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Petaluma Golf & Country Club, June 2018



President's Message

By Harry Pearson

Well May has been quite a month up at the club. We were able to let the 'cat out of the bag' so to speak with the news that Chris was being promoted and taking over Foxtail. Make sure you get your PG&CC discount when you play up there. Haha. Our new pro, John Theilade has stepped in and even though he is a veteran Pro/G.M., in which I chronicled in May's edition of the 'Pres. Msg.', he is getting his feet wet here at

PG&CC. Make sure you stop in his office and intro yourself.

At the April, Friday night mixer, we had another \$500 winner. Two months in a row! Before these last two months, we've only had one winner since the inception of the drawing a couple of years ago. Oh well, I heard the anonymous winner invested heavily at the bar with his winnings.

By the time you read this, we will have had our Farewell Dinner for Chris which took place on June 1st. When we learned Chris would be leaving, Darcy, (Admin), asked me if we should do something for Chris and I agreed we should. I asked Terese Thomas who is on the Social Committee if she would be interested in teaming with Darcy to maybe have something which coincided with a Friday Night Mixer and they came up with a stand alone hosted event for June 1st. They showed their flexibility when they learned on May 31st that a wedding that was scheduled for June 2nd, had been previously assured that they could set up 'The Hall' on the 1st. This is where Terese had intended the dinner to be served. Fortunately, they were able to improvise and use the

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deck, bar area, outside and pool area. Terese recruited Arlene Brians, Sue Berger and our chef, Megan. They prepared the salads, appetizers, bread and also served. I'd also like to thank Roy King, Mark Thomas, Ray Nizibian and Larry Weber who barbecued the chicken. A big thank you goes to Brad Dillon of Carson Wealth Management who sponsored the bar, (wine & beer). After all Brad, it was your idea to make the main raffle prize at the Friday Night Mixers a cash prize which increased by \$100 every month it wasn't won. Two in a row Brad. Our new Pro, John and his staff did yeoman's work and even Chris was put to work. It was great to see so many members, (close to 100), enjoy the evening. If I've left anyone out, I apologize. Once again, thanks to all.

These are the benevolent kinds of things that I envisioned when I became president. Members putting together social events or fundraisers for the club so that we could get together and become acquainted with each other and the club would benefit also.

Another man of benevolence, Ray Nizibian, along with his crew, (Larry Weber & Roy King), are preparing a Tuesday night dinner on June 5th to say good bye to Chris. Whether you play in the Men's Tuesday Night Game or not, make sure you come for dinner to fete Chris. Lamb, I think.

Chris, you've never been so popular! Hopefully these dinners are in 'your honor' and it's not because people are happy you're leaving.

I hope I can speak for the board and the members when I say, We're sorry to see you go but your new journey is well deserved.

In September of 2012, The Greens Committee; Keith Brians, Charley Freeman, Mark Nizibian, Larry Riis, Bob Spurgeon and myself asked Tom Isaak who is also a member of the committee and partner of CourseCo, if we could contract with him to have his V.P. of Agronomy consult and assist our Head Supt. Bill Maeder with our golf course maintenance. He agreed and Bill was able to get the immediate assistance that he deserved. The new way we approached the methods of agronomy, equipment and accountability provided us with immediate results which have only gotten better over the past, almost, six years.

As a club, we were in flux during the latter part of 2012 and beginning of 2013 due to many reasons. Because of our success with CourseCo in the golf maintenance area, the board decided to approach Tom and see about our club being managed by CourseCo. Tom, who is a long time member and contributor of PG&CC agreed to let CourseCo manage the Club. Chris was brought in as the Head Pro/G.M. in the Spring of 2013. It wasn't always a smooth ride but over the last five years, Chris's professionalism, dedication and hard work, along with others like our Assist. Pro. Stevan Peters, Megan, (chef), the staff and Bill and the maintenance crew has brought our club to a level where there is direction, efficiency, solvency and most important, a place where members are proud to bring guests and show off our club. This wasn't always the case. On behalf of the board and our members, thank you, Chris.

Unfortunately, there was a family enjoying the pool the day of the event and wasn't aware that the pool area was going to be used for the event. I sincerely apologize to that family for the inconvenience. We will learn from this for future events.

We welcome John Theilade or J.T. which he likes to be called. We know, with your experience, dedication and hard work, we will continue to move and grow in the right direction that Chris has paved for us.

Speaking of welcoming, on behalf of the board and members, I would like to welcome new members who joined in May; Mike & Karen Muhlethaler; Daniel &

Laura Logisz; Mark & Madelyn Crafts; Carlos & Nicole Payte; Bradley & Sarah Powell and Andy & Lisa

Fogarty. We welcome you, look forward to meeting you and hope that your membership brings you good times.

Please keep in mind that on Tuesday June 12th, the upper parking lot will be roped off so that the Women and their guests will be able to park for their, 'Egg Basket' Reception which will take place at the pool area. The 'Egg Basket' is the Women's 'Member-Guest' golf event which will be held on Wednesday, the 13th.

There will not be a Men's Tuesday Night Dinner on the 12th, however, there will be a Tuesday Men's game. This was a board decision.

Also, please remember to review PG&CC's Rules & Regulations, (Rules To Govern Play), re: tee times, how many golfers in a group, players using their own set of clubs, members ensuring that their guests check in and are properly attired. We're probably the only club around that allows jeans but we do require a collared shirt. Please be courteous and remember that the staff is only doing what is asked of them and should you have any complaints, address them to John, (Head Pro).

Thank you.

PG&CC History – Part 3

By Keith Brians



This is the third of a series of articles about the club's history. Information about the club's early years is from digitized copies of the Petaluma Argus Courier available at the Petaluma Library using Newspapers.com. The Press Democrat and the Oakland Tribune were also used. The club's own records before 1943 have apparently been lost to history. However, the club's minutes and other historical pieces from 1943 on remain.

The Club House

The board of directors met in the office of G.P. McNear Co. on Wednesday, October 25, 1922. In the absence of President George P. McNear, Vice-President Thomas Maclay presided over the meeting. The board decided to incorporate as soon as possible, and the club's incorporation was approved by the State of California on December 18, 1922. At the same meeting, the board also passed a resolution to make Mr. and Mrs. McNear honorary life members recognizing their donations of land and cash to the club.

The directors met again on Wednesday, January 10, 1923 to perfect the club's organization as a corporation and to officially decide on the site for the club house. There had been several meetings in the preceding weeks that deliberated the merits of the two sites proposed. The club house's current location, known as the "rock pile," at the end of the road was selected over the alternative site at the top of the hill on the western side of the property. The "rock pile" site prevailed as the course had been laid out with it in mind and considerable expense would have been required to bring a road to the alternative site. The building committee was tasked with determining what kind of a club house would be built. Visits to inspect club houses and facilities at other clubs were planned to gather ideas and inspiration for the new club house.

Ground was broken for the club house in March 1923. The first task was leveling the ground for the estimated \$25,000 building. Work progressed quickly as much of the excavation had already been done to provide gravel for the road using a small crusher on site.

Well-known local architect Brainerd Jones was selected to design the club house. Among his previous projects was the Petaluma Library on Fourth Street (now Petaluma Library and Museum), built in part with a \$10,000 grant from industrialist Andrew Carnegie, as well other Carnegie libraries in Healdsburg and Sonoma. Jones

also did numerous other local projects, including the library's neighbor to the rear, the Lincoln Primary School, and the Petaluma Women's Club at 518 B Street.

On Tuesday, September 4, 1923, stakes for the club house were set under the direction of Brainerd Jones at an informal event attended by a number of members including the building committee.

The board of directors finally adopted plans for the elegant new club house on Tuesday, April 1, 1924 and put the project out to bid. The contract was awarded at a board of directors meeting on Wednesday, April 23, 1924 held at the Bank of Italy. Four bids were received with less \$500 difference between the highest and lowest. The contract was awarded to Al Herman, who also built the Penngrove club house. The contract price was not made public, but was reported to be approximately \$20,000. The building was described as a "model of beauty and comfort and convenience".

On May 14, contractor Al Herman reported that pouring the concrete foundation was completed. Work progressed rapidly over the summer, and By August, plans were being made for opening the new club house. Architect Brainerd Jones and builder Al Herman completed their inspection of the building on Thursday, August 21, and the notice of completion was filed on the 22nd. The board formally accepted the club house Wednesday, August 27, 1924.

An accounting of the financial state of the club and the expenses of the construction, furnishing and fitting of the club house was presented to the board on Wednesday, September 24, 1924, by Secretary Dolph Hill. The value of the 100 acres of land generously donated to the club by Mr. and Mrs. G.P. McNear was put at \$175 an acre, a total of \$17,500. The club house cost \$18,000, water pumps and piping were \$3,000, tractors and other equipment were \$1,500 and the road from McNear Avenue cost \$5,000. Liabilities in the form of notes to those members who loaned money to the club amounted to \$30,000 were shortly thereafter replaced by 20 year notes bearing 5% interest.

The formal opening of the club was planned for early October after the annual meeting of the members.



Men's Tournaments

By Nick Smith

Tournament news

The Saturday Sleep City sweeps are off and running. It's never to late to join in on the fun. The June medal play was won by Kersey Hatcher who beat last years winner , Loren Warburg, in a card off. Mike Sturla got it going and was only 1 stroke behind the winner. Each year, we have a tournament pitting the old guys against the young guys. This year, the old guys prevailed and have the bragging rights for the rest of the year.

Congratulations go out to Jason Morris who came in 2nd in a mid-amateur qualifying at Foxtail and advances on to Monterey to compete the weekend of June 9th.

Jason also competed in the Sonoma County Amateur as did Jason Sullivan, Mike Johnson, Larry Riis and Tom Isaak. It was a fun event for them as this was Chris Gays first day at Foxtail as he was there on the 1st tee announcing each contestant. Good to see our guys out competing with seasoned tournament players.

And last but not least, on June 23rd is the Vartnaw. The Vartnaw is our premiere member member event and it always brings out a good field. Please sign up soon. If you don't have a partner, just let JT or Stephen know and we will find you a partner. There will be an optional shoot out Friday the 22nd at 4 PM. Tournament is Sat morning. This is a great chance for new members to meet and play with other members. Hope to see you there.

Great upcoming events

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- June 12^t and 13 The 40th Annual Egg Basket Ladies Invitational
- June 23 – Vartnaw – Member Member
- June 30 – Start of our Match Play event – get ready for the Club Championship

Save the Date: The Goat Hill Invitational (Member Guest) September 7, 8, & 9

Head Golf Professional / General Manager Report

By John Theilade

My wife Marie and I moved to Santa Rosa in 1998 when I was offered the Director of Golf position at the Fountaingrove Golf and Athletic Club. We came from the Bay Area, and realized right away that Sonoma County is a very special place to live. In a very short time we met wonderful people and places to go that enriched our lives. I was invited to play Petaluma Golf and Country Club for the first time back in 2001 by Tom Isaak. It was on a Tuesday and we played nine holes followed by a dinner being prepared by the members of the club. I noticed right away the great camaraderie and fellowship between the members. Now 17 years later I have the privilege of being your General Manager/Head Golf Professional, and it feels like going back in time. Nothing has really changed regarding the camaraderie and fellowship. This is a very special place and I look forward to getting to know everyone and learning more about the club.

Congratulations to Christopher Gay for his new venture at Foxtail Golf Club. I will do my best to continue the success he has established with the Junior Golf Programs and the very popular Social activities. I'm very excited to join a team of co-workers who are friendly and have the passion to provide excellent service to our members.

North Bay League and PGA Junior League!

Both Leagues are now underway with our first PGA Junior Match is being held at Petaluma on Saturday June 9 at 3pm.

June Schedule of Matches PGA Junior League

Petaluma Team 1

- June 9 at Petaluma vs. Bennett Valley 3pm.
- June 16 at Bennett Valley 3pm
- June 30 at Oakmont Golf Club 3pm.

June Schedule of Matches North Bay League

North Bay League Team

- June 19 at Fairgrounds
- June 26 at Northwood Golf Club

Petaluma Team 2

- June 10 at Petaluma vs. Oakmont Golf Club 3pm.
- June 24 at Petaluma vs. Bennett Valley 3pm.

Summer Concert Series:

- June 15th Glen Carter
- June 22nd Lorin Lowry (Vartnaw Pre-Tournament Party)
- June 29th Lorin Lowry
- July 13th Ruby Fradkin
- July 27th Elaine Ryan
- August 17th Ruby Fradkin

Construction in Main Hall. The main entryway to the clubhouse has new hardwood flooring.

Pool Opening: The Pool is now Open.

Pool Parties: As a reminder here is our pool party policy.

- Only Certificate members are permitted to host pool parties. Fees: \$10 per person
- Pool Party requests need approval from the General Manager at membership@petalumagolfandcountryclub.com
- Pool Parties are permitted between 5/15 through 6/30.
- Pool Parties cannot be held on Weekends or Holidays
- Only 1 Pool Party per Week Day except from 5/30 to 6/9 there can be up to 2 parties per week.
- The time limit for Pool Parties is no more than 3 hours.
- All Pool Parties must be from 10am to 3:00pm
- Maximum number of kids is 15 (16 and under)
- Total number of people: 25
- A pool party is defined as a group of 6 or more non-members accompanying a member.
- Non-member parties are not permitted.
- Pool Parties must hire a certified lifeguard which must be present for the entire party. PG&CC will arrange for lifeguards at the following rates:
 - Fees for per hours:
 - 1 Lifeguard (15 Swimmers) \$25.00
- All pool parties are non-exclusive and will be shared with other members.
- All beverages must be purchase from Petaluma Golf and Country Club.

Again, I'm excited to be a member of the team at this fine club and look forward to meeting everyone.



The
VARTNAW
Men's Member - Member Tournament

June 23rd, 2018

8:30am Shotgun

This is the Member Member event of the year!

PRE-Tournament Party on Friday, June 22! All members are invited!
Free Appetizers and live music by Sonoma County great Lorin Rowan!

Please sign up by calling (707) 762-7041



PETALUMA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Summer CONCERT SERIES

5:30PM to 7:30PM

AUG JULY JUNE

15 GLENN CARTER
22 LORIN ROWAN
29 LORIN ROWAN

13 RUBY FRADKIN
27 ELAINE RYAN

17 RUBY FRADKIN

You don't want to miss these events!

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NCGA **Tournament Club Qualifiers**

Club will pay all regional and Championship fees

ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Club Dates Qualifying Anytime between 3/3 to 3/16. \$10 Entry.
Regional Tournament: 4/9-4/10
Championship: 8/27-8/28

FOUR-BALL NET CHAMPIONSHIP

Club Dates Qualifying Anytime between 4/16 to 4/27. \$10 Entry.
Regional Tournament: 5/24
Championship: 6/18 and 6/19

SENIOR FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Club Dates Qualifying Anytime between 6/30 to 7/13. \$10 Entry.
Regional Tournament: 8/8
Championship: 9/10 to 9/11

NET AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Club Dates Qualifying Anytime between 8/4 to 8/17. \$10 Entry.
Regional Tournament: 9/13
Championship: 10/15 & 10/16

Please sign up by calling 707.762.7041 or by alerting the golf shop staff prior to teeing off.



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JUNE 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Chris' Farewell Party and Welcome John Party 5:30pm	2 Men's Medal Event in the Hall 4:00pm. Sponsoring member Bonnie Williams
3	4	5 Ladies 9 Hole Golf 9am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	6 Women 18 Hole Group 7:45am	7 Home and Home vs SRGCC at Santa Rosa PGA and North Bay League Practice 12pm	8 Pool Party 12-3pm Happy Hour 5:30pm-7:30pm	9 PGA Junior Match 3:00pm Event in the Hall 5:30pm
10 PGA Junior Match 3:00pm	11	12 Ladies 9 Hole Golf 9am Egg Basket Cocktail Party 6:00pm Pool Closes at 4pm NO TUESDAY DINNER	13 Women 18 Hole 40 th Annual Egg Basket Member Guest Tournament 7:30am Meet 8:15 Shotgun	14 Home and Home vs SRGCC at Petaluma PGA and North Bay League Practice 12pm	15 Happy Hour with LIVE MUSIC with Glen Carter 5:30pm- 7:30pm	16
17	18	19 Ladies 9 Hole Golf 9am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	20 Women 18 Hole Group 7:45am <i>Board Meeting 6:00pm</i>	21 PGA and North Bay League Practice 12pm	22 Vartnaw Pre-Party – all members invited 5:30pm- 7:30pm Live Music 5:30pm to 7:30pm	23 Men's "The Vartnaw" Member Member 8:30am Start PGA Junior Match 3:00pm
24 PGA Junior Match 3:00pm	25 SIRS 8am – 2pm	26 Ladies 9 Hole Golf 9am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	27 Women 18 Hole Group 7:45am	28 PGA and North Bay League Practice 12pm	29 Happy Hour with LIVE MUSIC with Lorin Rowin 5:30pm- 7:30pm	30 Men's Match Play Begins PGA Junior Match 3:00pm

July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Ladies 9 Hole Golf – 9am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	4 Women 18 Hole Group 7:45am	5 PGA and North Bay League Practice 12pm	6 Happy Hour 5:30pm- 7:30pm	7 Men's Medal 8:30am Outside Event in Hall 4:00pm – 11:00pm
8	9	10 Ladies 9 Hole Golf – 9am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	11 Women 18 Hole Group 7:45am	12 PGA and North Bay League Practice 12pm	13 Live Music with Happy Hour with Ruby Fradkin 5:30pm- 7:30pm	14
15	16 North Bay Juniors 10:00am 60 Juniors	17 Ladies 9 Hole Golf 9am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	18 Women 18 Hole Group 7:45am Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm	19 PGA and North Bay League Practice 12pm	20 Happy Hour 5:30pm- 7:30pm	21 Men's 3-Club Tournament 8:30am
22	23	24 Ladies 9 Hole Golf 9am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	25 Women 18 Hole Group 7:45am	26 PGA and North Bay League Practice 12pm	27 Happy Hour and Elaine Ryan LIVE MUSIC 5:30pm- 7:30pm	28 Outside Event in Hall 4:00pm – 11:00pm
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