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# THE IMPROVED LIE

Petaluma Golf & Country Club, April 2017

## President's Report

*By Mike Candau*

The board would like to thank Pat Smith for his diligent work on these by law change proposals. You should have already received some bylaw revisions (or you will receive them shortly). I would like to highlight each of the requested changes and to provide some rationale for why these changes have been put forth by the Board.

### Article II Section 2.

*The original text states "Husband and Wife". This antiquated language is no longer acceptable and we have decided to rewrite to say "married couples or domestic partnership".*

### Article II Section 5

*As our membership gets older – we wanted to include all members who achieve Senior Emeritus status so the Board has agreed to remove the 10 person cap for the Senior Emeritus membership. The members of the Board also wanted to use the traditional resignation list to prioritize members who wish to transfer.*

### Article II Section 7

*This has been deleted as we do not provide ID cards.*

### Article VII Section 1

*The starting time of 7:30pm for our annual meeting is too late. We have changed the language to allow for some flexibility "starting no earlier than 6:00pm"*

**PG&CC  
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**President**  
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Harry Pearson

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**Director**  
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Article VIII Section 7

*The Board wanted to eliminate the ambiguity of this section. The term indebtedness is not a defined term. Additionally, when written, the \$100,000 threshold was a lot of money but compared to current operating revenues is not enough to permit the daily operations of the club. The Board has defined the term and has increased the amount to \$500,000 which is in line with the current operation.*

At the last meeting, we also concluded our thoughts regarding pace of play and 5-somes. With the busy time of the year approaching, it is a good time to review. As members, we should practice golf etiquette and be aware of play around us- letting faster groups through and try to keep up with groups in front of us.

Let's all remember to replace divots in the fairway and ball marks on the green. Five-somes need to check in with Chris or Stevan. Also, when teeing off #1, make sure there is no group on the 9th green. Finally, check in before starting on #3 and make sure there are NO groups on the 2nd hole.

All of these "common courtesies" will allow everyone to enjoy the course. And we look forward to the summer.

See you up the hill.

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## **9-Hole Ladies Division**

*By Sandra Messer*

### **Rain Hampered Play but not Registration for the 2017 Season**

Petaluma Chicks' ranks continue in positive growth territory for the 2017 Season. Veteran 9-hole league players welcomed new and very new players to the Division, although decent play was hard to come by on the course's bog-like conditions. Third week of play was called off because of rain. Despite the challenging conditions, we were able to complete our inaugural Golfer of the Month contest. Congratulations to Angie Fredericks, who snagged the March Golfer of the Month spot with her reliable expert play. Coming in at 15 putts, Sandra Messer won the end of the month's putting skills contest.

As the Petaluma Chicks' season gets underway, we again announce and thank our 2017 Division Officers: Dervila Settles, Tournament Chair; Lois Skarsten, Captain; and Ginny Pelton, Treasurer. The Division also warmly welcomes Sue Carson back to the Chicks after having to miss most of the 2016 season.

# Men's Tournament

By Nick Smith

It is hard to believe the first quarter of 2017 is already complete. Hopefully, the worst of the weather is behind us and we can enjoy some sunny and warm Saturday mornings on the course.

There are more than 30 competitions on the calendar this year and to increase participation we are introducing a league format similar to the "FedEx Cup". At the Petaluma golf and Country Club it will be forever known as the SleepCity Cup thanks to our sponsor - Sleep City, cheers Mark!

We are working with Carson Wealth and Timo Rivetti Real Estate to host a gala dinner in October, celebrating all the players and acknowledging the winners. No need to play in all events just the ones you can to be part of the league. Play more competitions and you increase your chances and you are guaranteed points for playing.

Points will be awarded for every competition from April to September with players and winners celebrated at a dinner in October. The scoring will be worked out and a full league table will be in the clubhouse and shared after every competition. Points are awarded on every hole using the Stableford system (4pts. net eagle, 3pts net birdie, 2pts net par, 1 pt net bogie) and your place points are added.

We are trying the league to increase participation in our competitions so seeing you place and including regular updates and a celebration dinner at the end of the season.

Sign up is only \$15 and includes big prizes and a free gala dinner for all players and their partners!

This month we have lots of competitions and points on offer to the players -

## April 1st - Medal Stableford Scoring

Winner 100pts – Loren Warburg

2nd 75pts – Mark Thomas

3rd 50pts – Greg Plattner

4th 30pts – Barry Reeves

5<sup>th</sup> Tie 10pts each – Ron Fedrick & Mike Sturla

Last place 20pts – Mike Robin

Entry Bonus 25pts

## April 22nd - 1 Man Modified Scramble - 1 redo before the green 1 on the green for each hole!

Winner 100pts

2nd 75pts

3rd 50pts

4th 30pts

5th 20pts

Last place 20pts

Entry Bonus 25pts

April 29/30 - Petaluma Golf and Country Club Strokeplay Championship

Winner 100pts  
2nd 75pts  
3rd 50pts  
4th 30pts  
5th 20pts

Last place 20pts

Entry Bonus 25pts

Looking forward to the 1-man scramble on the 22nd of April. Rules are simple you can redo 1 shot before you reach the green and 1 putt per hole! That should keep our pace of play up. It will be fun, with loads of birdies! Hoping for another gorgeous Petaluma morning, and lots of players!

Cheers  
Nick

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## **SOCIAL EVENTS!**

*By Christopher Gay*

We have several social events planned for the next few months. Be sure to mark on your calendars...

April 16<sup>th</sup> - Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt 10:00am

April 28<sup>th</sup> – Member Social – LIVE MUSIC 5:30pm to 7:30pm

May 14<sup>th</sup> – Mother’s Day Brunch – *A Brunch Affair - Mimosa, Muffins and Mary’s 11:00am*

May 26<sup>th</sup> – Member Social – LIVE MUSIC 5:30pm to 7:30pm

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## **EMAIL STATEMENTS!**

*By Christopher Gay*

Do you want to receive your statement electronically? Sign-up for email statements by emailing: [admin@petalumagolfandcountryclub.com](mailto:admin@petalumagolfandcountryclub.com). You will still receive all printed flyers and calendars with your emailed statement.

# WOMEN'S 18-HOLE DIVISION

By Claudia Little

## WOMEN'S 18 HOLE "2017" TOURNAMENTS

TOURNAMENT	DATE
<b>OSTROFF EC</b> Eileen Ostroff, Sponsor	<b>April 5, 12, 19 &amp; 26</b> 4 weeks
<b>TISH BATTAGLIA MEMORIAL "MAJOR"</b> Mr. Dave Battaglia, Sponsor	<b>May 17, 24 &amp; 31</b> 3 weeks
<b>EGG BASKET INVITATIONAL "MAJOR"</b> Petaluma Golf & CC, Sponsor	<b>June 14</b> MEMBER/GUEST
<b>MUSSER POINT PAR</b> Roberta Musser, Sponsor	<b>June 21 &amp; 28</b> 2 weeks
<b>PAPA MURPHY'S</b> Rose & Terry Collins, Sponsor	<b>July 12</b>
<b>HANSEN'S BEST BALL</b> Kathy Hansen, Sponsor	<b>July 19 &amp; 26</b> 2 weeks
<b>BERGER'S BLACKJACK SHOWDOWN</b> Eric Berger DDS, Sponsor	<b>August 9 &amp; 16</b> 2 weeks
<b>SADIE HAWKINS TOURNAMENT</b> Petaluma Golf & CC, Sponsor	<b>August 30</b> MEMBER & MALE GUEST
<b>CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP "MAJOR"</b> Petaluma Golf & CC, Sponsor	<b>Sept. 13, 20 &amp; 27</b> 3 weeks
<b>WGANC LOW NET MONTHS</b> WGANC, Sponsor	<b>June, July &amp; August</b>
<b>PETALUMA GOLF &amp; CC OPEN DAY</b> WGANC, Sponsor	<b>November 1</b>
<b>BRIDGE TOURNAMENT</b>	<b>January (2018) 10, 17 &amp; 24</b>

# EASTER BRUNCH & EGG HUNT

By Christopher Gay



**EASTER  
BRUNCH**

**& Egg Hunt**

**Petaluma Golf and Country Club**  
**RSVP: Call 707.762.7041**

**Sunday, April 16th**

Brunch Starts at 10:00am  
Egg Hunt Starts at 11:30am

Take Pictures with the Easter Bunny!!

Menu: Honey Glazed Ham, Scramble  
Egg Bar, Frittatas, French Toast and  
More!!!!

**Costs: \$37.95 Adults / \$12.95 Junior  
Kids 6 and under FREE**

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# **BEGINNER LADIES GOLF CLINICS**

*By Christopher Gay*

## **Women Only “Clinics and Cocktails”**

Come join in the fun! This 90 minute beginner clinic begins at 5:30pm and lasts for 5 weeks. Topics will include fundamentals, full swing, putting, short game and on-course instruction. After each clinic, each participant will receive a special cocktail. \$150 for 5 Lessons. 8 Maximum in a class. Make-up classes available. Open to Members, Guest and Public.

Fridays:

Session #1: April 14, April 21, April 28, May 5, May 12

Session #2: June 9, June 16, June 23, July 30, July 7

Session #3: July 14, July 21, July 28, August 4, August 11

Session #4: August 18, August 25, September 1, September 8, September 15

## **Women Only “Boot Camps”**

These weekend camps are more condensed, have small class sizes, and have several topics to choose from! These classes are perfect for beginners or those who want to work on a specific area. Take 1 camp or all 3 camps! 3rd Camp is 20% off! Each Camp is \$100.00. Maximum 6 in a class. Open to Members, Guest and Public.

### **Beginner Camp - Drivers and Irons Camp - Short Game Camp - Mini Tournament -**

Saturday and Sunday 11:00am to 12:00pm

April 29 & April 30 - Beginner Boot Camp

May 6 & May 7 - Beginner Boot Camp

June 10 & June 11 - Drivers and Irons Boot Camp

June 24 - June 25 - Short Game Camp

July 29 & July 30 - Beginner Boot Camp

August 26 - Mini Tournament 12:00pm - 2:00pm

# JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAMS

By Christopher Gay

## Little Hitters' Clinic

For the little ones, ages 3-6 years old. This very basic clinic is designed to show juniors how to hold the club and have fun. Clinic includes putting and hitting golf balls, cartoon cutouts, obstacles, marshmallows, and stickers! \$15.00 for two days

Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- May 27 and May 28
- September 16 and September 17

## U.S. Kids Camp

For juniors 7 to 12. Each camp consists of learning golf fundamentals, swing mechanics, putting, rules, etiquette and on-course play. Low student to instructor ratio. Includes entry into U.S. Kids Learning Program and Level 1 materials. Fee includes certified instruction as well as an official hat, bag tag, and snacks and lunch each day. \$250.00 per session.

Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

- June 19 – June 22
- June 26 – June 29
- July 10 – July 13 (Girls Only)
- July 24 – July 27

## U.S. Kids Club Clinics

For juniors 7 to 12. These weekly clinics will be held on Saturdays starting in April and ending in September. Each clinic focuses on developing skills needed in the U.S. Kids Learning Program and provides complementary Level 1 materials. Each additional level is \$25. Fee is \$250.00 for summer or \$45.00 per month. (Member price is \$35 per month.) Level 1 - 2:00 to 2:45 p.m. and Level 2 - 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. Private lessons are offered at a reduced cost of \$20 per half hour.

April	May	June	July	August	September
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April 8 <sup>th</sup>	May 6 <sup>th</sup>	June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	July 8 <sup>th</sup>	August 5 <sup>th</sup>	Sept. 2 <sup>nd</sup>
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	May 13 <sup>th</sup>	June 10 <sup>th</sup>	July 15 <sup>th</sup>	August 12 <sup>th</sup>	Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup>
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	May 27 <sup>th</sup>	June 17 <sup>th</sup>	July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	August 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sept. 16 <sup>th</sup>
April 29 <sup>th</sup>		June 24 <sup>th</sup>	July 29 <sup>th</sup>	August 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sept. 23 <sup>rd</sup>

## Junior Sunset Clinic BEGINS IN MAY Members Only

Ages 7 to 12. These weekly clinics are scheduled to coincide with our PG&CC Summer Sunset Bar on Fridays from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Juniors will be taught correct techniques, test skills challenges, and play games following the U.S. Kids Learning Program. Class size is limited to 6 juniors. \$15.00 per class. Sign-up ahead by calling 707.762.8311.

**PGA Junior League – Two Age Groups**

This highly anticipated and extremely popular PGA Junior League is back for a 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Traveling league members practice weekly and play several scheduled matches against neighboring clubs throughout the year. The regular season is from May to the end of July. Post-season begins in August.

PGA Junior League fees include a team uniform, practices, green fees, championship fees, lunch, bag tag, year-end BBQ, and instruction! Private lessons are reduced to \$20 per half hour. Cost for program: \$200 for PG&CC members or \$250 for non-members.

**Ages 9-13:** (*Juniors under 9 will be considered if skill level is acceptable.*) Juniors must be no older than 13 as of July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Practices will be held on Saturdays and scheduled matches are typically scheduled on Saturday or Sunday during June and July; schedule TBA.

May	June	July
4 p.m. Start	11 a.m. Clinic 12 p.m. Lunch 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m. Play	11 a.m. Clinic 12 p.m. Lunch 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m. Play
6 <sup>th</sup> – Tryout/Practice	8 <sup>th</sup> – Practice	6 <sup>th</sup> – Practice
13 <sup>th</sup> – Tryout/Practice	15 <sup>th</sup> – Practice	13 <sup>th</sup> – Practice
20 <sup>th</sup> – Tryout/Practice	22 <sup>nd</sup> – Practice	20 <sup>th</sup> – Practice
27 <sup>th</sup> – Tryout/Practice	29 <sup>th</sup> – Practice	27 <sup>th</sup> - Practice

All-Stars and Post-Season Play TBD.

**Ages 14-16:** (*Juniors under 14 may play as an alternate if team is missing players.*) Juniors must be no older than 16 as of July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. PGA League players receive three private lessons for half hour each per month from May through July. Practices will be held on Saturdays and scheduled matches are typically scheduled on Saturday or Sunday during June and July; schedule TBA.

May	June	July
4 p.m. Start	12 p.m. Lunch 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m. Mentor 2 – 4:30 p.m. Play	12 p.m. Lunch 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m. Mentor 2– 4:30 p.m. Play
6 <sup>th</sup> – Tryout/Practice	8 <sup>th</sup> – Practice	6 <sup>th</sup> – Practice
13 <sup>th</sup> – Tryout/Practice	15 <sup>th</sup> – Practice	13 <sup>th</sup> – Practice
20 <sup>th</sup> – Tryout/Practice	22 <sup>th</sup> – Practice	20 <sup>th</sup> – Practice
27 <sup>th</sup> – Tryout/Practice	29 <sup>th</sup> – Practice	27 <sup>th</sup> - Practice

All-Stars and Post-Season Play TBD.

**Junior Play Times** (*PG&CC members and guests*)

Every Saturday at 3:30 p.m. from April through September we will have reserved Junior Play times. These tee times will be reserved for juniors to experience playing using a variety of formats throughout the year. Grab a friend and join the fun! No cost to play.

**Junior Club Championship Date: September 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Family Tournaments**

Play with the family in these special family outing days.

Mother Son – Mother Daughter Tournament: May 14<sup>th</sup>

Father Son – Father Daughter Tournament: June 18<sup>th</sup>

Family Scramble – July 15<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm.

### North Bay League (Ages 10-18)

New for 2017! There is no cost to join the North Bay League, however juniors are responsible for event fees at each venue. Any interested junior must contact Christopher Gay, Head Golf Professional, at 707.762.1057 to sign-up. Priority goes to Junior Members and then to participants in the PGA Junior League.

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## TITLEIST PERFORMANCE INSTITUTE

*By Christopher Gay*



As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 – I have become certified in TPI – also known as Titleist Performance Institute.

I will be integrating this new teaching program into my standard lessons. I am still waiting on some items from TPI.

What you need to know about TPI:

- \* 13 of the last 16 Major Champions were taught by TPI Professionals
- \* 25 of the top 35 Players in the World were taught by TPI Professionals
- \* 47 of the last 57 PGA Tour Winner were taught by TPI Professionals

How does this help our members? TPI is about understanding how the body works in the golf swing. This helps prevent injuries, increases distance, and sets goals to improving our performance at any level. Over the next few weeks, I will begin providing lessons that incorporate this concept.

If you have any questions – please let me know – Thanks!

# April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Men's Stableford Hall Event 11am-3pm
2	3 Outside Golf Event 9am-230pm	4 9 Hole Women's Section 9:00am  <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	5 Women's 18-Hole Group 8:15am	6 LUNCH SERVICE is now THURSDAY – SUNDAY	7 Sunset Bar 5:00pm- 7:00pm	8
9	10 Aeration-Course Closed	11 9 Hole Women's Section 9:00am  <i>Men's Twilight Dinner Titleist Demo Day – RSVP Required</i>	12 Women's 18-Hole Group 8:15am	13	14 Sunset Bar 5:00pm- 7:00pm	15 Hall Event 5-7pm
16 Easter Brunch Time 10:00am  Egg Hunt 11:30am	17	18 9 Hole Women's Section 9:00am  <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	19 Women's 18-Hole Group 8:15am  Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm	20	21 Sunset Bar 5:00pm- 7:00pm	22 Men's 1 Man Scramble
23	24	25 9 Hole Women's Section 9:00am  <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	26 Women's 18-Hole Group 8:15am	27	28 Mixer 5:30pm- 7:30pm	29 Men's Stroke Play Championship
30 Men's Stroke Play Championship						

# MAY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>SIRS Tournament 9:00am – 2:00pm</b>	2 9 Hole Women's Section 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	3 Women's 18-Hole Group 8:15am	4	5 Sunset Bar 5:30pm- 7:30pm Junior Sunset Lessons 6pm-7pm	6 Men's Medal 8:30am Shotgun Event in the Hall 4:00pm to 11:00pm
7 Event in the Hall 2:00pm to 4:00pm	8 <b>Jennings Tournament 10:00am – 3:00pm</b>	9 9 Hole Women's Section 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	10 Women's 18-Hole Group 8:15am	11	12 Sunset Bar 5:30pm- 7:30pm Junior Sunset Lessons 6pm-7pm	13 Event in the Hall 12:00pm to 3:00pm
14 Mother's Day Brunch <i>Marys, Muffins and Mimosas</i> 1:00pm Mother Daughter Tournament	15 <b>SIRS Tournament 9:00am – 2:00pm</b>	16 9 Hole Women's Section 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	17 Women's 18-Hole Group 8:15am  Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm	18	19 Sunset Bar 5:30pm- 7:30pm Junior Sunset Lessons 6pm-7pm	20 Men's 3 or 4 man scramble 8:30am
21	22	23 9 Hole Women's Section 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	24 Women's 18-Hole Group 8:15am	25	26 Mixer Sunset Bar LIVE MUSIC 5:30pm- 7:30pm Junior Sunset Lessons 6pm-7pm	27
28	29 <b>Memorial Day Couples Tournament</b>	30 9 Hole Women's Section 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	31 Women's 18-Hole Group 8:15am			