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Petaluma Golf & Country Club, November 2016

GOVERNANCE

By Christopher Gay

Attention Members – we still need people to run for the Board of Directors and the nominating committee!

The President of the Board invites you to be a part of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is in charge of the elections of the Board of Directors. If interested – please email me at cgay@petalumagolfandcountryclub.com.

Additionally – for anyone interested in running for a 3-year position on the Board of Directors – please send me a note. Thank you!

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Junior Golf

By Mike Morgan

Dear Parents & Grandparents of Juniors:

As most of you know, our Junior Program has grown consistently in the past 5 years and with the launch of our PGA Junior League in the summer of 2015, we've enjoyed even more participation each year by happy, engaged kids. The success at our club and the other 5 in our Sonoma County League has inspired us to consider expansion of the league to include additional clubs and teams and also add a 14 to 16 year olds team to our existing ages 8 to 13 team.



One reason for the latter goal is that a number of players on our current 8-13 team will be 'aged out' of the younger team next summer. A new, older team category would provide a great next step with ongoing golf learning and competition for them as well as engage some of our other and older juniors in the club.

With that in mind, we are already meeting with other potential clubs to expand the league and now are reaching out to you to determine how many of our older juniors would be interested in joining a 14 to 16 team. Each team requires a minimum of 8 participants for matches. With vacations, jobs and other summer activities, we would need a total of 10-12 juniors in both age ranges to provide enough alternates (all team members play and/or are involved in each match).

We do not yet know how many other clubs or courses could field a 14 & Over team but would hope for at least 4 (we might even be able to bring kids into our team from courses nearby or local high schools who could not otherwise participate – our own Juniors would of course have priority). Regardless, it's a great opportunity for kids to expand their game and play other local golf courses in a fun, competitive league.

Both age based teams will form in April-May with an initial tryout, weekly clinics thereafter (probably on Thursday) and weekly League Matches (Saturday or Sunday) from mid-June through August, early September.

To help our planning, please call Chris or me to let us know your interest in either the current 13 & under or a new 14 & Over age team or if you have questions or need more information.

Many Thanks for your support!!

9-HOLE LADIES REPORT

By Sandra Messer

Wet, Yet Wonderful 2016 Season End

Before the rains came, the Petaluma Chicks ably finished its Club Championship and Golfer of the Year tournaments. Some of our most experienced golfers ruled the day. Kay Michalik is our 2016 Club Champion and Angie Fredericks is our 2016 Golfer of the Year. Earned and deserved both! By our awards luncheon, we only had one more award to acknowledge and that goes to Brenda Roberts for Most Improved for the second year in a row. This is a testament to practice paying off!

For our celebratory away game, although we could not enjoy Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club's course on account of rain, we had a delicious Awards luncheon in its lovely restaurant.

A rousing thank you goes to Officers Bonnie Williams, Terry Figone and Sandra Messer for their leadership in the 2015 and 2016 seasons. They hand off, with gratitude, next season's officer responsibilities to Dervila Settles, 2017 Tournament Chair, Lois Skarsten, 2017 Captain, and Ginny Pelton, 2017 Treasurer.

The 2016 season may be over, but golf play most definitely goes on! Join in on informal and recreational 9 hole play on Tuesday mornings with other women golfers throughout the off season.



MEN'S TOURNAMENT REPORT

By Christopher Gay

Our annual Ryder Cup Tournament was held on 10/15 and in a hotly contested battle – the USA Teams pulls of the win! Congratulations to Team USA - Pictured from Left to Right: Peter Mentzer, Bruce Crouch, Barry Reeves, Roy King, Mike Sturla, Ed Andrews, Ron Fedrick (Back Row), Eric Berger (Green Shirt in Front), Bob Deering (White Jacket), Mike Johnson, Ross Leask, Mike Robin, John Stave. Not pictured: Harry Pearson.



Our other event this month was our Annual Home and Home with Bodega Harbour. Our PG&CC Team defeated Bodega at PG&CC 16 to 0. This lead proved too unsurmountable with Bodega winning at home but was not able to win enough points to win the overall title. We get to keep the Chianti Cup for 1 more year! Way to go boys!

Next on the list of Tournaments:

- Saturday, November 5th – Men's Medal Play 8:30am Shotgun. \$25 Entry. Includes Lunch and Beer. Low Net.
- Wednesday, November 9th – The Bricks*. 9 Holes at 1:30pm. Golf Course is set up tough as tees are all the way back and pins are in impossible illegal locations. \$10 Entry. Gross Only
- Saturday, November 12th – Young vs Old. AKA Flat Bellies vs Round Bellies. Match Play Singles. Full Handicap. \$25 Entry Includes Lunch and Beer Special
- Thursday, November 24th – Thanksgiving Shootout Skins Game. 9:00 Shotgun – 9-Holes. \$10 Entry Includes Low Gross, Low Net, Gross Skins and Net Skins. (The Club closes at 1:00pm on Thanksgiving)



* Please pay special attention to 11/9/2016 and the Bricks Tournament. Starting at 1:00pm – all of the pins on the golf course will be moved to illegal and impossible positions. We would like members to refrain from bringing guests out during this time unless your guests know exactly what they are getting into and don't mind the occasional 9-putt.

See you on the tee!

NOVEMBER HAPPY HOUR November 25th from 5:30pm – 7:00pm!

By Christopher Gay

Year-end sales ... Music ... food and our infamous \$500 drawing. Look for more details coming soon...

BOOT CAMP GOLF CLINICS

By Christopher Gay

Grab a friend and take a golf lesson together! See schedule below. All Bootcamps are \$10 a person (6 max per class)

<u>Ladies Only</u>	<u>Deadline to Register</u>
<i>Saturday 11/12 Bunker Shots 10:00am</i>	<i>Register by: 11/9/2016</i>
<i>Saturday 11/19 (Swing Plane Includes Video) 10:00am</i>	<i>Register by: 11/16/2016</i>
<i>No Class on 11/26</i>	
<i>Saturday 12/3/2016 – Beginning Fundamentals 10:00am</i>	<i>Register by: 11/30/2016</i>
<u>Co-Ed Clinic</u>	
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WANT TO EARN A FREE MONTH OF DUES?

By Christopher Gay

The number #1 source of new members is you! So call your friends or other golf partners and get them to join. Each new member you bring to the club you **Earn \$275**. After 6 months as a member in good standing, those new member will also receive a credit of \$275.00.

HANDICAP FLAGS

By Christopher Gay

Please adhere to the golf cart rules for the day. The Greens Committee would like to remind our membership:

- If you need to drive your carts close to greens and tees – please ask the bar for a handicap flag.
- If you are driving close to the greens please take carts around the back of the green and not in front.

Thank you!

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

By Christopher Gay

As a reminder – the golf course will be closed:

Thanksgiving: at 1:00pm

Christmas: All Day

TUESDAY NIGHT DINNERS YEAR-ROUND

By Christopher Gay

Our Tuesday Night Dinners will continue throughout the year. Members are still encourage to sign up; however, in house staff will ensure there is ample food each Tuesday. Look for specials and reduced pricing during the winter.

HOLIDAY PARTIES @ PG&CC

By Christopher Gay

Looking for a place for your company Christmas Party? Look no further than your own club. The Hall rental price for members starts at \$500 for parties 100 people or fewer and \$1,000 for parties of 101 or more. Spots are filling fast so be sure to reserve your party today!

NOVEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	2	3	4 Sunset Bar 5:30-7:00pm	5 Men's Medal Tournament
6	7 Wilson's Charity Golf Tournament 11:30am	8 <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	9 The Bricks Golf Tournament 1:30pm	10 Play Away to Silverado	11 Sunset Bar 5:30-7:00pm	12 Young versus Old
13	14 SIRS 7:00am-1:00pm	15 <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	16 <i>Board of Directors Meeting 6pm</i>	17	18 Sunset Bar 5:30-7:00pm	19 Wedding 4:00pm
20	21	22 <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	23	24 THANKSGIVING SHOOTOUT GOLF COURSE CLOSES at 1:00pm	25 Friday Night Mixer – Holiday Sales	26
27	28	29 <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	30			

DECEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Holiday Party 4:00pm	2 Sunset Bar 5:30- 7:00pm	3 Men's Medal
4	5	6 <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	7 Ladies Christmas Cocktail Party 4:00pm – 7:00pm	8	9 Sunset Bar 5:30- 7:00pm	10 Holiday Party 4:00pm
11 Santa Brunch 11:00am	12	13 <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	14	15	16 Sunset Bar 5:30- 7:00pm	17
18 Holiday Party 4:00pm	19	20 <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	21 <i>Board of Directors Meeting 6pm</i>	22	23 Christmas Happy Hour and Member Social	24
25 Club Closed – Merry Christmas	26	27 <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	28	29	30 Sunset Bar 5:30- 7:00pm	31 New Year's Eve PARTY