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THE IMPROVED LIE

Petaluma Golf & Country Club, November 2017

President's Message

By Mike Candau

Do you want to be part of the governance of your club! PGCC is run by members for members and we need your help. We are currently seeking members to run for a Director's position on the Board. We are also seeking members to serve a temporary position on the nominating committee. The duties and other information are listed below:

Director (3 Positions): Interested members should send in a letter stating your desire to run by Wednesday, November 22 by 5:00pm! Please include a short bio about yourself that will included in the official ballot. Directors are voted on and have a three year term. DEADLINE to run for a position on the Board is: November 22nd 5:00pm



Nominating Committee: Your primary duties are to gather the nominees and submit the nominees to the President with the help of our administrative office. Other duties may include: soliciting member participation and interviewing candidates. The committee will normally meet twice. Once to discuss the nominees and once to count the votes. Once the voting is counted the nominating committee is disbanded.

Holding office is available to Certificate Members only.

Questions? Please call Chris at 707.762.1057

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Directors**

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Mike Candau

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Harry Pearson

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Secretary
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Director
Larry Riis

Director
Patty Haynes

Director
Wayne Guptill

Director
Timo Rivetti

Director
Keith Brians

Men's Tournament Report

By Nick Smith

October Medal Winner:
Brad Dillon – 42 Points

Ryder Cup Champions
Team Euro Wins 19 to 13 – Lead by Captain Timo Rivetti. The Euro Team consisted of Larry Riis, Nick Smith, Ross Leask, Mark Nizibian, Loren Warburg, Steve Lambert, John Ryan, Peter Singleton, Mark Singleton, Steve Parratt, Declan Flannery, Marty Steigner, Jim Schroeder, Jonathan Dole, Georg Bettenhauser.

Fall Two Man League:
Congratulations to Larry Riis and Loren Warburg for winning the Gross Division and RT Johnson and Roy King who won the Net Division. This was test run tournament and we will introduce a new format for 2018 with some modifications.

Upcoming Men's Tournaments:
- The Brick's (Impossible Pins) 11/16 1:30pm.
- The Turkey Day Tournament 11/23 9:00am
- Men Medal Play 12/2 8:30am
- Candy Cane Open Tournament 12/23 – 9:00am



Sleep City Cup WINNER
Loren Warburg

The Gala Dinner has been postponed.
A new date for the Spring will be posted soon.



Petaluma Chicks' Report (9-Hole Ladies Group)

By Sandra Messer

Gratitude on the Golf Course

October 2017 will be remembered. A day of play cancelled because of poor air quality. An away game cancelled because of the fires. Small matters. The Petaluma Chicks finished out their 2017 season playing with nothing but a grateful recognition of their good fortune.

The Petaluma Chicks are pleased to announce the 2017 end of season Tournament winners:

Club Champion: Sandra Messer

Golfer of the Year: Angie Fredericks

Most Improved: Dervila Settles

The 9 hole Ladies Division celebrated its last day of play on Halloween with a fun Halloween contest. Winning team was Ginny Pelton, Lois Skarsten and Angie Fredericks.

Sincere thanks go to our 2017 Division Officers, Ginny Pelton, Lois Skarsten and Dervila Settles AND a shout out to the entire Petaluma Chicks Division roster for making the 2017 season possible and so very companionable!



Women's Holiday Party

By Ruth Giacomini

The women's 18 hole group is putting on a Christmas cocktail party for the women of the club. This year it will be on Thursday, December 7th with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres from 4pm to 7pm at the PG&CC clubhouse.

We are asking \$10 per person to attend. Please invite your sister, niece, mom and friends.

Please bring a gift for a child and/or food for donation.

Please send a check for your reservation to: Ruth Giacomini
116 Vista View Pl., Petaluma, CA 94952. If you have any questions please call Ruth at 707-477-3406



Fairways and Greens Report

By Harry Pearson

The aeration went very well, using small tines and Fairway crew was very pleased with how fast they were able to do it. They also, were pleased that they used more sand in filing in the holes than they expected. This means that our clay based greens are getting less compacted and this allows more water penetration and healthier greens. By the time you read this, they will have cut the greens shorter, verticut and applied growth regulators which will put the green speed around 9. This is an optimum speed for our small greens complexes. There's been some fungus on the back of #6 which isn't unusual. This is due to the oak tree's roots sucking up a lot of the nutrients and shading that area of the green. Bill is addressing this through applying fungicides.

The crew will be renovating the women's 9th tee and the men's 4th tee in the upcoming weeks. They will also be removing tree branches that are in play like on the 3rd hole. Some areas where there are branches down, like on the left hill on #9, will be cleared as a winter project, as will the taking down of some dead trees that are not in play and the rebuilding of stairs that have rotted out near some of the tees and greens. The crew will also be working on the fringes and approaches to the greens with the intent of making them more consistent.

Apparently, someone ran some type of vehicle onto the upper 3rd tee, causing damage to some of the rosemary bushes. These have been cleared and replaced.

Next year's aeration will be moved to the middle of Sept. to take advantage of the shoulder season's growing capabilities and ensuring that the month of Oct. will have good golfing conditions. All tournaments will be adjusted to this schedule.

Since CourseCo has come on board, we've got the maintenance crew on a really good equipment replacement schedule. We are now at a point that when one piece of equipment is paid for, we purchase another piece based on a priority list that Bill has given us. This year's piece of equipment will be a large rough mower. Bill has tested two mowers, a John Deere and a Toro and says the Toro performs better at our hilly course and since most of our equipment is Toro, it will be easier for the mechanic to maintain and repair. One of the things the greens Committee has been able to do along with the board's approval, is to move all of our equipment leases out of CIDM and into the operating budget. This will free up a lot of money for us to use for our projects. We have two more payments on an Exchange Bank loan which we took 5 years ago to purchase 5 pieces of badly needed equipment and then starting in 2018 with the rough mower, all the leases will be in the operating budget. My committee decided this year to make sure we save some of our 2017 CIDM money to rollover into next year to finance a couple of projects. In January's issue of the Improved Lie I will give a full accounting of our 2017 CIDM expenditures.

One of next year's projects which we will do in the Spring of 2018 is the purchasing of 40 sprinkler inserts to go along with the 40 full sprinklers we purchased this year and are holding in stock. As stated in previous articles, this is to address the 4th suggestion by the irrigation architect we hired 3 yrs. ago. This project will add 4 sprinklers to each green, thus giving us the ability to separate watering the greens and the surrounds. This will enable us to put more water on the greens in shorter time and not irrigate bunkers. The inserts will be 1/2 sprinklers installed into the present sprinklers that are full heads and then 4 new 1/2 sprinklers will be added to each green and hooked up to new components in the control boxes. This will be done using the outside contractor who installed the boxes and the 120 new sprinklers we put in a couple of years ago. We spent \$7,200 on the 40 new sprinklers and will spend \$3,500 on the inserts. Installation will be \$20,000. There is also a cost for the new components.

We will also address the 9th green that we have received many complaints about. We decided to look at the option of skinning the green, building it up while keeping some degree of slope and then re-laying the

skin. This will be done through an outside architect and contractor. Two years ago we got a bid of \$15,000 for this without installing new drainage. We will revisit this bid and also find out how much drainage would cost. We will schedule this project for the Fall of 2018.

Two interesting things of note. The first is that the cart path replacement project, which converts the asphalt paths into cement started in 2002 and was intended to be done in 10yrs. If you've been in the Club for awhile and have read my articles, you know priorities have come up where the CIDM money we were hoping to do paths with, has been redirected to address these priorities. In fact, I've been on the Greens Committee for 8yrs, chairman for 7 and the only paths we've done are the path that goes to #18 and the one we did on #6. This one was already half done and we did the remainder along with the path leading to #7 and the circle. In our recently adjusted 5yr. plan, we hope to finish #7 in 2019. We estimate this to cost \$28,000. We will also look into how much more it will be to do #8 circle and the part leading from #8 tee to where it bisects #9. This would then leave the #9 circle and path leading in front of #10 which obviously will be very costly due to it's length. Meanwhile the crew will fill in the pot holes in the asphalt as needed.

The second and most important thing to note is the heroism of two of our members on the maintenance crew. On Saturday the 28th of October at 5am, Bill Maeder our Head Superintendent was driving up Country Club Drive in his vehicle and Cristine, one of our new members on the Fairways crew, was driving in front of him, when they saw a large pile of leaves on fire in front of a house. They alighted from their vehicles and Bill told Cristine to wake the occupants and get their hose. He removed the fire extinguisher from his car and began to spray the fire. The female occupant was reluctant to answer the door but eventually did. They brought the hose and began dousing the leaves which were close to the house. The fire dept. showed up and took over. The cause of the fire was unknown and no persons were seen in the area. If you see Bill or Cristine, give them the thumbs up. It should be noted that Bill lives in Santa Rosa and was on extreme alert during the fires.

Anyway, please fix your divots, ball marks, etc., park carts fully on the paths and if you have any suggestions, complaints, comments, etc., please contact me at hp1852@yahoo.com.

Also, we as a committee have decided that for now our replacement of trees will be through the 'Memorial Tree' donation program. Check with Chris for details.

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.

Winner's Circle

By Christopher Gay

Our final two championships concluded in October –

Congratulations to Sandra Messer for winning the 9-Hole Club Championship.

Congratulations to Charlie Adams for winning the 13 and under Junior Club Championship and to Enzo Scacalosi for winning the 14 and older Junior Club Championship!

Way to go!!!

Social Events

By Christopher Gay

Friday, November 17 - Member Social 5:00pm – 7:30pm – “Early Americana” Fiddle and Guitar. \$500 Drawing – special menu – kids crafts

Wednesday, November 22 to Sunday, November 26 – Balloon Sale! Enjoy our Black Friday Sales. Purchase or order an item and pop a balloon to see what kind of discount you will receive. Discounts from 10% - 50% are available.



Thursday, November 23rd – Turkey Day Tournament. 9:00am 9-Holes. Due to Thanksgiving the golf course and club closes at 2:00pm.

Friday, December 8 – Movie Night – Polar Express 6:00pm – 8:00pm
(Please send us your child(ren)’s name as we will have a special gift after the movie).

Sunday, December 10 – Santa Brunch 11:00am. Reservations required. Santa Arrives at 12:00pm

Friday, December 15 – Member Social Holiday Party 4:30pm to 7:00pm ***Live Piano Music by Miles McKenzie***

Saturday, December 23 – Candy Cane Open – Golf Tournament. 9:00am.



Petaluma Golf & Country Club

Thanksgiving

Member Mixer



Friday, November 17th 5:30pm to 7:30pm
Live Music, Food, Kid's Crafts

Live Music: Early Americana

Live Music provided by
Elise MacGregor Ferrell
- Early Americana
Music with a fiddler
and guitarist

\$500 Drawing
Special Menu
Kid's - Cookie Station
Kid's Craft Station



SALE

Balloon Sale

10%, 20%, 30%, 40%, and 50% off

November 22 - 26

**Petaluma Golf and Country Club
Black Friday Sales!**

Select your items - pick a
balloon and win!!

NOVEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Sunset Bar 5:30pm- 7:30pm	4 Men's Medal Event in Hall 6pm – 10pm: Sponsoring Member: M. Smith
5	6	7 <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	8	9	10 Sunset Bar 5:30pm- 7:30pm	11
12	13 Ron Wilson Golf Outing 12:30pm	14 <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	15 Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm	16	17 SUNSET MIXER – LIVE MUSIC with \$500 Drawing 5:00pm- 7:30pm	18
19	20 SIRS Golf Outing 8:00am-2:00pm	21 <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	22	23 Turkey Day Tournament 9am Golf Course and Club closes AT 2PM. Happy Thanksgiving	24 Sunset Bar 5:30pm- 7:30pm	25 Event in Hall 5pm – 10pm: Sponsoring Member: M. Kvalheim
26	27	28 Event in Hall 5pm – 10pm: Adobe Creek HOA <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	29 Event in Hall 4pm – 10pm: Sponsoring Member: J. Decota	30		

DECEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Happy Hour 5:00pm- 7:30pm	2 Men's Medal
3	4	5 <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	6 Event in Hall 5pm – 10pm: Sponsoring Member: C. Libarle	7 Women's Holiday Party 4pm – 7pm	8 MOVIE NIGHT: Polar Express 6:00pm – 8:00pm	9 Event in Hall 6pm – 10pm: Sponsoring Member: H. Daulton
10 Santa Brunch 11:00am	11	12 <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	13 Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm	14	15 Holiday Social – LIVE MUSIC with \$500 Drawing 4:30pm- 7:00pm	16 Event in Hall 5pm – 10pm: Sponsoring Member: T. Lindelli
17	18	19 <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	20	21	22 Happy Hour 5:30pm- 8:30pm	23
24	25 Club and Golf Course Closed – Merry Christmas	26 <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	27	28	29 Happy Hour 5:30pm- 8:30pm	30
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