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Petaluma Golf & Country Club, May 2019



Bylaw Revision

By Mike Johnson

You should have already received a bylaw revision (or you will receive it shortly). The Board of Directors has proposed 1 (one) amendment to be voted on by all Certificate Members in good standing

Article II Section 9.

For Certificate member's families, changing the age of unmarried children of such member from 23 years of age to 26 years old.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you!

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PG&CC History – Part 12

By Keith Brians

This is part of a series of articles about the club's history. Information about the club's early years is from digitized copies of the Petaluma Argus Courier available at the Petaluma Library using Newspapers.com. The Press Democrat and the Oakland Tribune were also used. The club's own records before 1943 have apparently been lost to history. However, the club's minutes and other historical pieces from 1943 on remain.

Play Continues – 7

The 1931 golf season opened with two tournaments on Sunday, March 15. Breakfast for 60 was prepared by Nick Failia and started at 8:30 a.m. The menu included porridge, Florida grapefruit, a lamp chop stripped with bacon, and scrambled eggs. The main event was the qualifying round for the club championship played at scratch. The low qualifier of the 8 players in the first flight was D. B. Hill with a 76. A handicap sweepstakes tournament was also played within the qualifying round. Play during the week featured upsets of several of the favorites including D.B. Hill who lost 5 and 4 to William Sorensen. Sorensen moved on in the semi-finals by defeating Ellis Hart. The final 36-holes were played in the rain on Friday, March 27. Emmett Olmsted Jr. was 8 up after the first 18 holes and held a 7-hole lead going into the final nine. Sorensen came alive and won 6 of the next 7 holes to reach the 35th tee (current 7th) only one down. An errant drive left Sorensen unable to reach the green in two. Getting on in three and two-putting for a 5 was not enough to beat Olmsted who got on in regulation and two-putted for a 4 and a win.

Sixteen Petaluma men traveled to Mare Island on March 29, to play a team of Mare Island naval officers. Petaluma scrapped out a narrow victory and joined the officers for a chop suey luncheon at the officers' club. In the afternoon, the officers hosted the Petalumans in their homes and several had an opportunity to tour the recently-completed light cruiser, U.S.S. Chicago. The Chicago later was home-ported at Pearl Harbor and was on patrol at sea when Pearl Harbor was attacked. On January 30, 1943, the U.S.S. Chicago was sunk by Japanese torpedo bombers while escorting a convoy to Guadalcanal in the Battle of Rennell Island. Other ships in the area were able to save 1,049 of the 1,111 members of the crew.

Petaluma hosted the first round of the annual Tri-County tournament on Sunday, April 12, its eight-man team winning by a five-stroke margin over Santa Rosa. Scores were close, Petaluma had 689, Santa Rosa 694 and Healdsburg 727. Low score for the day was a 78 by Warren Richardson of Santa Rosa. The narrow victory did not bode well for Petaluma's chance to win a third annual championship and permanent possession of the McNamara Cup. The tournament originated in 1925 when brothers Dolph, Ray, and Blake offered a trophy. Santa Rosa secured permanent possession with three wins in 1925, 1926 and again in 1927. In 1928, the McNamara brothers offered up another trophy under the same conditions. Petaluma won in 1928 and 1929, but lost to Santa Rosa in 1930. The second round was played in Santa Rosa on Sunday, April 18.

Petaluma triumphed, beating Santa Rosa by 18 strokes on Santa Rosa's home course. Eric Nissen led the field with an 80. Petaluma secured the cup with its third annual win in Healdsburg on Sunday, April 26, beating Santa Rosa by 37 strokes and gaining permanent possession of the trophy.

The Thirtieth Infantry Regiment "San Francisco's Own" made its second visit to Petaluma in early May. PG&CC hosted the officers at the club on Tuesday, May 12, for dinner and an evening of entertainment. On Wednesday, its 500 officers and men, their horses and mules, and vehicles paraded through downtown. Street sirens brought out merchants and their customers to the street to witness the spectacle. Led by the drum and bugle corps, they marched up D Street from Kenilworth Park to Petaluma Boulevard, through downtown to Washington, and back down Kentucky and Fourth to D Street for the return to Kenilworth Park. As in the previous year Petaluma opened its doors to the soldiers. Softball games were arranged, transportation provided, theaters offered free movies for the troops, and the American Legion provided showers. After a week in town without any disturbance or poor behavior, the regiment broke camp the following day for its return to the Presidio.

The annual barbeque picnic was held on Sunday, June 7, with 125 attending. Gene Pedranti and his crew turned out lamb, pork spare-ribs and steaks with potato salad and string bean sides. Ice cream and coffee were dessert. Tables were set up around the first green (now third) and while the folks enjoyed themselves, the kids in the crowd had the run of the sand traps.

More than 70 members and guests attended a stag dinner at the club on Wednesday, October 15. Mayor Jack Cavanaugh acted as emcee for the evening's program that including Frank McNamara of McNamara and Brothers presentation of the McNamara Cup to the Petaluma Club for its three Tri-County tournament wins. Movie films followed dinner, including one featuring Bobby Jones and recent winner of the national amateur championship Francis Quimet, demonstrating golf shots. Several other members, including Leo Korbel, Dolph Hill, W.H. Thomas and Russell Bauer also showed films they had taken around the course during the year. Later in the evening's program, Harry Benton, the club secretary, reported that the club's finances were in a "highly satisfactory condition."

Women golfers continued to be active. On Wednesday, October 14, 24 players took part in alternate shot "Scotch" tournament. The following Wednesday was cold and misty, and still 26 women braved the elements in a 2 club tournament. On Wednesday, October 28, the ladies held a flag tournament in which players play until their handicaps are used up, marking the spot with a flag. Mrs. Fred Allenberg advanced her flag the farthest to win. Wednesday, November 3, featured 22 players in a qualifying round play for the A.H. Ross trophy. Thirty women ultimately participated vying for 16 spots in the handicap match play event. Miss Louise Korbel and Miss Frances Bassett met in the finals on Saturday, November 28, Miss Korbel scoring a 4 and 3 victory over Miss Bassett after giving Miss Bassett 4 strokes in the 18-hole contest.

At the annual meeting in the evening of Friday, November 21, the club's secretary, Harry Benton, was commended by the membership for his able management of the club's finances. Mr. Benton reported the club was better than "breaking even" and had enjoyed its most prosperous year-to-date. This result compared favorably to many other clubs throughout the state who had been struggling.

On Saturday, December 12, the club hosted twenty or so high school students who were taking advantage of instruction for any interested student through the high school. William Selkirk, professional at Northwood, is expected to hold a class one day each week as well as speak at the Monday morning student body meetings about golf history and play of the game. A driving net will be set up on stage and used to demonstrate how to swing the club and to allow students to try their hand at it.



Fairways and Greens Report

By Harry Pearson

We didn't have a meeting in April but still a lot went on. A turn in the weather finally started drying out the course and allowing the crew to mow everywhere. Unfortunately, as the weather turned for the better, we did our spring aeration on April 15th. I've explained in previous articles why this is so important and most courses in the area are within a month or so of each other on their aerations. Jeff and Travis set up a couple of 'play away' dates during the week of aeration and it was good to go to other courses. To minimize the impact to the members, we also had 5 trees cut down by #2 tee and #5 fairway during the week of aeration. If you haven't been on the course for a while, the tree removal really opened up the area which should really be good for the maintenance of #2/11 tees. The tees were aerated as well and fungicides were put on areas of some of the fairways. The crew has been cleaning up the downed trees/chips and they have started to irrigate. As of April 30th, the greens were close to being fully healed and the course was green and in good shape. The bunker on #6 should be done by May 10th.

Bill & I went out and took measurements of the remaining cart paths that need to be concreted. We came up with a couple of options/phases on how to plan the project. Bill then met with the cart path contractor to get a price on doing everything which would complete the converting of asphalt paths to concrete. This project was started in the early 2000's. As I stated in previous articles we saved \$25,000 from our 2018 CIDM funds to roll over and combine with 2019 funds to do at least half of what remains. The estimate to do all the remaining paths including the reroute of #7, (2) turnarounds, curbing and 400 feet of gutter on #9, (like that on #1 to the right of the right fairway bunker), is approximately \$100,000. Bill suggests doing #7 tee to #8 tee, #8 turnaround, #8 tee to #9 tee and #9 turnaround, 300 feet of curbing and then addressing the horrible condition of the asphalt path leading to the concreted path at #10 tee. We would start from the concreted part of #10 tee and work backwards 100 feet. The cost for this would be around \$55,000. This would leave us 1,300 feet of path on #9 and including the gutter, would cost about \$47,000. The Greens Committee will meet in May to discuss the options so that we can put our order in to lock in the quoted prices. We most likely would do the work when we do Fall aeration during the last week of Sept. after all the championships are played. Again, we are trying to minimize disruption.

Good news. We hired a greens keeper which finally brings us up to full strength for the first time in almost 2 yrs. Say hi to 'Will' if you see him on the course.

In closing, when I was President, I always made sure to welcome our new members in emails and also in my 'Improved Lie' articles. In my last President's Msg., (Jan. 2019 issue), I made mention of all the great members we've lost over the last several years and unfortunately, I have to add Roy King. For those of you who didn't know Roy or don't know his wife, Sandy, Roy was just a great guy who would help out at the 'drop of a hat'. He and his cronies cooked Thursday morning breakfasts, (open to all at 7:30), and too many to remember, Tuesday night dinners. His guys are going to purchase and dedicate a tree to him through our 'Memorial Tree' donation program and we'll have a ceremony at the planting. Stay tuned. To his wife Sandy and his family and friends, condolences. Roy will be missed greatly, like all the others and like all the others, he will not be forgotten.

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

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YAY!! After five cancelled golf days we've finally gotten underway. Moving into May, we have one more week of the **Ostroff EC**, results will be announced in the June Lie. May 15th we begin **The Tish Battaglia Tournament**, a three week tournament. Since this is a match play tournament **YOU MUST PLAY ALL THREE WEEKS**. Sign-up on TeamSnap with the comment "Tish"
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!

There is an official movement underway to have an organized women's play day on Sundays. Keep your eyes open for further details.

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**.

Look for further information coming to you via TeamSnap.

WGANC Tournaments: Two-person Scramble May 13, 14. Swingin' Seniors June 24, 25. Sign-up online for WGANC tournament.

Junior Golf

By Diane R. Tucker

“PG&CC Junior Golfers Launch 2019 Season”

At 4:00 on Saturday May 4th, members in the PG&CC parking lot witnessed a crowd of energetic junior golfers putting on the practice green. It was opening day of the 2019 PG&CC Junior Golf season, and PG&CC junior golfers arrived to participate. Overseeing the event was our Pro, Jeff Hwang, who welcomed all the junior golfers and their parents to this kick-off practice.

Jeff has put together the most ambitious, diverse, and well-planned junior program that we've had at our Club. He's been rewarded with the highest PG&CC registration of junior golfers ever for the 2 competitive junior programs: the PGA Junior League and the North Bay Junior League. Jeff announced that PG&CC has the largest junior team contingent playing in these respective Junior Leagues: 16 juniors (ages 9-13) registered for the Sonoma PGA Junior League and 25 juniors (ages 14-18) registered to play in the North Bay Junior League. To inspire younger and beginner golfers, Jeff is also offering a series of Golf Camps and other fun activities.

Throughout all the junior golf programs Jeff will focus on: improving respective golf skills; cultivating competitive and team spirit; emphasizing integrity and respect for the game of golf and each other; and having fun throughout.

The two Junior League teams will practice together on the following schedule: in May, on Saturdays @ 4:00-6:00; in June and July, on Thursdays @ 12 noon to 2:00. Competitive matches begin in June. Those for the PGA Jr. League are held on Sundays at 3:30 pm at home or away. Matches for the North Bay Jr. League are held on Mondays or Tuesdays, also at home or away. Feel free to introduce yourselves when you see these juniors practicing. They respect other golfers and the proper pace of play. Encourage them! They are our future and the future of golf.

Men's Tournaments

By Alan Brownlie & Larry Riis

With the great weather, the tournament season is off and running

Congrats to Jason Morris for winning the one man scramble gross division with a 61! I don't care how many times you get a second chance that is 9 under par. Also congrats to Greg Plattner winning net division with a 61, followed by Alan Brownlie 62, John Broadhead 63, Brad Dillon 65 and Nick Smith and Bob Deering 66.

Here are the results of the May Medal:

Gross:

1st – Jason Sullivan 32

Net:

1st – Loren Warburg 41

T2nd – Harry Pearson 39

T2nd – Ross Leask 39

The young versus old is coming on the 11th. This is a fun event and there might be enough younger players to make it interesting. Also there are always weekend games to be played. If you want to play, but don't have a

game, give Jeff a call and he will get you in a group. Also coming in May is the Sonoma Amateur. This is a gross and net 2 day tournament at Fox Tail, hosted by our former GM, Chris Gay. There are 3 divisions, men under 50, 50 to 65 and 65 and over. I'm hoping many of you will join Harry, Alan, Mike, Loren and I in representing our club.

It is not too late to participate in the season long Sleep City Cup.

In June, there will be two points' events. Medal play on June 1 and the Vartnaw on June 22. The Vartnaw is our premiere member - member tournament and the winners will be added to our perpetual trophy.

Hope to see you on the course.

Socials and Outings

MAY 3: Movie Night: Peter Rabbit* 5:30pm

MAY 12: Mother's Day Brunch* 11:00am

MAY 16: Road Trip – Northwood Golf Club**

MAY 24: Social Mixer Pool Party (Bounty Drawing of \$1.7k)* 5:30pm

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

JUNE 11 & 12: Egg Basket

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 13: Hawaiian Luau* 5:30pm

JULY 26: Member Social Mixer

*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:

tberding@petalumagolfandcountryclub.com

jhwang@petalumagolfandcountryclub.com



GRAY'S CROSSING



Old Greenwood

Road Trip Tahoe

GRAYS CROSSING AND OLD GREENWOOD

WHEN:

June 7th & 8th

WHERE:

- Friday June 7th - Gray's Crossing first tee time at 1pm
- Saturday 8th - Old Greenwood first tee time at 8am

PRICE:

\$200 for both courses

Sign up - Contact jhwang@petalumagolfandcountryclub.com

If you need help finding overnight accommodations, please contact Jeff

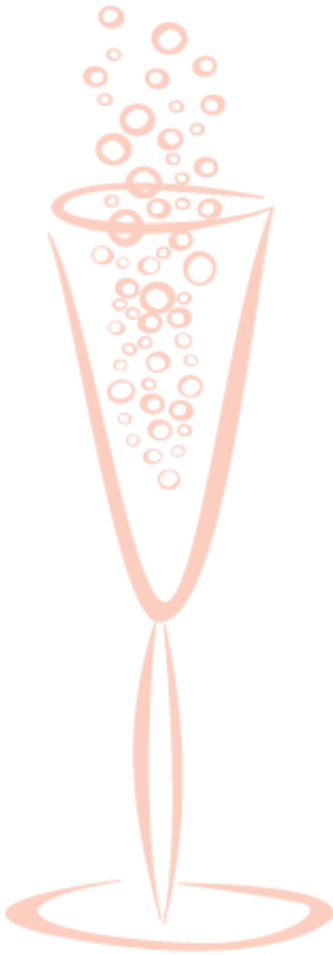




MOTHER'S DAY

Champagne Brunch

SUNDAY, MAY 12th, 2019 | 11:00AM



Includes:

Roast Beef Carving Station

Assorted Quiche

Bacon

French Toast with all the fixins

Cheesy Potatoes

Caesar Salad

Assorted Pastries

Chocolate Covered Strawberries

Fruit Salad with Yogurt and Granola

Coffee Station

w/ Fun Kids Table!

ADULTS \$40

JUNIORS (5-10) \$20

CHILDREN 4 & UNDER FREE

To RSVP...

CLICK HERE

Petaluma Golf & Country Club
Social Mixer

**POOL
PARTY!**



Friday - May 24th, 2019

STILL UP FOR GRABS IS

\$1.7K

BOUNTY \$\$\$!!!

Pool Opening Night with
Live Music & BBQ Food!

Time: 5:30PM to 7:30PM

BBQ Buffet Price: \$18 per Person

Dinner RSVP: Sign up in the
Tournament Binder in the Pro Shop
or Click [HERE](#)



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

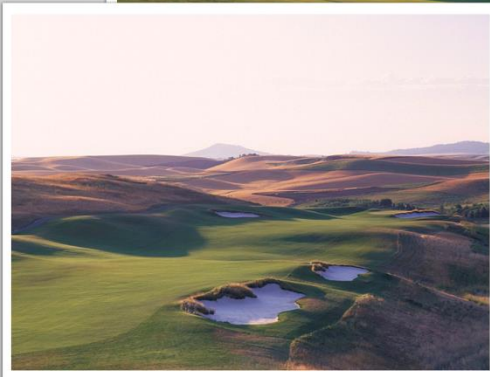
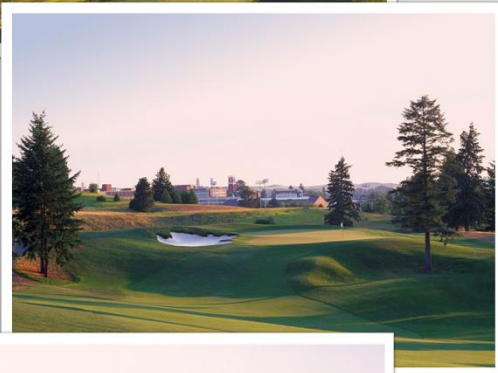
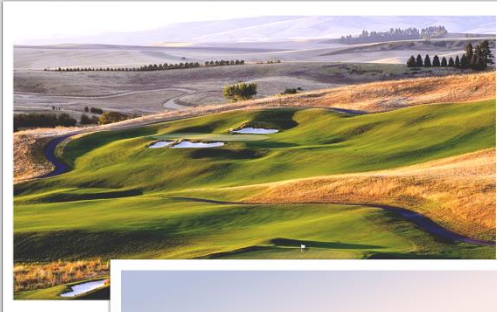
\$500 Per Person

*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

MAY 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
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					Movie Night: Peter Rabbit 5:00-8:00pm 	Men's Medal 8:30 Shotgun	
	05	06	07	08	09	10	
		SIRS Event 8:30am Shotgun	Men's Twilight Dinner	House and Grounds Meeting 5:30pm			
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						Men's Tournament Old vs. Young 8:30 Shotgun	
	12	13	14	15	16	17	
Mother's Day Brunch 11:00am Brunch 	PSIRS Event 9:00am Shotgun	Men's Twilight Dinner	Greens and Fairways Meeting 5:00pm Board Meeting 6:00pm	<u>Road Trip:</u> Northwood (Monte Rio)	Event in the Hall 4:00 – 8:00 Sponsoring Member Plattner		
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						Men's Tournament Old vs. Young 8:30 Shotgun	
	19	20	21	22	23	24	
		Golf Tournament and Event in the Hall 12:00 – 7:00 Sponsoring Member Robin	Men's Twilight Dinner			Pool Party Social Mixer 5:30 – 7:30pm 	Pool Opening Weekend 
						25	
						Men's Tournament Old vs. Young 8:30 Shotgun	
	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Pool Opening Weekend 		Men's Twilight Dinner		Pool Party 1:00 – 4:00 Sponsoring Member Hackett	Pool Party 1:00 – 4:00 Sponsoring Member Thompson		

