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Petaluma Golf & Country Club, May 2017

Bylaw Revisions

By Mike Candau

I would like to thank all of the members who submitted a ballot for our bylaw revisions. We have received several phone calls / emails about the purpose of the Article VIII Section 7. They were all very good questions and should be answered so everyone understands the rationale. The Board will be sending another ballot in with your June Statement which will describe the Board's reasons for the revision.

Thank you!

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Members Special Notices

By Christopher Gay

Lost Clubs – Have you checked your golf bag lately? Is there a golf club in your bag that is not yours? Please return to the golf shop as soon as possible. We have several members who have lost clubs but they have not yet been returned. Thank you for checking your bags!

Pace of Play - As a reminder – the policy for pace of play should be under 3 Hours and 55 Minutes (1 hours and 58 Minutes for 9-Holes). Please be courteous to your fellow members. If you are playing slower than this pace – please allow faster groups to play through. It only takes a few minutes for this courtesy.

Pool Policy – The Board of Directors have approved a new pool policy for 2017. When booking a pool party – please note the following changes:

- **Availability:** May 15th – June 30th
 - No Parties on the Weekends or Holidays
 - 1 Party per week except:
 - May 30th to June 9th a maximum of 2 Pool Parties per week
- **Time:** 10:00am to 3:00pm (3-hours Only)
- **Maximum Juniors:** 15 Kids under age 16
- **Maximum Total People:** 25
- **Lifeguard Required:** \$25 per Hour
- **Exclusivity:** Pool Parties are non-exclusive. Any pool party must minimize their use of the furniture and tables so that other members can enjoy the space.
- **Outside Beverages:** All Beverages must be provided by PG&CC. We will provide coolers for non-alcoholic beverages. No glass containers.
- **Fees: \$10.00 Per Person**

This new policy was created to provide greater access to the pool for our members. Please call me at 707.762.1057 to book a party or for any questions.

Dress Code – Our policy states men must wear collared golf shirts while golfing. If you are bringing guests please inform them of this policy. Guests and/or Members will be asked to change or purchase a shirt from the shop if they do not have a collared shirt.

Cigars and Cigarettes – Please dispose of cigars and cigarettes properly. Please do not discard near greens and tees. Do not use golf carts as ashtrays.

Thank You

9-Hole Ladies Division

By Sandra Messer

April Rains Stifle Season Play

Season play struggled to stay on track for the Petaluma Chicks with weather and resulting course conditions really limiting participation. Weather-wise, the month started out promisingly enough to allow play that gave Angie Fredericks the best low net spot on April 4. The rain finally tapered off long enough to allow for a great turnout on the final Tuesday of the month. A great player turnout means that we could also get our April Golfer of the Month AND the memorial tournament Fran's EC underway. With both being straightforward low net contests, Kay Michalik is in the lead as we head into completing these two contests on the first Tuesday of May golf.



18-Hole Women's Section

By Ruth Giacomini

The 39th Women's member/guest invitational is coming up on June 14th. The Egg Basket is always a fun event. Please get your non-member partner and sign up through Team Snap. For more information contact Ruth Giacomini at 477-3406 or giacominirn@comcast.net

Fairways and Greens Report

By Harry Pearson

It looks like winter is finally over! I'm writing this on April 30th and the last 2 days have been warm. The good news is we've only spent \$3,001.25 on water from Jan. 5th through April 6th. We should be getting April's bill any day but we haven't used much water this month, so I'm guessing it would be somewhere around \$2,000. We know a rate increase is coming but we're in good position in regards to what has been budgeted for 2017.

The problem with the pump has been fixed, (\$2,100- air in the lines caused the pumps to come on and bearings were burnt out), so we should be getting a better, more consistent flow of water.

The course is in really good shape and the greens are just about healed from the aeration that took place a few weeks ago. Bill says he had to use more sand filling in the holes than he thought he would, which is a good thing because it means there's less compaction underneath and more air is getting in. This was the hope we had when we started the new greens program back at the end of 2012, so we're going in the right direction.

There are still some wet spots on the course and we know for sure, since we haven't been watering this year, that these are natural wet areas due to the way the course drains and not due to overwatering. We'll have to do more drainage in these areas. The tees have also been aerated and this month fairways will be fertilized. The crew is spot spraying for weeds and the barren spots in the ice plant behind #1 & 10 tees will be filled in so it

will look like the area to the right of ladies tees on #5. Sand traps have had to be filled twice because of washouts. The crew is going to fix a few leaky valves and change some sprinklers on #9 to quarter circles to get a more even dispersion of water.

The large rough mower has been broken and should be fixed by now. In our equipment replacement plan, we're scheduled to purchase a large rough mower in 2018. The crew has had to use the small rough mower which takes a lot longer and they have also had to wait for some areas to dry before mowing it.

The tree by the kitchen that was disrupting the telephone lines and was a concern of PG&E has been trimmed and if more needs to be done, the Fairways crew can handle the rest.

As far as our planned projects for 2017, we had to make an emergency adjustment. When we purchased and installed the radio satellite controlled computer system last year, apparently it came with a one year warranty for the computer and the software support system. Unfortunately, it wasn't discovered until a few days before, that the 1yr. warranty expired on April 17th and there were no provisions in place to pay for the extension. The operating budget for 2017 is a balanced budget and for it to now come out of operating, it would necessitate other areas to be eliminated or lessened. A hasty communication to my committee members resulted in us deciding to protect our investment in the irrigation system we were assessed for and remedy the situation by using our CIDM money to pay for the warranty. The cost is \$11,855 and this is for a 5yr. warranty. The warranty is highly recommended because it ensures that if anything goes wrong there will be a next day fix or replacement, thus allowing normal operations with minimal disruption. The other option would be, not to buy the warranty and pay an extremely high hourly rate and hope someone could come sooner than later. Without the computer, the fairway's crew would have to go to each control box and manually set timers like they did before we got the computer system. We had an incident a few years ago where the pumps failed on a very hot weekend and by the time we got the problem corrected, the course was lost. We also decided to pay a single payment as opposed to annual payments or monthly payments which would add a few thousand more above the single payment.

The money that we spent for this was earmarked in our 2017 plan to rollover to 2018 to add to 2018 CIDM money to do #7 & #8 cart paths. We also purchased 40 sprinklers which were on a discounted price of \$7,200. These will be used to add 4 sprinklers to each green thus allowing separate watering of the greens and surrounds. Right now the 4 sprinklers at each green water the greens and surrounds which is inefficient and puts too much water on the surrounds and into green side bunkers. The present sprinklers at the greens will be changed to half circle inserts that face out to water only the surrounds while the newly installed sprinklers will face into the greens and only water the greens, the way most other golf courses are irrigated. We were also going to purchase these inserts which are also discounted until the end of May costing an additional \$3,200 but decided to purchase them next year due to the warranty expense. We had always planned for the installation of this project to be done in 2018 as we will need to buy wiring and components to put into the control boxes and use outside contractors for installation of the sprinklers, wiring from the sprinklers to the boxes and installation of the components. The bid we have is \$20,000 by the same company who installed the new control boxes and sprinklers we put in last year.

We have \$3,200 earmarked for the removal of 2 trees by #2 tee and 1 behind the 1st green. This will be done when the course has dried out and it's safe to move large equipment out there. We have budgeted \$8,000 for tree removal for the year.

We will renovate the left green side bunker on #6, smoothing it out on the low end so downhill lies are eliminated. We will renovate a tee, (TBD), and both of these projects will be done with in house labor and the estimate is \$5,000 total for both projects.

We've designated \$1,500 for landscaping and purchased 4 trees for \$250 from CostCo. We will be getting a bid to fill in and seal the #9 cart path as it will be a couple of years before we can cement it. We also have \$8,000 committed to the Exchange Bank loan and our final payment on that 5yr. loan will be Jan. 2018.

Please remember that we have a 'Memorial Tree' donation program. If you're interested in having a tree planted to honor a loved one who has passed, Chris can give you the information.

With the good weather, we will have more play, (hopefully), so please park your carts fully on the paths to help from burning out the edges of grass, fix divots and ball marks and rake traps.

Any suggestions, criticisms or comments, please email me at hp1852@yahoo.com.

Men's Tournament

By Nick Smith

April Medal Winners:

April 1st – 1 Man Scramble: Jason Sullivan

April 29th – Stroke Play Championship: Greg Plattner

Sleep City Cup Leaderboard:

1 – Loren Warburg 381

2 – Greg Plattner 377

3 – Mike Robin 372

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 takes 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!

SOCIAL EVENTS!

By Christopher Gay

We have several social events planned for the next few months. Be sure to mark on your calendars...

May 12th – Night Golf 8:30pm *Sunset Menu will be available from 5:30pm to 8:30pm*

May 14th – Mother's Day Brunch – *A Brunch Affair - Mimosa, Muffins and Mary's 11:00am*

May 14th – Mother's Day Mother / Child Family Golf Day *1pm Tee Times. Various Formats*

May 19th – Friday Night Sunset Bar 5:30pm to 7:30pm

May 26th – Member Social – LIVE MUSIC 5:30pm to 7:30pm

June 2nd – Friday Night Sunset Bar 5:30pm to 7:30pm

June 9th – Friday Night Sunset Bar 5:30pm to 7:30pm

June 16th – Friday Night Sunset Bar 5:30pm to 7:30pm

June 18th – Father's Day BBQ and Family Golf Day *1pm Tee Times. Various Formats*

June 23rd – Friday Night Sunset Bar 5:30pm to 7:30pm

June 30th – Member Social – LIVE MUSIC 5:30pm to 7:30pm

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.



**MOTHER'S
DAY
BRUNCH**

By Christopher Gay

Deadline is May 11th
at 5:00pm



**MAY 14TH, 2017
MOTHER'S DAY
BRUNCH**

*Mimosas, Muffins and
Marys*

Treat MOM to a special day at our
Mother's Day Brunch!

\$37.95 for Adults.

Kids 7-16 \$12.95

Kids 6 and under are free!

Sign-up by the Deadline: May 9th 5:00pm



Complimentary
Champagne for
MOM



Complimentary
Bloody Marys for
MOM



Menu

Roast Beef Carving Station
Assorted Quiche, Pancakes,
Cheesy Potatoes, Bacon, 3
Salads and Assorted
Muffins and Coffee Station

**PETALUMA GOLF
AND COUNTRY CLUB**

1500 Country Club Dr
Petaluma, CA 94952

May 14th, 2017
11:00am

BEGINNER LADIES GOLF CLINICS

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

Little Hitters' Clinic

For the little ones, ages 3-6 years old. This very basic clinic is designed to show juniors how to hold the club and have fun. Clinic includes putting and hitting golf balls, cartoon cutouts, obstacles, marshmallows, and stickers! \$15.00 for two days

Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- May 27 and May 28
- September 16 and September 17

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 BEGINS IN MAY *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.

MAY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 SIRS Tournament 9:00am – 2:00pm	2 9 Hole Women's Section 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	3 Women's 18-Hole Group 8:15am	4	5 Sunset Bar 5:30pm- 7:30pm Junior Sunset Lessons 6pm-7pm	6 Men's Medal 8:30am Shotgun Event in the Hall 4:00pm to 11:00pm
7 Event in the Hall 2:00pm to 4:00pm	8	9 9 Hole Women's Section 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	10 Women's 18-Hole Group 8:15am	11	12 Sunset Bar 5:30pm- 8:30pm Junior Sunset Lessons 6pm-7pm NIGHT GOLF 8:30pm	13 Event in the Hall 12:00pm to 3:00pm
14 Mother's Day Brunch <i>Marys, Muffins and Mimosas 11:00am</i> 1:00pm Mother Daughter Tournament	15 SIRS Tournament 9:00am – 2:00pm	16 9 Hole Women's Section 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	17 Women's 18-Hole Group 8:15am Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm	18	19 Sunset Bar 5:30pm- 7:30pm Junior Sunset Lessons 6pm-7pm	20 Men's 3 or 4 man scramble 8:30am
21	22	23 9 Hole Women's Section 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	24 Women's 18-Hole Group 8:15am	25	26 Mixer Sunset Bar LIVE MUSIC 5:30pm- 7:30pm Junior Sunset Lessons 6pm-7pm	27
28	29 Memorial Day Couples Tournament 11:30am	30 9 Hole Women's Section 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	31 Women's 18-Hole Group 8:15am			

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	10
11	12	13 9 Hole Women's Section 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner Titleist Demo Day – RSVP Required</i>	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	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 5:00pm- 7:00pm	24
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