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https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdcro9fUL_9vMsCd2hPDaB47uUJCAssJqqN1J5TiCgnanEtSA/viewform

December 2025



Mike Benedetto President



Fellow Los Verdes Members,

It's hard to believe we've reached the end of another golf season. As I look back on 2025, what stands out isn't just scores, tournament results, or standings — it's the moments in between. The early-morning range chatter, the good shots we bragged about and the bad ones we immediately tried to forget, the laughs in the parking lot after a long round... this is what makes our club feel like a community.

This year felt special. We had great turnouts, competitive fields, and a steady sense of connection that showed up month after month. New members blended right in, long-time members stayed engaged, and the club just felt alive. You could feel the energy every weekend — a group of people who genuinely enjoy being out there together, even when the game isn't cooperating. And as strong as this year was, we'd love to see even more members get involved in 2026, whether it's attending our meetings, jumping into a tournament, or simply showing up to support the club. Every bit of participation strengthens who we are.

One of the highlights of the fall was recognizing Jim Louder as our newest Lifetime Member during our November meeting. It was a meaningful moment for all of us. Jim has been a steady presence in this club for decades — reliable, supportive, and always representing the LVMC the right way. Honoring him wasn't just a formality; it felt like the right way to acknowledge someone who has quietly poured so much into this community. Jim, thank you again for everything you've done for the club.

Now we turn to one of my favorite traditions of the year, our December General Meeting and Awards Night, happening Wednesday, December 3rd at 7:00 PM. This night is really about celebrating you — the members who played, competed, volunteered, supported, and helped shape the year. We'll be recognizing our tournament winners, our season-long points leaders, our Club Championship performances, and several members who make this club better by showing up and contributing in ways big and small. It's a fun, relaxed, spirited night, and I hope you'll join us.

As we look ahead to 2026, I'm genuinely excited. The Board is working on ways to make next year even more engaging — new ideas, a few adjustments to events, and continued efforts to make the LVMC experience feel welcoming, organized, and enjoyable for every member. At its core, this club has always been about people first, golf second. And we'll continue to build around that belief.

Thank you for making 2025 such a memorable year for the Los Verdes Men's Club. Your enthusiasm, your sportsmanship, and the friendships formed along the way are what keep this club strong. I wish you and your families a joyful holiday season. Enjoy the break, enjoy the time with loved ones, and get ready — 2026 is right around the corner. See you on the tee,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Benedetto', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael Benedetto
President, Los Verdes Men's Club



December 2025

Tournament Chairman
Alec Todryk



Golfers,

We only have a few more days before sign ups close for our last event of the year!
Sign up today to get your spot!

Registration Link: www.golfgenius.com/ggid/rknd42/register

Event: Four Club Challenge

Captain: Stan Kohler

Date: Saturday, December 13, 2025

Format: Individual, Low Net (3 Flights)

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Where: Los Verdes Golf Course

Cost: \$ 95.00 includes Green Fees, Cart, Practice Balls, 2 appetizers/group and a beer

Alec Todryk

Tournament Chairman

2025 Weekend Monthly Tournament Schedule

Saturday December 13th, Limited Club (4 Club)

Register Today:

<https://www.golfgenius.com/ggid/lvmgcecustomerdirectory/3005387679517916255>



| Month | Format | Captain |
|-------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Sunday January 19th | Individual Low Net | Tony Vinter |
| Sunday, February 23rd | Individual Low Net | Maroun Aboutanos |
| Sunday March 2nd | New Member | Tom Gibson |
| Sunday, 23rd March | 4 Man, 2 Best Balls | John Keigharn |
| Saturday April, 19th | Partner Best Ball (SCGA Qualifier) or Monthly Individual Low Net | Paul Hendrickson |
| Saturday, May 17th | Individual Net | Ralph Ferdinand |
| Saturday, June 21st | Team Blind Draw Summer Shamble | Paul Hendrickson |
| Sunday, July 20th | Orange Ball | Al "K9" Von Kanel |
| Saturday, August 23rd | 2 Day Club Championship Weekend Day 1 | Mike Benedetto |
| Sunday, August 24th | 2 Day Club Championship Weekend Day 2 | Mike Benedetto |
| Sunday, September 21th | Member - Guest Partner Best Ball | Jeff Wells |
| Saturday, October 18th | 1 2 3 Waltz | Chris Vassallo |
| Saturday, November 15th | 4 Man, 2 Best Balls | Rob Hoeberling |
| Friday, November 21st | USC-UCLA Showdown | Troy Steege Rolando Ventura |
| Friday, December 5th | Hail to the Chief Individual Net | David Haehnel |
| Saturday, December 13th | Limited Club (4 clubs) | Stan Kohler |

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 Houliker 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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Membership Chair
Eric Daniels
2023 LVGC Golfer of the Year



Members,

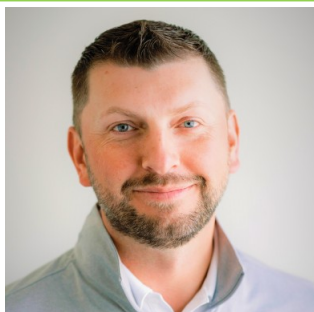
SCGA will send out an email to all regular and emeritus members with a GHIN with a link to pay your 2026 dues online for 2026 on 11/1/2025. They will then send reminder emails 12/1, 12/15 and 12/30.

As similar to the last few years, you can pay via the SCGA website (preferred method), mail a check or pay at the upcoming November and December meetings.

If payment is not received by 12/31/25, your GHIN will become inactive, you will be dropped from the club roster for 2026. So please make sure 2026 dues are paid by 12/31/25 to avoid losing your membership and potentially having to get on a wait list if you want to be a member of this great club.

If you have any questions regarding membership, please contact

Eric Daniels,
2025/2026 Membership Chair

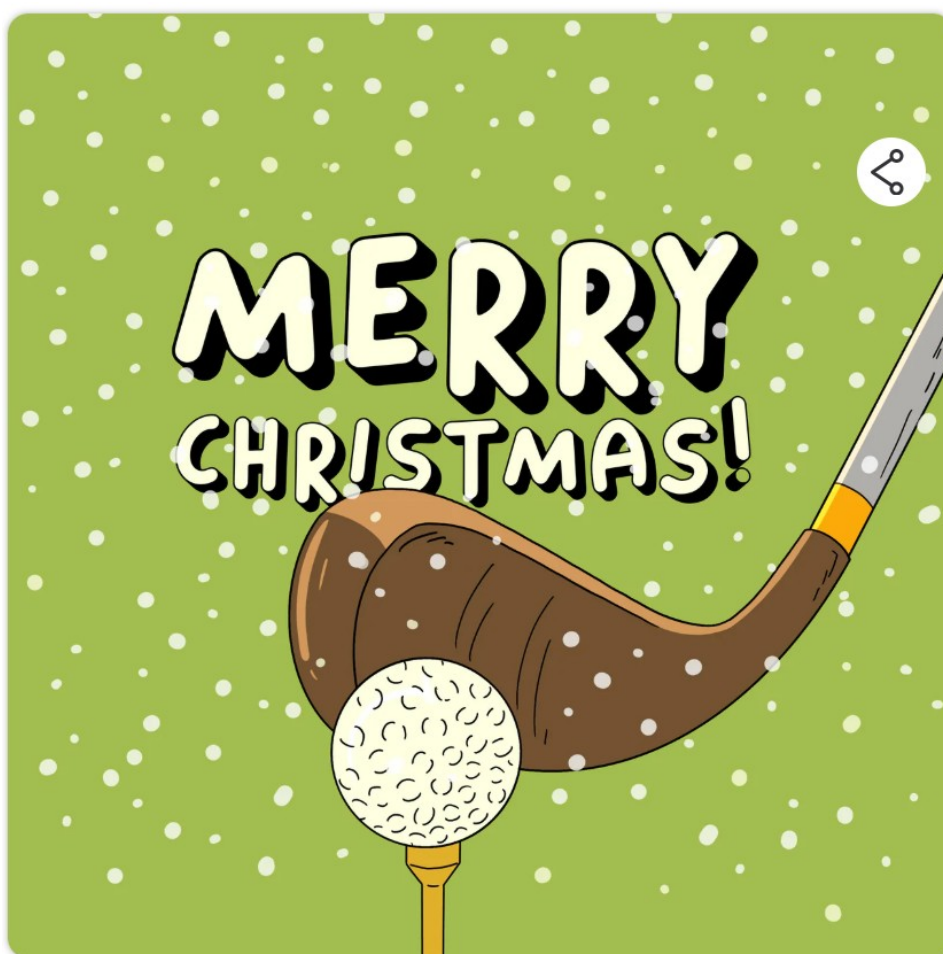


November 2025
Bus Trip Chair
Radek Ciesielski



Members,

There are no more bus trips scheduled for the remainder of this year we will resume 4 bus trips next year after the team play season dates for the 2026 bus schedule will be demented by end of this year and released to the members in January hacker.



Thank You
Radek Ciesielski
Bus Trip Chair



December 2025

Handicap Chair *Jesper Lykke*

Update from your Handicap Chair!



Dear golfers,

This will be my last update as of Handicap Chair and/or as a member of your Board of Directors.

I am stepping down after five very enjoyable years, and I would like to thank you for your support also when my message to you was not exactly what you most wanted to hear!

Looking back, I am proud of what we have accomplished together for the greater good of our game. This year the board incorporated the use of the USGA/GHIN Handicap Audit application, and I'm proud to share that we have gone from almost sixty members in need of an index adjustment six months ago to only twenty-two this time, and of those twenty-two, seven members will be adjusted up, and none of the others require a downward adjustment of more than 0.5 to 1.0!

In other words, the GHIN-system works very well for us, and we largely appear to be very good citizens that post our scores correctly and in a timely manner. In that regard, I would like to – again – urge you to post 'hole-by-hole' in the GHIN-app after the round. That way, the app automatically handles any needed adjustments...

We still have a few 'creative' members, when it comes to forgetting to post an exceptional round here and there, engaging in creative handicap maintenance, and posting scores of rounds imagined but not played. However, also these misdeeds appear increasingly rare!

I thank you all for your help, understanding, and ongoing support over the past few years!

Happy holidays!
Jesper Lykke

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Rules Chair *Brian Van Heel*

LVMC Members,

It has been an honor to serve as your Rules Chairman this past year. My hope has been to remain accessible and provide clear, consistent guidance on the written rules that shape the game we love. While golf is governed by rules, the spirit of the game defines our identity. Respect, integrity, accountability, etiquette, and sportsmanship are the qualities that give golf—and LVMC—its character:

- **Respect:** The course, your fellow players, and the pace of play.
- **Integrity:** Accurate scoring, adherence to the Rules of Golf, and honesty within your group.
- **Accountability:** Ownership of your actions on and off the course as a reflection of LVMC.
- **Etiquette:** Proper conduct, awareness, and consideration at all times.
- **Sportsmanship:** Compete fairly, win with humility, accept loss with composure.
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As members, we hold a stewardship responsibility. Everything we touch should be left in better condition than we found it. We repair more than our own ball marks, we pick up more than our own trash. Demonstrate the change you want to see, honor our course and each other.

A reminder on handicaps:

Handicap manipulation in any form—selective posting, intentional poor play, knowingly incorrect entries, or delayed posting—violates both USGA and LVMC rules and undermines the spirit of the game. The handicap system exists to ensure fair competition. It only works when every member participates with honesty and consistency, and protects each other.

Handicap manipulation deemed to exceed the spirit of the game will have consequences in the coming year.

Who is our 2026 Rules Chairman?

- A. The best golfer in our club
- B. A doctor
- C. Loves bucket hats
- D. A gentleman and genuine man
- E. All of the above

Correct answer: E — Lewis Simon

Please join me in welcoming Lewis to this role. Lewis is a superlative reflection of character and the standards of which LVMC stands for.

Questions? Read the Rules: <https://www.usga.org/rules> Concerns? vanjames.brian@gmail.com

Brian Van Heel
Rules Chair



LOS VERDES MEN'S CLUB

NOVEMBER 2025 WEEKDAY TOURNAMENT SNAPSHOTS

TURKEY SHOOT 9



"The rain in Spain stays mainly on the plain..." except when it rains out my Friday groups at Los Verdes!!!

This month we had a smaller number of players due to the rain on Friday that wiped out 16 players, including me!

What is Turkey Shoot 9 format?

I chose 9 of the 18 holes and kept them secret. Your score on this tournament is your net on holes 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, and 17. Par on these holes is 35. Those who played these holes well will give **thanks** for their round and enjoy their scrip winnings. Those who did not play these well had a real **turkey** of a round!!!



Congratulations to **Brent Hannon** (pictured left) on winning the **Pumpkin Pie Flight** with tournament-low (tied) 32 (-3). He was one of only two players who shot under par!

There was a 3-way tie for first in the **Stuffing Flight**. **Mike Laddon**, **Tyson Underwood**, and **Robert Yasunaga** all had a net 35 (even par).

Paul Bittick (pictured right) had a great month with the Dodgers winning the World Series and his winning the **Gobbler Flight** with a tournament-low (tied) 32! The only other players to shoot below par were in this flight: **Steve Steinkamp** (33), and **Jim Briggs** and **Kurt Lanschutzer** (34)!



The December Weekday Tournament is Dec. 8-12.
Format is Individual Low Net.
Information sheet will be sent out Dec. 1.

Mike McCoy, Weekday Tournament Captain

NOV 2025 WEEKDAY TOURNAMENT - TURKEY SHOOT 9
34 PLAYERS*
SELECTED HOLES - 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 17
9-HOLE PAR - 35

| NAME | HANDICAP | 9-HOLE NET | |
|---------------------------|----------|-----------------------|------|
| PUMPKIN PIE FLIGHT | | 7-12 Handicap | |
| BRENT HANNON | 11 | 32 | \$40 |
| MIKE FORMICA | 10 | 35 | \$35 |
| SCOTT SULLIVAN | 7 | 35 | \$35 |
| JIM BATTLE | 7 | 36 | \$15 |
| DAN BURNS | 9 | 37 | |
| JAMES KIRNER | 7 | 37 | |
| GLENN BARRY | 11 | 39 | |
| SCOTT KOEPKE | 11 | 39 | |
| ANTHONY ROSCOE | 10 | 42 | |
| STUFFING FLIGHT | | 13-19 Handicap | |
| MICHAEL LADDON | 13 | 35 | \$35 |
| TYSON UNDERWOOD | 13 | 35 | \$35 |
| ROBERT YASUNAGA | 13 | 35 | \$35 |
| DENNIS LEW | 15 | 36 | \$15 |
| DANE EURICH | 16 | 37 | |
| JOHN KUKAWSKY | 13 | 37 | |
| KENNETH LEE | 15 | 37 | |
| ANTHONY CHAVEZ | 19 | 38 | |
| CHAD SCHLUCHTER | 15 | 40 | |
| DON YOUNG | 17 | 40 | |
| THOMAS ETSTEN | 16 | 41 | |
| WILLIE ROSS | 18 | 43 | |
| GOBBLER FLIGHT | | 20+ Handicap | |
| PAUL BITTICK | 23 | 32 | \$40 |
| STEVE STEINKAMP | 22 | 33 | \$35 |
| JAMES BRIGGS | 22 | 34 | \$20 |
| KURT LANSCHUTZER | 34 | 34 | \$20 |
| RICHARD PARKE | 20 | 35 | |
| YOSHIAKI KAWAMOTO | 22 | 36 | |
| JIM DUNTLEY | 25 | 37 | |
| JAG CHOPRA | 25 | 39 | |
| JOHN MARCKX | 34 | 39 | |
| JEFFREY BILLE | 20 | 40 | |
| EDMOND ESTUDILLO | 22 | 40 | |
| DON LEIMER | 20 | 40 | |
| MICKEY AOYAMA | 20 | 42 | |

| NAME | HANDICAP | 9-HOLE NET | |
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