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2026 Board of Directors**



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Mike Benedetto Presidents Letter

July 2026



Members,

Every tournament, dinner, monthly meeting, and special event starts long before the first tee time. Behind the scenes, our Board of Directors and volunteers spend countless hours planning, coordinating, and working through the details to create experiences that are enjoyable, organized, and worthy of this great club. We don't do it because we have to. We do it because we care deeply about the Los Verdes Men's Club and the members who make it special.

Our goal is simple. To put on the best events we possibly can. Some events become traditions, while others are new ideas designed to bring members together in different ways. Not every event will appeal to everyone, and that's okay. What makes this club thrive isn't any single tournament or dinner. It's the willingness of our members to show up, participate, and enjoy the camaraderie that has always been the heart of Los Verdes. If we want to continue offering great monthly meetings and club events, we need your help. The greatest investment you can make in this club is your participation. Attend the meetings, play in the tournaments, welcome new members, and be part of what makes this club such a special place.

One small request can make a big difference. When you plan to attend a monthly meeting, please register before the RSVP deadline instead of signing up at the door. Our Board works closely with the Los Verdes kitchen to provide accurate attendance numbers so they can properly prepare food, seating, and staffing. Last-minute registrations create challenges for everyone involved and make it much more difficult to deliver the experience our members deserve.

We have another great month ahead. Join us at our upcoming Members Monthly Meeting featuring singer-songwriter Saxon Weiss, followed by Randy Sgro's famous tri-tip barbecue. Be sure to arrive early and test your skills on one of Jim Louder's always-creative putting contests. It has become one of our favorite pre-meeting traditions and a great way to kick off the evening.

Then, on Sunday, July 19, don't miss one of our most entertaining tournaments of the year, the Orange Ball Tournament. It's a fun format that combines competition, teamwork, and plenty of laughs. We hope to see a great turnout for another memorable day at Los Verdes.

On behalf of the entire Board, thank you for your continued support, your ideas, and your participation. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting, on the putting green, around the barbecue, and out on the course. Together, we'll continue making the Los Verdes Men's Club one of the finest golf communities anywhere.

Let's make July a great month: play well, compete hard, and enjoy the game.



Alec Todryk
Tournament Chairman
LVMGC



We are looking forward to seeing everyone out there!

2026 Weekend Monthly Tournament Schedule

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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Satellite Tournaments Update: July Brings the Pressure

The 2026 LVMC Satellite Tournament season is now in full motion, and July has become a major checkpoint across all five events. The match play brackets are getting smaller, the leaderboard races are starting to take shape, and several familiar names are showing up in more than one tournament. Whether players are competing in Senior Match Play, the White Classic, the Blue Classic, the Eclectic Cup, or the President Cup, the next deadline is clear: matches and required rounds must be completed by July 31. One of the bigger stories of the Satellite season so far is Doug Holker. He is still alive in Senior Match Play, has reached the White Classic Elite Eight with Willie Krenz, leads Flight C in the Eclectic Cup at -19, and also leads Flight C in the President Cup. That is a strong run across multiple formats: individual match play, team match play, hole-by-hole improvement, and cumulative stroke play.

Senior Match Play has reached the Sweet Sixteen, and the bracket is full of different paths to get there. Frederick Hahn, Tom Teora, Erik Charlton, Michael Laddon, Greg Teles, Chad Schluchter, Firooz Ghassemi, Doug Holker, Charles Johnson, John Keigharn, David McCann, Perry Klokkevold, Chris Brecker, Jesper Lykke, Willie Krenz, and Ralph Ferdinand are the sixteen players still standing. Several players advanced through tight battles, including 1-up finishes, a 20-hole match, and a card-off. With the bracket split into two sides, the winner from each side will eventually meet in the final. Players can follow the Senior Match Play results and player directory at: <https://www.golfgenius.com/ggid/kg5rf5>

The White Classic has advanced to the Elite Eight, and this team match play bracket has already delivered some of the best drama of the season. The remaining teams are Doug Holker and Willie Krenz, Delbert Rocha and Lance Moyer, Geoff Shearer and Walter Lee, Wil Ingram and Marc Souza, Ali Oberoi and Shuja Oberoi, Jim Zupon and Clark Kelly, Stephane Drolet and Brian Van Heel, and Frederick Hahn and John Jacques. The road to this point included 19-hole, 20-hole, 21-hole, and even 22-hole matches. With only eight teams left and the bracket split across two pages, each side will produce one finalist. Players can follow the White Classic results, bracket updates, and player directory at: <https://www.golfgenius.com/ggid/uq7ae6>

The Blue Classic has reached the Sweet Sixteen, and this bracket may be the best example of survival golf. The remaining teams include Eric Nelson and Chris Castellano, Reza Sarrafieh and Michael Cortez, Bill Uphoff and David Haehnel, Steven Howard and Michael Herscha, Geoff Shearer and John Walsh, Stan Kohler and Mark Koltko, Chris Blesius and Andy Scism, Maroun Aboutanos and William Louder, Jeff Pera and Sean Van Lingen, Louis Heredia and Ryan Winn, Mark Hendrickson and Paul Hendrickson, Timothy Dickins and David Battye, Stephane Drolet and Al Von Kanel, Jeffrey Wells and Ralph Ferdinand, Marc Souza and Radek Ciesielski, and Michael Eastman and Eric Daniels. Several teams had to go beyond 18 holes to stay alive, while others escaped with 1-up finishes. Players can follow the Blue Classic results, bracket updates, and player directory at: <https://www.golfgenius.com/ggid/cyf8ly>

Satellite Tournaments Update Continued

The Eclectic Cup brings a different storyline because it is not about eliminating another player. It is about improving one hole at a time and watching the leaderboard evolve. Michael Eastman leads Flight A at -10, but Eric Daniels, Erik Weiss, Radek Ciesielski, and Steven Wagner are all close behind at -8. Flight B is tight, with Tom Gibson at -11, Ron Light at -10, and David Rosenblum and Jeff Johnson at -9. Flight C has the biggest gap at the top, with Doug Holker at -19, while John Poprac leads Flight D at -16. Players can follow the Eclectic Cup leaderboard and tournament information at: <https://www.golfgenius.com/ggid/zyzknc>

The President Cup is starting to take shape as a cumulative net-score race, and several names from other Satellite events are showing up here as well. Eric Daniels leads Flight A, Keith Hobbs leads Flight B, Doug Holker leads Flight C, and Paul Bittick leads Flight D. This event is different from the brackets and the Eclectic format because it rewards full-round consistency. A single great hole is not enough. Players have to keep posting solid net scores round after round. Players can follow the President Cup leaderboard and tournament information

at: <https://www.golfgenius.com/ggid/zt4b5c>

There are several multi-tournament stories worth watching. Doug Holker is active or leading across four events. Willie Krenz is still alive in two match play brackets and is near the top of the President Cup. Frederick Hahn remains alive in both Senior Match Play and the White Classic. Geoff Shearer is still alive in both team brackets, with different partners. Marc Souza is also alive in both the White Classic and Blue Classic while staying visible in the Eclectic Cup standings. Eric Daniels leads President Cup Flight A, is near the top of Eclectic Cup Flight A, and remains alive in the Blue Classic with Michael Eastman.

Across all five Satellite Tournaments, July is a key checkpoint. Please coordinate your matches and rounds early, complete your required play by July 31, and return all scorecards properly. For the Eclectic Cup and President Cup, please remember to register your round ahead of time and complete your round information afterward on the Satellite website: <https://satellites.azurewebsites.net/>

Good luck to all players and teams still competing. The Satellite Tournament season is heating up, the names are starting to repeat across multiple leaderboards and brackets, and the road to the final stretch is officially underway.

Stephane Drolet
Satellite Tournament Captain,
Historian
LVMC



SCGA and Local Rules Report

Louis Simon

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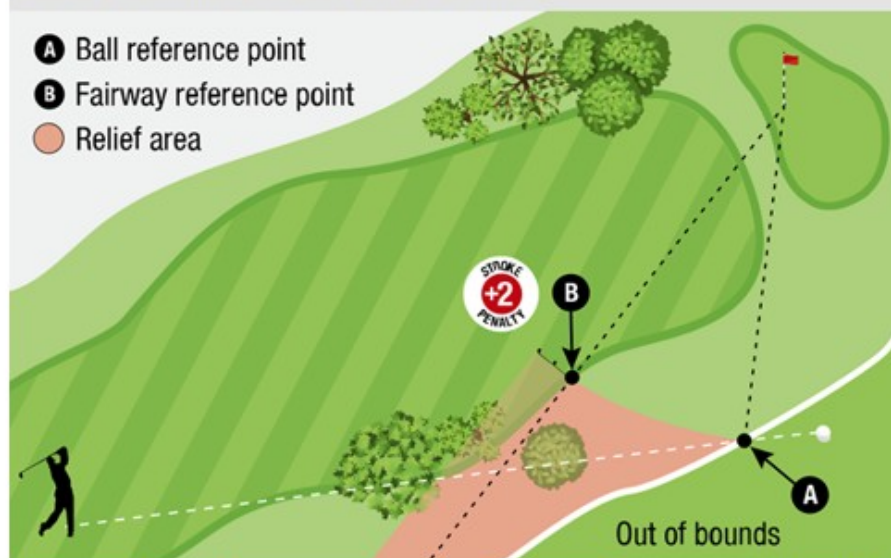
Aloha Members!

No major rules updates for this month- just two reminders below regarding the implementation of Model Local Rule E-5 and the red penalty area left of #16 for Satellite Tournaments:

1. Model Local Rule E-5 is IN EFFECT for SATELLITE TOURNAMENTS. For 2 penalty strokes, instead of having to take stroke-and-distance relief, you may take relief for a lost ball or a ball hit OB by dropping within 2 club lengths of the nearest point of the fairway on the hole that is currently being played (nearest point relative to where you believe your ball crossed the OB boundary or where you believe your lost ball most likely came to rest). Any discrepancy or disagreement regarding this specific reference point should be resolved through respectful discussion with your playing partners.

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

MLR E-5 DIAGRAM 2: BALL OUT OF BOUNDS



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

2. The red penalty area left of #16, starting approximately 200 yards from the green and extending up past the green, is IN EFFECT for SATELLITE TOURNAMENTS. This is primarily to improve pace of play, and I may be biased, but I'm thrilled that I can now take point of entry relief whenever I decide to snap hook the shIt out of my 2nd shot left into the jungle on #16. The Rules Chair or another unlucky Board Member will be tasked with respraying the red penalty area line roughly every 2 weeks.

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

Questions? Concerns? Complaints? Compliments? Curses? Threats?
Submit them via email to Lewis Simon at: lasimon@uci.edu

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Brian Van Heel | Handicap Chair — July 2026

Handicap Freeze — White & Blue Classic

Handicaps are frozen for the duration of each Classic. The playing handicap set at the start of the event remains fixed until a player is eliminated or the event concludes.

Indexes will continue to change for all other purposes — only active Classic participants are frozen.

Common Concerns — And Why the Rule Holds

Concern A — Playing Poorly	Concern B — Opponent Improves
My index has gone up — I'm getting fewer strokes than I deserve.	My opponent's index dropped — they're getting more strokes than they should.

Both are valid observations — and both are neutralized by the same rule. Every player is subject to it equally, ensuring consistency and administrative clarity throughout the event.

The Concern We Won't See — Sandbagging

Historically the #1 Complaint — Eliminated by the Freeze

Intentionally inflating scores or avoiding posts to carry a higher handicap into competition has always been the most common grievance in club events. Once handicaps are frozen, there is nothing to manipulate — the incentive disappears entirely.

- Posting inflated rounds during the event has zero effect on playing handicap
- Selectively skipping posts cannot move the frozen index
- Every competitor knows every opponent's exact handicap from Round 1

Handicap Allowances — Common Formats (USGA Appendix C)

Handicap allowances adjust the Course Handicap to ensure equity across different formats. Below are the most common formats played at LVMC:

Format	Allowance
Individual Stroke Play	95%
Individual Match Play	100%
Four-Ball Stroke Play	85%
Four-Ball Match Play	90%
Scramble — 4 Players	25% low / 20% / 15% / 10% high
Scramble — 2 Players	35% low / 15% high
Foursomes (Alternate Shot)	50% of combined team handicap
Greensomes / Pinehurst	60% low / 40% high

In match play, the lower-handicap player plays off scratch; all others receive the difference. In stroke play, each player applies the allowance to their Course Handicap independently.

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.

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Waiting list registration (2027 openings)



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If you have any questions regarding membership.

Please contact Eric Daniels, Membership Chair at daniels.eric88@gmail.com



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Good Times



Above are the John Turner recipients so far this 2026. Paul Henderson, Clark Kelly and Eric Wiess. All three received a free drink at the bar from the golf



Special Thank you to Randy Sgro, Stan Kohler, Bill Nitz and Mark Pope? For cooking the BBQ at the July monthly meeting. The meal and music were fantastic!




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