

“Mr. Everything” Has a “Mrs. Everything” Who does Every Thing For Los Altos

Wally Iverson does just about every-thing that needs doing (and some things that don't need doing) for the Los Altos Golf Association – and he's been doing those things for 27-plus years. Yet it's his bride of 50 years, Judy, who does the hard work and gets none of the credit.

“I just help him whenever he needs me...counting money at events, counting people...whatever has to be done,” Judy says. “We've already got 15 or 20 presents for this year's Christmas Party and annual meeting.”

Wally has held every position in LAGA; from six terms as president, to Wednesday League chairman, handicap chairman and to being there when a member (or non-member, for that matter) has a perplexing problem needing to be solved.



If you want to know what happened 10 years ago Wally has it on his computer or on pieces of paper stored in boxes at his home.

“This (LAGA) is our hobby, so to speak,” Judy says. “Wally loves to be a part of something honorable, and LAGA is honorable.”

Mr. Everything says “I don't like to say no to anybody. Doesn't it make you feel good when you help somebody,” he asks. He was given that “Mr. Everything” nick-name by a guy who edited the

Duffer some years ago because Wally fills so many different roles and does so many different things during the course of any given week.

He says that probably the best thing he's accomplished with LAGA is recruit so many good people into leadership roles. He mentions Chuck Newman, Tom Michel, the late Hil Sattler. “It's been my honor to work with guys like that and others like Bud Jenkins, Paul Todesco, the late Wayne Badsgard, Bob Swanson, and, of course, Mr. Eddie Moya.”

Wally and Judy have four children, 11 grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. Most of them helped celebrate the elders 50th anniversary this past March. Although Judy doesn't play golf (she has a bad back) she says “family and golf is what we live for”. Wally, who retired as a Captain from Albuquerque Police Department after 25 years, says “Judy uses that as an excuse to get me out of the house.”

ADO / LAGA Invitational a Success

ADO invited members from LAGA to join in a Saturday tournament, individual play, on May 9th. There were a total of 85 players. Los Altos had 35 participants which represented a little over 40% of the total.

Carl Monska reported, “The weather was awful, probably the worst conditions I've played in a couple of years, strong winds and very cold for May. Fortunately, I didn't wear shorts like a number of golfers did. I don't know the number, but a few people didn't finish their rounds.”

The ADO board recognized and thanked LAGA for their participation at the post round lunch, as did head pro Tony Hidalgo Jr. ADO has extended a discounted price of \$20 for LAGA members to become Associate Members of ADO.

Check the web site at arroyodelosogolf.com for tournament results and membership information.

Quote of the Month

There are two things that you can learn by stopping your back swing at the top and checking the position of your hands:

- a. How many hands you have
- b. Which one is wearing a glove

What To Do About Slow Play?

Many players in our association have had the displeasure of playing behind a group that does not keep up with the flow on the course. It is unfortunate that slow play penalizes those that must wait, while the players who are slow, for what ever reason, don't make adjustments to compensate. If you find yourself or your group falling behind, here are a couple of things that you can do to hasten your play.

1. After hitting a shot it is not necessary to put your club back into the bag, especially if riding a cart. Get into the cart with club in hand and drive to your ball. Then replace the club while selecting the club for the next shot.
2. While lagging, adopt a policy with your group to play "ready" golf. If you are first on the Tee box, go ahead and hit, even if you don't have "honors". Play honors once you are caught up to the pack.
3. If you suspect a lost ball or the need to search, always hit a provisional. If the original ball is lost, a provisional will save the time of returning to the original site. Five minutes is the permissible time limit for searching for a ball.
4. Like to fish? If your group is lagging DO NOT take the time to fish for balls left in the ponds. Use your passion for fishing as an incentive to stay ahead of play so that you can spare a moment or two to bob for balls. If you are behind, focus on catching up, not fishing.
5. On the putting green, line up your putt while others are putting, as long as you are not disrupting the others. If you putt close to the hole, don't re-mark, finish the hole.

6. What did players do years ago when there were no cell phones? They played golf without disruption. Carry a phone for emergencies or to call the club house to report slow play. If you need to conduct business on the phone during the round, you probably shouldn't be on the golf course.
7. If you are on the Tee and you typically hit your drive less than 200 yards, you need not wait for the group ahead to reach the green before hitting your drive, in most par fours and certainly par fives.

If you have other ideas to quicken the pace, email them to sloplay@comcast.net.



Course Management has requested cart drivers to keep their carts at least 30 feet from the greens to prevent damage to the areas surrounding the greens. This photo, taken during Wednesday tournament play, is a bad example of maintaining that recommended distance. Thirty feet would be approximately 4 - 5 cart lengths.

Rain in Albuquerque??

Yes, there was rain in Albuquerque most of the night on Tuesday the 12th. Consequently, course management at Los Altos delayed play in the morning leading to the cancellation of Wednesday tournament play. For the most part, the schedule for the 13th will be carried over to the 20th. Check the web site for any cancellations or additions which may lead to changes in Tee times for the 19th.

Next LAGA Monthly Tournament



"May - 2 Person, Best Ball/Scramble"

Member/Member – Member/Guest

ALL PLAYERS MUST HAVE A "GHIN" HANDICAP!

Day 1 - Best Ball = Both players receive full handicaps

Day 2 - Scramble = "A" Player gets 35% HCP – "B" Player gets 15% HCP

"There is no handicap differential requirement"

May 30th/31st, 2015

\$40.00 Entry Fee Per Person

Optional Team Skins – Payable at the check in desk!

7:30 AM SHOT-GUN !!

\$8.00 Café ticket for Sunday !!

Entry deadline is Tuesday May 26th @ 6:00 P.M.

Player of the Year

April Leaderboard



Martin, Tom	25
Chad Padilla	21
Mario Valdez	20
Larry Carlton	18
Dave Hicks	14
Jason Myers	14
Steve Warfield	14
Eleven Others Tied At	13