



# *Las Cruces Country Club*

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82nd Year of Operation of The Friendliest Golf Course in NM

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## **From The President**

Greetings,

The golf course remains in great shape even after heavy play from the Las Cruces City Golf tournament and the Burger Time tournament. A lot of credit goes to the expert assistance and advice to our maintenance staff from certified golf course superintendent Alan Salter and his crew at the new Sierra Norte course. When you see Alan, be sure to give him big thanks.

A search committee is actively interviewing candidates for a replacement for outgoing General Manager Roy Hendrix. Roy has generously accepted our request for him to stay with us a little longer on a day-to-day basis until we can get that person identified and hired. Hopefully, that candidate will be identified soon.

There are new and significant developments regarding the move to the new course. Over the past four years, national and local economies have suffered greatly. We witnessed the unfortunate events that led to the first developer dropping from our original Exchange Agreement to be replaced by the Sierra Norte Land Holdings (SNLH) organization. The economy has not rebounded very much and the new developer is also struggling. In an effort to see Las Cruces Country Club move to the new course, they have proposed a new Agreement that is radically different from the original document. Materials and literature describing this proposed new agreement will be made available for members to review in the coming days. Your board of directors and our legal counsel are also reviewing the proposed agreement. SNLH has proposed to abandon the original agreement and in its place, they will lease LCCC the new course for \$1 per month for approximately seven years and at the end of this lease period, they will deed LCCC the new course property for \$1. In return, LCCC will be required to complete the construction of the new course (which is 90% complete now), install temporary facilities to begin golf operations as soon as possible, perform final grading, parking lots, walls and landscaping. LCCC will be responsible for all equipment that may be required in addition to what is already on site. Additionally, LCCC will be responsible for construction of the permanent club house, maintenance structure and related facilities.

Naturally, this proposal will require LCCC to obtain the funding for this venture. Sale of assets such as our current 641 acre feet of water rights in addition to the 110 acres of land the old course sits upon will be necessary. (We will not need the old water rights because the state engineer has awarded LCCC an initial allotment of 700 acre feet at the new course location.) SNLH wants us to move quickly on this but the wheels of progress can go only at a pace we are comfortable with. Your board of directors has been in contact with numerous experts on most every phase of the potential actions that need to be taken. But the first and most important action is for you, the members of this club to approve or disapprove this new Agreement. I have called for a Special Meeting of Member Certificate Holders for Monday August 23, 2010 at 6:00 PM in the ballroom. Time will be made for discussion and debate on the issue and then members will mark their ballots either for or against the new Agreement. Notice of this meeting with proxy statements for those unable to attend are being mailed to each member as I type this

newsletter. I urge each of you to perform your own due diligence to enable yourself to make an informed decision regarding this critical vote.

Charles Wagner

### From The Office

The Club staff is currently selling drawing tickets for the Southwest Airlines (Ronald McDonald) Tournament. The drawing will be held on August 28. Please help the club by purchasing a ticket.

As most of you have heard by now I will be leaving the club as General Manager by August 30 or sooner. I would like to thank each of you for all the help and support you have given me over the past seven years.

I will be staying in Las Cruces and will be a member of the Club. I will be looking forward to playing golf with you and enjoying my semi-retirement. See you here.

Roy

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### WGA News

**CANASTA**- June 23 - Table 1 - 1st - Janet Lee McKinley, 2nd - Norah Camunez; Table 2 - 1st - Cali Szczawinski, 2nd - Annie Monge. June 30 -Table 1 - 1st - Janet Lee McKinley, 2nd - Mary Kline; Table 2 - 1st - Mary Rohr, 2nd Sue Smith; Table 3 - 1st - Norah Camunez, 2nd - Fran Black. July 7 -Table 1 - 1st - Cheryl Marsh, 2nd - Janet Lee McKinley; Table 2 - 1st - Mickey Rowlands, 2nd - Sue Smith; Table 3 - 1st - Carrie Stadjuhar , 2nd - Nell Rose. July 14 -Table 1 - 1st - Linda Whitmire, 2nd - Madeline Justis; Table 2 - 1st - Janet Lee McKinley, 2nd - Carrie Stadjuhar; Table 3 - 1st Pat Jonas, 2nd - Nell Rose.

**BRIDGE** - June 23 - 1st - Kacky Ertl, 2nd - Pat Arrington and 3rd - Dorothy Barlow. July 7 -1st - Inge Peter and 2nd - Dorothy Barlow.

**GOLF RESULTS** - June 23 - 18 - Holers - "Low Net" - Winners: A Flight - 1st - Vickie Reynolds and 2nd -Vera Flesher; B Flight - 1st - Mary Rohr and 2nd - Lou Musteikis; C Flight - 1st - Sylvia Cabrales and 2nd -Ratha Passafume. 9-Holers - "Gross Wednesday- No Handicap" - 1st - Paula Moore and 2nd - Janet Lee McKinley.

**June 30** -18 Holers - "Owls and Gophers" - Owls won by 6. Scores used: Katie Spurlin, Martha Hedgecoke and Lita Jones. 9- Holers - "Low Net/Penny Putts" - 1st - Paula Moore and 2nd - Janet Lee McKinley. July 7 - 18 - Holers - "Ace Day/Penny Puts" - Winner - Linda Lopez. 9-Holers - "Finest of the Nine" - Winner - Paula Moore. July 14 -"Beat The Pro" -Winners: NONE -JC beat all the ladies.

**BORDER PLAY** - On June 21 Border was held at NMSU. The results are as follows: Second Flight - 1st Net - June Sanchez, Sixth Flight - 1st Net - Sylvia Lauer, 2nd Net - Wanda McDonald, Seventh Flight - Gross - Mary Rohr. Silver City was the destination for Border Play on July 13. Nine ladies made the trip with the following results: Inge Peter 1st Net in 2nd Flight, Sylvia Lauer 2nd Net in the 5th Flight and Cheryl Marsh 1st Gross in the 6th Flight.

FYI

**LCCC WGA** hosted City Exchange on June 28th. Approximately 40 ladies attended from Picacho, NNSU, Sierra Del Rio. The weather "gods" were merciful and severed up a fun time for all. Again we were saddened by the lost of another one of our former WGA member, Mary Ross.

## MGA News

On 17 July, the MGA held a red, white, and blue ACES event in celebration of this great nation's Independence Day. The first celebration of our independence day was on July 4, 1977 in Philadelphia's Independence square. Yes, one year after the declaration of independence signing. The celebration was accompanied by fireworks; however, as years progressed the celebrations grew to include picnics, contests, games, as well as military displays honoring those who have served the United States of America. Our celebration, holding true to history, included a contest within our favorite game of golf! The event was a net format with players alternating teeing from the red, then white, and finally the blue tees on consecutive holes. The event was received well from the membership, with multiple comments of how the format was refreshing when compared to typical MGA events. Many thanks to those who participated and for enduring the odd start time of 10 am, as well as the shuffling of flights!

Tom Martinez took home the title within the first flight, followed by Roy Hendrix and Phil Woods in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places respectively. Tom also won closest to the pin on #6. Mike "The Gas Man" Kelly got the fireworks going in the second flight beating out Ray Villa in 2<sup>nd</sup> and Leon Moore in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Barry Flesher won closet to the pin on hole #12. Charlie Wagner took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the third flight. Is it not fitting we included a member of our executive branch during our celebration or what?! Rick Baker and Walt Bernard rounded out the third flight in placement order. Due to a "flighting" error, there was no winner of the third flight closest to the pin. Many thanks and congratulations to all those who participated!

The next MGA ACES event will be a fund raising effort for the junior golf program of LCCC on 21 August. The event will pair one MGA member, one WGA member, and most importantly and probably the leader of the team one Junior golf member! The event participation is quantity limited so sign-up in the pro-shop early! Hope to see you all in the month of August!

## Barriers to Golf Performance

. "Sit up straight", your mother harps. "Stomach in, shoulders back, tuck in the butt", yells the drill sergeant. Posture, posture, posture . . . you've heard it all your life. Even during the game of golf proper posture can and does make a difference in how you play. And there are consequences to bad posture. The top 5 consequences of poor posture are:

(1) Tension headaches. Head forward posture, instead of balanced over the shoulders makes the muscles in the shoulders and neck have to work harder trying to keep your head from falling on the ground. Many of those muscles are attached to the back of your skull, hence causing headaches.

(2) Diminished breathing. Rounded shoulders and overly bent or imbalanced spine restricts the expansion of the rib cage.

(3) Fatigue. Tired and tight muscles are working too hard trying to shore up your skeleton burning too much energy.

(4) Back pain. Muscle strain can result especially in the lower back. Strained muscles mean weaker muscles. Strong muscles are essential to protecting the ligaments and disks from injury.

(5) Makes you look older. Never underestimate the beauty and health benefits of good posture. Often poor posture is just a bad habit that is easily corrected. Good posture makes you look taller and slimmer and can convey self-confidence.

An athletic posture, while swing a golf club, can improve your game. It can lead to more consistent ball striking and reduce the potential for injury. It is a more balanced posture and allows for a more rhythmic swing. Better swing, better results, more enjoyment in your round.

Dr Gary Gemoets is a local chiropractor certified as a golf injury specialist.

	<b>Lounge</b>	<b>Kitchen Hours</b>	<b>Proshop Hours</b>
Monday	2pm-7pm	Closed	7am-15 min before sunset
Tuesday	10:30am-10pm	10:30am-4pm	7am-15 min before sunset
Wednesday	10:30am-5pm	10:30am-4pm	7am-15 min before sunset
Thursday	10:30am-10pm	10:30am-4pm	7am-15 min before sunset
Friday	10:30am-7pm	10:30am-4pm	7am-15 min before sunset
Saturday	8am-6pm	8am-5pm	7am-15 min before sunset
Sunday	8am-6pm	8am-5pm	7am-15 min before sunset