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Petaluma Golf & Country Club, June 2016

Green's Committee Report

By Harry Pearson

I'm writing this article from my temporary home in Tahoe Donner the day before Memorial Day. We've sold our house and haven't found a replacement yet. The last time I played the course two weeks ago, it was in great condition and I haven't heard otherwise. Because we've had so many new members join in the last few months, I am going to give a run down on what the Greens Committee functions are and how it is funded. We are an advisory group who works closely with Bill Maeder, (Head Supt.), and the board of directors. We address on course responsibilities and use a 5 yr. plan to map out our projects. This plan is fluid so we can make in-year adjustments and defer projects to following years. When one year is completed, we'll add a year to the backend. The areas we plan and budget for are: purchasing maintenance equip. for the Fairways crew; construction and maintenance of cart paths; construction & maintenance of tees & bunkers; irrigation which includes control boxes, sprinklers & valve replacement; drainage; tree removal & replacement; landscaping and the catch all, miscellaneous. We are funded through a program called, Capital Improvements & deferred Maintenance or better known as CIDM. Per our By-laws, the board can designate 10-15% of each member's monthly dues to go into the CIDM fund. It is presently at 15% and has been that for as long as I can remember. The first 10% of the monthly aggregate of CIDM goes to a 'Reserve Fund'. The remainder goes to

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fund Greens and House & Grounds projects. At the beginning of each year, Greens & H&G's will present their suggested projects to the board and the board will decide which projects get funded. Next month, I'll give some insight to our above listed projects. If you have been playing recently, you've noticed that we are renovating the #8/17 tee by stripping it, laser leveling it and re-sodding it. The tee will be moved about 5' to the right and lose 5' on the left as the left side always seems to slope off. We've also talked about framing it in but I don't know if that's been done.

A year ago a plan was put in place by Bill & CourseCo to combat the fungus that kills the poa on the fairways during the warm summer months. This consisted of overseeing with rye grass which is more resistant in warm/hot weather. It also consists of spraying fungicides and wetting agents on the affected areas. This is a very expensive process and it's not known for a couple of years, what the effectiveness will be. The agronomy guys set up the plan to slice, seed & spray a known in the past, affected area. A different area will be done every 10 days for a total of 6 acres from May-Sept. Unfortunately, Bill had to do the upper half of #1 fairway before the Vartnaw for agronomy and man power reasons. The renovation of #8/17 tee which was supposed to be done at the end of April was requested to be postponed until after the Vartnaw. This tee project is being done in-house and will take up a lot of man hours.

Bill had to do the fairway prior to the Vartnaw because that also takes up a lot of man hours.

Right now the crew consists of Bill, 3 full timers, a full time mechanic who helps out in the field when he has time and 2 part timers, one who just quit about a week ago. We've planted 3 new trees; between #1 & 9, #2 & 5, & #7. Last month in my article I thanked Mark & Terese Thomas for purchasing a tree through our 'Memorial Tree' program. They purchased it in the memory of Frank Haynes, who was a member of our club. The left side of #4 fairway, where we recently lost a tree was agreed upon for its planting. This month we would like to thank Bill & Joan Brandt who purchased a tree in honor of Bill's grandfather who would have been 100 yrs. old this year. Thank you Bill & Joan and Mark & Terese. If anyone would like to honor a 'deceased loved one', you can contact Chris for more information. He's made up some flyers that explain the program. Along with having the honoree's name put on plaque in the clubhouse, Larry Riis suggested that we take photos of the planted tree and put it in a photo album which can be viewed at the clubhouse.

I've been accused of writing lengthy articles and I plead 'guilty'. My main purpose of these articles is to inform the membership of what's going on at their club and I try to be as transparent as possible. So, I have a little more to write.

Three weeks ago we played the 'Vartnaw' which is our member/member tournament. I asked Chris to create a questionnaire for the players to fill out after the tournament. It asked the players to rate the: tees; greens; fairways; bunkers; roughs and cart paths from 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest. It also asked for any suggestions, complaints, compliments, etc. Out of 50 players, 30 turned in the questionnaire and 19 of those had comments written down. I want to thank those that took the time to fill them out. I made the mistake of not asking for specific locations so the comments in general were vague to the locations.

We had our greens mtg. on the 18th and addressed the survey. We take the negative comments that were written as something that is a positive or as my dad used to say, 'constructive criticism'. The greens received an average rating of 4.4. Positive comments were; great job, looking good. Neg. comments were; the 9th green is too hard, fringes need to be evened out & rebuild the greens. If we had about \$300,000, we could rebuild. The fringes will be attended to & we have been trying to address the lower right

hand portion of #9 for a couple of years by bringing in the fringe and putting more sand in the area. Tees: 3.5 with comments; flat tee boxes would be nice, tee box not level, frame tee boxes to stop subsidence. #8/17 was scheduled for the end of April but it was suggested to wait until after the Vartnaw. We've pretty much spent our 2016 CIDM as I will explain next month but were approved for up to \$3,000 in-house for the renovation. When we had an outside contractor do #15 it was double the price. Tees, as mentioned above are in our 5yr plan. Fairways: 3.8. Comments; fairways looking good, 1st fairway not good for one of our majors. See above explanation. Bunkers: 3.4. Comments; more sand in traps. This is being addressed, especially out on #6, where the wind is at its most severe and blows the sand out of the traps.

Rough: 3.0. Comments; cut down rough, rough way too tall, tough too penal; more rough cutting. This will be addressed and probably already has. With the late rains we've had, the rough grows quickly and some can't be gotten to until it dries out a little. Cart paths: 3.3. Comments; glad pot holes got fixed, cart paths, (not sure what was meant by this). Trees: this was a write in as it was not part of the survey. Comments: remove dead trees. This comment was very specific in location. More trees in 2 areas of thinning groves of coast live oak, while trees are small it will save \$'s and improve appearance/ right side of #3 fairway & right side of #5 tee. Other comments: overall, course is in great shape over prior years, nice improvement over last year.

If you have any suggestion, complaints, comments, etc., my email is hp1852@yahoo.com.

Please repair divots, fix ball marks, rake traps and park carts fully on the cart path.

P.S. if you know of anyone who is selling a one story in Petaluma or Penngrave, let me know.

9-Hole Ladies Report

By Sandra Messer



The Petaluma Chicks Celebrate Golf Every Tuesday

Did you know that May is National Golf Month in the UK? August is National Golf Month here in the U.S. During the season, the 9 hole Ladies group gets out each Tuesday to celebrate golf as the healthy, social, outdoor sport that it is. And we throw in a contest here and there to spice things up! April served up the first tournament of the season, Fran EC with Sandra Messer winning. For May, together Lois Skarsten, Dervila Settles and Sandy Shuteroff took the Orange Ball contest, a fun game played in teams. Dervila Settles came out ahead in the Best 9 match up, a straightforward low net game played over two days. Our monthly

contest, Golfer of the Month goes to Bonnie Williams for May.

OPEN HOUSE

By Christopher Gay

The Open House - which we are calling a "Block Party" has been advertised to your guests, advertised on FaceBook and we have sent direct mail to residents in Petaluma. This is a perfect opportunity to show potential members what PG&CC is all about. If you have a potential member lined up please feel free to invite them to this fun event. If you would like to attend and be an ambassador for the club - please RSVP to 707.762.1057.

Please see the flyer on the next page for more information!



Petaluma
Golf &
Country
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June 10th
4:30PM - 7:30PM
Hula Show &
Lessons 6:00PM

PETALUMA ST
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BLOCK PARTY

Complimentary BBQ
Music
Cash Bar with
Specialty Cocktails
Lounge by our
pool or sunset bar

Earn a chance at \$100,000
CASH First 5 participants to
sign-up for Memberships

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RSVP is required Call 707.762.1057
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JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM

By Christopher Gay

June Junior Camps are approaching quickly! Please sign-up now so we can have an accurate count of attendees. Each camp consists of learning the Fundamentals, Swing Mechanics, Putting, Rules, etiquette and on-course play. Low student to instructor ratio. Includes entry into USKIDS Learning Program and Level 1 materials. Fee includes Hat, Bag Tag, Snacks and lunch each day. All Classes are from 8:00am-11:30am. Monday through Thursday. \$250 Optional Swimming opportunity at pool from 12:00pm to 2:00pm each day. \$50 additional fee.

Session #1 June 13 – June 16 (No Swimming Option)

Session #2 June 20 – June 23 Girls Only

Session #3 June 27 – June 30

DRESS CODE

By Christopher Gay

As a reminder to all members – the dress code for the golf course is a collared shirt is required for men. Please inform your guests about this policy as T-Shirts will not be permitted on the golf course.

Our official dress code is as follows:

DRESS CODE: All members, their families, and their guests shall at all times dress in accordance with good taste and judgment. Shoes and shirts must be worn at all times outside the pool area.

- Men must wear collared shirts, or designer golf wear when playing golf.
- Shorts, dresses and skirts must have an out seam measurement of at least 15 inches.

Clothing that is specifically prohibited on the course or in the clubhouse:

- Jeans which are soiled or torn
- Tee Shirts with lettering in poor taste.
- Bathing suits and tank tops are prohibited on the course and in the clubhouse unless you are using the pool area and coming to the clubhouse for food or drinks, etc.
- Cutoffs.

JUNE FRIDAY NIGHT MIXER June 24th 5:30pm – 7:30pm!

By Christopher Gay

POOL PARTY! Our Friday Night Mixer for June will held at the pool. Enjoy cool music, cool drinks in our cool new furniture. We will have our infamous drawing for \$500 in golf shop credit (must be present to win). Someone in attendance will win a \$50 statement credit. Last Month's non-winner for the \$500 was Ross & Laurie Leask. Last Month's \$50 Winner was Ray Nizibian!

MEN'S TWILIGHT DINNERS

By Christopher Gay



Our dinner season is underway and each week the chefs are trying to outdo each other! Dinners cost \$17.00 and starts at 6:00pm. 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 NEED YOU to volunteer! 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!

Scheduled Menu:

Tuesday June 7th: Pork Tenderloin with Chefs: Brians, Plattner, Rivetti, Smith, Kullberg

Tuesday June 14: Nizibian Family Shish Kabob Night with Chefs Nizibian Family, King, McSweeny, Weber, Montoya

POOL REMINDERS

By Christopher Gay

Just a quick reminder to all members:

- No Outside Alcohol is permitted
- No Glass is permitted in pool area

TOURNAMENTS RESULTS

By Christopher Gay

Congratulation to Larry Riis and Loren Warburg who are the 2016 Vartnaw Champions. Our Memorial Day Couples Tournament was won by Chris and Elizabeth Schroeder.

We had 2 Hole-in-Ones in May – congratulations to:

- 5/17/2016 Mike Morgan #6
- 5/24/2016 Larry Riis #15

Way to go!!!

JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 18-Hole Ladies 8:15am	2 <i>POOL PARTY 11-3</i>	3 <i>POOL PARTY 11:30-1:30</i>	4 <i>POOL PARTY 12-2</i>
5	6	7 9-Hole Ladies 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	8 EGG BASKET 8:15am	9	10 Open House – Block Party 4:30-7:30	11 <i>POOL PARTY 12-4</i> Scotty Cameron Putter Demo Day 12-3 Wedding 4:00pm
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19	20 SIRS 7:00am-1:30pm Family Fun Night 6:00pm	21 9-Hole Ladies 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	22 18-Hole Ladies 8:15am	23	24 Shootout 3:30pm Friday Night POOL PARTY 5:30pm – 7:30pm	25 Party in Hall 6:00pm to 10:00pm
26 Last Day of CourseCo Championship Qualifier June 13-June 26	27 SIRS 7:00am-1:30pm Men's Club NCGA Senior Two Ball Qualifier Begins now through July 10 th Family Fun Night 6:00pm	28 9-Hole Ladies 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	29 18-Hole Ladies 8:15am	30		

JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	July 4 th Couples Tournament	9-Hole Ladies 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	18-Hole Ladies 8:15am			Men's Club Tournament Party in Hall 6pm – 11pm
10 Last Day Men's Club NCGA Senior Two Ball Qualifier		9-Hole Ladies 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	18-Hole Ladies 8:15am			Party in Hall 4pm – 10pm
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