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Petaluma Golf & Country Club, February 2018

President's Message

By Harry Pearson

Greetings to all. The course is in very good shape for this time of the year. There are some wet spots so be careful when driving a cart on the course but at the time of this writing, (Jan 31st), we are having unseasonably good weather. Hopefully, we'll get the much needed rain in Feb. and March.

We have some great events scheduled for February: a Prime Rib Dinner on Friday, February 9th, 6:00pm - 7:30pm (RSVP), and the Men's Gin Fizz Tournament on Saturday, February, 17th. The Gin Fizz is a fun event and a chance for new and old members to meet and play golf with each other instead of your regular group. We also have our Member Happy Hour on Friday February 23 5:30pm – 7:30pm featuring Live Music from Elaine Ryan who is a favorite of PG&CC.

I want to encourage everyone to attend The Annual Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 1st. The club will sponsor dinner, (spaghetti, salad and garlic bread prepared by Roy and Sandy King). Dinner will be served between 5:30pm-6:30pm to accommodate those coming from work and the meeting will start at 6:30pm. This is a chance to ask questions, give suggestions, opinions, complaints or compliments to the Board. The financial

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report from 2017 and the projection for 2018 will be available as well as committee reports and unless a brawl breaks out, we should be out of there by 7:30.

Please attend the February events and the Annual Mtg. if possible and R.S.V.P. to Chris @ 762-1057 by Monday February 26th for the Annual Meeting so we can get a count on food orders.

One of the great things we have going on at the club is our Junior Golf program. The Green's Committee has asked Bill to refurbish the Junior Tees. We think it's important that they have good conditions and we want them to know we support them and that the program is very important to our club.

A little history on the program. Prior to 2008, Our late Head Pro, Doug Booth started hosting and teaching golf clinics for juniors. He had help from Cindy McCarter who was involved in ' Jr. Girls Day' which included golf as one of it's many activities. In 2011, Mike Morgan, Scott Tucker, Mike Candau and his sons Matt and John began working with Doug to what really became the precursor to our now renowned junior program. Bill Maeder built the above mentioned Junior Tee boxes at distances between 150-175yds. from the greens. The program was revamped in 2012 with the volunteer help of those mentioned above as well as Tenny Tucker and a very generous endowment to Junior Golf from Ed and Teddi DeCarli. Others donated as well and the funds were used to subsidize lessons, host barbeques and purchase equipment. Sadly, Doug passed away but when we brought in CourseCo and Chris with his expertise and enthusiasm, the program expanded adding levels of participation and began emphasizing skill development and competition. Summer camps were added in 2014 and in 2015 we joined the PGA Junior League. Weekly lessons were added in 2016. In 2017 the summer camps were reworked into U.S. Kids Camp & Clinics which uses color coded hats and pins that are earned in skills and forms testing. We formed a Junior League Team, and a North Bay League Team, 14yrs. and older and both of these teams captured 1st place! Also in 2017, a Winter Program was added. In total, we have 9 programs and about 50 kids. Not bad for a little 9 hole course, wouldn't you say?

On behalf of the membership, I want to thank Mike Morgan, (Chairman of the Jr. Golf Committee), committee members, Scott Tucker, Eric Poehlmann, Cindy Reeves, Eric Van DerMeer, Mike Candau, Barry Reeves, and Ed and Susan Adams. Also thanks to Cindy McCarter, Tenny Tucker and Ed and Teddi DeCarli for their generosity along with all the participating juniors and their parents/grandparents. Kudos to Chris and our Assistant Professional Stevan Peters who teach the kids and give them the tools that allow them to learn the great game of golf. Thanks to Bill and his crew for keeping the junior tees up. I can't forget the late Doug Booth who started all of this. We dedicated a 'Memorial Bench' to him which sits on the first tee. We the members, appreciate your volunteering of time, effort and benevolence and we support and hope the program continues to grow. Thank you all.

Women 18 Hole Group

By Ruth Giacomini

The winter is passing and we are already planning the 2018 golf season. Our kick off day is March 7. We meet at 7:45am and tee off at 8:15 am. Any female member with a handicap of 40 or under are invited to join us. We will be having lunch after golf. Please, put the date of March 7th on your calendar. If you want to sign up for lunch, please call Laurie Leask at 707-484-8301 for a reservation.

Hope to see you out on the course!
Ruth Giacomini, Captain

Ladies 9 Hole Golf

By Lois Skarsten

Hello Everyone. All women members are welcome to join even if you don't have a handicap! Come join the fun!

Our ladies group plays every Tuesday beginning on March 6th. We will kick off the season playing the course from the Par 3 tees there is also a \$25 registration for the year. Sweeps are \$2.00 a week and an additional dollar toward our end of the season luncheon. Email Lois at: lskar86171@aol.com if you have any questions!



PG&CC Women's Bridge Tournament

The 2018 Results are in!

- 1st Place – 12,810pts Alma Fauss and Barbara Guggamos
- 2nd Place – 10,720pts Barbara Madick and Joan Padder
- 3rd Place – 10,530pts Margie Kullberg and Gail Whooley
- 4th Place – 9,670pts Allie Andrews and Patsy Knight
- 5th Place – 9,430pts Judy Buskirk and Carol Jennings
- 6th Place - 9,410pts Debby McLaughlin and Claire Pass
- 7th Place – 9250pts Oralee Bean and Sharon Dado
- Booby Prize – Ellie Appleton and Letty House



Email Statements!

Let's help keep costs down and save a tree at the same time!

Sign-up for email statements by emailing: admin@petalumagolfandcountryclub.com or drop by the office and let Darcy know that you would like switch to paperless statements. You will still receive all printed flyers and calendars with your emailed statement.

Men's Tournaments

By Nick Smith

Congratulations to our Medal Play Winners!

January Winners

Greg Plattner – Gross

Rick Mossi – Net

Be sure to sign up for our Gin Fizz tournament! Saturday February 16. 8am Breakfast and 9am shotgun. See you there!

Social Events

By Christopher Gay

Friday, February 9th – Prime Rib Night 6:00pm

Friday, February 23rd– Happy Hour and Special Drawing 5:30pm-7:30pm. Live Music with Elaine Ryan!

Thursday, March 1st – Annual Meeting 5:30pm Dinner. 6:30pm Meeting

Friday, March 16th – St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Irish food and Irish Step Dancers

Friday, March 30th - Happy Hour and Special Drawing 5:30pm-7:30pm. Live Music with Jeff Campbell!

Sunday, April 1st – Easter Brunch 10:00am with Egg Hunt at 11:30am

Friday, April 13th – Movie Night – Lego Batman Movie (PG) 5:30pm Meet and Greet with Batman and Wonder Woman! Movie starts at 6:30pm.

Friday, April 23rd - Happy Hour and Special Drawing 5:30pm-7:30pm. Live Music with Lauren Hulbert!



Head Golf Professional / General Manager Report

By Christopher Gay

What do we have here? A big thank you goes out to McKenzie Smith who is taking pictures of everyone who submits articles for the Improved Lie. You will begin seeing more and more pictures as McKenzie makes his rounds with his camera. I can't believe it – he was able to capture my good side on the very first snap!

2018 is lining up to be another strong year at PG&CC. We only have a few memberships available so now is the time for your friends to join. The course is in great shape albeit a little soft in some spots. You should be getting new guest passes in the mail very soon. Our #1 source of new members is our current members so please use these passes as they help the club in recruiting new members.

We will be posting new junior golf lessons, and our ladies clinic & cocktail program very soon. Stay tuned! I am also excited to announce our “Summer Concert” Series where 2 Fridays a month will have live music from June through August. We have already booked some greats: Elaine Ryan and Lorin Lowry will join us.

I also want to provide a friendly reminder for members about some policies. As we head into the busy season, please remember:

- Collared shirts are required for men while on the golf course
- While Teeing off on #1 ... the players on #9 green have the right of way. If you are on #1 – please wave the group on #9 to play through to #10. Then the tee will alternate with 1 group playing #10 and then a new group on #1. This doesn't happen often but please be aware of this policy.
- Starting on #3. Our first few busy days of 2018 and we have already seen players getting cutoff from a new group starting on #3. Please make sure no one is hitting approach shots into #2 before heading to #3.
- Please check in. If you happen to be chipping on the practice green and decide to go play a few holes that it is one of the luxuries of being at a private club. Just please call to let us know that you are on the golf course.

Lastly, we have all of NCGA Qualifying Tournaments posted and the first qualifying event happens early this year in March. Please see the attached flyer for more information. These NCGA events are open to Men and Women.

See you on the Links!

PETALUMA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

MEN'S GIN FIZZ TOURNAMENT

Saturday | February 17th | 8AM Breakfast | 9AM Shotgun



\$20 Breakfast, Gin Fizzes & Golf

\$10 Breakfast & Gin Fizzes Only

GUEST PLAY FOR FREE!



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Live Music from

ELAINE RYAN



Born in Ireland, nomadic troubadour Elaine Ryan has been pouring her heart out playing in locales as far-flung as Vancouver, Montreal, Austin, Spain, Switzerland and Maui. She has been fortunate enough to perform with Pat Simmons of the Doobie Brothers, as well as with drummer Mick Fleetwood of Fleetwood Mac.

**FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 23
5:30PM - 7:30PM**
Special Appetizers

We will have our infamous **\$500 DRAWING**

For more information call: **(707) 762-7041**
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Petaluma Golf & Country Club | 1500 Country Club Dr | Petaluma, CA

st. patrick's DINNER



FRIDAY, MARCH 16TH

5:00PM COCKTAILS

6:00PM DINNER

6:30PM IRISH STEP DANCERS
FROM HEALY SCHOOL
OF IRISH DANCE

**Traditional St Patrick's
Corned Beef Dinner**

Adults.....\$28

Kids 11-17.....\$8

Kids 10 and under eat FREE

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Petaluma Golf & Country Club | 1500 Country Club Dr | Petaluma, CA

PETALUMA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

EASTER BRUNCH & Egg Hunt

SUNDAY | APRIL 01, 2018 | 10AM BRUNCH

*Egg Hunt Starts at 11:30AM
Take Pictures with the Easter Bunny!*

MENU

Honey Glazed Ham, Scrambled Egg Bar,
Frittatas, French Toast & More

Adults \$37.95 | Juniors \$12.95

Kids (6 & Under) FREE

RSVP: (707) 762-7041



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NCGA **Tournament Club Qualifiers**

Club will pay all regional and Championship fees

ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Club Dates Qualifying Anytime between 3/3 to 3/16. \$10 Entry.
Regional Tournament: 4/9-4/10
Championship: 8/27-8/28

FOUR-BALL NET CHAMPIONSHIP

Club Dates Qualifying Anytime between 4/16 to 4/27. \$10 Entry.
Regional Tournament: 5/24
Championship: 6/18 and 6/19

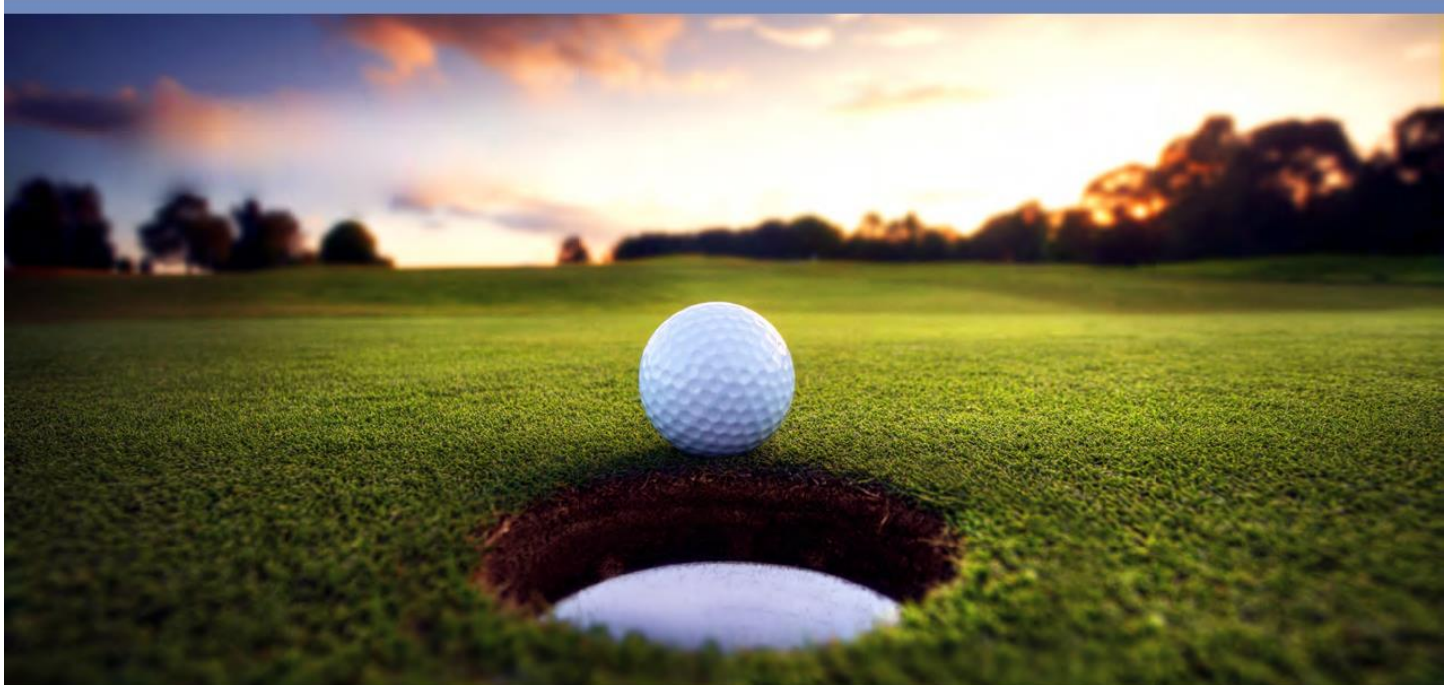
SENIOR FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Club Dates Qualifying Anytime between 6/30 to 7/13. \$10 Entry.
Regional Tournament: 8/8
Championship: 9/10 to 9/11

NET AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Club Dates Qualifying Anytime between 8/4 to 8/17. \$10 Entry.
Regional Tournament: 9/13
Championship: 10/15 & 10/16

Please sign up by calling 707.762.7041 or by alerting the golf shop staff prior to teeing off.



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FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Happy Hour 5:00pm- 7:00pm	3 Men's Medal
4	5	6	7	8	9 Prime Rib Night - 6:00pm – RSVP Before 2/6	10
11	12	13 <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	14	15	16 Happy Hour 5:00pm- 7:00pm	17 Men's Gin Fizz 8:00am Breakfast 9:00am Shotgun
18	19	20 <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	21 Event in Hall 6:00pm Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm	22 Event in Hall 6:00pm	23 Holiday Social – LIVE MUSIC with \$500 Drawing 5:30pm- 7:30pm	24 Event in Hall 5pm – 10pm: Sponsoring Member: C. Fillinger
25	26	27 <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	28			

MARCH 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Happy Hour 5:30pm- 7:30pm	3 Men's Medal
4	5	6 Ladies 9 Hole Golf – Opening Day 9am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	7 Women 18 Hole Group 7:45am Opening Day	8	9 Happy Hour 5:30pm- 7:30pm	10 Event in Hall 6pm – 11pm: Sponsoring Member: C. Parratt
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