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Petaluma Golf & Country Club, July 2017

Bylaw Revisions

By Christopher Gay

The final votes are in and the members have approved Article VIII Section VII.

I would like to thank everyone for getting their votes in!

Thank you!

Junior Golf Report

By Mike Morgan

Our Jr. Golf programs are enjoying more growth and success this summer. In addition to the weekly camps, Sunset Bar clinics, and private lessons, we've had as many as 28 kids (both members and prospective) participating in the competitive PGA Jr. League (age 13 and under) and the North Bay Junior League (18 and under), new to us this year.

It's especially gratifying that many of the kids who began with us 6 years ago in the old 'Elite' program have improved and expanded their skills enough under Chris' direction to participate in programs that introduce them

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to other youngsters and courses in the area. Many will compete on high school teams and eventually, hopefully college. We're proud of all of them regardless of skill level. It's really great to see them out in the fresh air, enjoying the camaraderie of kids whom they might not have otherwise interacted (due to age, gender or location) and mostly, away from a computer game screen!

Chris and everyone involved in the program appreciates our members' patience with the juniors presence at the club. They learn much from adult modeling. Please let us know of any, not-so-positive experience you have so that we may address it as a learning experience for them. Thanks, as always!

NOTE: **On Monday, July 10** PGCC will host the North Bay Jr. League competition. There will be as many as 60 participants from 6 teams throughout the North Bay. The kids will begin a shotgun start at 10 am, finishing at 1pm-1:30pm with a BBQ lunch after for kids and parents. Lunch is provided to the participants as part of the league program; we will offer hot dogs, long burgers and drinks to the parents (and anyone else) at reasonable prices to enhance/build our Junior Fund at PGCC.

Thank you

Petaluma Chicks

By Sandra Messer



Focus on Fun, Casual on Competition

Petaluma Chicks members travel throughout the year, but even more is done in the Summer. With the ranks thinned a bit, June was loaded with classic golf games and tests of our putting skills. June 6 winner was Ginny Pelton in a No T's or F's game.

June 13 had two winners in a Bingo, Bango, Bongo romp. In the twosomes flight, Ginny Pelton and in the threesome group, Cathy Lehmann. Sandra Messer garnered low putts on June 20 and Dervila Settles clinched low putts on June 27 play.

Regardless of rank numbers, Golfer of the Month play carries on. Hearty congratulations to Terry Figone for scooping up the June spot.

Golf Check in Procedures - Updated

By Christopher Gay

As a reminder to all members – when you check in for golf we kindly ask that you pay / charge your golf fees before heading out to play. This would include green fees, cart fees and merchandise. If you check in for golf and do not pay before heading out – we will charge your account the appropriate fees.

We will gladly continue to keep a tab open for all food and beverage items.

Thank you

Fairways and Greens Report

By Harry Pearson

Well we're in full swing with the Egg Basket and Vartnaw Tournaments played in June. We had a very hot spell a couple of weeks ago and our annual summer hire of an afternoon waterer has come in handy. With the hot weather, we've gotten some fungus on the greens and fairways and even a little moss on the greens which resulted in the dark spots you may have seen. Bill sent in soil samples to be analyzed and it came back that in fact there was very little fungus and it is more a result of the sand underneath the green crystallizing which doesn't allow the water to penetrate. Bill has since spiked the greens with small tines going 3" deep, applied a wetting agent, verticut the greens and this seems to be helping. Liquid and tablet form fungicides have been applied also.

The crew has been down a full-timer since the end of last year, with Miguel returning to Mexico. We've tried twice to hire a replacement but it hasn't worked out. Hilario who is a long time employee is going in for a procedure and we wish him a successful outcome and a speedy recovery. Since we've saved six months of salary through June by running one person short, we've decided to hire two full timers to help the crew out, and keep the workload manageable. They are Brian, who is a college student and will be with us until the middle of August when he returns to school. This will work out well as Hilario should be coming back around then and the other is a Jennifer who will be permanent after finishing her probation. Welcome to both.

The crew has kept the course in very good condition but being shorthanded, we haven't been able to do two of our planned projects for this year. We'd planned on renovating the left green side bunker on #6 and a doing a tee using in-house labor. After the new members are trained and Hilario returns, we hope to get to these if it's not too late in the year.

We've bought 40 half sprinklers, (\$7,200), this year to be used in our adding green side sprinklers next year. This will be a big help. The new sprinklers added, four to each green, will water just the greens. The existing 4 sprinklers at each green will be changed to half sprinklers, (these inserts, \$3,200, will be bought next year with money we intend to rollover from this year), and they will water the surrounds. We will use the outside contractor that put in the 108 sprinklers and control boxes in the beginning of 2016. The cost for parts and labor will run about \$20,000. Presently, green side sprinklers, (at each green), are full sprinklers and water greens and surrounds. Greens need 10 minutes and surrounds need 4 min., so you can see the problem.

We will have two trees by #2 tee and one tree behind #1 green cut down in the middle of July @ \$3,200. Bill says he has adjusted the irrigation system to put out 350 gallons per minute instead of the 400 gallons that were being put out and this seems to be putting out a more consistent flow to the upper areas of the course.

The Greens Committee put out a course assessment survey to players who participated in the Vartnaw. We did this last year also. The survey asked players to rate the conditions of greens, fairways, tees, rough and bunkers using a one to five rating with 1 being the worst and 5 the best. We also asked for comments, suggestions, etc. We received 28 surveys out of 40 total players. The results were very similar to 2016.

Greens: 4.2 avg. Scores ranged from 2 to 5. (2016 was 4.4). Comments were good, very good, great, to be better they would have to be sand based. The biggest complaint was the severity of #9 as it was last year also, fungus, brown spots, level them, inconsistent. I've addressed the brown spots and fungus above. Inconsistency has to do with the hard spots mentioned above. We've tried building up the right corner of #9 by putting more sand in that area and bringing up the fringe. This takes too long.

We talked about what to do at our mtg. on the 24th and came up with a couple of options. Continue bringing up the fringe farther and keep adding sand, (see above), cutting and peeling the bottom third then add more sand building it up and replace it, rebuild the entire green. Last year we were asked by the board what projects we would do with our portion of the proceeds from a sale of the property below #3. One of our listed projects was to rebuild the 9th green. We got a bid of \$15,000. This didn't include putting in a new drainage system. We have to be really careful on what we do because the defense of this hole lies in the difficulty of the green. We would definitely like to hear member's thoughts.

Fairways: 3.9 avg. Scores ranged from 3 to 5. (2016 was 3.8). Comments were very good, never had a bad lie in the fairway, for them to be better they'd have to be sand based. Complaints; ere a few dry spots, fix divots and mud on #1. The fairways were great and the antidote to the negative comments would be to individually wire each sprinkler for singular control. We have noted conditions from last year and are analyzing them again this year to identify continual trouble spots. To individually wire all the sprinklers would be \$71,000 so after this season we can look at the problem areas and see if it's feasible to do the problem areas.

Tees: 3.3 avg. Scores ranged from 1 to 5. (2016 was 3.5). Comments were good, #9 wasn't cut, (big snafu there), #14 in poor condition, mow and groom back tee on #3, renovate left side of #6, renovate #9. I've addressed the renovation above.

Rough: 3.7 avg. Scores ranged from 2 to 5. (2016 was 3.0). Comments were good, love it, fair, tough, what rough, grow it higher, cut it more on right side of #14, need more, shouldn't be in rough. A large rough mower is the next piece of equipment on our replacement schedule and this will be purchased in 2018.

Bunkers: 3.2 avg. Scores ranged from (-5) to 5. (2016 was 3.4). Comments; were pretty good overall, better than they've been, yes to renovating left side on #6, too much sand in right side bunkers on #6, not enough sand, need new sand, sand needs to be rolled or more grit, some have too much sand and some not enough, they suck, bottomed out on #1. Bill is going to add more weight to the bar that rakes the traps. We need more attention to detail after the bunker is machine raked. Our bid to renovate the bunkers was \$180,000 for the 20 bunkers on the course. That averages \$9,000 per and we've budgeted \$2,500 for Bill to do the one on #6 in-house. With the wind we lose a lot of sand but I agree that they are not consistent. A work in progress.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Larry Riis for his suggestion of putting together a 'members workday' which we had on Sat. June 24th. We were able to help out the Fairway Crew by cleaning up and planting

succulents behind #10 tee and cleaning up the foliage behind #9 green. The areas look great. Thanks to Chris for providing lunch. A big thank you to those who helped: Charly Freeman, Larry Riis, Nick Smith, Greg Plattner, Peter Barufkin, his wife Sandra Messer and their daughter Julia Barufkin, Marty Steigner and myself. Also, thank you to Ross and Laurie Leask, Ginny Pelton, Debbie Adams and Perry Freeman who donated succulents.

Come up and enjoy your club.

Men's Tournament Report

By Nick Smith

Young vs Old Tournament – aka Flat Bellies versus Round Bellies – ROUND BELLIES WIN!

Vartnaw (Member – Member)

Harry Pearson & Bob McMillan 59

June Medal Winners:

Mike Robin – 42 Points

Sleep City Cup Leaderboard as of 5/31

1 – Mike Robin 539

2 – Greg Plattner 486

3 – Loren Warburg 467

Gala Dinner 10/21 Sponsored by Timo Rivetti and Carson Wealth Management

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

The GOAT HILL TOURNAMENT. The Member Guest Tournament of the Year! Sign-ups will be mailed shortly. Please return the application early to reserve your spot.

Email Statements!

By Christopher Gay

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.

Swim Lessons Now Available

By Christopher Gay

Our swim instructor Aeryn – is back for the summer. If you have any juniors that need swimming instruction please email her at swim@petalumagolfandcountryclub.com



Social Events at the Club

By Christopher Gay

Thursday, July 27th – Ladies Nine and Wine. Golf *optional*, Wine Tasting and Trunk Show

Friday, July 28th – Member Social Happy Hour 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Friday, August 18th – 6:30pm MOVIE NIGHT – Moana

Friday, August 25th Member Social Happy Hour 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Beginner Ladies Golf Clinic

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 #3: July 14, July 28, August 4, August 11 & August 18

Session #4: August 25, September 1, September 8, September 15, September 22

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

July 29 & July 30 - Beginner Boot Camp



Nine and Wine
@ Petaluma Golf and Country Club


July 27 - 5:30pm

\$10 Entry

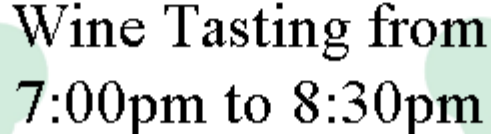
All PG&CC Women are invited!

Play 9 Holes of Golf at 5:30pm

Optional



Bette & Court and Sport Haley
Trunk Show from 7:00pm to 8:30pm!



Wine Tasting from
7:00pm to 8:30pm

JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAMS

By Christopher Gay

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.

- 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.

July	August	September
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July 8 th July 15 th July 29 th	August 5 th August 12 th August 19 th August 26 th	Sept. 2 nd Sept. 9 th Sept. 16 th Sept. 23 rd

Junior Sunset Clinic 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.

JULY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Event in the Hall 3:00pm to 7:00pm
2 Kriegsman Memorial in the Hall 3:00pm to 7:00pm	3	4 4 th of July Couples Tournament 11:00 Start <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	5 Women's 18-Hole Group 8:15am	6	7 Sunset Bar 5:30pm- 7:30pm Junior Sunset Lessons 6pm-7pm	8 Men's Medal 8:30am Shotgun Event in the Hall 3pm-6pm
9	10 North Bay Junior League Tournament 10:00am to 3:30pm Shotgun	11 9 Hole Women's Section 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	12 Women's 18-Hole Group 8:15am	13	14 Sunset Bar 5:30pm- 7:30pm Junior Sunset Lessons 6pm-7pm	15 Event in Hall 4:00pm to 10:00pm
16	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 5:30pm- 7:30pm Junior Sunset Lessons 6pm-7pm	22 Men's Medal: Recruitment Cup 8:30am Shotgun
23 PGA Junior League Match 4:00pm Johnson Pool Party 5:00pm – 8:00pm	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 Sunset Bar LIVE MUSIC 5:30pm- 7:30pm Junior Sunset Lessons 6pm-7pm	29 Event in Hall 4:00pm to 10:00pm
30	31					

AUGUST 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9 Hole Women's Section 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	2 Women's 18-Hole Group 8:15am	3	4 Sunset Bar 5:30pm- 7:30pm Junior Sunset Clinic 6pm-7pm	5 Men's Medal Hall Event 4pm to 10pm
6	7 SIRS Golf Outing 8:00am-2:00pm	8 9 Hole Women's Section 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	9 Women's 18-Hole Group 8:15am	10	11 Sunset Bar 5:30pm- 7:30pm Junior Sunset Clinic 6pm-7pm	12 Men's Medal: 3 Clubs + 1 Putter
13 PGA Junior League Match 4:00pm	14 Lynn Barr Golf Outing 12 Players 7:00am	15 9 Hole Women's Section 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	16 Women's 18-Hole Group 8:15am Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm	17	18 Sunset Bar 5:30pm- 7:30pm MOVIE NIGHT – MOANA Junior Sunset Clinic 6pm-7pm	19 Hall Event 11am to 4pm
20	21 Andy Isetta Outing 12pm	22 9 Hole Women's Section 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	23 Women's 18-Hole Group 8:15am	24	25 Social Happy Hour 5:30pm- 7:30pm Junior Sunset Clinic 6pm-7pm	26 Parent / Child Tournament 10:00am
27	28 SIRS Golf Outing 8:00am-2:00pm	29 9 Hole Women's Section 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	30 Women's 18-Hole Group 8:15am			