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Petaluma Golf & Country Club, June 2017

Members Stepping Up!

By Christopher Gay

A BIG THANK YOU goes to two members who help make PG&CC a little more special!

We all use the Wine Barrel tables on the patio. Well those have been repaired and refinished by none other than Ray Nizibian! They look great – please let thank him when you get a chance!

Our outside scoreboard has been repainted by John Duensing! Great Job!

Speaking of members helping out – please read the next article regarding a scheduled work party!

Thank you!

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Member's Work Party

By Christopher Gay

The Fairways and Greens Committee will be hosting a work party on June 24th. This will be from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. Members who participate will be rewarded with our new Petaluma Long Burger and a beverage of their choice. The work party will involve some plantings and other sprucing up. If you want to lend a hand – please let me know by calling 707.762.1057. Thanks!

Petaluma Chicks

By Sandra Messer

May Play Smoked Like a Well Hit Drive

Our season calendar benefited from May's five week length and prime golfing weather.



We needed May's first play day to decide April's Fran EC tournament

and Golfer of the Month. Sandra Messer benefited from the stacked agenda to win both. The win for the team-based contest on 5/9, "Orange Ball" was decided by just one hole which means that Dervila Settles, Sandy Shuteroff and Sandra Messer won in a squeaker. For the 9 hole players who could travel, 5/16 play was about making up for a rain out of the 2016 away game. It was fun to flex our golf muscles on Santa Rosa

Golf and Country Club's pretty course. May's two week home stretch was dedicated to Golfer of the Month, a straight up, low net affair. Congrats to Brenda Roberts for snagging the May spot.

Fairways and Greens Report

By Harry Pearson

As we enter June the course is in great shape. The crew is doing a great job, even though they have been down 1 full time member, basically since Miguel went back to Mexico last year. Twice, a person was hired, only to flame out. It wasn't a real issue during the winter but now that we're in the main growing season, it's a big deal. The problem is not a lot of people want to work for \$12-14 an hour, even with benefits. I'm told the day workers that hang out on E. Washington won't get in your car for less than \$20-25 an hour, cash.

CourseCo says it's a statewide problem. We've talked about hiring a couple of part timers but the optimum solution is a full time person. CourseCo's been soliciting applications, so hopefully, we'll get someone soon. We have hired our traditional summer water person which is a part time afternoon position. The job entails watering using misters and sprinklers and hand watering the greens if necessary.

This brings me to a suggestion Larry Riis mentioned at our last Greens and board mtgs. His suggestion was to schedule a members work day where we would address areas that need attention to detail such as; weeding,

cleaning up stairs and walking path, cleanup around the 'Morris Rock', and in other areas where we can help the maintenance crew. Like I said, when we're short a worker, when we're in our heavy maintenance season, with days off, some areas just can't be reached. Stay tuned for further details.

Again, due to the above reasons, two of our planned in- house projects; reshaping the left green side bunker on #6 and renovating the 6th tee will be on hold until the crew can spare the time to do these. We've asked Bill not to use the left portion of the 6th tee. We will or already have scheduled some tree work, 2 by the #2 tee and 1 behind the #1 green will be taken down. We will be planting succulents behind #10 tee instead of trying to grow the ice plant. Some 'Memorial Trees' will be planted and we will be getting a bid to seal some of the asphalt cart paths along with filling pot holes.

The crew has started to over seed the fairways with rye grass as part of the program we started a couple of years ago. Rye fights off fungus much better in hot weather than the poa does.

If you have any suggestions, complaints, criticisms, etc., please email them to me at hp1852@yahoo.com. Please rake traps, fill in divots, fix ball marks and park carts fully on the paths so the edges don't burn out.

Also, if anyone found a Taylor Made Rocket Ballz 9 iron on Tuesday the 30th of May, please contact me at the above email address.

Thank you.

Men's Tournament Report

By Nick Smith

May Medal Winners:

Barry Reeves – 42 Points

Sleep City Cup Leaderboard as of 5/31

1 – Greg Plattner 402

2 – Mike Robin 397

3 – Loren Warburg 381

Gala Dinner 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 MEMBER - MEMBER TOURNAMENT (The Vartnaw) June 17th

This is the premier tournament of the year just for members! Get your buddy and sign up for this year's Vartnaw member-member tournament. This is a great event as you earn bragging rights as the best two man team in the club. This year's tournament will be held on just one day - Saturday morning. Prizes for low gross, low net, closest to the hole and long drive will awarded, along with the winner's names on the Vartnaw Trophy. There will also be an optional skins contest.

On Friday, June 16, at 3pm we will be having an optional 3-hole shootout. This is a really fun partner event and it gives you an opportunity to take some bets for Saturday's tournament. After the golf on Friday we will have a special Pre-Tournament Social so invite your wife and friends to come on up. Our max number of players is 60 so sign up early. If you want to play and you don't have a partner, we will find one for you!

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

Men's Stogie and Bogies

June 13 – 4pm – 7pm Putting Clinic, Stogies and Cognac.

Vartnaw Sunset Bar –

June 16th

The Vartnaw Shootout will be held at 3:30pm for players playing in the Vartnaw Member-Member tournament on Saturday. All members are invited to hang out during the sunset bar and mingle with fellow members!

Father's Day at PG&CC!

June 18th – Father Son/Daughter Tournament. 1:00pm Tee Times. 2 Person Scramble. All family members are invited to participate!

June 30th

Pool Party Social!

We will have our Friday Night Mixer at the Pool from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Live MUSIC and our infamous \$500 drawing.

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 #2: June 9, June 16, June 23, July 30, July 7

Session #3: July 14, July 21, July 28, August 4, August 11

Session #4: August 18, August 25, September 1, September 8, September 15

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

April 29 & April 30 - Beginner Boot Camp

May 6 & May 7 - Beginner Boot Camp

June 10 & June 11 - Drivers and Irons Boot Camp

June 24 - June 25 - Short Game Camp

July 29 & July 30 - Beginner Boot Camp

August 26 - Mini Tournament 12:00pm - 2:00pm

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.

- June 19 – June 22
- June 26 – June 29
- 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.

June	July	August	September
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June 3 rd	July 8 th	August 5 th	Sept. 2 nd
June 10 th	July 15 th	August 12 th	Sept. 9 th
June 17 th	July 22 nd	August 19 th	Sept. 16 th
June 24 th	July 29 th	August 26 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.

JUNE 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Men's Medal Hall Event 4pm-8pm
4	5	6 9 Hole Women's Section 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	7 Women's 18-Hole Group 8:15am	8	9 Sunset Bar 5:30pm- 7:30pm Junior Sunset Clinic 6pm-7pm	10
11 PGA Junior League Match 4:00pm	12	13 9 Hole Women's Section 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i> Stogies and Bogeys	14 Women's 18-Hole Group 8:15am EGG BASKET - Member Guest Invitational	15	16 Sunset Bar 5:30pm- 7:30pm Men's Member-Member VARTNAW Shootout and Party Junior Sunset Clinic 6pm-7pm	17 Men's Member-Member VARTNAW 8:30am Shotgun
18 Father's Day Family Golf Day 1:00pm Tee Times	19 SIRS Golf Outing 8:00am-2:00pm	20 9 Hole Women's Section 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	21 Women's 18-Hole Group 8:15am Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm	22	23 Sunset Bar 5:30pm- 7:30pm Junior Sunset Clinic 6pm-7pm	24
25 PGA Junior League Match 4:00pm	26 SIRS Golf Outing 8:00am-2:00pm	27 9 Hole Women's Section 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	28 Women's 18-Hole Group 8:15am	29	30 Mixer & LIVE MUSIC 5:30pm- 7:30pm Junior Sunset Clinic 6pm-7pm	

JULY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Men's Medal 8:30am Shotgun Event in the Hall 3:00pm to 7:00pm
2 Kriegsman Memorial in the Hall 3:00pm to 7:00pm	3 4 th of July Couples Tournament 11:30 Start	4 9 Hole Women's Section 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	5 Women's 18-Hole Group 8:15am		6 Sunset Bar 5:30pm- 8:30pm Junior Sunset Lessons 6pm-7pm	7 8
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 Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm		13 Sunset Bar 5:30pm- 7:30pm Junior Sunset Lessons 6pm-7pm	14 15 Event in Hall 4:00pm to 10:00pm
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23 Johnson Pool Party 5:00pm – 8:00pm	24 Memorial Day Couples Tournament 11:30am	25 9 Hole Women's Section 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	26 Women's 18-Hole Group 8:15am		27 Sunset Bar LIVE MUSIC 5:30pm- 7:30pm Junior Sunset Lessons 6pm-7pm	28 29 Event in Hall 4:00pm to 10:00pm
30 PGA Junior League Match 4:00pm	31					