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Petaluma Golf & Country Club, June 2019



Fairways and Greens Report

By Harry Pearson

Well, summer is almost here, or is it? Crazy weather has jumbled up things out on the course. Bill and his crew are doing everything they can to get the course into the best shape possible as we enter into the 'tournament season'.

Finally, the bunker on #6 is finished. It looks great and it'll play great once the sand settles. Those of us who get into that bunker, (I'll raise my hand), should take a little extra care when raking. Please try and smooth out the sand so that there are flat lies and not mounds of sand.

You've probably noticed some type of construction going on at the Ladies tee on #7/16. Some of the ladies have requested the #16 tee be moved to the left by the cart path to have a different angled tee shot from #7. We've brought in a golf course architect to look at it and give his opinion. Check him out. His name is George Philpot and his website is Legacy Golf Course Architecture. He is presently working on building a course in Vladivostok, Russia. Our Pro, Jeff, Bill Maeder and a couple of ladies are going to go out and hit a few drives from the location the ladies suggested and from the location that George suggested. Stay tuned for the final outcome. The Greens Committee will make the final decision.

You also may have noticed the 'Ground Under Repair' signs in the left fairway bunker on #1/10. We are going to reduce the size of it and lower the lip for better playability.

We won't eliminate it because the purpose of the bunker is to frame the tee shot on #1.

Having played on June 1st, I want to commend Bill and his crew on getting the course in very good condition. The fairways are great, the rough is rough, some of the tees are a little off kilter and the greens are getting very good. As our Pro, Jeff pointed out, with the rain, then sun, then rain, then sun, the grass on the greens is growing very fast and developing 'thatch' underneath which makes the putting surface uneven. 'Thatch' is what we try to remove during the Spring and Fall aerations and fill the holes with sand to promote better drainage and healthier grass. Bill will continue to verticut and sand on a regular basis to keep the greens smooth.

Please fill your divots, rake the traps, repair ball marks, don't drive carts into roped off or areas with signage. If you need a 'disability flag', see Jeff or Travis. Please park your cart fully on the cart path to help lessen the edges of the grass from burning out.

Most of all, come up and use your golf club!

Any suggestions, complaints or comments, contact me at hp1852@yahoo.com

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 the Casual Women's Play Day starting Sunday, June 2 @ 9:30

Plans for **The Egg Basket, June 12**, are solidifying. Thanks to Kelley Downey and her crew, it sounds as if it's going to be another fun day!

Tournament results. Congratulations one and all

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Low Gross: Kelly Downey-86

Low Net First: Brenda Roberts-59

Second: Jill Cheda-65

Third: Eileen Ostroff-66

Fourth: Cindy McCarter-68

Fifth: Dale O'Connor-72

The Tish Battaglia Memorial Tournament

Overall Winner: Jill Cheda

Consolation Flight: Cece Mullins

A huge thank you goes out to the Battaglia family for sponsoring this tournament. Tish is fondly remembered.

Open Days:

June: Green Valley 6/4, Fort Washington 6/6, San Joaquin 6/13, **Santa Rosa 6/20**, Spring Creek 6/20, Oakhurst 6/26.

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

August starts out with Orinda 8/8

Look for further information coming to you via TeamSnap.

WGANC Tournaments: Swingin' Seniors June 24, 25. Sign-up online for WGANC tournaments

Marketing and Membership

By Brenda Roberts

PUTTaluma Golf and Country Club participates in annual Butter and Egg Day Parade

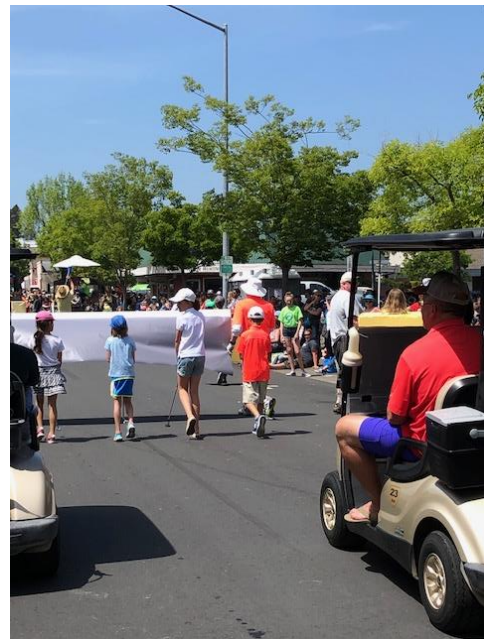
The theme was “Everything is punny in Petaluma” mimicking the Clover Sonoma ad campaign and celebrating Clover Sonoma’s anniversary... it was a natural for us to participate and your Board voted to do so!

The large banner “PUTTaluma Golf and Country Club” lead our entry with members Mike Morgan and Stephanie Baxman taking the charge, followed by young golfers Johnny and Max Baxman, Mae Stearns, India Unsworth and Carolina Cover walking and carrying their putters!

Then there were four golf carts... Lead golf carts had a banner for Head Rooster (President of the Board) Mike Johnson with Head Egg Counter (Treasurer) Keith Brians and in the 2nd cart: Jeff Hwang EGGSeptional Golf Pro with Tiffany Franco EGGSeptional Club Associate. Followed by a cart with Steve O’Connor 2018 Club Champion and Dale O’Connor 2018 Ladies 9-Hole Champion and in the cart next to them Timo Rivetti 2018 Goat Hill Champion and Brenda Roberts 2018 Egg Basket Champion. And those two carts had banners on the back with our logo and “Just PUTTING along...”

The parade was great fun for all who participated and a big THANK YOU to all who did! Thank you to Jon Banister who borrowed a trailer to trailer the golf carts to and from the parade for us. Thank you to the committee of myself, Wayne Guptill and Sue Berger for their brainstorming and organizing and for the support of the PG&CC staff getting carts ready etc. to make it a successful entry.

Who is going to join us next year?



Men's Tournaments

By Alan Brownlie & Larry Riis

May sure started off as a golfing month with the weather getting better and the course drying out. The men's sweep started things off with Jason Sullivan winning gross, Loren Warburg winning net followed by Harry Pearson and Ross Leask. Steve Denigras was fourth followed by Bob Deering. The standings as of May 30th have Alan Brownlie leading but there are many others close on his heels and there are 6 events left to play. It's not too late to join and cash in on some season ending prizes.

Next up was the old versus young with the wily veterans pulling out the victory. That same day, many of the regular golfers played in a benefit for the Leghorns Baseball team. It was a good fundraiser and our guys did a good job representing our club on the course and at Mario's for the Figone Barbeque. There was even a showing of Ron Morris and Steve Henris serving up the food.

A week later and winter returned. Was that some weather for the weekend of May 18? While most took the weekend off and watched the PGA, 5 of us ventured out to play in the Sonoma County Amateur. Nick Smith and Jason Sullivan put on quite a show in the men's division. Nick shooting 75 and Jason shooting 76 on Sat from the blue tees! These were great scores in some very difficult conditions. Sunday saw Jason pulling away and finishing in second place in the men's net division. On the old guys side, Tom Isaak, Harry Pearson and I ventured out with umbrellas in hand and fortunately, a cart to ride in. By the end of a 5 1/2 hour round we were driving thru rivers of water. Sunday brought more of the same but somehow I held on to win the Super Senior (65 plus) gross event. Harry played well and Tom had the distinction of being the only golfer who played in shorts both days. Despite the weather, it is a good event and I encourage you all to participate in the next Sonoma County 2 man Am coming up in Oct. Chris Gay and Tom Isaak put on a very good tournament.

Don't forget to sign up for the Vartnaw. This is our premiere member member event. It is sat June 22nd. If you don't have a partner, don't worry, we will match you up. Just let Jeff, Travis, Alan or me know.

See you on the tee.



9-Hole Petaluma Chicks

By Lois Skarsten

These are the results for the month of May in between the raindrops.

May 7th Scramble:

Bogie Bears: Cathy Lehmann, Bonnie Williams and Sandra Messer

May 14th Low Net:

Cathy Lehmann, Sandra Messer and Dale O'Connor

May 28th Low Net:

Judy Dardis, Lois Skarsten and Sandra Messer

Fran EC:

Cathy Lehmann

Golfer of the Month:

Sandra Messer

Congratulations to All!

This is a reminder that Guest Day and Pot Luck (salads or appetizers?) will be next Tuesday, June 4th. We may not play a Scramble in exchange for No T's or F's.

Junior Golf

By Diane Tucker

Junior Golfers Begin Matches

Our Petaluma **PGA Junior League golfers** (ages 8-13) began their match play season on June 2 with an intra-team scrimmage. They competed in match play scramble format in 2-person teams against one another to ready them for formal competition with other teams in their Sonoma league. Their formal competition begins **June 9 at 3:30 pm at Santa Rosa G&CC**.

Our PG&CC **North Bay Junior League golfers** (ages 14-18) begin their match play competition in their Oak Division league **beginning June 18 at Northwood Golf Club**. For those interested in following some of the Junior League matches, below is the current schedule for both our PGA Junior League and North Bay Junior League:

PGA Junior League:

- June 9—3:30 pm @ Santa Rosa G&CC
- June 23—3:30 pm @ Oakmont GC
- June 30—3:30 pm @ Home (PGCC) vs. Fountaingrove GC
- July 14—3:30 pm @ Home vs. Windsor GC
- July 21—3:30 pm @ Mayacama GC

North Bay Junior League:

- June 18—(time TBD) @ Northwood GC
- June 24—10:00 am @ Home (PGCC)
- July 1—8:45 am @ Santa Rosa G&CC
- July 16—12:00 pm @ Fairgrounds GC
- July 23—11:00 am @ Foxtail GC
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I'll be publishing the results of all of these matches in "The Improved Lie" each month. In addition, in June-July the weekly practice sessions for both Junior League teams will now be held every Thursday starting at noon on our course. For further junior golf information, contact our Pro, Jeff Hwang or me.

Socials and Outings

JUNE 7 & 8: Road Trip - Tahoe (Grey's Crossing and Old Greenwood) **

JUNE 11 & 12: Egg Basket

JUNE 13: Road Trip – Northwood Golf Club** 9:30am

JUNE 15: Father's Day Corn Hole Tournament*

JUNE 29: Member Social Mixer

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

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

JULY 26: Member Social Mixer

AUGUST 10: PG&CC Hot August Nights

*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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jhwang@petalumagolfandcountryclub.com

PETALUMA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

LADIES *Casual Sunday Play*



EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:30AM

Non-competitive play day
for all ladies and guests of
Petaluma Golf & Country Club

**For any questions, please contact Jeff at
jhwang@petalumagolfandcountryclub.com**

PETALUMA GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

Father's Day

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, JUNE 15th, 2019 | 5PM-8PM

RULES:

Two Player Teams

Single Player will be paired with a partner

Double Elimination (Best out of 3) Tournament Play

Limit to 32 teams

Prize will be awarded to 1st and 2nd Place Teams



Price (Includes Dinner):

\$60 PER TEAM **\$30** PER INDIVIDUAL

SIGN UP ONLINE

or sign up in the tournament binder in the Pro Shop



2019 CourseCo Championship

JULY 19-21, 2019

Sign up to participate in the 11th annual CourseCo Championship to determine the best scramble team within the CourseCo family of golf courses.

Teams play as a fivesome with a golf professional that will participate in a two-day championship weekend event at Palouse Ridge, Washington.

For Petaluma Golf & Country Club

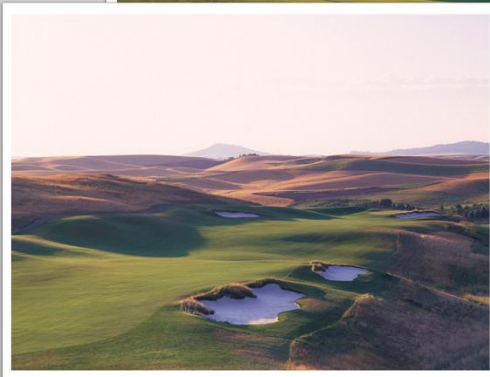
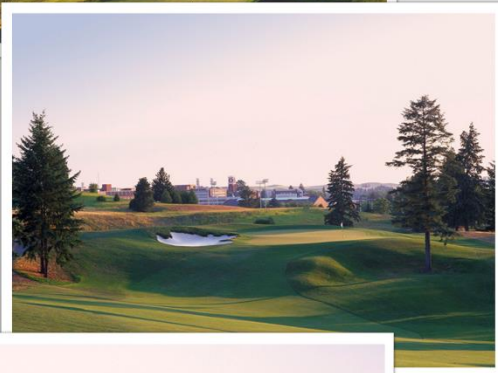
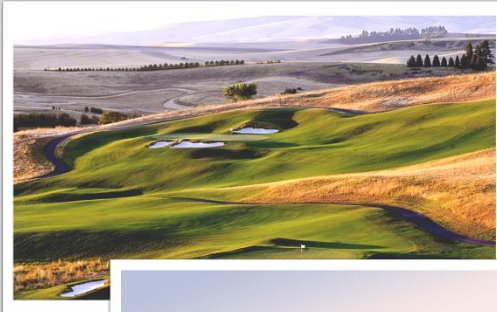
\$500 Per Person

*Entry Fee Includes:
Hotel, tee prizes, golf, cart
and two meals per day during the event
(Airfare not included)*

*If you are interested,
please contact Travis at
tberding@petalumagolfandcountryclub.com
or call 707-766-4800.*

Deadline to signup is May 10th, 2019

PG&CC will bring two teams and if there is enough interest, then a qualifier will be held for the eight spots.



11th Annual CourseCo Championship
July 19-21, 2019 | Palouse Ridge Golf Club

JUNE 2019

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Men's Medal
8:30 Shotgun

Event in the Hall
5:00 – 9:00
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SIRS Event
8:30am Shotgun

Road Trip:
Tahoe
Grey's Crossing

Road Trip:
Tahoe
Old Greenwood

Men's Twilight
Dinner

Event in the Hall
6:00 – 10:00
Sponsoring
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Egg Basket
8:30am to 2:30pm

Road Trip:
Northwood
(Monte Rio)

Event in the Hall
6:00 – 10:00
Sponsoring Member
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Father's Day
Cornhole
Tournament
5:00 – 8:00pm

Men's Twilight
Dinner

House and Grounds
Meeting 5:30pm



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PSIRS Event
9:00am Shotgun

Men's Twilight
Dinner

Greens and Fairways
Meeting 5:00pm
Board Meeting
6:00pm

Men's Tournament
Vartnaw

Men's Tournament
Vartnaw

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Event in the Hall
6:00 – 10:00
Sponsoring Member
Burlison

Men's Twilight
Dinner

Pool Party
1:00 – 3:00
Sponsoring
Member
Muran

Pool Party
12:30 – 2:30
Sponsoring Member
Adams

Event in the Hall
6:00 – 10:00
Non-Member
Rotary

Social Mixer
5:30 – 7:30pm

