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Petaluma Golf & Country Club, August 2019



President's Message

By Mike Johnson

Greetings from the President's Desk,

Next month it is our annual member guest invitational tournament, September 20, 21 & 22. We have a ton of new members that have joined within the last year. I hope that every one of you take this wonderful opportunity to invite a guest and showcase the club to your friends and/or business associates. The event is fantastic and if you have not played before, you are truly in for a spectacular experience. The dedicated volunteers of this tournament always try to outdo themselves year by year to produce a world class event for you and your guest's enjoyment. If you are on the fence or have any questions regarding the event, please call me so I can have a detailed conversation with you.

The good news is the membership is full and we have a small wait list of 6 people.

Hope to see you up on the golf course.

Sincerely,
Mike Johnson
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PG&CC History – Part 14

By Keith Brians

Play Continues – 10

The Women's club started a busy fall season Thursday, September 1, 1932 by defeating the Marin Golf Club's team in match play 19½ to 10½. Louise Korbel, the PHS standout, had the low gross with 100. Two weeks later, Mrs. Ellis Hart, the women's club champion, set the course record for women's play shooting a gross 83, pairing a 39 on the front and 44 on the back. The following week the ladies team went the 9-hole Mill Valley course for a North Bay Counties Golf Association tournament. Louise Korbel turned in the lowest 9-hole score of the day with a 41 followed by a 56 on the back side after struggling with many of the numerous ditches on the course. The North Bay Counties Golf Association's title tournament was held at the Sonoma Mission Inn course on Tuesday, November 1. Mrs. Ellis Hart and Louise Korbel qualified for the title flight, the only Sonoma County golfers to do so. Miss Korbel survived the next round and but lost 2 and 1 in the semi-finals to Miss Patricia Martin.

The men played a qualifying round for the Blackburn Cup on Sunday, September 7 highlighted by Magnus Vonsen's 78. In the semi-final round, Dr. Roy Rasmussen defeated his brother-in-law Miles Murphy after starting 6 down after 7 holes. Rasmussen rallied back to tie the match on the 16th hole and went on to win. In the other semi-final round, Emmett Olmsted, Jr. advanced to the finals. The finals required 37 holes for Olmsted to secure victory over Rasmussen after winning the 34th and 35th holes to get even. The 36th hole was tied and Olmsted won when Rasmussen drove poorly on the 37th and scored a 5 to Olmsted's 4.

At the club's annual meeting on November 22, 1932, Secretary and Treasurer Harry Benton reported that the club's financial condition was good, despite the financial conditions in the country. The club's income was sufficient to cover its liabilities and \$500as put aside for improvements to the course.

The club's tenth anniversary was celebrated at the New Year's Eve party. The hall was decorated in a festive carnival theme. Musical entertainment was provided by Jewitt's Orchestra for the evening's dancing and midnight dinner.

Following many tournament successes in 1932, the women's 1933 season began in January with a very active schedule. Weekly play was planned in preparation for the North Bay Women's Golf Association tournament season. The NBWGA's 1933 schedule included 11 events beginning February 16, at Napa Golf and Country Club followed by monthly tournaments at the country clubs in Healdsburg, Vallejo, Mare Island, Belvedere, Northwood, Mill Valley, and San Rafael. The season concluding tournament for the championship was scheduled over four weeks at Sonoma Golf and Country Club with the finals to be played on October 25.

The men also got their season started in February with a five week medal play tournament in preparation for the tri-club medal play tournament for the County

Championship cup scheduled for March 26.

In the women's first NBWGA event on February 16, at the Napa Country Club, Petaluma's Francis Bassett won the net competition in the A class with a gross 110, net 87. Sixty-eight women played in spite of rain over the morning that drenched the course. Marin's club champion, Jean Lauder won the low gross competition with a 104.

May brought the men's Thomas Maclay trophy tournament. One of the more interesting competitions in the May 21 quarter finals was between Walter Rossi, and his employer at the Argus Courier, John Olmsted. The youngest member of the club, Rossi took no mercy on his boss, beating him 5 and 3 with a 37 front nine. In the other quarter final, Emmett Olmsted Jr., and George Moore were tied after 18 holes and played an additional 18 holes per the rules. The afternoon play was windy and their match ended in near darkness with Olmsted closing Moore out on the 35th hole. A large gallery turned out on Sunday, May 28, for the semi-final matches between Carl Behrens and Miles Murphy and Emmett Olmsted Jr., and Walter Rossi. Both matches were tied after 18 holes and an additional 18 holes were played. Carl Behrens, who had only been playing for a year, defeated Miles Murphy 3 and 2 and Emmett Olmsted Jr., defeated Walter Rossi by the same margin to advance to the finals.

The finals were played Sunday, June 4, on the same day as the annual barbeque assuring a large attendance. The morning round was followed by a record-breaking gallery. Olmsted who was an 8 handicap had to give Behrens with his 22 handicap 14 strokes. Behrens held a three-up lead over Olmsted at the end of the first 18. Between rounds, lunch featuring barbecued lamb and spareribs prepared by Gene Pedranti and his crew was served in the picnic area off the 9th green. At 1:30 p.m., play began for the second round. Olmsted rallied, shooting a 33 for the first nine to Olmsted's 45, bringing the match to even. Behrens gained back his lead with wins at the 29th and 30th holes. Olmsted won the 33rd and 36th holes, evening the match. Another 18 holes the following week was need to settle the match, Olmsted overpowering Behrens, winning 6 and 5.

18-Hole Women's Section

By Eileen Ostroff



Pictured above: Eileen Ostroff, Sue Berger, Claudia Little, Lois Skarsten, Kelly Downey, Joan Johnson, Ruth Giacomini, Sandy King

Don't forget the Casual Women's Play Day Sundays @ 9:30. Sign up in the pro shop.

BE AWARE THAT SADIE HAWKINS DATE HAS CHANGES TO 8/21 due to scheduling conflicts.

Tournament results:

Laurie's Two-Person Best Ball

First: Judy Dardis

Joan Johnson
Cindy McCarter
Cecy Mullins
Second: Claudia Little
Brenda Roberts
Bonnie Williams

Hansen's Better Ball

First: Kelly Downey & Sandy King
Second: Cindy McCarter & Brenda Roberts
Third: Jill Cheda & Lois Skarsten

Congratulations one and all

Open Days: August starts out with Orinda 8/8, Brookside 8/15, **Napa Valley 8/21**, Ruby Hill 8/21, Visalia 8/21, **Meadow Club (N-Z) 8/26**, Corral de Tierra 8/27 **September:** Fountain Grove 9/12, Turlock 9/19, Rancho Murieta 9/24, Sequoia Woods 9/25

WGANC Tournaments: Champion of Champions 7/25 @ Northridge Country Club.
Two Person Scramble II 8/19 & 20 @ Pine Mountain Lake Country Club
Sign-up online for WGANC tournaments

Look for further information coming to you via TeamSnap.

Junior Golf

By Diane R. Tucker

PETALUMA G&CC JUNIOR GOLF LEAGUES Season Results

PGA Jr. Golf League (8-13 yrs) – Season Final Results:
Won - 2; Tied - 1; Lost – 2 League Team Results: 3rd Place

This young team of 65% new players (9 of 14) did very well for their first season under new Pro Jeff Hwang. Since June 23rd, they won two (2) matches, one with Fountaingrove GC and one with Mayacama GC. They lost their match with Windsor GC by just one flag. With Jeff's coaching, these young players continue to practice and develop their golfing and competitive skills.

PGAJL Post-Season All-Star Play: At the end of the regular season, Jeff submitted the following PGAJL players as our representatives on the Sonoma County PGAJL All-Star Team: Hudson Stipp, Riley Reeves, and Preston Kwan.

Since only one of this year's PGAJL team will "age-out" before next season, the other 13 members of our 2019 PGA Junior League Team remain eligible to return next year. So our team should be in great position to have a very successful 2020 season as well. Congratulations to all the junior golfers on this year's PGA Jr. League Team!

North Bay Junior League (12-17 yrs) - Season Final Oak Division Results:
Team Play: PGCC - 1st Place in 4 Tournaments; 3rd Place in 1 Tournament

Oak Division Results: Team PGCC Won 1st Place Overall

Our PG&CC North Bay Jr. League Team took 1st Place in 4 tournaments played at the following sites: Northwood GC, Petaluma G&CC, Santa Rosa GC, Foxtail GC, and took 3rd place at Windsor GC. By winning 1st place our PGCC Team qualified for post-season play-offs, starting with playing the 2nd place team in the Redwood Division (Oakmont GC).

POST-SEASON PLAY-OFFS –TEAM PLAY: On July 30 our PGCC team won their semi-final match against 2nd place Oakmont GC. Our winning team of 8 junior players were: Enzo Scaccalosi, Matt Candau, Scott Regan-Tucker, Jason Smith, Bennett Reeves, Bennett Adams, Hudson Naber, and Spencer Madson-Castillo.

This win has qualified our team to play the Championship Team Final against Bennett Valley GC (the 1st place team in the Redwood Division). This Championship match will be played on August 6 at Windsor GC. Due to vacations, some changes were made to our 8-person team roster, so our team playing in the Championship Final will be: E. Scaccalosi, M. Candau, S. Regan-Tucker, J. Smith, B. Reeves, Aiden Smith, Lucas Berry, and Riley Reeves. Let's all cheer them on!

INDIVIDUAL POST SEASON MATCH PLAY: During the regular North Bay Jr. League season, many of the players also played 9-hole individual rounds at each site to post scores that could qualify them for the post-season Individual Match Play Bracketed Tournament that would end with an 18-hole Champion and Consolation Match Play Competition. Fourteen (14) of our PG&CC junior players have successfully qualified for this Post-Season Competition, which will begin on August 10 at Windsor GC, and continue through August on the weekends of Aug. 17 and Aug. 24. Our North Bay Junior League players have had a highly successful winning season and are eager to post more wins in both the Team Championship and Individual Competitions in August. We should all congratulate them for their successes in both Team and individual play, and in their continued growth and development in honing their golfing skills and teamwork.

Overall, thanks to all our junior players, their parents and grandparents, the junior golf committee and volunteers, our General Manager, and most especially to our Pro, Jeff Hwang. In his first year here, Jeff has devoted much of his time, energy, skills, and experience to growing and building a hugely successful junior program that has produced not just winning results, but most importantly, has supported and developed our junior golfers to be the best they can be and increased their love of golf for years to come. Thanks Jeff!

Men's Tournaments

By Alan Brownlie & Larry Riis

It is championship month! The Sleep city cup is getting tight with Alan still in the lead but closely followed by Mark Thomas and Nick Smith. By the time you read this, August's event will have been played so maybe we will have a new leader

Congrats to young Enzo Scaccalosi who won the gross in the 3 club and putter event with a 73. Congrats also to Carlos Payte who won the net division.

Coming up is the stroke play club championship where we will have a women's and men's division. Juniors who want to compete in the men's and woman's division are welcomed. This is their chance to win a club championship as they are not entitled to play in either the men's match play or the women's match play club championship that is played in September. There will be a junior tournament later in the year for all junior age groups.

Jeff will soon be posting a list of rules that the tournament will be played under. These same rules will also govern our everyday play.

Speaking of everyday play, it is pretty obvious that not all members are following the rules of etiquette as far as observing where to not drive your cart, riding on the back of carts and cutting in in front of other groups. Jeff and Travis will soon be monitoring the course more closely so please follow the rules. As for skipping past a group, it is only Ok if you will not be impacting their pace of play. It doesn't hurt to let them know you are doing it and that should you slow them down, you will let them play thru.

In regards to driving near the green, please display a flag letting others know why you are doing it. We will soon be having a much better flag to display on your cart as no one wants to use a handicap flag. And please, do not drive behind greens to get to the next tee, tournament the cart around and use the cart path to the tee. This keeps the grass behind the green in good shape for the next time you need to chip from there.

And finally an apology from me. I do sometimes act like the course is mine and if I have offended you in my comments, I am truly sorry. The fact is, it is all of ours and we should treat it that way.



9-Hole Petaluma Chicks

By Lois Skarsten

July started with our Flag Tournament won by Brenda Roberts. Low net was winners were: Brenda Roberts, Bonnie Williams and Sandy Rozmarin. The following week our Red, White and Blue tourney was won by the group of Lois Skarsten, Angie Fredericks and Jay Michalik. We played a new game of most net of 3, 4, and 5 which was won by Sandy Rozmarin followed by Judy Dardis. The next two weeks were low nets: week 1: won by Bonnie, Brenda and Judy and week 2: won by Brenda, Judy and Lois. The month ended with our Golfer of the Month which is Brenda Roberts. Congratulations to all. Another one of our golfers completed enough rounds to establish her handicap.

Food and Beverage

By Michael Morgan

Our cart area improvement project is complete with the addition of planter boxes & umbrellas for shaded and comfortable outdoor socializing. Travis has also moved many of the carts from in front of the pool area barbecue to allow better access for grilling and serving.

Thanks to those who gave time and funds to support the improvements: Jack & Maureen Berlin, Toby & Patt Herfindal, Mike & Sharon Morgan, Gary & Michelle Orsinger, Marlo Mitchell & Maria Stipp, Mark & Terese Thomas and Scott & Diane Tucker.

Also a special thanks to Mark Smith and his House & Grounds Committee for their participation in the design and approval process!

Socials and Outings

AUGUST 2: Movie Night – Wonder Park* 6pm

AUGUST 10: Hot August Night at PG&CC* 4pm

AUGUST 13: Road Trip – Bennett Valley** 10am

AUGUST 17-18: Stroke Play Championship** 8:30am Shotgun Start

AUGUST 23: Potluck Social Mixer** 5:30pm

AUGUST 26: Men's Club Championship Match Play Begins (Round 1)**

SEPTEMBER 10: Tuesday Night Dinner – FISH FRY!!

SEPTEMBER 12: Road Trip – Indian Valley** 10am

SEPTEMBER 21 & 22: Goat Hill Tournament**

*RSVP are required – Please check the website for more information:

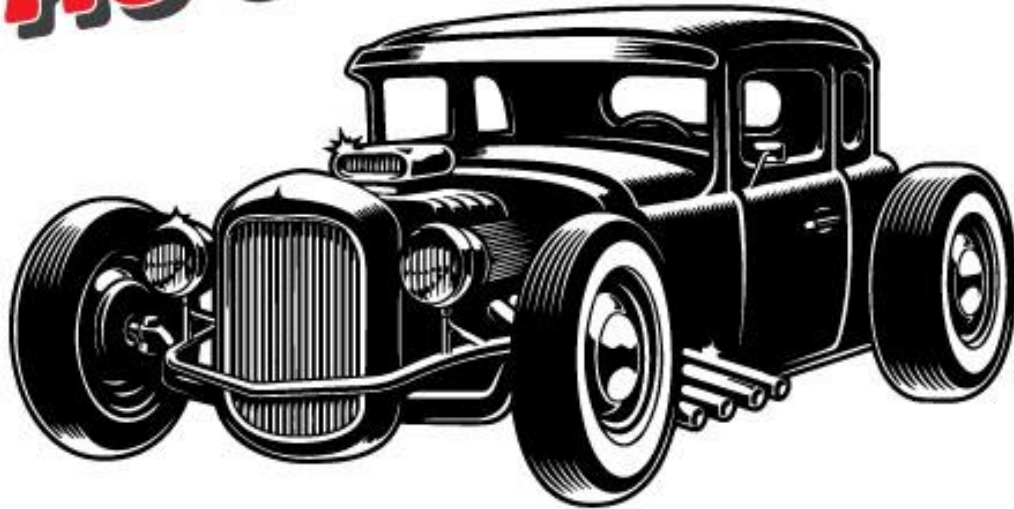
<https://www.petalumagolfandcountryclub.com/golf/event-registration>

**Email Jeff or Travis if you are interested in participating:

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Hot **AUGUST NIGHTS**



AT PETALUMA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2019

4:00PM TO 8:00PM

PG&CC harkens back to the time where hot rods rules the roads and custom cars were a way of life. Great food, music, cars and friendly car enthusiasts.

On the Grill - Burgers, Hot dogs and ribs will be available for purchase

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP ONLINE](#)



2019 STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

SATURDAY-SUNDAY | AUGUST 17TH-18TH, 2019

FORMAT:

36 hole individual stroke play event. Low net and gross 36 hole total per flight will determine winners from each flight.

FLIGHTS:

Adult Flight - 55 years and under

Senior Flight - 69 to 56 years

Super Senior - 70 and older

Women's Flight - Multiple flights based on participation

WHEN:

Saturday and Sunday August 17th and 18th. 8:30 Shotgun tee off.

ENTRY:

\$40 - includes prize money. Optional \$10 cash net and gross skins game and closest to the hole available each day to anyone who plays.



Please sign-up in the tournament binder on
the Golf Shop counter or email Jeff at
jhwang@petalumagolfandcountryclub.com

Sign Up by THURSDAY, August 15th by 5:00pm

PETALUMA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Social Member Mixer Potluck!

FRIDAY - AUGUST 23RD | 5:30PM-7:30PM



*Bounty
Drawing*
CHANCE TO WIN
\$2,000

Pot Luck Details




**Bring a FUN dinner item that will feed enough for 4-6 adults!
No theme to the potluck!**

No formal dinner will be served, but Sunset Menu will be available

**EMAIL TRAVIS TO RSVP, LET HIM KNOW WHAT YOU INTEND TO BRING:
TBERDING@PETALUMAGOLFANDCOUNTRYCLUB.COM**

AUGUST 2019

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| | | | | | <p>Movie Night: Wonder Park 5:30-8:00pm</p>  | <p><i>Men's Medal</i> 8:30 Shotgun</p> |
| 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 | 10 |
| | <p>Junior Golf Camp 8:00 – 11:30</p> <p>PSIRS Event 9:00am Shotgun</p> | <p>Junior Golf Camp 8:00 – 11:30</p> <p>Men's Twilight Dinner</p> | <p>Junior Golf Camp 8:00 – 11:30</p> | <p>Junior Golf Camp 8:00 – 11:30</p> | | <p>Hot August Night 4:00 – 8:00pm</p>  |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| | | <p><u>Road Trip:</u> Bennett Valley</p> <p>Men's Twilight Dinner</p> | | <p>House and Grounds Meeting 5:30pm</p> | | <p><i>NET Club Championship</i> 8:30 Shotgun Event in the Hall 5:30 – 10:00 Member Sponsor Greenbera</p> |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| <p><i>NET Club Championship</i> 8:30 Shotgun</p> | | <p>Men's Twilight Dinner</p> | <p><i>Ladies Sadie Hawkins Invitational</i> Greens and Fairways Meeting 5:00pm Board Meeting 6:00pm</p> | | <p>Social Mixer Potluck 5:30 – 7:30pm</p>  | <p>Event in the Hall 11:00 – 2:00 Member Sponsor Brians</p> |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| | <p><i>Men's Club Championship Match Play (Round 1)</i></p> | <p>Men's Twilight Dinner</p> | | | | <p>Event in the Hall 3:00 – 9:00 Member Sponsor Antonelli</p> |