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Petaluma Golf & Country Club, July 2019



Fairways and Greens Report

By Harry Pearson

Finally, we have uninterrupted golf weather. At our June meeting we along with the Women's Group decided to go with the golf course architect's suggestion re: The Lady's 16th tee. The present tee will be widened towards the turnaround. We thank everyone for their input.

We decided to temporarily, smooth out the left fairway bunker on #1 and play it as a 'waste area'. This means that you will be able to ground your club with no penalty. Until it is smoothed out it will continue to be 'Ground Under Repair'. The plan is to renovate it and make it more playable. This will entail some contouring above the bunker to better facilitate diverting of water.

I signed the contract to secure our price for the cart path work that will be done in late September or early October. I've detailed the work to be done in past articles. We will have a 3 person 'water team' that will start at 5:30am and end at 5pm Monday thru Saturday. They will split shifts and will be hand watering as well as moving sprinklers.

Bill and his crew are fully into maintenance season. They will continue cutting grass, verticutting/sanding greens as well as applying fertilizers, fungicides and growth regulators. They will be landscaping, trimming trees and bushes and taking care of 'attention to detail' items.

On Saturday the 22nd we had our member/member tournament, a.k.a., The Vartnaw. 22 teams/44 players participated. As we did in 2017 & 2018, we asked the players to fill out a 'course survey'. The areas of the survey were; greens, fairways, tees, bunkers rough and miscellaneous. The rating scale was 1 to 5, with 5 being the best. Comments were encouraged.

In 2017 we had 19 responses out of 30 players; in 2018 we had 28 responses out of 40 players; and in 2019 we had 35 responses out of 44 players.

Here's the results of this year's compared to the previous 2 yrs.

Greens: 2019- 4.0; 2018- 3.9; 2017- 4.4. This year's comments ranged from excellent to not quite there yet; cups were cut better to cups need to be cut sharper; why can't they be this good all year to not smooth. There were 8 ratings of 5 & 1 of 2.

Fairways: 2019- 3.7; 2018- 4.5; 2017- 3.8. This year's comments ranged from excellent to irregular mowing in spots; brown & dry spots to wet spots; irregular watering patterns. There was 1 rating of 5 and 1 rating of 2.

Tees: 2019- 3.7; 2018- 3.9; 2017- 3.5. This year's comments ranged from great to sloped. Several asked that the tee boxes on #3 & #7 be renovated. One mentioned #4. There were 5 ratings of 5 and the rest were 3's & 4's.

Rough: 2019- 3.7; 2018- 3.9; 2017- 3.0. This year's comments were that the rough was fair. Several mentioned the gopher problem and smoothing those areas out. At our mtg. we had already asked Bill to do this. Also, remember that if your stance or swing are affected by the gopher disruption, you get a free drop no closer to the hole. There were 4 ratings of 5 and 2 ratings of 2.

Bunkers: 2019- 3.3; 2018- 3.4; 2017- 3.4. This year's comments were bunkers were fine, some bunkers were wet at 8:30 in the morning, not smooth, mounds, need better sand, inconsistent, #7 green side sand is too hard, should hand rake once a week, should have Jeff & Bill hold a class for members on how to rake a bunker.

Last year we installed 4 additional sprinklers on every green so we could separate watering the greens and surrounds. This was to alleviate watering the green side bunkers. We'll have Bill check for any needed adjustments. There were 3 ratings of 5 and 5 ratings of 2.

Miscellaneous comments were; nice job, overall in good shape, overall very playable, attention to detail needed, your committees name is not plural, USGA recognizes Green Committee, put in a straight cart path on exit from #7, I'm so thankful for having a conscientious Green Committee and Billy as our Greens Supt., I'd like to see shorter fringes around the greens, I think we should remove the fairway ropes during a tournament, overall in some of the best shape ever, had fun.

With that, I want to thank the 35 players who took the time to fill out the survey. The committee takes this to heart and works with Bill in trying to improve. It is a constant work in progress.

Thanks to Jeff, Travis, Larry Riis, (for setting up and running a fun and successful tournament), thanks to Bill and his crew for getting the course into very condition and thanks to my committee for being so diligent.

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PG&CC History – Part 13

By Keith Brians

Play Continues – 9

Tournament play began again on Sunday, January 24, 1932, after a two-month weather delay. Attendance broke previous records when 48 players teed off in two tournaments, the Murphys vs. the Goldmans scramble and the Mattei tournament. Lunch was served after for the players and their guests. Music through lunch and for dancing in the afternoon was provided by two accordionists and a pianist.

The men's season began on Sunday, February 28, at the Sonoma Mission Inn golf course in the North Bay Counties Golf Association tournament. Teams from Petaluma, Santa Rosa, Sonoma, Mare Island, Marin and Healdsburg competed in the two-day event. The low gross score in the first day's stroke play was 78 shot by Joe Bybee of Santa Rosa and W. S. Johnson of Marin.

The women's club continued with a busy schedule on Wednesday, March 2. Hampered by strong winds, the low gross was 106, shot by Mrs. Ellis Hart with two 53s. The men's breakfast the following Sunday was attended by over fifty members. Many of them played in the afternoon in preparation for the upcoming club championship. The following Wednesday, 25 women played in the rain. Miss Frances Bassett won both the low gross score and low net scores with a gross 100.

The men spent much of March in the qualifying rounds for the club championship beginning on Sunday, March 13, with 43 golfers attempting to qualify. The top 24 golfers moved on to the quarter- and semi-final rounds. In the finals Sunday, April 3, Emmett T. Olmsted Jr. swept to an 11 and 10 victory on over Bert Lebaron for his second consecutive championship.

The women's club continued their participation in the North Bay Counties Women Golf Association tournament events at the Sonoma Mission Inn course on Wednesday, April 6. One-hundred and four women from the seven clubs participated. The largest team of 27 golfers was from Petaluma.

Over 100 golfers and guests were on the course for a two-ball mixed four-somes tournament and casual play on Sunday, April 11. Nick Failla prepared lunch for the crowd. On the following Sunday, Petaluma's team traveled to Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club for the County Championship. The Santa Rosa team regained the championship cup beating Petaluma by 36 and Healdsburg by 138 strokes. The only player to break 80 was Santa Rosa's Joe Bybee with a 75. H.C. Scrutton, one of Petaluma's best players had an 81.

The women's 1932 club championship began in April and by early May had narrowed the field to four semi-finalists: Mrs. Ellis Hart, Mrs. Grover Stone, Mrs. George Moore and Miss Louise Korbel, a long-driving student attending Petaluma High School. On Tuesday, May 10, Mrs. Hart defeated Mrs. Stone by playing on of the best rounds of the year with a 91. Miss Korbel outplayed Mrs. Moore for a 3 and 2 win on May 13. The finals pitted

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Mrs. Hart, a three-time runner up in the club championship, against Miss Korbel. A small gallery followed the match that found Miss Korbel on the 17th (current 7th) down 2 with 2 to go. Korbel outdrove Hart and was on the green in three while Mrs. Hart was over the back in three. Mrs. Hart showed her short game skills and won the championship by chipping to seven feet and holing her putt to tie the hole with 5 after Miss Korbel's 2-putt.

The club held a barbeque for 150 on Sunday, June 5. Attendees participated in informal golf in the morning and a pitch and put competition in the afternoon. On Thursday, June 13, the women's club traveled to Mare Island Golf Club for another North Bay completion. The following month, they were in Belvedere, part of a field of 60 golfers playing on the hilly Belvedere course. Low gross honors went to Kay Lawlor of San Rafael with a 76. In August, play moved to the Northwood course. In a field of 48 players, Petaluma's high school star, Louise Korbel, took the low gross honors with a 98.

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, as the season progresses, we will be teeing off at 8:30.

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

Tournament results:

Egg Basket Member / Guest Invitational

First Flight: First: Virginia Silacci / Carolyn Bechly
Second: Terese Thomas / Christa Lindee
Third: Kelly Downey / Leslie Clark

Second Flight: First: Brenda Roberts / Raelene Neve
Second: Jill Cheda / Barbara Barton
Third: Sandy King / Nora Kodet

Accu Drive: Hole #2 Member: Cindy McCarter
Guest: Barbara Barton

Closest to the Hole: Holes #6/15

Member: Cindy McCarter (again!!) 32”

Guest: Carolyn Bechly 21’4”

Musser Point Par:

Overall Winner: Diane Tucker

First Flight: Cindy McCarter

Second Flight: Eileen Ostroff

A huge thanks to Roberta Musser and her family for sponsoring this tournament!

Congratulations one and all

Open Days:

July: Alta Sierra 7/18, Marin 7/18, Plumas Lake 7/18, Claremont 7/23.

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, Stanford (N-Z) 8/27

Look for further information coming to you via TeamSnap.

WGANC Tournaments: Champion of Champions 7/25 @ Northridge Country Club. Sign-up online for WGANC tournaments

Junior Golf

By Diane R. Tucker

PETALUMA G&CC JUNIOR GOLF LEAGUES

— Results So Far —

6/23/19—Jr. PGA League, Petaluma G&CC vs. Oakmont GC: Tied:6-6

Season-to-Date: Tied-1; Lost-1

Played “away” at Oakmont’s East course, this was a very competitive match for our Petaluma Jr. PGA Team. Both clubs’ teams were evenly matched and played well, ending in a 6-6 Tie. All players had a great time, and our PG&CC team players continue to grow in skills, teamwork, and confidence.

6/24/19—North Bay Junior League hosted by Petaluma G&CC

Team Results: PG&CC 1st Place = 103 (33-34-36); Season-to-Date: Won-2; Lost-0

On Monday, June 24, our PG&CC course was closed to host the 37 Junior golfers in the Oak Division of North Bay Junior League for both Individual and Team play. Our Petaluma G&CC overall team was the largest, comprised of 17 Junior golfers (ages 12-17).

In Scramble Team play, 4 teams of 2 players each per Club (8 players total) can score, and only the top 3 team scores per Club count. Our winning top 3 team scores were fantastic at 33-34-36 for 9 holes, (which was 27 strokes better than the 2nd Place team).

In Individual play, 6 of our players placed in the Top Ten. One of our players shot a 38 for 9-holes to tie for First Place. This entire event was very successful and lots of fun for both players and spectators. Many thanks to our member and parent volunteers who assisted with the tournament and prepared and served the BBQ lunches we provided to all players (funded by PG&CC Junior Golf Committee).

Congratulations to all our junior players in both Junior Leagues for such great play, and to our Pro, Jeff Hwang, for organizing a great event and coaching all our junior golfers so well. Now here's the rest of the season (spectators are welcome):

Schedule for remaining PG&CC Junior League matches:

Sun. June 30, @3:30pm—PGA Jr. League vs. Fountaingrove GC, @Home-Petaluma GCC

Mon. July 1, @8:45am—North Bay Jr. League, @ Santa Rosa GCC

Sun. July 14, @3:30pm—PGA Jr. League vs. Windsor GC, @Home-Petaluma GCC

Tue. July 16 @12:00pm—North Bay Jr. League, @ SRosa Fairgrounds GC

Sun., July 21, @3:30pm—PGA Jr. League vs. Mayacama, @ Mayacama GC

Tue. July 23 @11:00 am—North Bay Jr. League, @ Foxtail GC

Men's Tournaments

By Alan Brownlie & Larry Riis

Wow, a month without rain! In addition to our tournaments, a lot of good golf was played with some members shooting their career best scores. Congratulations to the June Medal winners;

Low Gross – Jason Morris – 68

Low Net – Rick Mossi – 65

Alan Brownlie still leads in the Sleep City cup but there are plenty of golfers on his heels.

We had our first major of the year, The Vartnaw. This is always a fun event as Ray Nizibian does a great job running the Friday alternating shot shootout. Larry Riis/Loren Warburg won the playoff against the teams of Mark Thomas/Keith Briens and Mike Candau and his son John.

This years tournament was tightly contested with Mark Smith and Chris Scerri taking home the trophy winning by 1 stroke over 4 other teams. In the gross division, Steve Lambert and Brad Scott tied Nick Smith and Jason Sullivan with a best ball score of 5 under. Steve and Brad got the first place prize via a card off. Congratulations to both teams as that is some outstanding golf.

Next up is the July medal play and the 4th of July event. The event on the 4th will be our first event that is open to all golfers and should be a lot of fun. Also mark your calendar for August 17 which is the stroke play club championship. This event will also be open to all golfers and we will crown the men's, women's and junior stroke play club champion. This tournament is a great opportunity for those that can't commit to the 3 weeks of the match play club championship in September.

For new members, tournaments are a good way to meet other members. Jeff and Travis are doing a great job running the events so come on up and play. Hope to see you on the course.



9-Hole Petaluma Chicks

By Lois Skarsten

We had two weeks of low net which was won the first week by Angie Fredericks, Judy Dardis and Sandra Messer; the second week was won by Brenda Roberts, Lois Skarsten and Sandy Shutteroff. Congratulations to our Golfer of the Month Angie Fredricks. The first Tuesday of the month is our guest day and any member may join us. Just call the club office or me (Lois @888-5719) to join us.

Socials and Outings

JULY 4: Red, White and Blue Golf Tournament** (All members) 8:30am

JULY 10: Road Trip – Bodega Bay Golf Links** 9am

JULY 26: Hawaiian Luau Social Mixer* 5:30pm

AUGUST 2: Movie Night – Wonder Park* 6pm

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

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

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

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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PETALUMA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

RED white & BLUE

July 4th @ 8:30am

\$25 PER PLAYER

INCLUDES: PRIZES &
FOOD POST ROUND.
(BURGER, HOTDOG
& DRINK)

WHO: MEMBERS AND GUESTS PERMITTED IN THIS EVENT. TEAMS OF 4 WILL COMPETE IN A MODIFIED BEST BALL FORMAT TO DETERMINE THE WINNERS. SIGN UP AS A TEAM OF FOUR OR AS A SINGLE AND WE WILL PAIR YOU UP TO FORM A TEAM!

FORMAT: MEN START FROM THE WHITE TEES & LADIES START FROM THE RED TEES. A NET EVENT WHERE IF YOU MAKE A NET BIRDIE OR BETTER YOU MOVE BACK A SET OF TEES, IF YOU MAKE A NET BOGIE OR WORSE YOU MOVE FORWARD A SET OF TEES, AN ADDITIONAL SET OF TEES WILL BE IN PLACE FOR THE LADIES TO MOVE FORWARD TO. 4 MAN TEAMS PLAY A BEST BALL FORMAT TO DETERMINE THE WINNER. PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE 80% OF THEIR JULY 1ST COURSE HANDICAP FOR THIS EVENT.

TEES: MEN - START AT WHITE TEES | LADIES - START AT RED TEES

TIME: CHECK IN AT 8:00AM | SHOTGUN TEE OFF AT 8:30AM

PRIZES: PAYOUTS FOR OVER HALF THE FIELD, AS WELL AS CLOSEST TO THE HOLE, TEAM NET SKINS, BEST DRESSED, AND BEST DECORATED GOLF CAR. JOIN US IN THE BAR FOR SCORING AND DRINKS FOLLOWING YOUR ROUND OF GOLF!

SIGN-UPS CLOSED TUESDAY JULY 2ND AT 5:00PM.

SIGN-UP IN THE GOLF SHOP OR
EMAIL JEFF AT [JHWANG@PETALUMAGOLFANDCOUNTRYCLUB.COM](mailto:jhwang@petalumagolfandcountryclub.com)

PETALUMA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB



Hawaiian Luau

SOCIAL MIXER

FRIDAY, JULY 26TH | 5:30PM – 7:30PM

Enjoy authentic Polynesian dancers, live music, tropical libations, local beer & wine, and an island dinner buffet!

BUFFET PRICE

\$25 Adults

\$18 Kids (12 & under)

Kids 4 and under: Free



IF YOU DON'T WANT TO EAT, THEN COME HULA FOR A CHANCE TO WIN \$1,900!!!

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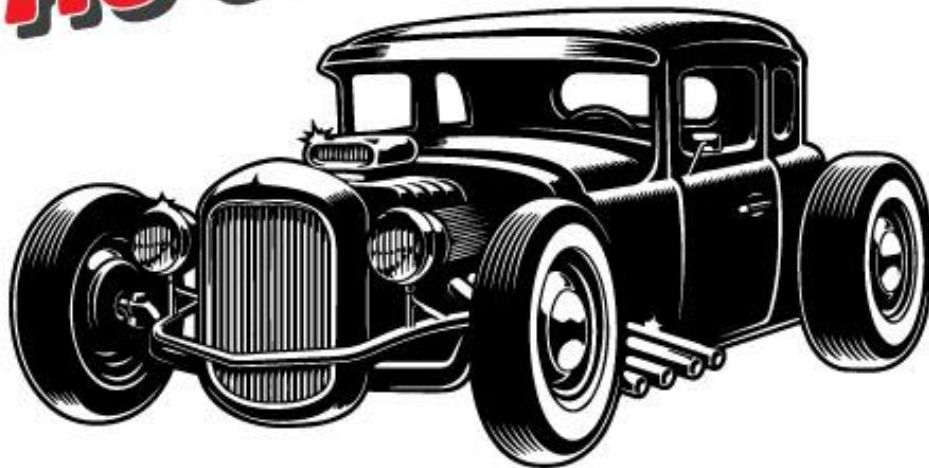
MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2ND, 2019

MOVIE STARTS AT 6PM
SPECIAL MENU WILL BE AVAILABLE STARING AT 5:30PM

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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

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JULY 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01	02	03	04	05	06
	SIRS Event 8:30am Shotgun	Men's Twilight Dinner		Red, White and Blue Club Tournament 8:30 Shotgun		Men's Medal 8:30 Shotgun
						
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
		Men's Twilight Dinner	<u>Road Trip:</u> Bodega Bay Golf Links			
			House and Grounds Meeting 5:30pm			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	PSIRS Event 9:00am Shotgun	Men's Twilight Dinner	Greens and Fairways Meeting 5:00pm			
			Board Meeting 6:00pm			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		Men's Twilight Dinner			Hawaiian Luau Social Mixer 5:30 – 7:30pm	Event in the Hall 6:00 – 10:00 Non-Member Tillman
						
28	29	30	31			
		Men's Twilight Dinner				