

# Birdie Bugler



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Should  
you be  
using a  
Belly  
or  
Long  
Putter?

2012  
Elections  
Time.  
Become  
a  
Board  
Member!

The Club Championship  
Starts September 10, 2011

## Septmeber

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### 09/10 - General Meeting

1:00 PM Lunch

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### Tournaments

09/10 - Club Championship

09/17 - Club Championship

09/18 - Club Championship

10/07 - Laughlin Trip

10/22 - 4 Man Scramble

11/05 - Yellow Ball

11/19 - Turkey Shoot

12/03 - Last Chance/Booze

12/17 - Tour of Champ

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### Wednesday and Friday

Partner Best Ball and  
Individual Net Skin Game

8:00 am

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### RVGA Board Members

President.....Steve White  
Vice President.....Tim Devaney  
Secretary.....Ken Wheeler  
Treasurer.....Vince Mitchell  
Handicap Chairman.....Tim Citizen  
Tournaments.....Dennis Walker  
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**President  
Steve White**



Members, it is that time of year when we have a lot going on. We have a major tournament in September, the Club Championship, that will be played over a two week period. This is a great tournament for you to test your skills and nerves. Laughlin will be the last weekend in September, sign up and invite a few friends, everyone is welcome for a fun weekend.



### 2012 Election Time

I would ask all of you to think about running for a position on the **ROYAL VISTA GOLF ASSOCIATION BOARD**. If you have any question about any board position please ask me.

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### 2012 Team Play



We will have only one Team Play team this year, a Saturday team. The Board has had a lot of discussions, both pro and con, on what is best for the Association. It is financially better, we can enter a stronger team with out the problem of no-shows, we will have try-outs to promote a more team influence. Try-outs will be held Oct. 29, Nov. 12, and in Dec. we will have match play to form the team for 2012. See you on the greens.....



**Tournament Chairman**  
**Dennis Walker**  
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Guys as most of you know we have been doing our best to go "Green" here at the club. No more tournament entry forms, no extra pages for tournament rules. We are doing as much as we can electronically. All tournament entries now come to me thru [dwalker@larvga.com](mailto:dwalker@larvga.com) and hopefully you've noticed that the rules are always printed on the back side of the scorecards! Doing our part to prevent waste.

It's that time again! Time to see who will be our next Club Champion! This tournament is played out over two weekends starting Saturday September 10 and completing Saturday September 17 and Sunday the 18th. The entry fee is \$20 per person, format is medal play and winners will be as follows:

**Three Day, 54 hole Event** Individual medal play.

Low Index will be used for your Handicap.

Gross, Net, Senior Gross, Net and Super Senior Net.

All players will play September 10 & 17.

The Low 15 Gross Scores will play September 18 for the Gross Club Champion.

**Senior Club Championship is for age 55 and above,**

**Super Senior is age 70 and above. this means I will need your age with your sign ups.**

Everyone plays from the Blue Monument s in the ground! Summer Rules!!

Last call notice will go out over email on September 4th.

If I do not have your email address get it to me quickly.

send to [dwalker@larvga.com](mailto:dwalker@larvga.com) or call me at 484 797 3373

PINEHURST - AUGUST 20, 2011

**A Flight**

Player	Hdcp	Player	Hdcp	Total Hdcp	Team Hdcp	Gross	Net
Ozols C.	8	Bowers	17	25	11.60	77	65.40
Lykins P.	6	Lykins L.	12	18	8.40	75	66.60
Gallant	4	Devaney	10	14	6.40	74	67.60
Ozols K.	6	Jackson	7	13	6.40	74	67.60
Parsakian	14	Burtch	16	30	14.80	84	69.20
Lira	8	Heffington	18	26	12.00	82	70.00
Lopez	5	Cawdrey	17	22	9.80	80	70.20
Binner	-1	Thomas	15	14	5.40	76	70.60
Walker	9	Mitchell	9	18	9.00	80	71.00
Gaither	12	Zantos	18	30	14.40	89	74.60
Morales	5	Rini	10	15	7.00	84	77.00

1ST PLACE - \$57.00 PER MAN + TOC  
 2ND PLACE - \$38.00 PER MAN

**B Flight**

Player	Hdcp	Player	Hdcp	Total Hdcp	Team Hdcp	Gross	Net
White	10	Gross	25	35	16.00	75	59.00
Branchick	25	Brown	26	51	25.40	90	64.60
Constantino	17	Bauer	31	48	22.60	88	65.40
Salamon	13	Hall	24	37	17.40	83	65.60
Merrill	17	Lovett	20	37	18.20	85	66.80
Reed	23	Giles	24	47	23.40	91	67.60
Croese	20	Bennett	24	44	21.60	91	69.40
Vuckovich	12	Kikuda	23	35	16.40	86	69.60
Nazaroff	17	Lava	18	35	17.40	87	69.60
Hamilton	17	Sasseen	32	49	23.00	93	70.00

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**Vice President - Tim Devaney**



Our President Cup winner Don Bales, who is a bit under the weather and has not had a chance to play since winning that tournament, sent this story to me. As always when he sends me a story there is a deep-rooted message to decipher.

Larry watched, fascinated, as his mother smoothed cold cream on her face. 'Why do you do that, mommy?' he asked. 'To make myself beautiful,' said his mother, who then began removing the cream with a tissue. 'What's the matter, asked Larry 'Giving up?'

Well, no matter how ugly your game is don't give up because that handicap buster always shows up when you least expect it and you still have plenty of time to get ready for the club championship. Remember, there are club, senior and super senior divisions with both gross and net categories to play for.

Along with the club championship and the Laughlin trip we are planning to hold team play tryouts on the off Saturdays in October and November. We will only have one team this year, which will play on Saturdays, and we need players from 0 to 18.4 indexes to throw their hats in the ring. You will be getting more info next month on this.

Most of us have never been in the zone for more than 2 or 3 holes, but working towards it is half the fun so keep plugging away.

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### Should you be using a belly or long putter?



I was an average putter and would have both good and bad days like everyone else. I compare my stroke to Ben Crenshaw or Phil Mickelson holding the putter face square through impact, but most of my putts would start out bouncing toward the hole.

I have been using the belly putter for the past four to five years and it has helped me release the putter head correctly. My putts do not start off bouncing and I get a much truer roll. With the belly putter, it is hard for me to make a bad putt. If you are experiencing problems with your putter, I would recommend the belly putter. It teaches you the proper way to release the putter. I have definitely become a better and more consistent putter using it.

I do feel though that the belly and long putters should not be allowed because they are an aid. It feels like cheating to me, but until they change the rule I will continue to use it.



## Past President & Rules Doug Peterson



From the Past Prez---Let me get this straight, you're playing in your very first PGA "major", you're chasing the leader by a few strokes on the last day, and you're standing on the par 3, 15<sup>th</sup> tee needing a string of birdies to make up ground...and you proceed to make a "triple". Three holes to go and you are down five with probably all hope of winning gone. Thus was the situation of Keegan Bradley as he approached the 16<sup>th</sup> tee at the Atlantic Athletic Club in the PGA Championship. Later, the leader, Jason Dufner, is 4 under for the day, four up on the field, with nothing but pars and birdies and he's cruising, making it look easy as he steps to that same 15<sup>th</sup> tee. Now the "golf gods" intervene. Dufner proceeds to bogey three in a row, Bradley birdies his next two holes and they both par the very nerve racking 507 yard par 4, 18<sup>th</sup> to go to a three hole playoff, which Bradley wins. Both players were going in one direction and then suddenly were going in another. Both players hit great shots and absolutely horrible shots in unique situations. Both players were "major" rookies who played like seasoned vets and then "major" rookies. This is the "stuff" of which golf lore is made...one a winner, one well remembered. No one was talking about Open winner Darren Clark's 14 over to miss the cut, or Rory McIlroy...the next you know who...being 19 strokes behind the leader at days end...it was all about two "rookies" tempting the fates in "never give up" fashion. It shows the mental aspect of the game is equally as important as swing plane, hip rotation, and follow through and that the guys on TV can make bad decisions and execution just like we do...it just costs them more.

Two other "young guns" to make the "hit it, find it, and hit it again" news were Adam Scott who won the World Golf Championship at Firestone C.C. with a new caddy of some renown, and Webb Simpson, a two time runner up, who won the Wyndam Championship in Greensboro. You might remember he assessed himself a penalty stroke on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole in a previous tournament when his "tap in" moved after he had grounded his putter. This infraction cost him a chance for his first tour victory and taught us all a little bit more about the rules and integrity of the game. Many new names and many new winners are dominating the golf scene today and demonstrating the health of the sport...even without a "T" or "M" being mentioned. It's nice to be a part of it...even at our limited skill level...wanna be's one and all.

Speaking of "wanna be's", do you want to be part of the decision making body that is the board of the Royal Vista Golf Association...??? New names and faces are being sought for board positions in 2012. Be one of the those who will determine the direction our men's club takes in the future. Let your voice be heard and ideas be implemented as we continue to grow and improve as a club. You'll be glad you did.



# 27th Annual Laughlin Invitational

SEPTEMBER 30 and OCTOBER 1, 2011  
CERBAT CLIFFS GOLF COURSE



Thursday, Optional Skin Game (Gross and Net) at 1:00 p.m

Friday and Saturday blind draw teams (Different Team each day)  
(So if your team sucks one day, you may get a better team the next)

Last year most players wanted golf only and arranged for their own hotel. Since I've had difficulty the last couple of years meeting 30 player minimum to get reduced rates please make your own hotel reservations

\$180.00 includes Golf, Cart, Pot, and Lunch on Saturday

There will also be optional skin games each day gross and net. (based on number of entries net skins will be based on your flight only, minimum of 80 players) and \$100 Team CP's

I MUST HAVE 40 PAID ENTRIES BY AUGUST 31, 2011. IF YOU PLAN TO PLAY PLEASE SEND A CHECK BY THAT DATE



**SINCE I'M DOING THIS FROM NEVADA  
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**

Larry Lykins  
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We had 60 plus players last year, however, many of those entries were at the very last minute because I was in California to bug people, this year I'm not, so please get entries in early

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

SCGA NO. \_\_\_\_\_

