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Petaluma Golf & Country Club

A rooster with a red comb and wattle, and multi-colored feathers (yellow, orange, and blue), is shown in profile. It is holding a golf club (a driver) in its beak. The background is a dark, textured blue.

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President's Message

by Mike Johnson



It's pretty weird right now. I was expecting to be playing golf with my friends and enjoying the club by now. Of course, this is no longer our current reality. I have been playing and the course is in great shape, but the social aspects of being a member have changed dramatically. I miss the camaraderie of a post round beer and card games.

The new carts have gotten rave reviews and the single rider policy has really sped up the pace of play. I brought two guests up this week and they both complimented how nice the seats were. Foxtail is considering making single riders the norm as the pace of play has significantly improved with the new policy.

For those of you that have stayed away, we welcome you with open arms (no touching of course) and bring your mask. Travis and Jeff have done a great job making sure everyone is following the current policies in order to continue to be safe and play some golf. Even the pool is open for some use!

The board continues to be very cautious with our spending and has put a number of projects on hold. We did spend on the new ball retrievers from the cups. The new devices were installed on all nine of the pins this week and so far the feedback has been very positive. For those who have not seen/used them yet, there is a small hook about a foot up from the bottom of the cup that is attached to the pin. You use your putter to lift it and when you do, the ball comes up out of the cup and rolls onto the green. No one needs to touch the pin and the ball goes down to the bottom of the cup which seems better than the foam/PVC devices that we have tried out.

The staff have all done a terrific job under difficult circumstances. Please extend a warm thank you to them when you are on the property.

Be well and stay safe!

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COVID Update

by Travis Berding

Dear PG&CC Members,

We would like to inform you of the latest operational updates at the club. These updates change quite frequently which are discussed and implemented by the Board of Directors. Please review the policies on indoor dining, swimming pool, and golf instruction below. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Making Reservations and paying fees:

- Check-in for golf will be in pro shop limited to one member or guest at a time.
- Tee times are required. Call the pro shop at (707) 762-7041 to book a tee time. Must have all members names for each spot in group.
- No member or outside style tournaments (i.e. organized member group play or outside tournaments).
- Maximum of four players per group.
- Golf carts will be limited to one rider (People in the same household is allowed).
- Two bags per cart.
- Two golf carts per group.
- Member charges will be the only payment options (Not accepting credit cards or cash at this time).

Guest Policy:

- Guests will be allowed to play everyday of the week.
- The sponsoring member will be responsible for all of the guest's financial charges on their member account (i.e. guest green fee, food and beverages) as we are not accepting cash or credit cards.
- Members may bring the same guest twice a month.
- A member can bring up to 3 guests per round.

Clubhouse Rules:

- Six feet of physical distancing is required by everyone while on the property, at ALL TIMES.
- No congregating in groups in the front clubhouse and golf cart staging area.
- Doors will be propped open to avoid touch points.
- Must wear face coverings when you are in the clubhouse.
- Pre-packaged, To-Go foods and drinks will be available in the pro shop.

COVID Update Continued

by Travis Berding

Swimming Pool:

- Pool Opens.
- One Person may lap swim in a lane however, a family or people living in the same household may also reserve a lane to circle swim laps.
- Reservations will be allowed in 1-hour increments.
- One reservation per day per membership.
- Please respect other swimmers and exit pool at the end of your allotted time.
- Changing rooms, restrooms, and showers remain closed.
- Check-in REQUIRED at the pro shop PRIOR to going to the pool.
- Pool hours: Monday-Sunday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- No recreational swimming at this time.
- Please do not socialize or sunbathe on the deck at this time.
- Please do not spit or clear your nose in the pool water or pool area.
- Masks required inside for check-in.

Swim Lessons:

30 minute Private Lesson: \$30/session

To book a lesson with Lea or Ana please email (analarson2002@gmail.com).

Swim Instruction Rules:

- Individual instruction only, limited to one lesson at a time.
- Students check in at the pro shop prior to the lesson and instructor the student to the pool.
- Touching of students is strictly prohibited – NO touching of students at any time.
- The child must know how to swim on their own OR the parent will need to be in the water assisting the child.
- 30-minute lesson only.
- No group or camp based instruction allowed at this time.
- Practicing social distancing is mandatory at all times.
- Instructors must wear protective face coverings.
- Sanitizer readily available for student and instructor use.
- Instructors do not touch any of student's equipment at any time.
- Swimmers must exit the pool immediately following their lesson. No one will be permitted in the pool unless he/she is in a lesson.
- No open/free swim times are available.
- Instructors will need to properly sanitize the benches and pool railings after each lesson.

COVID Update Continued

by Travis Berding

Golf instruction:

- Individual instruction only, limited to one lesson at a time.
- No group or camp based instruction allowed at this time.
- Practicing social distancing is mandatory at all times.
- Touching of students is strictly prohibited – NO touching of students at any time.
- Instructors do not touch any of student's equipment at any time.

Golf Course Rules:

- Ball washers have been removed from the golf course to reduce touch-points.
- Rakes have been removed from the golf course bunkers to reduce touch-points (play as ground under repair).
- Sand bottles will be removed from the golf carts to reduce touch points (please replace divots if possible).
- The cups have been lower 1 inch below the ground and flag sticks are to remain in place to avoid touch points.
- Flag stick will be no-touch and left in at all times.
- The driving range will be open.

Indoor Dining *(as of July 13th, Sonoma County has restricted all indoor dining until at least August 2nd)*

- The patio deck will be closed during lunch service

COVID Update Continued

by Travis Berding



Safety Protocols:

- Cleaning of high touch-points has been increased to 4 to 6 times per day.
- Employees at point of sale stations wear gloves and masks.
- All employees have received additional training on sanitary standards.
- Carts will be sanitized after each use.

Additional Information:

- Pro shop hours: 6:30 am to 6:00 pm.
- First Tee time at 7:00 am and Last Tee time at 5:30 pm.

We ask that all of our members and guests assist in strict adherence to these standards as violations could result in the closing of the golf course. Any members not following the rules will be asked to leave the course immediately.

Thank you for your patience and support during these difficult times and for those of you that feel comfortable we look forward to providing you an outdoor activity and a place to escape.

PG&CC History – Part 18

by Keith Brians



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The 1936 golf season for the ladies started off with an elegant luncheon on Thursday, February 13. The hall was decorated with seasonal flowers from the gardens Mr. and Mrs. George P. McNear and included arrangements of acacia, flowering peach and quince. Tables were decorated with primroses, violets and lilies for the one o'clock luncheon. Lunch was followed by bridge.

William Sorensen led the qualifying round for the men's club championship with a gross 78 to begin the men's season on Sunday, March 1. First round matches began during the week with the favorites prevailing. Walter Rossi, at 24 the youngest member of the club, defeated his opponent, three-time club champion Eric Nisson 5 and 4, to move on to the second round. Rossi's win set him up against John A. Olmsted, his employer at the Argus Courier, in the second round. Olmsted, a two-time champion himself and 57 years old, proved to be a strong opponent and led the match one up on the 15th hole before Rossi won the 16th to even the match and went on to sink a long, tricky putt on the 18th green to win 1 up. In other matches, William Sorensen defeated Miles V. Murphy 3 and 2. Frank Studdert beat Frank J. Greene and Delmar Travis put down George Moore. In the semi-finals, Rossi met his match in Sorensen who trailing by 2 holes after the first nine won 2 up with one to go. Rossi drove the ball poorly and spent much time in the deep rough on the back nine while Sorensen kept his drives in the fairway. In the second match, Frank Studdert stumbled from the beginning in his match with Delmar Travis and found himself 4 down on the 15th tee. Studdert won the 15th, but ran out of holes when he flatted 16 leaving him 3 down with 2 to go. On Sunday, March 29, Sorensen battled Travis over 36 holes to win 2 and 1 while shooting a 78 for the both 18's to Travis's 78 and 80.

On Friday, April 24, Sorensen continued his streak and beat George Moore 3 and 1 in the Argus Courier tournament. Play was interrupted by the passing overhead of a flight of seventy-some bombers from the recently opened Hamilton Field army air base in Ignacio.

PG&CC History – Part 18 Continued

by Keith Brians



Carl Behrens, long a generous supporter of the club, made the finals of the Argus Courier tournament by beating Roy Saunders. Saunders had survived three 18-hole ties and finally beat Jack Cavanaugh on the last hole of the fourth eighteen to get into the match with Behrens. On Sunday, May 3, a gallery of more than 40 watched the finals between Behrens and club champion William Sorensen. Sorensen maintained his championship form and beat Behrens in the 36-hole finals 3 and 2. At a men's supper on Tuesday, May 12th attended by more than 50 members, Sorensen received the club championship trophy from George McNear and the Argus Courier trophy from John Olmsted.

Qualifying rounds for the annual Maclay Cup were held over the weekend of May 16 and 17. The 16 qualifiers were auctioned off in a Calcutta pool before play began on Sunday, May 24. The club's annual barbeque was held the same day and a large contingent of officers and their wives from Hamilton Field who had been invited were unable to attend due to increasing activity at the field. However, in spite of strong winds, 90 members and guests enjoyed the day at picnic tables set up in the parking lot. The barbeque featured Chef Gene Pedranti's spring lamb, spare ribs and salad. Gene was assisted by his able assistant Valenti Mattei and a crew of helpers led by William Wotherspoon.

The ladies championship had begun on Wednesday, May 20, with an unusually small turnout of only seven players. Miss Francis Bassett, the defending champion, defeated Mrs. Carl Behrens 5 and 4 to move on the semi-finals where she beat Mrs. Frank Evert 4 and 3. Miss Bassett met her long-time rival Mrs. Ellis Hart on Friday, May 22. Miss Bassett, who had been given a leave from her position at the Tomales Bank of America to play, shot a 41 on the front nine and rolled over Mrs. Hart 6 and 5 in the 18-hole match for her second championship.

The first round of the handicap Maclay Tournament was held on Sunday, May 31. The favorites, Frank Studdert, John Olmsted, William Sorensen, Eric Nisson and Bill Wotherspoon all moved on the second round played on Sunday, June 7.

PG&CC History – Part 18 Continued

by Keith Brians



The second round was marked by upsets, Studdert put down three-time club champion Eric Nisson and William Wotherspoon knocked out John Olmsted, one of the most expensive player in the Calcutta pool. The most expensive player in the pool, William Sorensen, defeated Del Travis, but was beaten by Frank Greene 3 and 2 in his next test. Greene, one of the town's best tennis players at one time, took golf six years ago and played nearly every day. In the 36-hole finals on Sunday June 22, Greene was six up going into the lunch break after shooting a 77. First time tournament finals player Wotherspoon withered in the heat that had kept most of the gallery off the course and ultimately lost 11 and 10.

18-Hole Women's Section

by Eileen Ostroff



Golfing during the covid!! So how much stranger can it get?

We've started playing again. YEAAAA!

"Golfing Alone Together" seems to be going smoothly with reserving tee times for the Women's Section usually starting at 8 or 8:10. We are respecting social distancing, masks on while in the parking lot, one person at a time in the pro shop, one golfer per cart, with only the ADA bathroom open for women. We are adhering to these and all Sonoma County Health Office recommendations.

One good thing that might come from this pandemic is that some of us are getting more exercise by trying to walk a few holes! Sign up on TeamSnap and come out and play with us!

There's no telling when we will be able to sit down together for our lunch meetings.

I sure miss the lunch and seeing all the faces!! YES, I'm talking about you Angie and you Margie and all the rest of you bridge players. Golfers come join us!

Board of Directors

Captain: Claudia Little

Co-Captain: Cindy McCarter

Past Captain: Brenda Roberts

Treasurer: Joan Johnson

Tournaments: Lois Skarsten & Dea Steigner

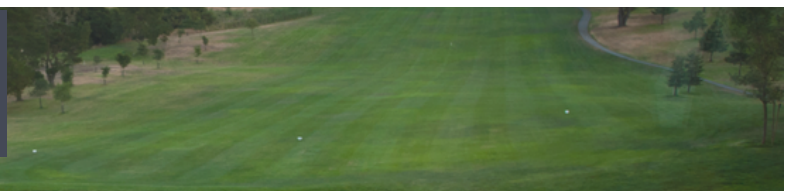
Handicaps & Rules: Diane Tucker

Lunch Reservations: Laurie Leask

Open Days & The Lie: Eileen Ostroff

9-Hole Petaluma Chicks

by Lois Skarsten



The Nine Hole Ladies have been playing golf each Tuesday morning. We have assigned tee times depending on the number of players signed up. Until we receive the go ahead to start our season, we can not have tournaments. Please let me know if you are going to play. Hopefully we can start our season soon.

Junior Golf

by Diane R. Tucker



Due to COVID-19 restrictions, our 2020 Junior Golf season has been shortened and modified this year. The ongoing schedules for actual play will depend on Sonoma County COVID-19 health orders/requirements. At this time, our junior golf teams will play with other Sonoma County golf club teams while incorporating all COVID-19 requirements in effect at all Sonoma County Golf Courses (including PG&CC). Overall, the safety of our junior golfers is our #1 priority, and our 2020 program has been modified to comply with all COVID-19 requirements. A total of 39 junior golfers are currently enrolled in our 2020 PG&CC Junior Golf Program, (11 of which are girls).

The North Bay Junior Golf League launched their season on June 29, playing at Santa Rosa CC. This League is comprised of more advanced junior golfers, many of whom play on their respective high school golf teams. They play the other 4 golf teams representing the Sonoma County Golf Clubs listed in the 2020 NBJGL schedule below (all play days are 18 holes). Team and individual play-off/championship competitions begin in August.

Our PG&CC PGA Junior League golfers will play in 2 age groups this year: "13 yrs & under" and "17 yrs & under." In their revised season, these juniors will begin Sonoma County team golf in their respective age groups beginning July 16 and 19 (all play days are 9 holes). Below are the current 2020 playing schedules through September for all 3 of our Junior League teams:

North Bay Junior Golf League (NBJGL: 14-17 yrs)--8 Golfers Total:

- June 29—@Santa Rosa GCC—AM Sequential Tee Times
- July 6--@PG&CC (Home)—AM Sequential Tee Times
- July 8--@Windsor GC—PM Sequential Tee Times
- July 27—@Fountaingrove GC—AM Sequential Tee Times
- July 30--@Bennett Valley GC—PM Sequential Tee Times
- August 5—League Team Championship—Site TBD

Junior Golf Continued

by Diane R. Tucker



PGA Junior League 13u (8-13 yrs)--25 Golfers Total:

- July 19—vs. Santa Rosa GCC (@PGCC-Thur. 3pm)
- July 26—vs. Mayacama GC (@Mayacama GC)
- Aug. 9—vs. Fountaingrove GC (@Fountaingrove GC)
- Aug. 16—vs. Windsor GC (@PGCC-Sunday 3 pm)
- Aug. 22—vs. Santa Rosa GCC (@ Santa Rosa CC)
- Aug. 30—vs. Mayacama GC (@PGCC-Sunday 3 pm)
- Sept.20—vs. Fountaingrove GC (@PGCC-Thur. 3pm)
- Sept. 27—vs. Windsor GC (@Windsor GC)

PGA Junior League 17u (14-17 yrs)--10 Golfers Total:

- July 16—vs. Windsor (@Windsor GC)
- July 20—vs. Santa Rosa GCC (@PGCC-Mon. 3pm)
- July 23—vs. Santa Rosa GCC (@Santa Rosa GCC)
- Aug. 3—vs. Fountaingrove GC (@PGCC-Mon. 3pm)
- Aug. 6—vs. Windsor GC (@PGCC-Thurs. 3 pm)
- Aug. 27—vs. Fountaingrove GC (@Fountaingrove GC)

Also as part of our junior golf program, beginning June 25th, weekly practice rounds for all 3 PGCC Junior League teams are held every Monday and Thursday from 3:00-4:00pm on our course. Juniors make advance tee times within that time block. Any times not booked will be released for general member play. Our Golf Pro, Jeff Hwang, also offers 1 on 1 personal instruction to juniors enrolled in our PGCC Junior Golf program. For further junior golf information regarding junior instruction and the PGCC Junior Golf Program overall, contact our Golf Pro, Jeff Hwang.



GOLF CART GATE SYSTEM

To limit the amount of compaction on the fairways we are introducing the golf cart gate system.

Below is the golf cart gate where you enter the fairway



Picture below is where you would exit the fairway near the green

