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Presidents Report

March 2026



Members,

As we move into March, you can feel the shift. The days are getting longer, the sun is sticking around a little later, and there's a fresh energy around Los Verdes that only spring can bring. This is the time of year when momentum builds, participation rises, and the heartbeat of our club really starts to pick up.

February was a fantastic month for the Men's Club. Our Valentine's Day event was a tremendous success and a great reminder that this club is about more than just competition. It's about connection. A big thank you to Rick Hahn, our Entertainment Chair, for helping create a fun and well attended February Meeting. Events like that strengthen the bonds that make this club special. On the tournament side, we saw record-breaking participation in our February Low Net Tournament. That kind of turnout says a lot about who we are; competitive, engaged, and excited to tee it up. The growth in participation is something we should all be proud of. It reflects a healthy, energized club that members want to be part of. All golfers finished under 5 hours. Kudos to Alec Todryk, our Tournament Chairman and all of the others that assisted.

March brings its own excitement as we celebrate March Madness, Los Verdes style. We'll kick things off at our Members Meeting on Wednesday, March 11th, where we'll lean into the spirit of the season with some bracket-style fun and high energy in the clubhouse. The madness continues on Sunday, March 22nd, with our 4-Man 2 Best Ball Tournament. This format always delivers a great mix of strategy, teamwork, and just enough pressure to make every shot count. Start building your foursome now, it's shaping up to be a great day.

We'll also begin kicking off our annual Satellite Tournaments, including Senior Match Play, the White and Blue Classics, the Eclectic, and the Presidents Cup. These events are part of the fabric of our club. They give everyone an opportunity to compete over time, track progress throughout the season, and stay engaged well beyond a single Sunday. If you've been considering signing up for one, I encourage you to jump in. These tournaments are where memories, and little friendly rivalries are made. As we step into spring, let's continue building on the momentum we've created. The true strength of Los Verdes isn't just measured in participation numbers or scorecards. It's in the camaraderie, the sportsmanship, the laughs after a tough round, and the friendships that form in the fairways and around the clubhouse.

Show up. Invite another member. Compete hard. Stay after and connect. That's how we continue to grow not just as a club, but as a community.

Here's to an energized March and a strong start to the spring season.
See you on the course,



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael Benedetto". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Michael Benedetto
President, Los Verdes Men's Club



March Meeting

Wednesday, March 11th, 2026



LOS VERDES MEN'S GOLF CLUB

MARCH MONTHLY MEETING

Traditional St. Patty's Day Dinner
Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes & Carrots

COMEDY NIGHT!
Comedians Bringing an Hour of Laughter & Fun!

NCAA TOURNAMENT DRAWING
Get a College Basketball Team with Each Dinner Ticket!

CASH PRIZES FOR THE FINAL FOUR!

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: LOS VERDES GOLF COURSE

SIGN UP ONLINE:
Scan Here to Register!

What to expect Wednesday Night:

St. Patrick's Day Dinner
Come hungry for a traditional feast:

- Corned beef
- Cabbage
- Potatoes & carrots

A keg of beer (while it lasts!)

First Comedy Night Presents 4 Comedians

- Big laughs
- Great energy
- A packed room
- Plenty of stories the next morning on the first tee

March Madness NCAA Drawing

- Early Registration Incentive.
- 64 spots to join in on the fun and make money!

See you at the meeting,
Rick Hahn
Entertainment Chair
Los Verdes Men's Club

2026 Weekend Monthly Tournament Schedule



We are looking forward to seeing everyone out there!

Alec Todryk
Tournament Chairman
LVMGC



Month	Format	Captain
Sunday January 18th	Individual Low Net	Tony Vinter
Sunday, February 22nd	Individual Low Net	Maroun Aboutanos
Sunday, March 1st	New Member	Tom Gibson
Sunday, March 22nd	4 Man, 2 Best Balls	John Keigharn
Sunday April, 19th	Partner Best Ball (SCGA Qualifier) or Monthly Individual Low Net	Paul Hendrickson
Saturday, May 16th	1-2-3 Waltz	Ralph Ferdinand
Sunday, June 14th	Team Blind Draw Summer Shamble	Paul Hendrickson
Sunday, July 19th	Orange Ball	Al "K9" Von Kanel
Saturday, August 22nd	2 Day Club Championship Weekend Day 1	Mike Benedetto
Sunday, August 23rd	2 Day Club Championship Weekend Day 2	Mike Benedetto
Sunday, September 20th	Member - Guest Partner Best Ball	Jeff Wells
Saturday, October 18th	Inaugural LVMGC Member — Member	Chris Vassallo
Sunday, November 15th	4 Man, 2 Best Balls	Rob Hoerberling
Friday, November 20th	USC-UCLA Showdown	Troy Steege Rolando Ventura
Friday, December 4th	Hail to the Chief Individual Net	Jeff Wells Sr.
Saturday, December 12th	4 Club Challenge	Stan Kohler



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Tournament links, news, and club info.

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2026 Satellite Tournaments

Season within the season
Brackets • pressure • partners •
leaderboards
Bring your A-game (and a buddy)

Eclectic

Build your best round - one hole at a time.
Window: Apr 1 - Sep 30, 2026 | Up to 5 rounds (max 1/month)
Entry: \$30 | Register by Mar 15, 2026

President's Cup

Summer-long net stroke play - 54 holes total.
Window: May 1 - Sep 30, 2026 | 3 rounds (18 holes)
Entry: \$30 | Register by Apr 17, 2026

Senior Match Play (55+)

Month-by-month match play. Win and advance.
Window: May 1 - Oct 31, 2026 | 64 players max
Entry: \$30 | Register by Apr 10, 2026

White Classic (Teams of 2)

4-Ball (better ball) bracket match play.
Window: Apr 1 - Sep 30, 2026 | 64 teams max
Entry: \$60/team | Register by Mar 13, 2026

Blue Classic (Teams of 2)

4-Ball (better ball) bracket match play.
Window: May 1 - Oct 31, 2026 | 64 teams max
Entry: \$60/team | Register by Apr 10, 2026

Scan to Register

Satellite hub page (details +
Golf Genius links)



Quick Tips

- Classics: find your partner and register together.
- Read the rules before your first match/round.
- You book your tee times at Los Verdes.
- Questions? Email **Stephane Drolet** (Satellite Tournament Chairman).

Bus Trip Report

March 2026



LVMC Members,

I am happy to announce that we have cemented and signed contract for our first BUS Trip of the 2026.

The trip will take place on 29 May 2026 to Los Serranos Country Club where we will compete in the coveted 36 hole "Old Men Endurance" competition.

Sign-ups will be open on 1 April with only 44 spots available but please, "save this date" now.



Thank you and we will have all the details out soon!



Rade Ciesielski,
Bus Trip Chairman

Team Play—Weekday update

March 2026



LV Members,

For the second year in a row, LVGC Weekday Team Play has won their pod and advanced into 2026 SCGA Team Play playoffs.

It's a competition where 230 teams and 8000 players participate in. It was a well thought out campaign where 44 of our club members with support of clubs Superintendent Scott and front office staff (Jason/Jesse/Evan/Chad); competed at home and away against Costa Mesa CC, Lakewood GC and El Dorado Park GC where they delivered 5 wins and 1 tie.

Although the final group results display dominant performance, winning the group came down to the very last match away, where in traitorous conditions with down pour rain and high winds, the Los Verdes away warriors were able to rise to the occasion and deliver a devastating blow to Costa Mesa, bringing home an important win worth playoff berth!

Congratulations to the team and we wish them a successful and deep playoff run as they try to reach finals in May at Indian Wells!

Group 11					
	Win	Loss	Tie	Group Points	Match Points
Los Verdes GC	5	0	1	11	279
Costa Mesa CC	4	2	0	8	195
Lakewood GC	1	4	1	3	136
El Dorado Park GC	1	5	0	2	158



Radek Ciesielski,
Captain, LVGC Weekday Team Play

SCGA and Local Rules Report

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March 2026



Greetings golfers!

2 rule updates were IN EFFECT for February's Weekend Tournament on 2/22/2026.

As mentioned at the February Club Meeting, these were implemented in an effort to improve our overall pace of play for monthly tournament days.

Model Local Rule E-5 was in effect.

Under this local rule, golfers are given an additional relief option for a lost ball or a ball that is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds.

For 2 penalty strokes, instead of having to take stroke-and-distance relief (re-hitting from where you last hit from), the player may take relief by dropping their ball within 2 club lengths of the nearest point of the fairway on the hole that is being played.

If you are taking this relief option, here are the steps you should take:

Inform your playing partners that you are taking this relief option.

Identify your ball reference point:

For a lost ball = The point where the original ball is estimated to have come to rest (where you think the ball ended up).

For a ball out of bounds = The point where the original ball is estimated to have last crossed the edge of the course boundary or OB line.

Identify your fairway reference point:

The point of the fairway on the hole being played that is nearest to the ball reference point but is not nearer to the hole.

Identify your relief area:

Draw a line from the pin through the ball reference point (and add 2 club lengths to the outside of that point)

Draw a line from the pin through the fairway reference point (and add 2 club lengths to the fairway side of that point)

Your relief area is the entire area between these two lines.

Drop your ball within the relief area:

Ensuring that you are dropping no nearer to the hole than your ball reference point.

*While this local rule gives players an additional relief option, we still strongly recommend that players remember to hit a provisional ball if there is any reasonable chance that the original ball is either lost or OB.

Resource: <https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules-hub/rules-modernization/major-changes/golfs-new-rules-stroke-and-distance.html>

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A red penalty area (indicated by a red line) was in play on the left side of #16, starting approximately 200 yards from the green and extending up past the green.

If your ball is known or virtually certain to be in the penalty area, you will have the option to take lateral relief under a penalty of 1 stroke.

If you are taking this relief option, here are the steps you should take:

Inform your playing partners that you are taking this relief option.

Identify your reference point:

The point where the original ball is estimated to have crossed the boundary of the penalty area (red spray-painted line)

Identify your relief area:

2 club lengths from the reference point (point of entry)

Drop your ball within the relief area:

Ensuring that you are dropping no nearer to the hole than your ball reference point.

You still have the option to take stroke-and-distance or back-on-the-line relief for shots that end up in the penalty area.

You still have the option to play the ball from within the penalty area if you are able to locate it within the allotted 3-minute search period.

*This red penalty area is NOT applicable for balls that are known or are virtually certain to have come to rest OB (left of the boundary fence on #16). If there is any uncertainty regarding this, we recommend using your best judgment and coming to an agreement/decision through discussion with your playing partners.

**This red penalty area is only located within the boundaries indicated by the spray-painted red line on the left side of #16. No other areas of the course are considered to be red penalty areas at this time.

Resource: <https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules-hub/topics/penalty-areas.html>



Lewis Simon
Rules Chairman

Handicap Chairman

March 2026

Brian Van Heel



Members,

There is one commonality in the world that transcends religion, politics, and race... the belief that your handicap is too low and everyone else is too high.

In 2026 we changed how handicap index's are applied to LVMC competitive events. I want to thank everyone for their support and feedback to the changes. I cant make everyone happy, nor is it my priority. However, it is my duty to ensure fair competition utilizing all available data.

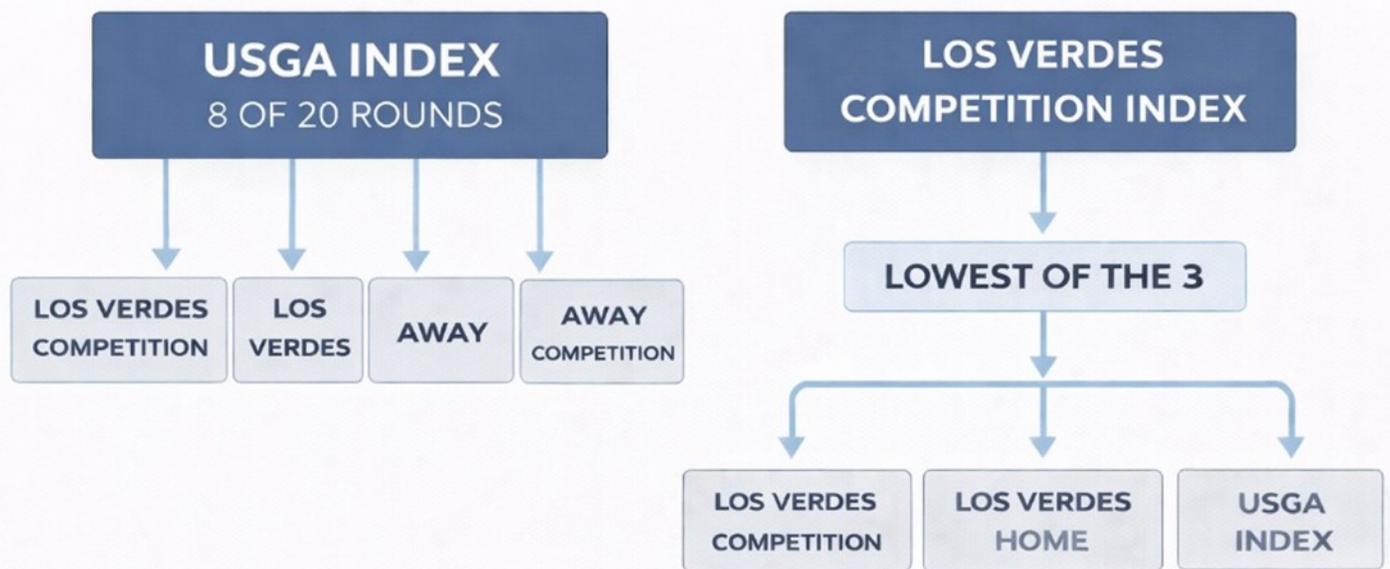
A players LV competition index prioritizes past performance and ability at LV.

Our data indicates almost all members have a lower LV home index than away index, with the USGA index somewhere in between. The higher a players USGA index, the greater the difference between their home and away scores.

Example:

P1: 5 index at LV, 8 away index, and USGA 6 index. 5 LV comp index.

P2: 15 index at LV, 23 away index, and USGA 17 index. 14 index LV competition



If you have any questions or topics you'd like to see featured in upcoming issues of *The Hacker* for Club Education, feel free to send me an email.

Brian Van Heel

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Handicap Update

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Basic Index Calculations to Keep in Mind

Your index is based on your best 8 score differentials out of your most recent 20 rounds.

Each time you post a new score, the oldest score (the 20th) drops off.

Scores are weighted by type: A (Away), C (Competitive), N (9-hole), and H (Home).

Course Rating, Slope, and tee selection determine your Course Handicap. Your adjusted gross score minus your Course Handicap equals the score differential for that round. Your best 8 differentials form the basis of your index.

Posting scores days after play may result in a different score differential for that round.

The USGA applies course conditions and performance trends for each day. Think of this as a test graded on a curve—if you do not post on the day you play, your score may be evaluated on a different curve.

Hole-by-hole posting follows the Net Double Bogey rule. Whether you are a 2 or 20 index, if you make an 8 on a par 4, the system will automatically adjust the maximum hole score to a 6.

My goal is to support a fun, fair, and competitive environment that reflects the true spirit of the game. I look forward to working with all of you.

I welcome and encourage feedback from the membership. Feedback should be provided with consideration for the entire club, not your individual situation. Data > opinions.

If you have any questions or topics you'd like to see featured in upcoming issues of *The Hacker* for Club Education, feel free to send me an email.

Brian Van Heel

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LVMGC Membership

Help grow the club - invite a friend to join the waiting list for 2027 openings.



Why join LVMGC?

The Los Verdes Men's Club offers a competitive, social, and well-organized golf experience built around camaraderie, tradition, and a shared love of the game.

Highlights

- Monthly club tournaments with regular competitive play
- Bus trips and satellite tournaments to expand your schedule beyond Los Verdes
- Signature events: Member/Member, Member/Guest, SCGA Team Play, Blue & White Classics, Senior Match Play, Presidents Cup, USC vs UCLA Fall Classic, and the Club Championship
- Themed monthly meetings (2nd Wednesday) - informative and social
- Nearly \$37K in prize money / scrip awarded in a recent year

Good to know

Membership is limited to 650 members (age 18+). Membership does not include discounted golf rates or preferential tee times. The value comes from participation, competition, and connection - and we play by USGA Rules of Golf (no exceptions).

More info: lvmgc.com/membership

Questions? Contact **Eric Daniels**, Membership Chairman.

Scan to Join the Membership Waiting List

Waiting list registration (2027 openings)



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If you have any questions regarding membership, please contact.

Eric Daniels,
Membership Chair

December 2025

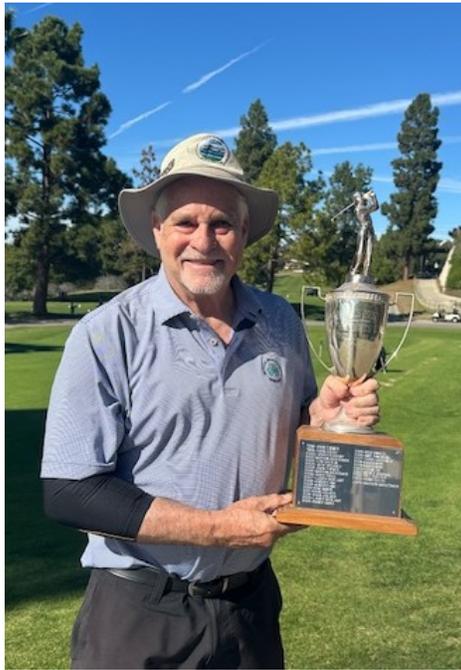
Good Times

Thank you Tony Vinter for your inspiration



Congratulations to Tom Goode for winning the 2025 Putting Championship. This is Tom second win of LVMGC Putting Championship.

Pictured on the Left: Left to right Jim Louder, Tom Goode, Jim K, Anthony (Tony) Vinter



Pictured above. Congratulations! Doug Holker winner of the 2025 Presidents Cup

Pictured above. Congratulations! Rick Hahn winner of the 2025 Senior Match Play Championship with a score of 3&2 over Stefan Minder.

Pictured Above: Congratulations! Keith Hobbs winner of the 2025 Eclectic. Keith won the tournament on the 18th hole.



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**LOS VERDES MEN'S GOLF CLUB
FEBRUARY 2026 WEEKDAY
TOURNAMENT SNAPSHOTS
PARTNER TIN WHISTLE**



The weather was again a factor in tournament play this month. Monday and Thursday/Seniors were rained out. Tuesday had trouble making up its mind and, when it did not rain for Pot Game, some players had already decided not to play. Because of these factors, the number of players who turned in cards was lighter than usual, 44 rather than recent average of 60. When that happens, I reduce the number of flights to 2 instead of 3 and carry over \$120 in prize scrip to the March tournament!

The weather also affected the point totals. Last year we had several teams with points in the mid-50s. Winning points this year were in the low 40s. Who's ready for some nicer weather?



Congratulations to new member **Cameron Kilar** (left) and **Greg Harris** (right) on winning the **Cupid Flight**, tying for the high points of the tournament with 43! They beat **Jason Sikola and Paul Tuvman**, who were the only other pair in this flight to get 40 points.



Paul Bittick (left) and **Ken Robertson** (right) also scored a tournament-high 43 points to win the **Valentine Flight!** **Paul DeAlleaume and Frank Hironaka** were the only other pair to score 40 points, finishing second.

The March Weekday Tournament will be played Mar. 16-20. Format is Individual Low Net, with a boost in prize scrip due to carryover from the Feb. tournament!

Information to be sent out Mar. 1.



Mike McCoy, Weekday Tournament Captain

FEB 2026 WEEKDAY TOURNAMENT - TIN WHISTLE PARTNERS 44 PLAYERS

NAME	HANDICAP AVG	POINTS	TOTAL PTS.	\$\$\$	TEAMS PTS.
CUPID FLIGHT 7-15.5 Handicap					
CAMERON KILAR	14.0	23	43	\$25	
GREG HARRIS		20		\$25	
JASON SIKOLA	15.5	21	40	\$20	
PAUL TUVMAN		19		\$20	
JAMES KIRNER	13.5	26	39	\$15	6
KENNETH LEE		13		\$15	6
CHRIS CASTELLANO	7.0	23	38		4
ERIC NELSON		15			4
JIM BATTLE	7.0	16	37		
SCOTT SULLIVAN		21			
MIKE FORMICA	10.5	25	36		
JOHN KUKAWSKY		11			
ERIC BENNETT	12.0	16	35		
CHRIS BLESIOUS		19			
BRENT HANNON	12.5	19	35		
CHAD SCHLUCHTER		16			
TIM FETZER	11.5	17	33		
TY UNDERWOOD		16			
GLENN BARRY	15.0	15	30		
DENNIS LEW		15			
EVAN BASS	15.5	13	27		
KURT ROBINSON		14			
VAENTINE FLIGHT 16+ Handicap					
PAUL BITTICK	17.5	20	43	\$25	10
KEN ROBERTSON		23		\$25	10
PAUL DEALLEAUME	18.0	19	40	\$20	
FRANK HIRONAKA		21		\$20	8
ARNE GRAFFER	27.5	19	39	\$15	6
JOSE LIZARZABURU		20		\$15	6
THOMAS BROTEN	21.5	8	36		4
JOHN POPRAC		28			4
PAUL HWANG	19.0	13	33		
RYAN WEST		20			
MIKE MCCOY	38.5	16	32		
DON SCHMUDE		16			
BRIAN HORWITZ	20.0	16	31		
DANIEL LOUVET		15			
ANDY ABRAMS	17.5	15	29		
PAUL ARCERI		14			
MIKE FLAHERTY	26.0	13	29		
GENO SCHWARTZ		16			
HEINRICH KLINGNER	25.5	19	24		
KURT LANSCHUTZER		5			