months of 2021 showed our Balance Sheet to be in good shape with a Bank Balance of \$16,119.26. Our Club demonstrated solid fiscal planning with a net income balance of \$9,100.16. This income is mainly due to new and renewed memberships and sponsor advertising, so please patronize the sponsors who help to publish our Membership Manual!

Upcoming expenses include a PayPal charge per transaction increase and remaining Wednesday Tournament payouts.

The Member/Guest Tournament is coming August 21st so please invite a guest and help us to show-off our Club and course!

Our Accounting Model was balanced for the month:

Assets:	\$22,338.08 =
Liabilities:	\$ 6446.54 +
Equity:	<u>\$15,891.54 =</u>
	\$22,338.08

**Garth Small – Treasurer**  
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### Wednesday Tournaments Committee

#### Hole-in-One Club and Regular Wednesday Tournament

Currently, there are 74 members signed up in The Hole-In-One Club. If you wish to join, please put \$5 in an envelope, affix your name, Village ID #, the date, and place in the Scorecard box on any Wednesday

when a LWMGC event in being competed.

There are two RWTs (Regular Wednesday Tournaments) scheduled to be held in August; the 11<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup>.

For those of you that have been in the winner's circle for any RWT since the outset of the pandemic, your winnings will be published by the end of July, and all winners' personal Pro Shop accounts will be credited, in lieu of cash payments in the respective FORE UP accounts.

### Hooks & Slices Birdie Blast Edition

Fred had tried to be particularly careful about his language as he played golf with his Parish Priest. But on the twelfth hole, when he twice failed to hit out of a sand trap, he lost his resolve and let fly with a string of expletives. The good Padre felt obliged to respond. "I have observed," said he in a calm voice, "that the best golfers do not use foul language." "Sure," said Fred, "what the hell do they have to bitch about?"

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After a particularly poor game of golf, John decided to skip his after golf Bud Light ritual and go home. As he was walking to his golf cart, a policeman stopped him and asked, "Did you tee off on the hole adjacent to Moulton about twenty minutes ago?"

"Yes," the John responded.

"Did you happen to hook your ball so that it went over the fence and off the course?"

"Yes, I did. How did you know?" he asked.

"Well," said the policeman very seriously, "Your ball flew out onto Moulton and crashed through a driver's windshield. The car went out of control, crashing into five other cars and the Car Wash. The fire truck couldn't make it to the fire, and the building burned down. So, what are you going to do about it?"

John thought it over carefully and responded...

"I think I'll close my stance a little bit, tighten my grip and lower my right thumb."

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### Major Tournaments Committee

Laguna Woods Men's Golf Club has completed two major events. The President's Cup, which involves a qualifying stroke play round and then multiple match play rounds. Congratulations to 2021 President's Cup champion Rency Biagan (D flight champion), 2nd place Peter Kuhn Kim (A flight champion), 3rd place Kenny Song (C flight champion) and 4th place Jerry Golden (B flight champion).

The July major tournament, "The Eclectic", was held on July 7th and July 14th. This two round individual event had 112 competitors. LWMGC congratulates the winners of each of the 4 flights: "A" Flight Rick Renna (64), "B" Flight Arthur Hirsch (60), "C" Flight Won Choi (59) and "D" flight Danny Henson (55).

In August we will have 2 major events. Saturday August 21st is the **Member/Guest Tournament** and Wednesday August 4th will be the **Player's Skins Game**. Remember to specify in comment section on sign up page, requests for tee times and who you want to play with.

## PUTTING CONTEST

The LWMGC monthly putting contest will be held after men's club general meeting on Tuesday, July 27th at the upper putting green. Sign up before meeting with an entry fee of \$4. Rick Renna Major Tournament Director

## PAR 3 TOURNAMENT

The LWMGC's Par 3 golf tournament will be held on Thursday, August 19th. This will be a 9 hole individual event with an 11:00 shotgun start. Entry fee will be \$35, which includes a Mexican buffet supplied by the 19 restaurant after the round, an award ceremony, closest to pins, net and gross payouts and monthly trophies and green fees and pull cart. The Hole in One pot has increased to \$300.

The "Daily Double: will be brought back giving "B" flight competitors shot at CP'S on selected holes. I look forward to "golfing with the pros" in this event.

Thanks to Kevin Kennedy for his terrific work managing the par 3 tournament this year. I will resume being Par 3 golf tournament director going forward.

**Rick Renna– Major Tournament Director**

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## Handicap Committee

To improve data security and privacy, the SCGA and GHIN has begun using Golfer Digital Profiles. Beginning January 11, 2021, each golfer is **required to use a unique email address** in GHIN to create a profile to access the GHIN Mobile App and GHIN.com. **You must create your Digital Profile at the GHIN.com**

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**website.** You should have received an email on or about January 11<sup>th</sup> with a link to the GHIN.com site to create your Digital Profile.

**The best part about the World Handicap System, WHS, is that Posting Your Score every time you play is a core element of the WHS which incorporates the basic tenet of Peer Review.**

All New Members please contact the Handicap Chairman directly if you have questions about the World Handicap System.

The Village Greens building is OPEN to Public Access. The **POSTING COMPUTER** is now operational.

**You are required to post your scores. Please post your scores. Use the Posting Computer located near the elevator by the Pro Shop or online at GHIN.com or download the GHIN App for your smartphone. A Digital Profile is REQUIRED!**

Information about the World Handicap System can be found at the following link:

<http://www.scga.org/whs-hub>

**Please Post Every Round Played...**

Scoring records are an important part of peer review. If you are a new member; the next revision will show your Handicap Index. If you are transferring within GHIN or if you have posted the required 54 Holes of Golf in any combination of 9 hole or 18 hole rounds, your GHIN Index will be available to you immediately.

**Do you know how many rounds a month you Post?**

**THE COMMITTEE KNOWS!**

**Here are the top 20 players for 2021 Year to Date; Rounds Posted.**

<b><u>GHIN Number</u></b>	<b><u>First Name</u></b>	<b><u>Last Name</u></b>	<b><u>Round Count</u></b>
9697574	Kenneth	Reinach	122
1373830	Gerry	Teitelman	116
9583393	Bud	Davis	106
1070864	Armand	Pepin	97
9238553	Dennis	Boudreau	91
1591930	John	Soule	91
9035908	Mike	Layton	89
9658219	Paul	Santoro	87
9778206	David	Lilyquist	84
9669639	Robert	Pierce	78
9702084	Ronald	Allen	76
297445	Bert	Dubois	75
9627514	Jack	Takimoto	74
3185817	Tim	Benz	73
9716690	Dean	Stafford	72
1290607	Shaun	Tumpane	72
9201028	Ronald	Begley	71
6519578	Don	Chai	71
9256061	Jae	Lee	71
9538404	Frank	Quinn	70

**There have been 28 weeks YTD where you could have played golf and Posted your Round**  
**We currently have 11 Members who have posted between 60 and 69 rounds.**

We currently have 59 Members who have posted between 40 and 59 rounds.  
We currently have 74 Members who have posted between 20 and 39 rounds.  
We currently have 66 Members who have posted between 11 and 19 rounds.  
We currently have 109 Members who have posted between ZERO and 10 rounds.

**Which group do you fall into?**

**The Committee is continuously monitoring and reviewing the number of Rounds Posted Year to Date.  
Please post every time you play.**

**Please Note Regarding Audits:**

Tournament Directors will post all scores for Wednesday Play.

**HOWEVER, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO POST EVERY TOURNAMENTS.TIME YOU PLAY OUTSIDE OF OUR CLUB**

**Upcoming Audits:**

*The Handicap Committee continues to monitor Scores Posted and retains the right to penalize any golfer who has been found to not be posting their rounds.*

Please contact the Handicap Chairman with any questions you may have.....

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## **Membership Committee**

**339 Members**

**The 2021 Membership Manuals are in! Please ask for one in the PRO SHOP or Contact the Membership Chairman directly at 949-525-8955 to receive you copy.**

**New Member Orientation meetings are now being offered. Please be on the look out for an email from our New Member Orientation Coordinator, Mo Ediger. Mo can be reached at:**

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**NOTE: Many Members have missed their Renewal Date during the past 12 month period.**

**Please see below for an easy way for you to check your Renewal Date and to Renew.**

All Members can now search for and find their individual RENEWAL DATE by simply visiting our Website!

**LOCATE YOUR RENEWAL DATE:**

Visit our LWMGC Website:

[LWMGC.ORG](http://LWMGC.ORG)

– click on the **Green Quick Button – HANDICAP** – then click on the **Blue Button – RENEWALS**.

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP:**

Visit our LWMGC Website:

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– click on the **Green Quick Button – MEMBERSHIP SIGNUP** – then click on the **Blue Button – ONLINE REGISTRATION OR RENEWAL**.

**A reminder: Your LWMGC Membership is based on a 12 Month period.** Your Membership is Renewable within the 2 Months prior to your Anniversary Date. The SCGA has instituted the following reminder policy.

Per the SCGA:

***Members of your club are scheduled to receive email notifications 60, 30 and 7 days in advance of their membership expiring if the member has an email address in the SCGA database. The 60 day reference is known as the beginning of that member's "renewal window."***

Wishing all Members the best that golfing has to offer in 2021.

Please contact the Membership Chairman with any questions you may have.....

**If you have renewed; thank you for your Membership!**

If you have ***Not Renewed***; Please check your Email for your Renewal Notice from the SCGA.

Many Thanks to our entire Membership for your continued support of the Laguna Woods Men's Golf Club....your Membership support allows all of us to enjoy good company, great competition and enduring friendships!

**Paul Santoro – Membership Chairman**

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## **Rules and Greens Committee**

### **Nearest Point of Complete Relief**

How do you establish Nearest Point of Complete Relief? This falls under [rule 16](#), which describes the estimated point where your ball would lie, closest to your ball's original spot, but not nearer to the hole.

In the required area of the course, and where abnormal conditions do not interfere with the stroke you would have made from the original spot if the condition was not there. Estimating this reference point requires you to identify the choice of club, stance, swing and line of play you would have used for that stroke.

The above info is directly from the **USGA Rules** and may be somewhat confusing.

USGA has a really good APP that has videos illustrating this, you can take a look at it or join us at the Mens Club Meeting on July 27 and that video will be shown and can be discussed.

See you all there, the meeting starts at Clubhouse 2 with coffee and doughnuts at 7:15

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## Special Events

Hello To All of Our Members,

John Soule, our President, has been working on the foundations for our approval for both the Member / Guest and Member / Member Tournaments. We are approaching final approval to host the Member /Guest Tournament; which we hope will happen on Saturday August 21st. Please be looking for the email from the Men's Club with the final approval announcement.

The Member /Guest, once approved will be open to signups on the website. We will limit the field to 72 two man teams totaling 144 players, so we expect the field to fill up very quickly. Please don't get left out, sign up!

In reference to the Memorial Tournament, due to many things out of our control we will have to postpone this important event. We are planning on the event returning to our tournament lineup for the 2022 calendar year.

Please email me with any comments or questions.

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