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9-HOLE LADIES REPORT

by Sandra Messer

Grand Opening for
Petaluma Chicks 2016
Season

It needs to be said; starting a season by celebrating is a great idea. The Ladies 9 Hole Division Opening Day began with a merry meet & greet accompanied by a light breakfast buffet. Tuesday, March 1 provided for a beautiful day on the course, with both returning as well as a great slate of new players making the most of the excellent conditions. Scramble play got the season underway graciously.



The 9-Hole Ladies Division, aka the Petaluma Chicks plays each Tuesday morning from March through October. If you're interested in learning more about this Division, stop by our information board located just past the trophy lounge area near the Club's Northeast entrance. You can also contact Sandra, 9-hole Ladies Captain at sandra@frontstoop.com. Just because the season has begun doesn't mean you can't join.

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USGA RULE UPDATES

By Christopher Gay

The official governing body of Golf – the USGA has made some very important rule changes. For 2016. The changes are:

Playing Alone. For members playing by themselves – you are no longer permitted to post your scores in the handicap computer. Rounds used for posting should be played with another person which provides “peer review” of your score. “Peer review” is an essential part of the handicap program and therefore the USGA made this change.

Ball Moved After Addressing the Ball. The USGA has removed the penalty for a ball that has moved after a player has address the ball. The player is still penalized 1-stroke if there is evidence that the player influenced the ball to move.

Wrong Scorecard no longer automatic Disqualification: If a player posted a score lower than their actual score that player will be disqualified; however, if the reason the player posted a lower score was due to the fact they incurred a penalty they were unaware of at the time they given a 2 stroke penalty instead of disqualification.

Anchoring of Club prohibited The USGA rule to ban anchoring of a club is now in place. This new rule is 14-1b. This new rule doesn't ban long putters and belly putters. It is a bit complicated but it basically means that you cannot anchor the club and in some cases you cannot anchor your forearms to your body. Here are a couple of quick guidelines:

If your hands are held together. You are permitted to hold your forearms tight to your body.

If your hands are separated on the grip. You are not allowed to anchor your forearms. **Regardless of your grip -** the end of the club cannot be held against any part of the body

JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAMS

by Mike Morgan

Attention all Parents – our annual Junior BBQ will be March 13th at 12:00pm. Come to the club to learn about all of our exciting Junior Programs. Chris will review details, including sign-up deadlines all programs:

The new year-round Junior Development Club (scheduled to start in April) for kids, ages 7-17 2. The summer programs including:

- Junior Camps (4 sessions in the summer months),
- PGA Junior League (our second season with tryouts for ages 7-13 in May)
- Little Hens & Little Roosters (4 dates in April & September, ages 3-6).

Please RSVP – by calling 707.762.1057 so that we can prepare for enough food and drinks.



Our PGA Head Golf
Professional – Christopher Gay
is a US Kids Certified Coach

MEN'S TOURNAMENTS

By Christopher Gay

We are busy putting the event calendar online at www.petalumagolfandcountryclub.com. Please check our page to see the upcoming events!

Saturday, March 12th – 2 Man Scramble

Friday, April 1st – **Night** Golf Tournament

Saturday, April 2nd – 2-Man Better Ball

Saturday, May 14th – Member & Member (The Vartnaw) – this is the premier tournament of the year just for members. Please mark your calendars for the May 13th Pre-Tournament Party and then the 2-Man (Pick your Partner) Tournament on May 14th.

MEN'S TWILIGHT DINNERS

By Christopher Gay

The extremely popular Men's Dinner on Tuesday Nights return March 15th. Trip Tip Dinner prepared by Mitch Lind, Al Alys and Mackenzie Smith. Cost of dinner \$17.00. The Golf Game is \$3.00 and format varies from week to week.

We are accepting sign-ups for dinner – we do not have anyone for 3/22, 3/29, 4/5 etc. Please sign-up now!

SOCIALS EVENTS!

By Christopher Gay

March is a busy month at the club with social activities. Be sure to sign-up below for these upcoming events:

March 19th – St. Patrick's Dinner. 5:00pm Cocktails, 6:00pm Dinner, 6:30pm Live Music!

March 25th – Friday Night Mixer - \$500 Drawing – Appetizers – Theme TBD

March 27th – Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt – 10:00am with the Easter Bunny arriving at 11:30am. New this year – we will have 1,700 eggs and we will have 3 age groups for the egg hunt – 2 and under, 3-5 year olds and 6+.



Clinton Walker stirring a pasta sauce – a secret family recipe



Iron Chefs Larry Weber and Roy King working on another fantastic dinner!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9-Hole Ladies 9:00am	2 18-Hole Ladies 8:15am	3 Annual Dinner 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Meeting	4	5
6	7	8 9-Hole Ladies 9:00am	9 18-Hole Ladies 8:15am	10 SV High School – Course Closed 3pm-6pm	11	12 Men's 2-Man Scramble
13 Junior BBQ 12:00pm <i>Daylight Savings</i>	14	15 9-Hole Ladies 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	16 18-Hole Ladies 8:15am <i>Board Meeting 6pm</i>	17	18	19
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