



# THE IMPROVED LIE

Petaluma Golf & Country Club, March 2018



## President's Message

By Harry Pearson

Wow, today is Saturday February 3rd and I just got home from the club. I had to write this down now because if I waited until the end of the month when I write my articles, I'd probably forget. I went up to the club about 1:15 to do some chipping and it was about 73 degrees without a trace of wind. Watching all the golfers come down the 3rd fairway, I could tell there were a lot of golfers out on the course. A little less than an hour later I went to the clubhouse to have some lunch on the deck. I couldn't remember seeing so many golfers on a non-tournament day. There were men, women, girls and boys, (about 15 of them doing their junior program). It was very satisfying to see all these different people using their club. Sitting on the deck overlooking the 9th/18th green watching the approach shots, good or bad and seeing the river, the bay, the green golf course and green hills, (even though we haven't had our normal rainfall), just emphasized to me how great our location and club are. Spread the word, we have something special here! P.S. the stunning day made me forget my green colored alignment sticks I was using at the chipping green. If you happened to come across them, can you please turn them into Chris? Thanks.

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Speaking of the unusually good weather we're having, the downside is we're having to use water now. Last year, January through April we used 73,780cf, (mostly in the clubhouse), at a total cost of \$4,876.72. In just January of this year, (February's bill comes the 1st week of March), we've used 17,820cf at a cost of \$1,167.88. We budgeted \$142,096 for irrigation in 2017 and spent \$134,034 ending under budget because of the heavy winter. This year we've budgeted \$135,537 for irrigation. Three years ago while we were in a drought, the City of Petaluma requested us to come up with irrigation plans in case there were restrictions imposed. CourseCo and Bill have plans in place to meet each level of restriction if it goes to that.

On Friday, February 9th we had a successful Prime Rib Dinner event at the Club. There were 57 attendees. There were some glitches and we'll learn from this experience. For those of you who couldn't make it, I'm sure there will be another dinner in the future. Kudos and jobs well done to Megan, Chris, Stevan and all the staff who bartended, served and cleaned up. Thank you for a great night!

The Gin Fizz tournament was played on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> and we had 42 players. A great day and a great turnout. A superb breakfast was prepared by Roy King, Larry Weber and Jim Shugrue. Ross Leask and Ray Nizibian were on the fizzes that loosened up the field. Thanks to all for your efforts.

At a club like ours that doesn't have unlimited resources, we need members to pitch in with different benevolences such as; when Rose & Terry Collins held a fundraiser and the Greens Committee matched the contributions to replace and put in the upgraded port 'o' potty; or the tall bar stools, tables and the hand rails on the walking stairs that Ray Nizibian and Dick Lynch made, or the lighting installed by the large rocks near the road that was funded by Ron & Brigid Morris, or the work day last year planned by Larry Riis and participated in by many of our members. Mark Thomas and his crew that worked on the pool area, or Mark Smith who is the chairman of House & Grounds and donates his time and contracting resources to keep project costs down. This doesn't include all the volunteering for Junior Golf, preparing Tuesday Night Dinners and the Annual Meeting Dinners, serving on committees, the board of directors and probably a lot more I'm forgetting or not aware of. To all those that fall into these categories, on behalf of the members of the club, thank you! Our latest act of benevolence is courtesy of McKenzie Smith. Along with taking photos of the board, and committee chairs, he and his son Chip are in the process of rebuilding 6 benches on the course, (you may have noticed some missing benches). They are changing them from the hard to maintain wood to the plastic that will match the other plastic benches we already have. They should be ready in late March or early April. Thank you McKenzie and son.

Hopefully, during this year others will plan or host something to benefit the club. A plan can be put together and proposed to the board for approval. Also, please remember we have a 'Memorial Tree' donation program that honors loved ones that have passed away. See Chris for details on this program.

We had our Annual Meeting on Thursday March 1st and we had around 35 members in attendance along with board members. Roy and Sandy King prepared a superb spaghetti dinner. Thank you Sandy and Roy. It was great to meet some of our newer

members and I invite them and all the club's members to get involved in their club's activities.

On behalf of the Club I'd like to welcome our new members whom have joined in February; Michael & Xela Dollar, Kelly & Rick Downey, Thomas & Carolyn Jennings, Maria & Marlo Stipp, Ron and Marthe Smith, and Toussaint & Denise Bailey. Welcome to PG&CC.

Mark Smith and his House & Grounds Committee have enlisted the services of Mary Dooley to come up with a conceptual drawing of a reconfigured bar area which is a lessened version of the clubhouse redo that was presented a few years ago. I can't wait to see what they come up with.

At our March 21st. board meeting, an Ad-hoc committee made up of Brad Dillon, Jeremy King, Wayne Guptill, Sue Berger & Timo Rivetti will present to the board their recommendation regarding the Friday Night raffle that is held the last Friday of each month. The idea is to have something where people will attend these events in hopes of winning the grand prize. Stay tuned. The plan is to put this into effect on Friday March 30th, if approved by the board. Chris puts out weekly newsletters via email about upcoming events, if you can, please come out and support them.

It's with great sadness that Petaluma Golf & Country Club has lost long time members in February; Don Ramatici and Rich Shuteroff who passed away on Feb. 28th. On behalf of the membership, we extend our sympathies and condolences to the Ramatici Family and Sandy Shuteroff and her family. They will be missed.

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## Annual Meeting

*By Christopher Gay*

Out with the old and in with the new. Harry Pearson (left) presents Mike Candau (right) with an award for his service as Board President from 2016-2017. The 2017 Annual Review was presented to 37 Members of the club on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Overall club operations are positive and we head into 2018 on a strong note. Junior Committee Member Cindy Reeves spoke about the success of the Junior Programs. Harry Pearson spoke of the history of benevolences of members and the continue need for members to make the club better,



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## Women 18 Hole Group

*By Ruth Giacomini*

Most of winter is gone and we are looking forward to spring so that means the 18 Hole Women's Group is getting started again! Our Opening Day is March 7th and we will start with a social hour at 8 am. After paying our annual membership fee of \$85, we can socialize while having coffee and pastries. At 9 am, we will go onto the course and play a nine hole scramble. After golfing, we are having a potluck luncheon with the board providing the chicken along with bread and butter. We need everyone attending the luncheon to bring a salad or dessert and please RSVP (Ruth Giacomini 707-477-3406). Looking forward to see everyone and new faces are always welcome. Come and see what the 18 Hole Women's Group is about.

Ruth Giacomini, Captain

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## Ladies 9 Hole Golf

*By Lois Skarsten*

Our opening day is March 6<sup>th</sup> with registration (\$25.00 for the year), and a breakfast social starting at 8:15am. We will tee off approximately at 9:00am. All women members are welcome. You can get your WGANC number and handicap playing with this group. If you are a new golfer, this is the group for you. If you have any questions, you can reach me at (707)888-5719. Looking forward to seeing you Tuesday



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## Men's Tournaments

*By Nick Smith*

Congratulations to our Medal Play Winners!

February Winners

Jason Sullivan – Gross

Wayne Guphill– Net

Congratulations Gin Fizz Winners:

Tom Isaak and Mike Candau 57

Check out these upcoming events!

March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Men's Medal

March 17<sup>th</sup> – 2 Man Scramble

March 22<sup>nd</sup> – League Play Kick off – Steaks and Drinks. Celebrate the Champs

April 7<sup>th</sup> – Men's Medal

April 21<sup>st</sup> 1-Man Scramble

Save the Date: The Vartnaw (Member – Member) May 19th

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

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## Email Statements!

We can now send statements to multiple email addresses!!!

Sign-up for email statements by emailing: [admin@petalumagolfandcountryclub.com](mailto: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.

## Social Events

*By Christopher Gay*

Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – Annual Meeting 5:30pm Dinner. 6:30pm Meeting

Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> – St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Irish food and Irish Step Dancers

Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> - Happy Hour and Special Drawing 5:30pm-7:30pm. Live Music with Steve Eulberg!

Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – Junior Golf Orientation. 2:00pm

Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – Easter Brunch 10:00am with Egg Hunt at 11:30am

Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – Movie Night – Lego Batman Movie (PG) 5:30pm Meet and Greet with Batman and Wonder Woman! Movie starts at 6:30pm.

Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Happy Hour and Special Drawing 5:30pm-7:30pm. Live Music with Lauren Hulbert!



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## Head Golf Professional / General Manager Report

*By Christopher Gay*

The 2018 season is off to a great start! Here is a couple of good pointers to help you start the season on the right foot!

- 1) New Grips. Make sure your grips are in good shape and tacky. Slippery grips cause you to hold on tighter and ruin a good golf swing. Luckily, we offer club repair with many grips in stock.
- 2) New spikes on your shoes. Make sure you have new spikes installed as old spikes wear down and don't provide enough traction. Also – if your shoes are leather – you can get a shoe shine which helps repel dirt and water.
- 3) Junior Clubs. It does not take long for your junior players to outgrow their clubs. Be sure to get them measured to make sure they have the right size so their golf swing can develop properly.
- 4) Lessons. With both Stevan and I providing lessons, now is a great time to start building your swings for the season! We provide lessons with irons, drivers, putting and/or short game – just call 707.762.7041 to set up a time.

We also have some new stock coming in the shop! For Women – look for Bette and Court shirts and skorts. For Men – we have expanded our Travis Mathew line. Be sure to check out the new styles when they arrive in early April.

Junior Programs as well as our Ladies Clinics will be advertised soon. Stay tuned.

Special Sale!!! All tournament items from the Goat Hill are now \$10 – includes Vests, Shirts, Hats and Towels – get them now before we run out!

I will see everyone on the links!

# st. patrick's DINNER



## FRIDAY, MARCH 16TH

5:00PM	COCKTAILS	<b>Traditional St Patrick's Corned Beef Dinner</b> Adults.....\$28 Kids 11-17.....\$8 Kids 10 and under eat FREE <b>RESERVATIONS REQUIRED</b>
6:00PM	DINNER	
6:30PM	IRISH STEP DANCERS FROM HEALY SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE	

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# 2018 JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAMS

**Saturday, March 31  
Orientation starts at 2:00pm**

Our PGA Professionals are on hand to answer any questions. Most of our programs are offered to members, their guests and non-members. Ages 3-18.

Please call  
(707)762-1057  
to sign up or  
for more info




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# EASTER BRUNCH & Egg Hunt

**SUNDAY | APRIL 01, 2018 | 10AM BRUNCH**

Egg Hunt Starts at 11:30AM  
Take Pictures with the Easter Bunny!

**MENU**  
Honey Glazed Ham, Scrambled Egg Bar,  
Frittatas, French Toast & More

Adults \$37.95 | Juniors \$12.95  
Kids (6 & Under) FREE

RSVP: (707) 762-7041



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# THE LEGO BATMAN MOVIE



**MOVIE NIGHT  
APRIL 13TH @ 6:30PM**

Superhero Meet & Greet with  
Batman and Wonder Woman: 5:30-6:30PM



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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

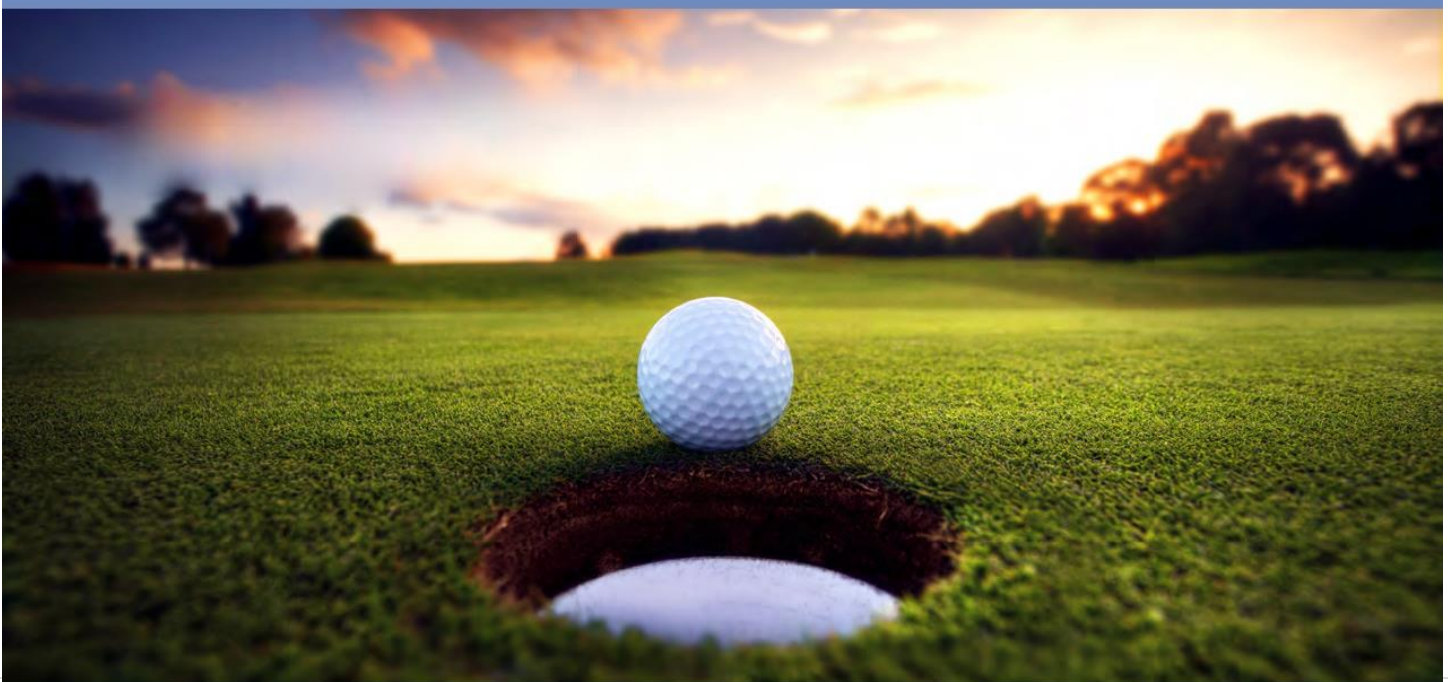
### SENIOR FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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.



# MARCH 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Happy Hour 5:30pm- 7:30pm	3 Men's Medal
4	5 SIRS 8am – 2pm	6 Ladies 9 Hole Golf – Opening Day 9am  <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	7 Women 18 Hole Group 7:45am Opening Day	8	9 Happy Hour 5:30pm- 7:30pm	10 Event in Hall: Harris Memorial 12pm – 4pm
11	12	13 Ladies 9 Hole Golf 9am  <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	14 Women 18 Hole Group 7:45am	15	16 St Patrick Dinner 5:00pm Cocktails 6:00pm Dinner 6:30pm Step Dancers	17 2-Man Scramble
18	19	20 Ladies 9 Hole Golf 9am  <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	21 Women 18 Hole Group 7:45am  Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm	22 Men's League Kickoff Dinner Steaks and Drinks	23 Happy Hour 5:30pm- 7:30pm	24
25	26	27 Ladies 9 Hole Golf 9am  <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	28 Women 18 Hole Group 7:45am	29 Event in Hall 6pm – 10pm Rotary Dinner	30 Happy Hour 5:30pm- 7:30pm  LIVE MUSIC	31



# APRIL 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt 10:00am	2 High School Golf 12:00pm -5:00pm	3 Ladies 9 Hole Golf 9am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	4 Women 18 Hole Group 7:45am	5	6 Happy Hour 5:30pm- 7:30pm	7 Men's Medal
8	9 SIRS 8am – 2pm	10 Ladies 9 Hole Golf 9am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	11 Women 18 Hole Group 7:45am	12	13 MOVIE NIGHT Lego Batman 5:30pm Superheros 6:30pm - Movie	14
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22	23 SIRS 8am – 2pm	24 Ladies 9 Hole Golf 9am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	25 Women 18 Hole Group 7:45am	26	27 Happy Hour with Live Music 5:30pm- 7:30pm	28
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