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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer is over and fall and winter is here. Our golf course looks great and is playing great. The recent rain helped the golf course, and it is looking fantastic. Looking forward for the rest of this year we have a few projects to still be completed and work will start or has already started.

Junior Golf Development has started work on a new warm-up area with hitting cages above the Maeder chipping area by the private cart barn. Juniors and members will be able to work on their game without going to the driving range. Included will be launch monitors that Patrick will have to help you improve your swing and game. This area should be completed by December.

Our new Members' Portal and new POS system will begin installation in November. This new IT system will allow you to access your account, make tee times, as well as sign up for club events and tournaments, plus other features to be announced. Starting in the next few weeks we will be finishing our "refresh" of the Clubhouse with both the painting and patching of the area behind the bar and the installation of new lights in the Events hall.

The holidays are coming, so remember to shop at the Club for your gift needs. If we don't have what you are looking for, Patrick or Tyler can special order for you. If you are at the Club on the days we're serving lunch, enjoy one of Damian's great lunches.

Thank you all for being Members of PG&CC and your continued support.

Scott Tucker
President Board of Directors
Petaluma Golf and Country Club

PG&CC History – Part 27

By Keith Brians



Play Continues 27 – The new course opens with a gala event!

After five months of playing three six-hole rounds over the course's six original holes while the three new holes grew in, the full new 9-hole course formally opened on Sunday, March 11, 1945. The day-long celebration featured 13 foursomes in the morning 18-hole opener and 20 mixed teams in the afternoon's mixed Scotch foursomes. Before play began at 9:15 a.m., President James Crase gave a brief recap of the planning and work that led to the completion of the three new holes and changes to another.

Following the day's play, a chicken dinner prepared by Mrs. Charles Flohr was served by the club's entertainment committee to 128 members and guests at 7:00 p.m. After dinner, John Olmsted spoke about the club's history. Six charter members present, Magnus Vonsen,

Arthur Ellis, B. B. Hinshaw, Tom Cline, A. H. Ross, and John Olmsted, were introduced and thanked for their service.

The new course played just 22 yards longer than the old course. Holes were played in a different order then. The original number one (now 3) and the original number two (now 4) did not change. The third hole (now 5) was changed by moving the tee forward and the green on top of the hill to its present location. Two new holes followed, the fourth (now 2) and the five (now 1). With the abandonment of the original sixth hole, the original number 7 became number 6 (still 6). The former eighth hole became the seventh hole (still 7). Next was the new eighth hole (still 8). Number nine was unchanged.

Tournament play continued in April with a loss in the first half of the Sonoma County Championship Cup tournament to the Santa Rosa Country Club team at Santa Rosa. Petalumans were welcomed with a welcome banner over the entrance and small welcome signs on the tees. After their loss, the Petalumans were treated to a sumptuous war-time buffet banquet with 80 participants. Next up was the eleventh annual four-round A-C Tournament sponsored by the Argus Courier. On May 8, 1945, Art Parent, in his eighth attempt, was finally a champion with a net 254 for the four rounds.

May brought the second half of the Santa Rosa and Petaluma home and home to Petaluma. On Sunday, May 20, twenty-two foursomes competed. Ultimately, the Petaluma team was victorious and won the championship cup for the first time since 1939. Following was the annual Maclay Cup tournament with its Calcutta Pool and barbeque on Sunday, May 31. The event brought out the largest crowd for a similar event in the club's history. E. T. Pedranti continued his tradition of outstanding barbeques, serving barbequed lamb and all the fixings. Mrs. Elvira Flohr and her crew worked the kitchen and served 149 members and their guests. Following the 1:30 p.m. dinner, Fred Seaman conducted the auction of players. Bill Duffus chaired the festivities. Tournament play continued weekly and on July 1, Fred Seaman was named winner of the net match play event.

On Saturday, June 16, fourteen Petaluma golfers took on a team of airmen from Hamilton Field's 4th Air Corps and won, maintaining their perfect record against the airmen of the Corp.

The club championship was held on Sunday, October 14. Frank Studdert took an early lead over Walt Rossi with a birdie on the first hole and had Rossi five down after six holes. Rossi gained back two holes in the next three and finished the first 9 of the 36-hole championship three down. Rossi birdied the 12th hole to get back to two down after the first 18. A large gallery gathered after lunch to watch the afternoon round. Rossi birdied the first hole of the afternoon round to get to one down. Rossi then birdied the 21st hole to even the match, parred the 25th hole, birdied the 26th hole, and parred the 27th to go three up. To start the last nine holes, Rossi won the first hole to go 4 up before Studdert struck back with a birdie at the 29th hole and parred the 30th to cut Rossi's lead to two. On the 35th hole, Studdert parred to Rossi's bogie to get within one. On the final hole, Rossi sank a 15-foot par putt to tie Studdert and win the title 1 up.

The annual meeting was held on October 28. One hundred twenty-eight members enjoyed a turkey dinner before the business meeting. Entertainment followed provided by the Petaluma Junior High School's choir, three accordion solos performed by Carol Purvine, and two songs by S. R. McCausland. Tournament winners were announced and trophies awarded, but due to wartime shortages were not available. Winners will be presented with personal trophies when they are available again.



Greens Committee

By Harry Pearson

A lot has gone on during the summer at PGCC. The much awaited opening of the pool, (kudos to Mark Smith & the H&G Committee); major tournaments were conducted, congrats to Claudia Little, (Women's Champ), Brad Scott, (Men's Champ), and Loren Warberg, (Men's Flight Champ); we added a set of 'Combo Tees' that are rated and scores can be posted on the USGA app but the biggest thing to

happen up here is the retirement of long time Superintendent, Bill Maeder, who wants to spend more time with his family and the hiring of new Superintendent, Thaddeus (Thad) Cummins.

Bill has been at PGCC since 1977, when he began working for his father, Bob, who was the Superintendent. Bill became the Supt. in 1989 and has remained so until this month, (beginning of Sept.). He has dedicated more than 45yrs to PGCC and he and his wife, Julia are family. He has done so much at PGCC with so little, always short of crew, equipment and materials because of budgetary restrictions. I've never heard him complain once. I don't have the superlatives to bestow on Bill but I think I can speak for The Green Committee, members of PGCC and myself when I say, THANK YOU, Bill for all that you've done. The plan going forward is for Bill to be part time, take some time off and return part time in the Spring. If you see Bill, please thank him and wish him and Julia well.

On behalf of The Green Committee and members of PGCC, I'd like to welcome Thad to the Club. Thad is originally from Marin County. He received a B.S. in Ornamental Horticulture from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. He's been in landscaping maintenance, supervision and management since 1997. He comes to us from The Vinoy Golf Club in St. Petersburg, Florida where he was the Assist. Supt. If you see Thad rolling around the course, please introduce yourself and say, hello and welcome him to PGCC.

In my opinion, I haven't seen the overall condition of the golf course look this good at this time of the year since I've been a member, starting in 1994. I want to thank Bill, George, Al, Ken, Liam and for the last month, Thad for their diligence and hard work.

Thank you to all of the people who showed up on Monday August 14th for our 'volunteer workday'. We were able to get a lot of 'attention to detail' types of things done. Fall aeration is Monday Oct. 16th. If you have a couple of spare hours in the morning, you can help the crew with cleaning up of the plugs taken out of the greens. A lunch will be provided to those volunteers.

Projects that have been completed this summer are the aforementioned 'Combo Tee' project. This was done on the suggestion from Bob Ostroff for the purpose of giving the older players a chance to continue to play competitive golf. We liked the idea and partnered with Jr. Golf Development for concept and financing of the project which also included the tee on #5. This also gives Junior Golfers who are more advanced but maybe not quite ready for the blue & white tees, a chance to grow their game and compete in tournaments. Really, anyone can use these tees. I want to thank all of the people on the Green Committee, Jr. Golf Development Committee, Patrick, Tyler, Bob, Bill and his crew and PGCC members who have made donations to the Jr. Golf Development program for making this project happen. In my end of the year article, I will give a full accounting for 2023 CIDM expenditures.

As you may have noticed, we have had areas on the course cleaned up and a lot of trees taken down. We budgeted \$20,000 for tree removal in 2023. To date we've spent \$25,700. We also spent an additional \$1,840 on an arborist's assessment of the oak tree behind #6 and spraying 16 trees for beetle problems. September's CIDM will show more charges for a second opinion on #6 along with the heavy trimming of numerous limbs on the tree. This 2nd opinion was much like the first, the tree could last 25 or 50yrs. or fall down next week. We have steps in place which includes informational's put out by the Club, ropes around the tree, signage at the site, an alternate cart park in front of the bunkers, a gravel cart path that takes carts around & away from the tree, and a drop zone for balls that go in the roped off area. Please adhere to all of these things. If a ball goes into the roped off area, it is advised to leave it or if you get it, it's at your 'own risk'. We will continue to monitor the situation but for now we will go with the above stated procedures. Thank you for your compliance.

One thing we've been researching is filling out an application for 'reclaimed water' use. Larry Riis has been in contact with the Water Dept. and was told that they have a grant for a feasibility study to bring 'reclaimed water' to the West side. They said their 'cost analysis' will take a year to a year and one half before it's ready to bring in front of the City Council and it isn't in Petaluma's present 5yr Capitol budget plan. They said that PGCC should fill out the app anyway to show our interest. It would be a benefit to us that when this does go to the City Council, that our members contact council members asking them to support the plan. I've personally spoke with a Council member about this and while it was agreed that bringing 'reclaimed' water to the West side is a good idea, they seemed more ambivalent about the need vs the cost. I've been a PGCC board member 4 different times, starting in the mid 2000's. There have

been issues we've talked about but never did because of the cost and at the time it made financial sense because of where we were financially as a club. The downside is that things don't get cheaper, only more expensive as time goes on.

In Sept., we will be aerating tees and over seeding fairways. Aeration of the greens will be done in October 16th. We discussed with Thad, looking into getting a 'roller' machine for the greens. He likes them and has used them at other clubs. He will be attending a demonstration given at one of CourseCo's properties on the rollers and on 'robo' mowers. Ken who is the mechanic, also grows sod up at the maintenance area. When the weather gets more conducive, we will transplant some of the sod into a couple of areas.

Just a friendly reminder; please fix your divots, ball marks and rake bunkers after use. Also, please heed signage, roped off areas, park carts fully on the cart path and place garbage in the receptacles.

If you have any suggestions, complaints, criticisms or want to pass along 'atta boys' to the crew, my email is hp1852@yahoo.com.

18-Hole Women's Section

PETALUMA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB WOMEN'S GOLF

by Eileen Ostroff

Visit our new women's golf web site WWW.PGCCWOMEN.COM

NCGA/WGANC Legacy Tournament Committee: Claudia Little

PG&CC Women's Golf Liaison: Claudia Little

We now have a women's golf liaison. If you are new to the club or just have questions or suggestions, get in touch with Claudia Little. [707-776-7189](tel:707-776-7189) or littleclau1@gmail.com She would be happy to help you navigate the different women's groups and programs available, or even simply introduce you to some of the other women golfers in our club

18-HOLE WOMEN'S SECTION

Visit our women's golf web site (www.pgccwomen.com)

Captain: Virginia Silacci

Co-Captain: Terese Thomas

Tournament: Ruth Giacomini & Claudia Little

Rules: Cecy Mullins

Treasurer: Gayle Sarlatte

Past Captain / WGANC Ambassador: Gayle Sarlatte

Open Days / Communications: Eileen Ostroff

Egg Basket: Terese Thomas

Sadie Hawkins: Virginia Silacci & Claudia Little

18-Hole Women's Section Champion: Claudia Little

Sign up on TeamSnap for Wednesday play by Monday noon or Saturday play by Thursday noon. Give Claudia a call, drop her a text, or email her, she would be happy to get you set up on TeamSnap [707-776-7189](tel:707-776-7189) or littleclau1@gmail.com.

Our board of directors of the following year:

Captain: Terese Thomas
Co-Captain: Sue Berger
Tournament: Susanne Dryer & Deborah Yee
Rules: Cecy Mullins
Treasure: Eileen Ostroff
Past Captain / WGANC Ambassador: Virginia Silacci
Open Days / Communications: Brenda Roberts
Egg Basket: Sue Berger
Sadie Hawkins: Pia Espe, Cecy Mullins, & Gayle Sarlatte
18-Hole Women's Section Champion: Claudia Little

Keep your eyes open for the time & date of our Holiday Gathering
(via TeamSnap)

Major Tournament Winners

(a special thanks goes out to all the tournament sponsors)

Hansen's Best Ball: Jill Cheda & Eileen Ostroff
Egg Basket: First Flight: Sue Berger & Claudia Little
Second Flight: Mullins & Bridget Wilson
Tish Battaglia Match Play: Claudia Little
Ostroff EC: First Flight: Brenda Roberts
Second Flight: Cecy Mullins
Championship: Claudia Little
Musser Point Par: First Flight: Cecy Mullins
Second Flight: Gayle Sarlatte
Sadie Hawkins: Claudia Little, Chris Schroeder, & Virginia Silacci, Jim Schroeder
Laurie's Viva Las Vegas: Claudia Little, Sandy King, & Eileen Ostroff
Most Improved Golfer: Susanne Dryer

NCGA WOMEN'S GOLF

Petaluma Golf and Country Club is a WGANC (Women's Golf Association of Northern California) Legacy Club. This entitles all women in our club with an established handicap to participate in NCGA (WGANC) Open Days, NCGA Play Days, and NCGA Tournaments that are held at public and private courses all around Northern California. Most "Open Days" welcome women with a maximum established handicap index of 54, however, many of the other tournaments have different eligibility requirements.

For information on WGANC Open Days &/or Play Days

please go to **NCGA.org**
HOVER over the tab at the top that says "PLAY"
CLICK on "Women's Golf"

Or go directly to this link: <https://ncga.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/ncga22/schedule/women/index.htm?display=date>

9-Hole Ladies – Sandy Rozmarin

The 9-Hole Ladies Golf League got off to a slow start this year due to weather. Rain or no rain, spirits remained high. During the season we averaged about 12 players a week. Our 9-hole handicaps range from 12-28. We divided players into three groups for scoring which gave everyone the opportunity to be in the "winners circle."

Oct. 26th. will mark the official end of our season with our annual luncheon and the election of a new leadership team.

Junior Golf

By Tyler Picetti

The Junior Club Championship was held on October 28th and was a great tournament! We had 3 different flights, the 18 Hole Championship, 13 year old to 11 year old 9 Hole Flight and, 10 year old to 9 year old 9 Hole Flight. With a total score of 79, Chase Mandel is our 2023 Petaluma Golf and Country Club Champion! Winning the 13-11 year old 9 Hole Flight with a 49 was Grant Reposa, grandson of Bruce and JoAnn Crouch. And winning the 10-9 year old 9 Hole Flight with a 46 was Jackilynn Regan-Tucker, granddaughter of Scott and Diane Tucker. Congratulations to all of our winners and a job well done to those who participated! With the fall/winter upon us that means we are getting closer to our Junior Golf season, information about the upcoming season will be available in the coming months!



Petaluma Golf & Country Club

2023 Tournament Schedule

DATE	TOURNAMENT	GAME TYPE	CLUBS
Sat. February 18th	Gin Fizz	9am Shotgun	Men's
Sat. March 18th	2 Person Best Ball Irish Theme	9am Shotgun	All Clubs
Thurs.-Sat. May 4th-6th	Goat Hill		Men's
Wed. May 24th	Egg Basket	8am Shotgun	Women's
Sat. June 10th	Vartnaw	8am Shotgun	Men's
Sun. June 18th	1 Person Scramble	8am Shotgun	All Clubs
July 12th, 15th, 19th, 22nd & 26th	Women's Club Championship	8am - 8:30am Tee Times	Women's
Tues. July 4th	Red, White & Blue Tournament	8am Shotgun	All Clubs
Sat. & Sun. July 8th & 9th	PG&CC Stroke Play Championship	8am Shotgun x2	All Clubs
Sat. August 5th	3 Clubs & a Putter	8am Shotgun	All Clubs
Sat. August 12th	Old vs. Young Tournament	8am Shotgun	Men's
Sat. August 19th	Start of Men's Club Championship	Final Match Sept. 17th	Men's
Wed. September 13th	Sadie Hawkins	8:30am Shotgun	Women's
Sat. October 7th	Ryder Cup	8am Shotgun	Men's
Sat. October 14th	Stableford Championship	8am Shotgun	All Clubs
Sat. October 28th	Spooky Halloween Tournament	8am Shotgun	All Clubs
Thurs. November 23rd	Turkey Shootout	9am Shotgun	All Clubs
Sat. December 9th	Ugly Sweater Golf Tournament	9am Shotgun	All Clubs

*Price per tournament will vary per event

Sign up for event in the Golf Shop Tournament Binder or call (707) 762-7041

18 Hole Women's

Play every Wednesday morning at 8:30am with various games played each week and Saturday mornings at 8:30am for casual fun.

9 Hole Women's

Play every Tuesday morning at 9am with various games played each week



Cocktails



COMEDY

Show



Brian Thomas



Jeff Applebaum



Cody Smit



Nick Hoffman

\$75 per person

Saturday, November 11th, 2023

Cocktails: 5:30 PM

Spectacular Buffet Dinner: 6 PM

Featuring New York Strip Steaks and Grilled Salmon!

Show: 7 PM

Call or Stop By The Pro Shop to Sign Up! (707) 762-7041



TURKEY SHOOTOUT

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD | 9AM SHOTGUN

\$15 ENTRY FEE
OPTIONAL \$10 SKINS
AND CLOSEST TO THE PIN CONTESTS

**9 HOLE, FLIGHTED,
INDIVIDUAL STROKE PLAY EVENT**

**PLAYERS WILL BE BROKEN DOWN INTO
FLIGHTS BASED ON HANDICAP INDEX
AND TEE OFF IN A 9 HOLE
STROKE PLAY EVENT.
WINNERS BASED ON LOW NET
AND GROSS IN EACH FLIGHT.**

**PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE PRO SHOP TOURNAMENT BINDER OR EMAIL TYLER AT
TPICETTI@PETALUMAGOLFANDCOUNTRYCLUB.COM
SIGN UP DEADLINE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH BY 5PM**