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Petaluma Golf & Country Club, December 2018



President's Message

By Harry Pearson

I hope everyone had a happy and safe Thanksgiving with friends and family. I know I'm very thankful to those who put so much time and effort into making our 'Fallback Bash' a huge success for our Junior Golf Program. It was a wonderful event attended by 135 members and guests and I thank each and every one of you for your support of this event. Megan and her crew of Donna, Ruth, Deedee, Ryan, and Cole provided a fantastic meal.

Whether you had the salmon or steak, it was cooked to perfection along with the appetizers and sides. Thank you Megan and crew, well done! To Darcy, (Admin), who did a great job of being the point person in keeping track of those that attended, Thank you! To our bartenders, Sammy and Ashley, whom were very busy all night long, I hope you were tipped appropriately. Thank you. To our GM, Travis and Jeff, our new Pro, (who unfortunately couldn't attend the actual event because he was ill), both spent a long day making sure all the 'attention to detail' things got done. These are the type of things that can be overlooked but scream at you when they're not done. Thank you Travis and Jeff! To the committee; Mary Haller, Katie Deegan, Fern Youngswick and Mike Johnson who put in a lot of time and effort in planning and decorating for the event. Your efforts made this a night to remember. Thank you! A huge thank you to Mike and Rebecca Robin for providing wine

on the tables from their vineyard. Last but not least by a long shot, I want to thank the Marks', Jennings and Thomas who were the heart and soul behind this event and put words into action. They showed the type of benevolence to the Club that I had asked for when I became president. I hope in the future, other members will do the same and don't forget, in just four short years we will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary!

As I mentioned, this was a fundraiser for our Jr. Golf Program and I had the honor of presenting Mike Morgan a plaque in appreciation for all of those who have been instrumental in the inception and growth of the program. The plaque will be displayed in the clubhouse. Thank you to all of those listed on the plaque for your benevolence! How much did we raise, you ask? We raised \$2,100, which included a generous donation from members, Maria and Marlo Stipp. Thank you.

This was just a start to great things that can happen at PGCC if people are willing to get involved.

We had an 'away play date' at Silverado on Nov. 6th. The weather was great and we had 20 players attend. The next 'away play date' is at the historic Presidio Golf Course in San Francisco on December 12th. This is open to all and you can sign up on the signup sheet at the bar or just call the club and have your name put on the sheet. Keep on your radar, an 'away play date' at Stone Tree in Novato, scheduled for January 8th.

The 'Friday Night Mixer' was held on the 16th and unfortunately Jim Beels wasn't in attendance to collect the \$1,100 prize.

The Brixx, 'Extreme Golf Event' was held on Monday the 19th. Congratulations to Nick Smith who beat 22 other players and is now in possession of the coveted 'Red Jacket' for the next year. There was also a Thanksgiving Day Shoot Out in which 13 players came out despite inclement weather. The following day, we had a Peoria Tournament, prior to 'The Match' between Tiger and Phil. We had a couple of groups play and then about 40 people attend the viewing of 'The Match'. Great job, Travis and Jeff for coming up with the idea to show the event. It brought in a good crowd on a rainy day.

Applicants for the Board of Directors were submitted and we have 7 candidates. The schedule is as follow; the slate with the names and their bios will be sent out Nov. 26th; 'Write In' candidates will be accepted from Nov. 26th to Dec. 10th, 5pm. This entails 10 Certificate Members filing a written nomination with the Secretary of the Club. The ballots will be sent out Dec. 11th and must be returned by Jan. 7th, 5pm. The ballots will be counted on Jan. 7th after 5pm by The Nominating Committee and President, (I will recuse myself from the count). The results will be made known and the new Board Members will take office at the Jan. 16th, 2019 board mtg. Please vote and 'good luck' to all.

On Nov. 28th we had all of the tournament directors, Travis, Jeff and myself meet to fill out 2019's Tournament Calendar. This past year, there was a lot of changing of tournament dates, so this was a way to get everyone on the same page and set the calendar. Many of these tournaments will be 'Club Tournaments' which means they will be open to everyone. Jeff and Travis will put out the dates and particulars in advance, so keep an eye out. The board mtg. was also held on Nov. 28th. Timo Rivetti gave us a report from the House & Grounds re: the renovation plans of the clubhouse. They've contracted out for a 'feasibility study' and have broken down the plans to phases. CourseCo will present the 2019 budget at our Dec. board mtg.

Unfortunately by the time you read this, The December Men's Medal Tournament will have already been played on Dec. 1st. These monthly Saturday tournaments are open to male members and you can sign up on the signup sheet at the bar.

The Ladies Xmas Party is on Wed. the 5th from 4-7pm. This may also have passed by the time you read this. This is a good way to meet others and kick around some ideas for planning golf or social events.

PG&CC Board of Directors

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Speaking of social events, we are looking for some people who have an interest in or knack for planning events to be on our Social Committee. If you think you'd like to try this, contact Travis our GM. Remember, our aforementioned 'Fall Bash', started with just a few of us kicking around some ideas and then a couple of people 'taking the bull by the horns' and running with it.

'Movie Night' is on Dec. 7th. The movie will be Polar Express and this is a great family oriented event.

The Xmas Brunch Party is on Dec. 9th. Again, this is a great event for families and I've heard that Santa makes a special trip from The North Pole to find out who's been 'naughty or nice'.

The December Friday Night Mixer will be held on the 14th and maybe someone will have a really good Xmas and win the \$1,200 prize.

Christmas is a special time to be with family and friends and it's a great time to show our benevolence to our 'extended family'. I'm talking about the people who work at PGCC. Every December you have an opportunity to contribute to an 'Employee Holiday Bonus Fund' which is shared amongst the employees that work at the Club. Many of them are making minimum or just above minimum wages and this is our opportunity to show our appreciation for what they mean to us. I know that there are a lot of different worthy causes asking us for donations this time of year but please try and keep our 'extended family' in mind. I know they will greatly appreciate it.

We welcome new member Pat Webster. We have a full membership but we can always use a waiting list to get into the Club, so please go out and talk up the Club and bring guests up for a round of golf, some lunch or drinks. Show them what a gem we have here.

In conclusion, finally, on behalf of the board of directors, I'm wishing everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and have a safe, healthy and Happy New Years.



PG&CC History – Part 8

By Keith Brians

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In other events, on April 29, 1926, in celebration of his 50th anniversary in business in Petaluma, George P. McNear made a magnificent gift to Petaluma in the form of six acres of prime land valued at \$30,000 for a park and playground and \$20,000 for improvements and maintenance, McNear Park. The six-acre parcel contained 44 buildable lots and had been held by McNear for 25 years, who had also completed the street and sewer improvements on three sides of the property.

The second round of the tri-city tournament for the Sonoma County Championship and the Hill Cup was played Sunday, May 16, at the Santa Rosa Course. Santa Rosa won by 22 strokes over Petaluma and 29 over Healdsburg. The third and final round was played at Healdsburg on Sunday June 20. The local and Healdsburg teams were soundly thrashed by the Santa Rosa squad winning the three event tournament by a 52 point margin. This was Santa Rosa's second win and put them one win away from permanent possession of the Trophy. The qualifying round based for the 1926 club championship was held Sunday, May 29. The qualifying round used handicaps and among the eight qualifiers was George P. McNear with a gross 91, an excellent score for him and a surprise to everyone. In the second round, Mr. McNear defaulted to Grover Stone saying he had not entered the contest in the first place and his son Denman had posted his score. The semi-finals featured Dolph Hill against Grover Stone and Eric Nissen versus Roy Evans. Nissen defeated Roy Evans on the 20th hole and Stone beat Hill 3 and 2. When the championship was played on June 27, Stone was one down after nine, two up after 18 and leading by 5 with 8 to go when Nissen came back to win four straight holes and tied it up at the 17th hole. Both reached the last green in three, but Stone was left with a long downhill putt that come up well short. Stone missed his second putt and holed out for a 6. Nissen nestled his first putt close to the cup and two-putted for the win. After the match, Stone explained his loss, saying it would not do to have two championship cups in the same house, his wife had won the women's championship on May 13, beating Tess Sweed 3 and 2. The social side of the club was not neglected. One hundred and fifty people enjoyed a "sport" dance Saturday, June 19, the first Saturday night event at the club. The intention was that all the guests would wear their casual sporting clothes. However, an exception had to be made when it was determined that formal dinners and other events were being held before the dance, so evening attire would be acceptable. The revelers danced to the Alvin Agnew orchestra and played bridge. The clubhouse was extensively decorated with cut flowers and other decorations and guests deemed the party the best to date.

The summer season was slow as usual, but deer tracks on the course warranted a short piece in the paper. Fortunately, no damage was done to the greens. It was assumed that the deer had been frightened by hunters or just come for water.

On September 5, four events took place at the club. The first was a qualifying round for the Blackburn Cup; the second a team contest between the Bill Thomas' team, the "Toppers" and Mike Murphy's team, the "Slicers," the losers buying the winners lunch; a "Blind Bogey" tournament with a 50 cent entrance fee; and men's and women's putting contests on the new putting green in front of the club house. Eight players qualified for the Blackburn Cup and the "Toppers" beat the "Slicers." Ralph Stone, sporting a 16 handicap, won the men's low gross contest with a 73 and received three \$1 golf balls. There was a three-way tie for the winner of the men's "Blind Bogie" between Jack Nissen, C.A. LeBaron and Max Goldman. Mrs. Hart had the best day of everyone, winning the ladies' low gross and receiving a golf glove. Mrs. Hart also won the ladies' "Blind Bogie" prize of two golf balls and was first place in the ladies' putting contest. Mr. Hart won the men's putting contest. To wrap up the day, a catered lunch was served at 1:00 p.m. for 86 participants.

The last party of the year was the Christmas Gala. The hall was decorated with wreaths adorned with Toyon berries and bright red bows and a tree with numerous lights with gifts for everyone attending. Over a hundred were present to enjoy a full turkey dinner. Cards were broken out and bridge was played after dinner followed by dancing to LeRoy Jewett's orchestra.

To wrap up the year, H.C. Scrutton, the first club champion in 1925, made his first hole-in-one after 37 years of play on the 155 yard No. 5 hole (the cut-out green below Ray and Millie Nizibian's house) on Sunday, December 26. Scrutton was playing with Dolph Hill, Mag Vonsen and John Olmsted. This was the club's third hole-in-one, the first by Truman Clark, on the same No. 5 hole, which John Olmsted also witnessed, and the second by Jack Nissen on No. 7, the current 6th hole.



Fairways and Greens Report

By Harry Pearson

I didn't write any articles for the months of Sept. or October because the Greens Committee didn't meet in those months. We had a very productive meeting in early November and here is my report.

The course was in very good condition in October and November. The greens were the fastest they've been in a long while and putted very true. Kudos to Bill Maeder and his crew for getting the greens to this condition and maintaining them through the agronomy program they have adopted. When we decided to do the Fall Aeration in the middle of September these are the results we had planned on. We believed that golf in October and early November in our area is still in premium weather conditions and that to have the course in great condition was something our membership would want and should have. This is reflected in the number of rounds in October way over what was budgeted. Yes, we would like to have our greens in great condition for all of the golfing season and that is something we are striving for.

As we move into Winter, the maintenance crew will be doing a lot of cleanup projects along with two renovation projects. The two renovation projects are the left greenside bunker on #6 and the Women's tee on #7. The bunker will be reshaped so that the ball will stay more in the middle where it will be flatter. The low side will be softened so that players won't be hitting from a down hill lie to an elevated green, which is a very difficult shot for all of us. We had a golf course architect come out with Bill and a few of us to give his input in how the bunker should be shaped. The Women's tee on #7 will be leveled and additional irrigation will be put in to help maintain the tee. Another idea for the Lady's 7th tee was suggested. That was to move it over by the cart path which would change the line of the tee shot. I'll run this by Bill to get his opinion.

We discussed adding an Assistant Superintendent to help Bill and be in charge when Bill is not on the property. Right now we have been down one full time person on the Fairways Crew for the past two months. The crew is very thin as we presently have Bill, 3 full time crew members, a mechanic who helps the crew when he's not working on equipment and a part timer who works 4hrs. per day, 4 days a week. We've asked Travis, our GM, to construct 2019's budget with and without an Assist. Supt., which the board will review in helping to prepare next year's budget. It is estimated that an Assist. would be about \$20,000 over an entry level crew member. If we can't make the numbers work for an Assist., we would opt for another crew member.

We are planning to rollover between \$20-25,000 of our 2018 CIDM monies to 2019. We plan to have additional savings during the first three quarters of 2019 and use what we have saved from both years to continue our cart path project next Oct. or November. We anticipate doing #7, the circle on #8 tee and the path from the circle to where it bisects #9 cart path. That would leave us with only the #9 circle and path up to #10 tee to complete our project which started in the early 2000's.

As always, please email me your suggestions and constructive criticisms and I will get back to you. Please fix divots, ball marks, park carts fully on the paths and don't drive behind greens, through the posts or ropes that are on the course.

My email is: hp1852@yahoo.com.

Have a Merry and safe Xmas and Happy New Years.



Men's Tournaments

By Nick Smith

November Medal Results:

Gross:

1st Place – Ross Leask (32 stableford points)

Net:

1st Place – Rick Mossi (44 stableford points)

2nd Place – Brad Dillon (43 points)

3rd Place – Loren Warburg (40 places)

Great Upcoming Events:

Men's Medal January 5th

18-Hole Women's Section

By Eileen Ostroff



Anybody who thinks that golf is over once November rolls around is so wrong! We have been busy organizing the Ladies' Annual Holiday Cocktail Party, which is December 5th 4PM-7PM.

Also, there have been meetings with the 18 Hole Women's Section tournament committee, the grounds keeper, the club manager, and the golf pro. They all are helping to plan our next season's tournament calendar and are, hopefully, coordinating our golf schedule with course maintenance and the men's golf schedule.

Pictured above: E. Ostroff, Sue Berger, Claudia Little, Lois Skarsten, Kelly Downing, Joan Johnson, Ruth Giacomini, Sandy King

Junior Golf

By Mike Morgan

A huge THANK YOU!! to all who attended the Fall Back Bash in November that raised funds for the Junior Golf Program; the resulting donation will help us enhance the kids' learning experience next summer and beyond.

Your Junior Golf Committee would like to encourage all who have not had the opportunity, to stop by, hopefully with your family's juniors to meet our new management team: General Manager Travis Berding and Golf Professional Jeff Hwang. As they begin the work of formulating a plan for next year's Junior Program, putting names with faces of those who will or might be involved would be a significant help.

Our committee recently met with Travis and Jeff to discuss Jeff's ideas for the 2019 Summer Junior season; preliminary highlights follow:

Junior Golf Club (New for 2019)

A special Club for both children and/or grandchildren of members and non-member referrals. For a low cost seasonal entry fee, the Jr. Club will offer 3-day per week clinics (Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays) with pricing to facilitate attendance at individual, multiple or even the full season of sessions. Each session's instructional focus will rotate among a variety of topics, critical skills necessary to develop the game of every participating Junior.

Junior Camps

Three, 4-day Junior Camps designed around basic golf learning and fun. Per week fee will include golf instruction and lunch each of the 4 days, 9-12noon.

PGA Junior League- Same as previous years

North Bay Jr. league- Same as previous years

Junior Club Championship (With 2019 Enhancements)

Open to any Junior who participates in any of PG&CC's Junior Programs or members under 18 years of age. The championship will be flighted for all ages and skill levels with prizes.

Private Lessons for Juniors:

Participants in any of PG&CC's Jr. Programs and children/grandchildren of members receive a special, reduced fee for a 30 minute private lesson, subsidized by the Junior Fund.

Also, please know we are planning an exciting golf skills Demo Day in March 2019 to formally introduce Jeff Hwang to all parents and Juniors. Jeff will demonstrate some of his unusual, fun (maybe even amazing!!) shot-making golf skills as he gets to know our kids. Then, probably later that same month, we plan to host the annual Junior Golf Orientation Day to fully describe the various Junior Programs available, answer questions and complete signups for those who would like to participate.

Thanks again for all the support and encouragement we've received!

“Also a special Thank You to Maria Stipp and Marlo Mitchell for their very generous gift of \$1,000 last month to the fund, much appreciated!!”

Socials

DECEMBER 7: Movie Night! Polar Express. Meet the Conductor from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. Special Menu will be available starting at 5:00pm.

DECEMBER 9: Santa Brunch. Brunch starts at 11am. Santa arrives at 12pm. Reservations required.

DECEMBER 14: Member Social! Live Music by Miles Mckenzie 5:30pm to 7:30pm. With special menu. Don't forget our BOUNTY drawing could be up to \$1,200.

JANAURY 11: Movie Night: Toy Story. Meet Jesse and Woody from 5:00pm to 6:00. Special Menu will be available starting at 5:00. Movie starts at 6:00pm

JANUARY 20: Annual Crab Feed from 12:00 to 6:00pm

JANUARY 25: Member Social! 5:30pm to 7:30pm. With special menu. Don't forget our BOUNTY drawing could be up to \$1,300.

THE POLAR EXPRESS

PETALUMA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB



MOVIE NIGHT

DEC 07 | MOVIE STARTS AT 6:00PM
SPECIAL GUEST: THE CONDUCTOR 5:00-6:00PM

Special Menu will be available starting at 4:30pm



Please RSVP with Children's names as a special gift will be provided after the movie

BRUNCH WITH SANTA

SUNDAY | DEC 9, 2018 | BRUNCH AT 11AM, SANTA ARRIVES AT 12PM

Adults - \$30 | Children - \$15 | Kids 7 & Under - FREE

BRUNCH MENU

Glazed Ham
Bacon
Cheesy Potatoes
Egg Frittatas

Local Market Greens
Roasted Harvest Vegetables
Breakfast Pastries
French Toast w/Berries &
Cream

After you get your pictures with Santa,
enjoy a reading of the holiday classic,
"Twas the Night before Christmas"



KIDS WILL HAVE A
SUGAR COOKIE
DECORATION STATION!



Bring your own camera for pictures!

Deadline to sign up: December 5th.

RSVP to tberding@petalumagolfandcountryclub.com

DECEMBER 2018

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Men's Medal

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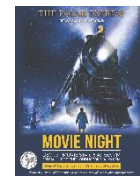
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PGCC Ladies
Holiday Cocktail
Party 4:00 – 7:00



Movie Night:
Polar Express
5:00-8:00pm

Event in the Hall
5:00 – 11:00
Sponsoring
Member
Van Bebber

Men's Twilight
Dinner

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Brunch with
Santa
11am-1pm

SIRS
8am – 2pm

Board of Director
Nominee Write-In
Ballots Due by
4:00pm

Event in the Hall
12:00 – 4:00
Sponsoring
Member
Barello

Men's Twilight
Dinner

Golf Outing @
Presidio

Event in the Hall
6:00 – 9:00
Sponsoring
Member
Libarle



Christmas Mixer
'\$1.2K Bounty'
5:30pm – 7:30pm

Event in the Hall
5:00 – 11:00
Sponsoring
Member
Van Bebber

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Greens and
Fairways Meeting
5:00pm

Men's Twilight
Dinner

Board Meeting
6:00pm

Happy Hour
5:00pm-7:00pm

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Event in the Hall
3:00 – 6:00
Sponsoring
Member
Collins

Christmas Eve
Club Closes at
3:00pm



Christmas
Club Closed



Event in the Hall
5:00 – 10:00
Sponsoring
Member
Howard

Happy Hour
5:00pm-7:00pm

