

THE IMPROVED LIE

Petaluma Golf & Country Club, April 2016



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MEN'S TOURNAMENT REPORT

By Nick Smith

What a fabulous start to the competitive golf year we have enjoyed. We started the year with the goal of getting more golfers coming to the club on Saturday's and playing with members outside their regular group. We mixed up the formats to make it interesting and so far it seems to be working.

We started with a blind draw scramble to equalize the still wintery conditions and everyone who played was treated to sausages and a beer tasting! We had almost 20 players and everyone enjoyed the day. Last weekend we adjusted to a 2 man better ball format with burgers and beer and again had a tremendous turn out.

We are planning on having a board to help us better promote up and coming competitions and celebrate current champions until that is ready here is what is coming up –

April 23rd and 24th 2016 -Stroke Play Championship –, Replace Senior Club Championship and moves to a flighted stroke play event. \$20.00 Entry. Under 55, 55-64, 65 and older. Two Day aggregate score gross and net.

Saturday, May 7th - ChaChaCha Variable Best Ball –. \$20 entry. Format complicated but Chris Gay understands it!

May 14th - Vartnaw The Member-Member Tournament of the Year –. Entry \$40 per person. Pre-tournament party on May 13th includes Cookout and Shoot-Out Event. Better Ball Two Day Event. Lunch, Gross and Net with KP and Long Drive. 8:30am Shotgun

AND the WINNERS are ...

Gin Fizz

1st – 57 Net Chris Mathies & John Candau

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Two-Man Scramble

1st Net – 69 Ross Leask & Gary Sumner
1st Gross – 68 Nick Smith & Paul Ippolito

Two Man Better Ball

1st Net – 61 Greg Plattner & Marty Steigner
1st Gross – 75 Ross Leask & Mike Johnson

Look forward to seeing you in competition soon!

Cheers, Nick

9-Hole Ladies Report

By Sandra Messer

March Play Marshy in the Middle.

As you read in last month's issue, our season opener was a Spring day stunner. We also ended the month on a beautiful day. But in the middle? Rain! With cart path only and very soggy conditions, most member players stayed away for game days in March. Despite that, enough players came out for the Golfer of the Month contest, so I'm happy to report that Dervila Settles is the Petaluma Chicks' March Golfer of the Month. March play ended on a high note weather-wise AND a 1st place Low Net tie between Bonnie Williams and Lois Skarsten.



Terry Figone livens up game day with Springtime Easter treats.

Marketing Report

By Timo Rivetti

Spring is in the air so time to dust down your clubs & go out & play golf & invite family, friends, clients & work colleagues to experience our wonderful club. We NEED new members & we now have several ways of boosting/recruiting new members & we to all need to club our resources together to do so. You should have all received in the mail 4 FREE guest passes. This is by far our easiest & least expensive way of attracting interest. Please see if you can utilize these 4 passes & get some new folk here to play golf.

We will be having a Spring Invitational on Thursday May 19th at 5pm. It will be a shotgun format complete with cook your own steak, keg & prizes. Look for a flyer soon with more details but please save this date.

The Board approved a “Clubhouse Membership” for \$500 for 6 months only to experience the club & pool privileges only limited to 25 new members. So if you have friends who want to come up for social activities this would be a good introductory way of getting them up.



If you have been to the club recently or attended the annual general meeting on March 3rd you would be aware of the proposed Vision 2022 plan. This was spearheaded by the Centennial Committee for the 100th year celebration in 2022. Proposed plan shows a remodeled club house & bar, wrap around deck, recreation area with bocce court, sport court & new pool house/fitness room as well as new entry/check in.



PETALUMA GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB
VISION 2022



The committee is working on a proposed budget & funding options to develop this into reality within the next 2-3 years & to have a 100th birthday party not to forget. We welcome all your suggestions/comments for the Vision 2022 plan & please feel free to attend any of our meetings. Contact myself or Chris for more details.

Look forward to seeing you all soon.

Timo

18 -Hole Ladies Report

By Claudia Little

17 Women braved the cold foggy morning on March 2nd to start the 18-Hole Women’s section’s 2016 season. We warmed up by playing a quick 3-Hole Horse Race Derby and followed up with 9 holes. I think everyone would agree when I say that the real reason everyone showed up was because of the amazing Potluck Lunch put on by the board. Everyone outdid themselves and I believe there were many happy spouses who got leftovers.



As many you may know the 18-Hole Women's section meets every Wednesday at 7:45 am to play a full round followed by a catered lunch at 1:00pm. What some may not know is that we have many guest days throughout the season. So if you are not a member of the 18-Hole ladies but would like to come out and see what it is like to play with us you are most certainly welcome. You can ask any of the ladies in our group to sign you up as a guest, and if you don't know anyone then please call Claudia Little at 707-776-7189 (or email at pgccwomen@gmail.com) and she would be happy to sign you up and play with you.

Our Guest days this year are:

- **July 6**
- **August 3**
- **August 31st**
- **October 5th.**
- There is no cost for playing on guest days although if you have an established USGA 18 hole handicap you may enter that day's sweeps if you wish.



Also... **ALL Ladies of the PG&CC (golfer or not) are welcome to join us each and every week for lunch.** If you would like to join us for lunch please call Laurie Leask at 707-762-8164 by Mondays at noon. Lunch is \$13 and includes lunch, dessert and coffee. Even if you can't play every week that doesn't mean you shouldn't join the 18-Hole Women's Section. Besides the weekly golf we hold fun annual tournaments like our grand Egg Basket Tournament and our Sadie Hawkins Tournament (this is where the men come out to join us) that we all look forward too. Plus one of the biggest benefits of joining is (if you have a handicap index below 40) you are eligible to play in WGANC Open Days. These are days when other private clubs open their doors for the ladies to play for the cost of food and cart – **NO GREEN FEES!!** This is an amazing opportunity that not even the men get. There are over 70 Open Days a year. If you would like to learn more about WGANC Open Days then please visit: <http://www.wganc.com/green-book/open-days/>

If you would like to know more about joining the 18-Hole Women's Section the please call the captain, Claudia Little at 707-776-7189 or email her at pgccwomen@gmail.com at any time.

Green's Committee Report

By Harry Pearson

I'm writing this article the day after Easter and rain wise, we've had a great March. A little more would be good too. Even though the course is still a little wet in some areas, we are starting to see a little bit of roll out on our shots that land in the fairways. Bill has given the o.k. to take carts back on the fairways. The course is beautiful and very green like in Ireland. The improved agronomy program, which includes using a penetrating wetting agent is keeping the greens firm and not mushy as it has been in past winters. Even though they may be a touch slow, they are rolling great.

On April 11th, the fairways crew will conduct their Spring maintenance. They will be punching the greens with small tines and sanding them. This usually doesn't impact greens to a great degree and they will completely heal within a couple of weeks. As you read this the tees might be already done or be in the process of being done. This constitutes slicing and aerating. When there is a dry period, Bill will spray the roughs for weeds and dandelions. Fairways seeding and slicing will be done in May. This is part of the new agronomy plan we started last year. Fairways are being over seeded with rye grass not only in the Spring maintenance but Fall as well. In addition to this, during the growing season, rye seeding/slicing and spraying fungicides will be done every 2 weeks in areas that have posed a problem with fungus in the past. This is a very expensive process but the point of the intensification is to eventually have the rye overtake the poa. The guys think this will help combat the fungus and along with the improved, more efficient irrigation, we should be seeing positive results this summer. The program will cover a total of 6 acres and will be rotated around the course to cause as little impact as possible.

Another of our long time fairway guys will be leaving in a short time. Hilario, who has been with us for 25 yrs., has to go back to Mexico to take over the family ranch, due to the death of his father. Thank you, Hilario for all the great work you've done, condolences on the passing of your father and best wishes. Bill will be interviewing for a replacement.

The tree that fell over the fence by #5 green was scheduled to be removed along with the 2 trees to the right of it. Due to all the wet weather it was re-scheduled for April. Again, when we get some dry weather, the ice plant that has been dug up below #10 tee & #5/14 women's tee will be sprayed and the weeds will be removed before new ice plant is planted.

Now for the biggie, the new irrigation system. The new satellite radio control boxes, cement pads, central computer and 108 new sprinklers have been installed. Bill has attended a class given by RainBird on the use of the system. By the time you read this, Russ Mitchell should have all the course G.P.S. maps done and hopefully installed into the computer. Chris and Bill will receive hands on training and the system will be up and running as the golf season starts. I'll continue to give updates on how it's working. The computer, controllers, training and installation were funded through the assessment. The purchase of 120 sprinklers and the installation of the 108, (\$28,565), came out of the Greens Committee's 2016 CIDM. As stated in prior articles, this completes the replacement of over 450 sprinklers in a program we started almost 15 yrs. ago. There are still about 115 old sprinklers that were turned off 2 yrs. ago to conserve water that we don't plan on using or replacing unless needed. We are also committed to \$27,906 for equipment leases that will also come out of our portion of CIDM, therefore, we have pretty much used up all of our 2016 CIDM allotment.

The Board has additionally approved 2 projects for us: \$500 for landscaping & \$2,500 to renovate, (in-house), the tee box on #8/17 due to the left side sloping considerably. Bill will strip it, level it and plant new sod. This is scheduled for the end of April. We have 2 trees in stock to plant and a commitment to purchase a tree through our 'Memorial Tree' program. Please remember, if anyone is interested in honoring a loved one, they can contact Chris or myself at hp1852@yahoo.com for further info. Suggestions and complaints are welcomed also. I will answer any questions you have.

Now that the weather is going to be better, it's a great time to come up and enjoy your course. Tuesday night dinners have started and they always have a 9 hole game before the dinner. Please park carts fully on the cart path, fix ball marks and divots.

Harry Pearson

MEN'S TWILIGHT DINNERS

By Christopher Gay

The Dinners have started and the meals have been terrific! Dinners cost \$17.00 and starts at 6:00pm. The Golf Game is \$3.00 and format varies from week to week.

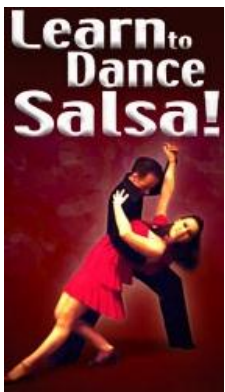
We are accepting sign-ups for dinner – get a group of friends together and cook a meal for your fellow members. Please call 707.762.7041 to sign-up now!



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

APRIL FRIDAY NIGHT MIXER!

By Christopher Gay



April will officially start our season with a Spring Fling Mixer on **April 29th**.

This mixer will be a little Latin inspired and include Salsa Dance Lessons and Salsa Music – the dance lessons and dancing afterwards are no charge to members and their guests and (begins at 6:00pm). We will have special appetizers and Mojitos, of course! Also we will have our infamous drawing for \$500. Last month's non-winner was Jerry Tidwell.

Look for:

May 8th – Mother's Day Brunch

May 27th Friday Night Mixer

June 24th Friday Night Mixer

WOMEN GOLF CLINICS – Clinic and Cocktails!

By Christopher Gay

Beginner Clinic and Cocktails

Join us for this fun and exciting beginner's golf program – for women only! Learn about the fundamentals, the swing, putting and chipping. On-course portion will include rules and etiquette. Each session is 5 Fridays from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. After each class – join us for a special cocktail at the club! Fee \$150.00 per session

Fridays: Session #1: May 6, May 13, May 20, May 27, June 3

Session #2: June 10, June 17, June 24, July 1, July 8

Session #3: July 29, Aug 5, Aug 12, Aug 19, Aug 26

Clinic and Cocktails 2.0

Come join in the fun! If you have already taken our beginner class or are ready for a little more advanced instruction - this class is for you. Clinics will include more video instruction, course management and swing techniques. This 90 minute clinic begins at 5:30pm and lasts for 5 weeks. After each clinic, each participant will receive a special cocktail. \$150 per session.

Thursdays: Session #1 May 12, May 19, May 26, June 2, June 9

JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM

By Christopher Gay

As showcased in several emails – we have some great Junior Programs lined up for this year. Please go online at www.petalumagolfandcountryclub.com to learn more about our programs:

- The new year-round Junior Development Club for kids, ages 7-17
 - 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)
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NEW CLUB MEMBERSHIP

By Christopher Gay

The Board of Directors have approved a new sub-class of Social Membership called the “Club Membership”. This non-equity membership will be limited to the first 20 applicants and will be offered May 1st through October 31st. This Club Membership will have access to dining, social activities and the pool. This will be a non-charging membership with no golf privileges. This membership costs \$500 per season.

MEMBER RECRUITMENT

By Christopher Gay

Our #1 source of new members are our current members. We have several programs for your “Toolkit” that will assist you in bringing new members!

- \$275 Recruitment Incentive. For each new member you bring to the club you will receive a \$275 statement credit. After 6 months as members in good standing the new members will also receive a \$275 statement credit.
- Trial Membership. If you know someone that is not sure if they want to join – we offer a 30-Day Trial. This is the perfect opportunity to show prospective members the club with no-risk to them.
- Club Membership – with the newly formed club membership seek out friends and colleagues that may want to join just for the pool or just for the summer. Soon these members will realize what a fantastic club we have and will convert to full members!
- Bring guests! Show friends, co-workers, neighbors and colleagues the club by inviting them as guests. This is the easiest and most effective way of getting people to the club! This could be for golf, to a social event, or just to lounge at the pool.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Night Golf Tournament	2 Men's 2 Man Better Ball
3	4 SIRS 7:00am-1:30pm	5 9-Hole Ladies 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	6 18-Hole Ladies 8:15am	7	8	9
10	11 Aeration BEGINS	12 9-Hole Ladies 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	13 18-Hole Ladies 8:15am	14	15 Outside Event Breakfast 9am-12pm	16
17	18	19 9-Hole Ladies 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	20 18-Hole Ladies 8:15am <i>Board Meeting 6pm</i>	21	22	23 Men's Stroke Play Championship Round #1
24 Men's Stroke Play Championship Round #2	25	26 9-Hole Ladies 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	27 18-Hole Ladies 8:15am	28	29 Friday Night Mixer – SALSA! 5:30pm – 7:30pm	30

				<h1>MAY</h1>		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Banquet Event 2:00pm-5:00pm	2 SIRS 7:00am-1:30pm	3 9-Hole Ladies 9:00am	4 18-Hole Ladies 8:15am	5	6	7 Men's Club Variable Better Ball – pick your own partner 8:30am Shotgun Wedding 4:00pm
8 Mother's Day BRUNCH	9	10 9-Hole Ladies 9:00am	11 18-Hole Ladies 8:15am	12	13 VARTNAW – Pre-Tournament Shootout and Party	14 VARTNAW Men's Member - Member
15	16 Birdies for Books Golf Tournament 12:00pm – 7:00pm	17 9-Hole Ladies 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	18 18-Hole Ladies 8:15am <i>Board Meeting 6pm</i>	19 Spring Invitational – Prospective Members 5:15pm Start	20	21 Men's Club 4-Man Scramble 8:30am Shotgun Wedding 4:00pm
22	23	24 9-Hole Ladies 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	25 18-Hole Ladies 8:15am	26	27 Friday Night Mixer 5:30pm – 7:30pm	28 Party in Hall 6:00pm to 10:00pm
29	30 <i>Memorial Day</i> Couples Tournament Men's Club NCGA ZONE Qualifier Begins now through June 12th	31 9-Hole Ladies 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>				