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# THE IMPROVED LIE

**Petaluma Golf & Country Club, July 2018**



## **President's Message**

*By Harry Pearson*

Well, June's been quite an eventful month at the club. With the tournaments, Jr. Golf getting into action, a slew of new members and some personnel moves, J. T. and his staff had their hands full.

First off, I'd like to thank Stevan Peters for his contributions to PGCC and wish he and his family the best of luck in his future endeavors. I want to thank CourseCo for getting out in front of this and informing the members of Stevan's resignation and their plans to support the staff, through the email blast that was sent out on Friday the 22nd and also my fellow board members for the exemplary manner in which this was handled. Well done!

The board feels the plan to handle our concerns re: J.R. Golf, the office and J. T. still getting his feet underneath him is well developed. Enough said. The search is on for a new Assistant Professional.

The month started with a great 'Farewell Party' for Chris and a wonderful Men's Tue. Night Appreciation Dinner for Chris. The responsible people for hosting these events were thanked in last month's 'Improved Lie'.

The Ladies Egg Basket Member/Guest Tournament came next. They had a reception at the pool the night before the tournament and after talking to one of the tournament chair persons, the tournament was a success and the course was in great shape. Thank you to all those who worked so hard on the event.

Next up was the Vartnaw Men's Member/Member Tournament. We lucked out with the weather and had a great 'shootout' Friday evening along with appetizers that also tied into one of the Summer Music Nights. It was a great night to meet new members. The tournament was played the next day and was followed by a great lunch provided by our chef, Megan. I'd like to thank Nick Smith, Larry Riis, the volunteer marshals and J. T. and his staff for all their hard work. Congratulations to all the Egg Basket and Vartnaw Winners.

As you know, whether it's in my Green's Articles or in the Presidents Msg., I always ask for suggestions, complaints, questions and comments. I always try to address them, whether it's in my articles or in emails. We had a question from a member re: how are tips handled, for servers and bartenders at events or lunches and do cleanup persons share in the tips. The Tuesday Night Crew does share tips with the person doing dishes. Servers get tips that are left for them or added to the bill for food. Bar staff shares their tips from the jar amongst themselves and for tips added to bar bill. Tuesday and Friday Night tips get shared amongst all. Hopefully that clears that up. Please remember when we have these events like Tuesday Night Dinners or like the Vartnaw Lunch, that a couple of bucks per member would help our staff's cause.

There was another comment re: the light not working in the port a potty. We've had an electrician out there and they couldn't figure it out so they put a battery operated light on the mirror over the sink. It works by pressing it and that's the solution until they figure it out. A couple of suggestions were made regarding the maintenance crew wearing their hard hats and having at least 2 rakes at each trap. This was passed on to Bill Maeder and J. T. and was addressed by them.

I'd like to welcome these new members who joined the Club in June: Walt & Mendi Kerr; Joseph & Alice Archer; Graham & Leslie Hackett; and joining on July 1st, Brett & Cheryl Johnson and Teri & Neil Goldstein.

Welcome to the PG&CC Family.

The Friday Night Mixer was well attended and no one won the grand prize. July's Friday Night Mixer will be \$700 in cold hard cash.

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## 40th Annual Egg Basket Tournament

*By Brenda Roberts*

**40th Annual Eggcentric Egg Basket Tournament.** The ladies of Petaluma Golf and Country Club celebrated the 40th Annual Eggcentric Egg Basket Invitational Golf Tournament Tuesday, June 12th and Wednesday, June 13th, 2018. It was open to all female members of the club with a handicap, who then invited a guest from outside the club to be their partner in the Better Ball Twosome Tournament.

The opening Cocktail Party was poolside Tuesday evening with delicious hors d'oeuvres from Chef Megan, drinks, live music and perfect weather. Main festivities were the next day, Wednesday, June 13th again with perfect weather. The theme for the event was Eggcentric chosen by Co-Captain of the 18-Hole Women's Section and Egg Basket Chair, Brenda Roberts. The morning began with the signature cocktail, a Ramos Fizz made by Brenda's husband, Ken Roberts. A delicious breakfast was enjoyed from Chef Megan, followed by judging of the Eggcentric Hat contest in partner twosomes (staff bartender Tiffany did the judging) and photos taken by Eric Berger to mark the day. Thank you Tiffany and Eric! Since it was an Eggcentric day,

Cindy Mc Carter, painted egg-shaped rocks ahead of time and hid them throughout the course, those who came upon them were the lucky ones who got to keep them! Thank you Cindy! And again, since it was an Eggcentric day, not everything golf could be normal...Hole #5/#14 featured a porcupine green...five flags marking five different holes to putt to! Great fun! Thank you to PG&CC staff for making it all happen! Golf was followed by another great meal from Chef Megan, for The Awards Luncheon with wonderful wines from Atlas Wine Company. All participants received Golfer Buddies with a specially designed logo for the day (logo created by Claudia Little) and Golf towels featuring a scrubber back and also with the same custom logo. Thank you for your design work Claudia!

The Eggcentric Hat contest honors went to Dea Steigner and her guest Betsy Coxon. 2nd place to Cecy Mullins and Sharon Rea with honorable mention to Cindy McCarter and Jo Walker. Closest to the Pin Honors went to Member Ann Schroeder and Guest Terri Seward on Hole #6/#15. Longest drive winners on Hole #3 were Member Claudia Little and Guest Carolyn Beckley. Accu-drive honors on hole #11 went to Member Laurie Leask and Guest Carolyn Beckley.

So who really won the Better Ball Twosome? Out of 25 teams, the Low Net score of 64 won the tournament. It came from the team of Member Brenda Roberts and Guest Raelene Neve! Wonders never cease... First Flight, First Place honors went to Kelly Downey and her guest Pam Dowd with a 66. 2nd Place in the First Flight went to Claudia Little and guest Miyuki Benjamin with a 66 and 3rd Place in the First Flight went to Lois Skarsten and guest Becky Kirkpartrick with a 67.

Second Flight, 1st Place went to Member Kathy Hansen and guest Chris Say with a 65, 2nd Place to Anne Schroeder and guest Terri Seward with a 67 and 3rd place of the 2nd Flight went to Sandra Messer and guest Kathy Forrler with a 69.

Third Flight, 1st place was won by Member Brenda Roberts and guest Raelene Neve with a 64, 2nd place went to Jill Cheda and guest Barbara Barton with a 67 and 3rd place of the Third Flight went to Eileen Ostroff and guest Kathy Buckley with a 69. Prizes were provided for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of all three Flights. Finally, The Most Honest Golfer Award went to Cathy Lehmann and Tina Powell who each received a dozen donated Washoe Valley Farm Duck eggs! Congratulations all!

Thank you to our sponsors for the Tournament which included: Hole In One Sponsor Marin Honda, (Thank you Earl and Judie Buskirk) and Hole sponsors: Athletic Soles (offering 10% off for all PG&CC members), North Bay Kitchen and Bath, Lombardi's Catering, Friedman's, Neve Roses, Sleep City, Sugo Trattoria, Mitch White Insurance, Washoe Valley Duck Farm, Luma Fitness, Soft Shell Massage, Petaluma Market, Marisa's Fantasia, Petaluma Auto Parts, Sonoma Auto Parts, Field Works, Marie Theilade, Financial Advisor for Merrill Lynch in Santa Rosa and John Theilade, our PGA Head Golf Pro and General Manager. Donations were also received from Golf Mart, Sleep City, Synergy Health Club, Crown Canyon golf Club, wine from Atlas Wine Company and Champagne from Terry Collins.

Thanks go to Roy King for manning the Putting contest and Cindy McCarter for organizing it. Thank you to Hole Spotters Mike Morgan, Toby Herfindal and Wayne Guptill. Thank you to Ken Roberts for making the Ramos Fizzes and to Eric Berger for taking and developing team photos. Thank you to Sandy Shuteroff and Kay Michalik for manning the check-in table and amazing raffle ticket sales! Thank you to Terese Thomas for overseeing the Luncheon room set-up.

**And a special thank you goes to all the Staff of Petaluma Golf and Country Club who worked really hard to make everything happen as it should, and it did for the 40th Annual Eggcentric Egg Basket Tournament!**



## **Men's Tournaments**

*By Nick Smith*

### Tournament news

The Vartnaw Member/Member Tournament had 46 participants and everyone had a great time. The “highlight” of the event was watching Ray and Mark Nizibian win the Shootout held on Friday. Coming down the 9<sup>th</sup> fairway they were competing against the teams of Dick Johnson/Don Silacci and Roy King/Mike Candau. It came down to a Chip Off to decide the overall winners. Ray and Mark had the chip off with Dick and Don. Ray (in front of many spectators) pulled off an outstanding shot

that clinched the title.

Three other outstanding feats were done in the month of June as well. Ross Leask and Loren Warburg shot their age or better. Loren shot his age at 76, and Ross shot 71 beating his age by two strokes.

Big news is that Jason Morris had a great round shooting 64. Two strokes short of the Course record. Congratulations to all.

Save the Date: The Goat Hill Invitational (Member Guest) September 7, 8, & 9

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## **Head Golf Professional / General Manager Report**

*By John Theilade*

### **MEN'S TWILIGHT DINNERS**

Our dinner season is underway and each week the chefs are trying to outdo each other! The Golf Game is \$3.00 and format varies from week to week. This is a great way to meet members and Tuesday Night is a tradition at our club. Please mark it on your calendar and attend as many as you can!

We still need chefs and we are accepting sign-ups for dinner – get a group of friends together and cook a meal for your fellow members. Please call 707.762.7041 to sign-up now

## **Petaluma Golf and Country Club Junior Golf Programs**

Our club has many Junior Golf programs available.

- \* US Kids Junior Golf Camps
  - \* US Kids Clinics
  - \* PGA Junior League Ages 9-13
  - \* PGA Junior League Ages 14-18
- \*\*\* All of these programs are available to view on our club website\*\*\*

A friendly reminder to our members is that during the summer months when kids are out of school, we have “Practice Sessions” scheduled for our PGA Junior League players. These Practice Sessions are held every Thursday starting at 11:00am. Instruction for the kids are available from 11:00 am to 12:15 pm followed by lunch. Starting at 1:00 pm we have the juniors go on to the golf course for nine holes of play to practice for

their upcoming matches. The Junior Golfers are instructed to allow our members to “play through”. Members playing on Thursday’s please note that Junior’s do start at 1:00 pm.

### **North Bay League and PGA Junior League!**

#### ***July Schedule of Matches PGA Junior League***

##### **Petaluma Team 1**

July 14 at Oakmont Golf Club 3pm.

July 21 at Petaluma 3pm

##### **Petaluma Team 2**

July 21 at Petaluma Golf and Country Club 3pm

#### ***July Schedule of Matches North Bay League***

##### **North Bay League Team**

July 10 at Healdsburg Tayman Park

July 16 at Petaluma

July 25 at Bennett Valley

### **Summer Concert Series:**

July 13<sup>th</sup> Ruby Fradkin

July 27<sup>th</sup> Elaine Ryan

August 17<sup>th</sup> Ruby Fradkin

### **Pool Parties Policy.**

- Only Certificate members are permitted to host pool parties. Fees: \$10 per person
  - Pool Party requests need approval from the General Manager at [membership@petalumagolfandcountryclub.com](mailto:membership@petalumagolfandcountryclub.com)
  - Pool Parties are permitted between 5/15 through 6/30.
  - Pool Parties cannot be held on Weekends or Holidays
  - Only 1 Pool Party per Week Day except from 5/30 to 6/9 there can be up to 2 parties per week.
  - The time limit for Pool Parties is no more than 3 hours.
  - All Pool Parties must be from 10am to 3:00pm
  - Maximum number of kids is 15 (16 and under)
  - Total number of people: 25
  - A pool party is defined as a group of 6 or more non-members accompanying a member.
  - Non-member parties are not permitted.
  - Pool Parties must hire a certified lifeguard which must be present for the entire party. PG&CC will arrange for lifeguards at the following rates:
    - Fees for per hours:
      - 1 Lifeguard (15 Swimmers) \$25.00
  - All pool parties are non-exclusive and will be shared with other members.
  - All beverages must be purchase from Petaluma Golf and Country Club.
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## Fairways & Greens Article:

By Harry Pearson

We didn't have a Green's mtg. in June but I wanted to share with you the below information. The Greens Committee asked the participants of the Vartnaw Tournament which was played on June 23rd to fill out a course rating form and include comments. The Vartnaw is the men's Member - Member Tournament.

I had made provisions for the women to do this for their Egg Basket Tournament but since I was in Tahoe at the time, I wasn't able to personally facilitate the survey and it didn't happen. However, I did talk to one of the chair persons of the event and they said the course was in very good condition and the ladies enjoyed it. The Egg Basket is the women's Member - Guest Tournament. The Vartnaw had 44 players and I received 38 filled out surveys. I've also included the results of the 2016 & 2017 surveys for a comparison.

The rating scale is 1 through 5. 1 is the worst and 5 is the best.

**Greens:** ( 2018 Avg. 3.9) - scores ranged from 2 to 5. There were 4 (2's) and 7 (5's). (2017 Avg. 4.2) - ( 2016 Avg. 4.4 ) Comments: not perfect but fair, good sometimes, as good as I've seen them, really bumpy, slow ( several re: slow greens), collar mowing not perfect, spots on back of #2, greens in great shape, please re do greens, inconsistent, a little bumpy but good, great improvements and more consistent.

A note from our Head Supt., Bill Maeder.

“This season we're having problems with a disease called 'fairy ring'. It started two months ago and has been sprayed 3 times. This disease is a little more difficult to control because it lives under the surface and the fungicide has to be watered down to the diseases level. We have got the disease under control but along with it comes a condition called 'localized dry spot'. This condition makes spots that will not take water without the use of 'wetting agents' and if not used, large portions of the green will die. With the afternoon heat it was necessary to do a lot of hand watering on Thur, Fri, and Sat. prior to the tournament. Because of this the greens grew faster than normal thus making the greens slower. When the greens are longer, the bent grass and poa which make up the greens grow at different rates, thus making them bumpy. After verticutting on Tuesday, it looked like everything was going to be perfect but with these type of greens things can go from good to bad quickly. Believe me, no one wanted the greens to be in great shape more than me, (Bill)”. I wanted Bill to share this info with the members because it gives all of us some insight into the greens agronomy.

**Fairways:** (2018 Avg. 4.5 ) scores ranged from 3 to 5. There were 13 ( 5's ) (2017 Avg. 3.9 ) - ( 2016 Avg. 3.8 ) Comments: this late in the year, nice job keeping them green, cut too short- dry out, great work, very good, some dry spots, right side of #8 is too wet getting to green, great improvement, look better than they have in the past, great.

**Tees:** (2018 Avg. 3.9 ), scores ranged from 2 to 5. There was 1 ( 2 ) and 2 ( 5's ) with 4 no responses. (2017 Avg.- 3.3 ) ( 2016 Avg. - 3.5 )

Comments: still sloping, (unknown tee ) and not cut tight, need to be mowed more often, I don't know, add wood hole designs, a couple for re doing #7, #8 and #18.

**Rough:** (2018 Avg. 3.9), scores ranged from 2 to 5. There were 2 ( 2's ) and 7 ( 5's ). ( 2017 Avg. 3.7 ), (2016 Avg. - 3.0) Comments: good, fair & rough if you get sideways, perhaps height not consistent, some areas could be improved, right side of #5 @ 150 mark has some really deep spots, o.k., clear rough on the right of #5..

**Bunkers:** (2018 Avg. 3.4 ), scores ranged from 1 to 5. There were 2 ( 1's ), 3 ( 2's ), and 1 ( 5 ). (2017 Avg. - 3.2 ), ( 2016 Avg. - 3.0 ). Comments: way improved from a few years ago, some bunkers need new

sand, bunkers are inconsistent and some are hard and need to be worked on, crusty, too hard, many had bunkers need more sand and one mentioned #7 but didn't specify which of the 4 bunkers. We are planning to soften left green side bunker on #6. We will soften the down hill lie.

General comments: course is super, thanks for your effort, overall good, flowers, plants, etc. needed behind #1 tee & women's #3 tee as we drive up to the club & face of the hill, hooray for water tankard at front door, one tee marker missing, overall the course is in good shape, all good.

The poll asking if players wanted the tournament to remain one day or go back to two days was 15 for 2 days and 14 for 1 day and 9 didn't answer.

As always, please let me know your suggestions, complaints, comments, etc. My email is [hp1852@yahoo.com](mailto:hp1852@yahoo.com). Please fill divots, repair ball marks, obey cart signs and stakes and park carts fully on the path which helps save the grass edges.

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## Women's Section

*By Irene Ostroff*

June has been a busy month for the 18-Hole Women's Section.

We got the results of the **Ostroff EC**, which was played in May.

We had our Egg Basket Guest Day and the **Egg Basket**, which was great fun and a tremendous success. A huge thank you goes out to Brenda Roberts and her crew, both men & women, for all their work. Egg Basket results are in a separate article.

Lastly we played our two week **Musser Point Par**. Thank you once again to Roberta Musser and her family for sponsoring this tournament. June was, also, the first of three months for the WGANC low net months. We're looking forward to July and **Hansen's Best Ball**, a two week tournament.

### Tournament Results

#### **Ostroff EC:**

Overall Winner: Eileen Ostroff 53

(thank you very much)

First Flight:

First Place: Virginia Silacci. 61

First Place: Cindy Mc Carter 61

Third Place: Cecy Mullins 63

Second Flight:

First Place: Jill Cheda 58

Second Place: Lois Skarsten 61

Third Place: Dea Steigner 63

### Musser Point Par:

First Place: Ruth Giacomini 69

Second Place: Cindy McCarter 69

Third Place: Claudia Little 67

Fourth Place: Eileen Ostroff 66

Congratulations one and all. Thank you Cindy McCarter and Laurie Leask for chairing this month.

PETALUMA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

# Summer CONCERT SERIES

5:30PM to 7:30PM

**AUG JULY JUNE**

15 GLENN CARTER  
22 LORIN ROWAN  
29 LORIN ROWAN

13 RUBY FRADKIN  
27 ELAINE RYAN

17 RUBY FRADKIN

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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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# July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Ladies 9 Hole Golf – 9am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	4 Women 18 Hole Group 7:45am	5 PGA and North Bay League Practice 12pm	6 Happy Hour 5:30pm- 7:30pm	7 Men's Medal 8:30am Outside Event in Hall 4:00pm – 11:00pm
8	9	10 Ladies 9 Hole Golf – 9am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	11 Women 18 Hole Group 7:45am	12 PGA and North Bay League Practice 12pm	13 Live Music with Happy Hour with Ruby Fradkin 5:30pm- 7:30pm	14
15	16 North Bay Juniors 10:00am 60 Juniors	17 Ladies 9 Hole Golf 9am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	18 Women 18 Hole Group 7:45am Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm	19 PGA and North Bay League Practice 12pm	20 Happy Hour 5:30pm- 7:30pm	21 Men's 3-Club Tournament 8:30am
22	23	24 Ladies 9 Hole Golf 9am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	25 Women 18 Hole Group 7:45am	26 PGA and North Bay League Practice 12pm	27 Happy Hour and Elaine Ryan LIVE MUSIC 5:30pm- 7:30pm	28 Outside Event in Hall 4:00pm – 11:00pm
29	30	31 Ladies 9 Hole Golf 9am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	30 Women 18 Hole Group 7:45am	31 PGA and North Bay League Practice 12pm		