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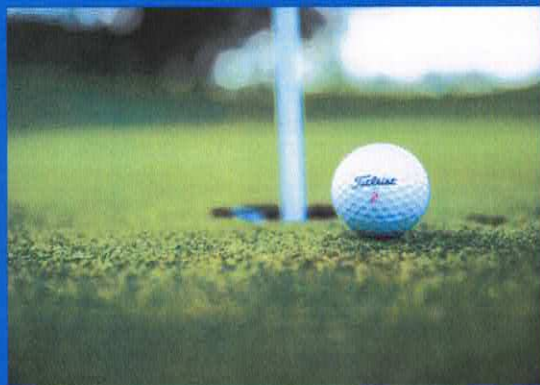
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Golf Course Etiquette

90 - Degree Rule

- The 90-degree Rule is a rule that governs the parameters you are required to abide by when driving your golf cart. A golfer must drive their cart on the cart path until the cart has reached a point where a 90-degree turn would cause the cart to drive laterally across the fairway directly to the ball. Once you make your play off of the fairway, you are required to return to the cart path on the same 90 degree angle. The purpose of this rule being set in place is to allow for minimal damage to the turf on fairways.

Repair ball marks & divots on greens and tee boxes as well as rake the bunkers

- A ball mark can cause the grass in the depression to die, leaving not just a scar, but also a pit in the putting surface that can knock putts off course. Repairing a ball mark will restore a smooth putting surface and helps keep the grass in a healthy state.
- A divot is a piece of turf on a golf course that is cut out of the ground when golfers swing their golf club during play. Divots can cause the grass in the depression to die and can leave pits throughout the course. Repairing divots by inserting the cut-out turf back in place or filling it with sand will assist in encouraging quick new growth.
- A bunker is a specially prepared area intended to test the player's ability to play a ball from the sand. They are positioned throughout the golf course to provide challenges and obstacles.

Remain 30 feet from all tee boxes, green, and Par-3's

- Tee boxes, greens, and Par-3's are all very well-manicured areas on a golf course that contain turf that is very sensitive and must be preserved at all costs. Golf carts will never permitted to be within less than 30 feet from all tees, greens and Par-3's on a golf course.

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LVGC General Manager/ Director of Operations

I am Amanda Harkins, the Lago Vista Golf Course (LVGC) General Manager/Director of Golf Operations. I have lived in Lago Vista for over 30 years, am well acquainted with residents and visitors, as well as having an extensive knowledge on our City's history and the transitions that have taken place over the years. I graduated from Texas State University with a BA in Mass Communications and Marketing. Prior to my current position, I spent my career in the medical field, administration, and business management.

I have been working at the LVGC since 2020 as a Pro Shop Attendant, then as Golf Course Marketing Director in 2021, and am now in my current position as the Golf Course General Manager/Director of Golf Operations. Additionally, I am part of the Lago Vista Event Production Team that is responsible for events such as Lago Fest, Veterans Day, the Tree Lighting Ceremony, as well as other assigned tasks for the City.

I am excited and welcome the opportunity to be a part of the LVGC + City family. I believe that given the tools that are necessary from the blessings of our City Council, that we will bring back one of our City's most valuable assets, not just for those who golf, but for the community as a whole! Lago Vista was built to revolve around the golf courses, breathtaking views, lake amenities, and the vacation/resort lifestyle that we have all adapted to, and we need to focus on getting back to our roots.

In coordination with Sean Vance, the Golf Course Superintendent, we are working as a combined unit to manage the LVGC operations. Sean's experience and expertise in the Golf industry, combined with my experience and expertise in business management, administration, and marketing, lends itself to working cohesively to achieve a new and improved atmosphere for LVGC. We are both looking forward to what the future holds for our community!

-Amanda Harkins

Improvements since March 2022:

- Received a new fleet of Golf Carts with GPS and Geofencing capabilities
- Received all new rental club sets
- Provided all staff with new uniforms
- Revamped the cart barn and storage shed
- Implemented rules and procedures
- Created a new logo and brand for the Golf Course
- Updated fixtures and furniture in the Pro Shop
- Added more affordable options for merchandise
- Added options for ladies in the Pro Shop
- Added Pickle ball rental sets
- Implemented a Pass Holder discount incentive for all Pro Shop merchandise.

Plans for the Future:

- Adding more staff
- Hiring a Golf Pro
- Updating the cart barn
- Updating the Pro shop
- Installing a driving range ball machine
- Updating landscaping around the clubhouse
- Updating the parking lot around the clubhouse
- Adding outdoor lighting around the clubhouse
- Updating the driving range and putting green
- Updating the old pool area to a banquet room
- Provide golf clinics
- Provide golf lessons
- Host more golf tournaments

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LVGC Superintendent

Greetings! If we have not met yet, let me introduce myself - my name is Sean Vance, the Superintendent at the Lago Vista Golf Course (LVGC). I relocated to Lago Vista this past year after having worked at the PGA West in LaQuinta California, overseeing 3 Private golf courses - the Jack Nicklaus Private, the Tom Weiskopf Private, and the recently renovated Arnold Palmer Private. I have been in the golf industry for 27 years, working at various types of courses (Private, Semi-Private, Resort, and Public facilities) as well as having been heavily involved with hosting tournaments (PGA, PGA Section, and College).

I am excited for the opportunity to work at the LVGC. My goal for LVGC is not only to improve the conditions of the golf course, but also to make the course something that the entire community can use and be proud of, not just for golf. LVGC should be a destination attraction offering a variety of activities/events for everyone to enjoy.

If you are not aware, the LVGC opened as a 9-hole facility in 1971. It was renovated and expanded to 18 holes and operated as a Private Country Club until the mid 1990's. Unfortunately, time and lack of cultural practices have taken a toll on conditions of the course. As you are all aware, the irrigation system is 51 years old and is in serious need of updating. The City Council has given its guidance and blessing making it possible for me to retain a Golf Course Architect (to develop a master plan to potentially renovate LVGC), and also a Golf Course Irrigation Architect (to replace the irrigation according to the master plan).

-Sean Vance

Improvements since March 2022:

- Staff increased from 2 full-time employees to 4 full-time employees and 1 part-time employee
- Tee markers were replaced on all 18 holes
- Repairs have been made to some of the equipment
- Restructured some lease agreements to benefit course needs
- Greens replaced and opened on holes (4,9 and 18)
- Cleaning golf course maintenance facility

Plans for Future:

- Aerification of the greens in March and August
- Tree trimming throughout the LVGC property
- Working on the Master Plan through the Golf Course Architect
- Repair irrigation as needed
- Continuing to upgrade golf course equipment
- Work on cleaning and repairing golf course maintenance facility

◆ Golf Group Communication ◆

Lago Vista Men's Golf Association (LVMGA)

The LVMGA is a nonprofit social organization established for the purpose of promoting fellowship, charitable events, sportsmanship among our members, and to promote golf play through weekly tournaments. Lago Vista Golf Course is the host and home course for the LVMGA.

Participation is open to all men, even if you don't play golf. The annual membership fee of \$50.00 is required, with an option to buy into the Hole-in-One pot for an additional \$5.00.

Thursdays are the typical LVMGA playday that is scheduled to tee off between 8 and 9am, depending on the time of the year. All handicap levels are welcome and encouraged. All LVMGA Playday and match play competitions require an established GHIN handicap, however new members may play in the events without prize participation until the "Competition Eligibility" requirements are met. See "Article V General" in the LVMGA By-Laws under "MGA Documents" on our website for further details. GHIN Handicap memberships can be purchased through the LVGC Pro Shop for an addition fee.

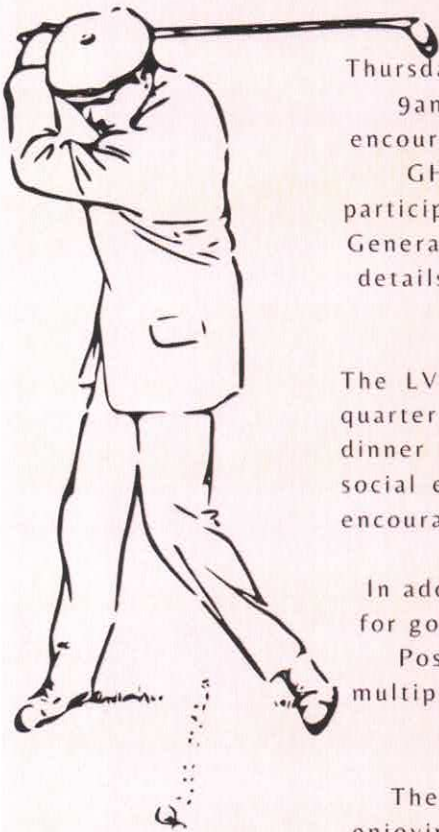
The LVMGA host a quarterly general membership meeting the last month of each quarter. Members can socialize with others, participate in meetings, and enjoy dinner and drinks as perk to being a part of the Association. The dinners and other social events (e.g., cookouts) are included in the membership dues, and are highly encouraged to be a part of.

In addition to the regular LVMGA playdays, there may be additional opportunities for golf events at both LVGC and various courses around the area to participate in. Posting for such events will be communicated through e-mail. Also, there are multiple golf groups that play throughout the week at LVGC, but are not considered official LVMGA playdays.

The LVMGA is an excellent way to meet and get to know other members while enjoying a round of golf surrounded by beautiful vistas and experiencing comradery, which is the sole purpose of what the LVMGA is about.

www.lvmga.org

We hope you will join us!
-Gerald Perrin, 2023 LVMGA President



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Lago Vista Women's Golf Association (LVWGA)

The LVWGA is a nonprofit social organization open to all women golfers and social members. Lago Vista Golf Course is the host and home course for the LVMGA.

Annual membership dues (Jan-Dec) are \$50.00 with additional options to participate in special games and Hole-in-One. As a member, you are able to attend general meetings, parties, cookouts, or other fun activities held throughout the year. There is also an option to purchase a short term membership (cannot exceed 3 months) for any patron that is seasonal or visiting, and would cost 1/4 of the annual dues, but does not include meals by LVWGA sponsored events.

Being an LVWGA member allows you to play golf in an organized competition with other members of the 18-hole group on Wednesdays, our official playday. Players of all levels are welcome, however there is a maximum handicap of 40. To compete for prizes on playdays, there is a voluntary wager of \$4.00 per player that is used to pay for prizes. You must have and an established USGA handicap, however new members may play in the events without prize participation until the eligibility requirements are met. If you are unsure about your handicap or what it is, please refer to the LVGC Pro Shop staff for more information.

The LVWGA playday schedule and membership application is located on our website.

The LVWGA is an excellent way to enjoy golf, comradery, have fun, and engage in competition! Not sure if it's for you? Come on out and be our guest for a day, you will see how much fun it is!

For more information, please contact:
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www.lvwga.com



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Lago Vista 9-hole Women's Golf Association (LV9-WGA)

The LV9-WGA is open to all women golfers and social members. We play only 9 holes each official playday on Wednesday mornings.

Some of our golfers are active in the USGA approved handicap system and others are not, but all are welcome to participate. the LV9-WGA group adhere to a non-competitive time limit and ready-play golf. Players at all levels are welcome and encouraged.

Some of our golfers can hit a ball straight, and others just give it their best!

Ultimately our goal is to play golf, coach for skill improvement, have fun and create fellowship.

We rotate members responsible for sponsoring a luncheon that is held 6 months of the year. Official play days are on Wednesday mornings, but tee times depend on the time of year.

We are a small group and would welcome your participation in our LV9-WGA group.

The LV9-WGA playday schedule and membership application is located on our website.

For more information, please contact:
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