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November 2025



Mike Benedetto President



Members,

As we head into November — the season of gratitude — I want to take a moment to reflect on what makes the Los Verdes Men's Club so special: our members.

Every month, we come together not just to compete on the course, but to share laughs, friendships, and moments that remind us why this club is more than just a golf group — it's a community. Whether you're a long-time member or one of the many new faces who've joined this year, you're part of what makes this club thrive.

Our next Club Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12th, and I encourage everyone to attend. It's always a great night to catch up with fellow members, share a few stories, and stay connected as we head toward the end of the year. Sign-up details will be announced soon, so keep an eye out — you won't want to miss it.

Then on Saturday, November 15th, we'll hit the course for our Team 2 Best Ball Tournament — one of the most enjoyable formats of the season. It's the perfect blend of teamwork, strategy, and friendly competition. Whether you're chasing Gross or Net glory, or just playing for fun and bragging rights, it's always a great day filled with camaraderie and plenty of memorable shots. So, grab a team, sign up early, and come out ready to play your best. If you don't have a full team, Alec Todryk will pair you up with other members.

From our spirited tournaments to the casual post-round gatherings, every handshake, story, and shared putt adds to the heart of LVMC. I'm especially grateful to our volunteers, board members, and event chairs who dedicate their time to keeping things running smoothly. Your efforts ensure that our traditions continue and that every member has a great experience both on and off the course.

As we close out the year, let's carry that sense of gratitude into every round — for the friends we've made, the competition that keeps us sharp, and the course we're lucky to call home.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with good health, great company, and maybe even a few birdies.

See you on the tee,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Benedetto', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Michael Benedetto
President, Los Verdes Men's Club



November 2025

Tournament Chairman
Alec Todryk



Golfers,

Join us for our November Tournament!!!

Registration Link: www.golfgenius.com/ggid/heet54/register

Date: Saturday, November 15, 2025

Captain: Rob Hoberling

Format: Foursome Two Best Ball

Payouts: Team Low Net, Team Low Gross, Team CTP# 5 and Team #12 Mongul King Birdies or Better.

Cost: \$95.00 per Golfer.

Fee Includes: Green Fees, Cart, Warm-up Balls. 4 Beers and 2 Appetizers per group.

Time: First Tee Time 6:30 am.

Eligibility: All regular LVMGC members with a valid January, 2024, SCGA handicap index

Rules & Scoring:

Tournament Day

- Play according to 2025 USGA rules as amended by local rules.
- ALL flights will play from the "White" standards
- Record your GROSS score on the score card.
- We will post your score as a Competitive Score.
- We are going to Digital Scoring via Golf Genius app. Your scorecard will have a code on it and you will record the scores on your Iphone or Samsung device. Keep the paper scorecard as it must match the scores entered into the Golf Genius App.
- LVMGC Pace of Play Policies will be enforced.

Local Rules – free relief from smut grass, tree roots and unusual conditions in the sand trap

Alec Todryk

Tournament Chairman

2025 Weekend Monthly Tournament Schedule

Saturday November 15th, Four Man Two Best Balls

Register Today:

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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

November 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,

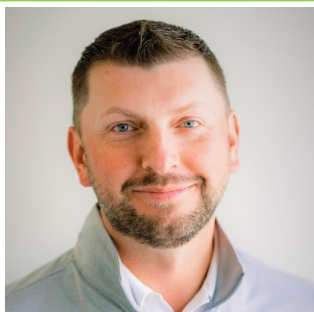
SCGA will send out an email to all regular and emeritus members with a GHIN with a link to pay your 2026 dues online for 2026 on 11/1/2025. They will then send reminder emails 12/1, 12/15 and 12/30.

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



November 2025

Handicap Chair *Jesper Lykke*



A Note from Your Increasingly Frustrated Handicap Chair

Hi everyone,

Further to my previous reminders, this month's message is a little less friendly and a lot more direct. Let's get right to it:

How to Post Scores

- **Post the same day you play**—no exceptions unless absolutely unavoidable.
- **Post Hole-by-Hole**—not just Front & Back, and definitely not just the Total.
Tournament Scores: If you played in a club tournament, **do not post your score**. The Tournament Chair will handle it via Golf Genius. Duplicate entries waste hours of my time.

Un-played Holes in Match Play

- If your match ends on the 14th hole, you can stop—or keep playing because, hey, we love golf! Most of us finish the round. But let's be honest: some use the last few holes to “balance out” a hot start. A few have even been caught 4-putting from 5 feet while joking about “handicap maintenance.” Funny? Maybe. Acceptable? Absolutely not.

Ghost Rounds (This One Really Boils My Blood)

- Great rounds should be celebrated! Whether you've finally broken 20 or hit single digits—own it!
- What's *not* okay is following up a great round with a couple of suspiciously average ones—or worse, **posting rounds you didn't even play**—just to inflate your index. Most of you are probably thinking, “What the #\$%@ is he talking about?” Good! But unfortunately, some members are doing exactly this. And as long as I have access to GHIN, **it will not stand**.

Final Word

I've always said: *Let the numbers do the talking*. I stand by that. But while I'm not asking anyone to tattle, I **do** encourage you to document and report any unsportsmanlike behavior you witness.

Let's keep our handicaps honest and the game fair.

Jesper

(Your not-very-happy Handicap Chair)



Rules Chair *Brian Van Heel*

“Anytime, Anywhere, Any Reason”

No not your wife, we are talking stroke and distance penalty...

In golf, the Rules can sometimes feel situational, with different options depending on whether your ball is in a bunker, penalty area, or lost in the rough. But there is one rule that cuts through the complexity and remains universally available: **stroke and distance relief**.

What Is Stroke and Distance?

Under **Rule 18.1 of the USGA Rules of Golf**, a player may always elect to take stroke and distance relief. This means returning to the spot where the previous stroke was played, adding a one-stroke penalty, and hitting again.

It's simple in concept, but profound in practice: this option is always available—any time, anywhere, for any reason.

Why It Exists

The purpose of stroke and distance is fairness. Not every lie, condition, or circumstance can be accounted for by specific relief options. By allowing a player to return to where the last shot was struck, the Rule provides:

- **Clarity** – Players always know they have a relief choice.
- **Equity** – The penalty offsets the advantage of a “do-over” while keeping play consistent.

Strategy – Golfers can even use it tactically if replaying from the tee or fairway gives them a better chance.

Anytime, Anywhere, Any Reason

What makes this unique is its universality. Unlike relief for penalty areas, abnormal ground conditions, or unplayable balls—which depend on circumstances—stroke and distance is unconditional.

- Ball in a bush? You can go back.
- Awkward stance in the fairway? You can go back.

Perfectly playable lie but you simply want another chance? You can still go back.

No justification is required beyond your choice as the player.

A Rule Worth Remembering

When faced with trouble on the course, it's easy to feel boxed in by limited options. But the Rules of Golf are designed with flexibility in mind. Stroke and distance relief is the ultimate safety net—always available, always clear, and always fair.

So next time you find yourself in a tough spot, remember: **you can always take stroke and distance**.

As always, if you have any rules questions, please first refer to the USGA Rule Book (link below). I am available to help interpret or clarify any situations that may arise.

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



LOS VERDES MEN'S CLUB

OCTOBER 2025 WEEKDAY TOURNAMENT SNAPSHOTS

PARTNER NET BETTER BALL WITH SCARY 3s AND 5s



"I do not like them, Sam-I-Am, I do not like green eggs and ham". (Dr. Seuss).

"Ham and egg it" is a golf term for how, in a partner better ball format, one player has a good hole if the other player has a bad hole. This is how a partner format tournament is won.

What is a good score for this particular format?

Low 70s is a winning score most years. Assuming you and your partner score a net par on every hole, your scores would be 57 on the 14 better ball holes and 21 on the 4 scary holes for a net 78. Net birdies are needed on several holes to win this tournament.

Congratulations to **Tim Fetzer** (left) and **Chad Schluchter** (right) on winning the **Spirits Flight** with a phenomenal tournament-low 69.5 (tied), beating the rest of the flight by 4.5 strokes! Over the past few years, no winning team has shot below a net 71.

Stan Kohler and **Kenny Stanton** won the **Goblins Flight** with a score of 73.5, beating **Paul Hwang** and **Ryan West** by .5 stroke.



Mike McCoy and **Arne Graffer** (pictured left)) also shot a tournament low 69.5 (tied) to win the **Ghost Flight** by 3.5 strokes. Here they are celebrating Arne's 70-yard chip-in on hole 15 (one of the scary holes) for a par/net eagle, and what turned out to be the shot that won their flight!

The November Weekday Tournament is Nov. 10-14*, with Thursday Seniors playing Nov. 6* as they are dark on Oct. 13. Format is Individual Turkey Shoot 9.

Information sheet will be sent out Nov. 1.

Mike McCoy, Weekday Tournament Captain

OCTOBER 2025 WEEKDAY TOURNAMENT - PARTNER BETTER BALL

52 PLAYERS

WITH SCARY 3s AND 5s

SPIRITS FLIGHT	TEAM HNDCP 8.0 -17.0	NET TEAM BETTER BALL Regular Holes (par =57)	TEAM SCORES Holes 3,5,13,15	NET TEAM BETTER BALL TOTAL	\$\$\$
TIM FETZER	13.0	48	21.5	69.5	\$25
CHAD SCHLUCHTER					\$25
JIM BATTLE	8.0	54	20	74	\$20
SCOTT SULLIVAN					\$20
DAN BURNS	11.5	49	25	74	\$20
EDWARD BUTLER					\$20
JAMES KIRNER	11.5	51	23.5	74.5	
KENNETH LEE					
ANDY ABRAMS	16.0	52	24	76	
PAUL ARCERI					
BRENT HANNON	12.5	56	21.5	77.5	
TYSON UNDERWOOD					
COLIN HOLMES	9.0	51	26.5	77.5	
KEN VON HELMOLT					
MIKE FORMICA	9.5	56	24.5	80.5	
KEN ROBERTSON					

GOBLINS FLIGHT	TEAM HANDICAP 17.5-22.5	NET TEAM BETTER BALL Regular Holes (par =57)	TEAM SCORES Holes 3,5,13,15	NET TEAM BETTER BALL TOTAL	
STAN KOHLER	19.0	48	25.5	73.5	\$25
KENNY STANTON					\$25
PAUL HWANG	19.5	55	19	74	\$20
RYAN WEST					\$20
MICKEY AOYAMA	21.0	52	23	75	\$15
BLAINE WEBBER					\$15
FREDERICK HAHN	18.5	52	23.5	75.5	
RICHARD PARKE					

JOHN ROBERTS VERNON TABIRARA	18.5	54	24.5	78.5
STEVE STEINKAMP DON YOUNG	18.5	55	23.5	78.5
JOHN JACQUES JEFF WILSON	18.5	55	25	80
YOSHIAKI KAWAMOTO DON LEIMER	20.0	60	23.5	83.5
THOMAS BROTEN JAG CHOPRA	22.0	60	25.5	85.5

GHOST FLIGHT	TEAM HANDICAP 22.5+	NET TEAM BETTER BALL Regular Holes (par =57)	TEAM SCORES Holes 3,5,13,15	NET TEAM BETTER BALL TOTAL	
ARNE GRAFFER MIKE MCCOY	34.5	50	19.5	69.5	\$25 \$25
DANIEL LOUVET PAUL BITTICK	23.5	51	22	73	\$20 \$20
KURT LANSCHUTZER JOSEPH RYAN	26.5	54	21	75	\$15 \$15
JOSE LIZARZABURU DON SCHMUDE	31.5	50	25.5	75.5	
MICHAEL LADDON JOHN MARCKX	24.0	53	23	76	
EDMOND ESTUDILLO TIM STORK	22.5	50	26.5	76.5	
SAMAD HAYATI JERRY SCHIELKE	34.5	53	23.5	76.5	
SCOTT AGBINCOLA CARLOS RODRIGUEZ	23.0	54	25	79	
DANIEL HOM JOHN FABIS	26.5	53	26.5	79.5	