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Petaluma Golf & Country Club, October 2016

GOVERNANCE

By Christopher Gay

Attention Members!

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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9-HOLE LADIES REPORT

By Sandra Messer

To Everything, There is a Season

To honor the late Arnold Palmer, I quote from this wise, noble and gracious American: “concentration, confidence, competitive urge, capacity for enjoyment.” Mr. Palmer was also a master at the turn of phrase. As the 9 whole Ladies Division 2016 Season enters its last month, I recall with pleasure the concentration, confidence, competitiveness and love of golf that I have witnessed from my Petaluma Chicks colleagues. Cathy Lehmann played excellent golf in September to secure the last Golfer of the Month spot in our Golfer of the Year tourney coming up. Cathy and Brenda Roberts were a twosome tour de force to win our Captain’s Cup tournament. Angie Fredericks used her well-honed golf skills to clinch Bingo Bango Bongo. September play ended with the first round of two in our Club Championship.

It’s been a superb eight months of golf and October play will be the topper on our 2016 season.



[Photo caption: From left to right, Bonnie Williams, Dervila Settles, Brenda Roberts, and Sandra Messer serving up some joy on course]

CHAMPIONSHIP MONTH ENDS

By Christopher Gay

The 18-Hole Women Section, 9-Hole Women's Group, Men's Club Champion and Member-Guest Champions have been crowned this month. Please be sure to congratulate each of our members for a job well done!

18-Hole Women's Champion: Jill Cheda

Men's Club Champion: Brad Scott

9-Hole Ladies Club Champion – Kay Michalik

Goat Hill Co-Champions:

Ned Foley and guest Danny Foley.

Larry Riis and guest Terry O'Donnell.

FAIRWAYS AND GREENS REPORT

By Harry Pearson

Summer has come to a close and unlike the last couple of years; the course has been in great condition through the tournament season. Great job to Bill and his crew.

On Oct. 17th, they will do Fall Maintenance, using mid-sized tines to punch the greens and slice and over seed the fairways with rye grass which has been standing up well in the heat against fungus that attacks the poa. They've been spraying growth regulators and fungicides on the greens, spiking and seeding some areas in the roughs, fertilizing fairways and tees, landscaping and adding sand to bunkers. They've reduced water consumption by 487,760 cf in the month ending in the 1st week of Sept. by turning off 33 sprinklers and changing 7 others to half sprinklers. They planted red fescue on the side of the ladies #5/14 tee.

Chris has drafted a 'Memorial Tree' photo album, which documents the trees that have been purchased through the program and shows where each tree has been planted with the appropriate information included. When all the trees are documented, it will be made into the album and available for viewing at the clubhouse. Please contact Chris for further information if you are interested in the program.

We've asked Bill to make sure the ball washers are cleaned and filled regularly and rocks and pebbles in the bunkers around #6 are removed.

Because we have had so many new members recently, in June's article, I wrote about CIDM, (Capitol Improvements Deferred Maintenance), how it's collected from each member's monthly dues and what it's used for. Basically the first ten percent collected goes to the "Reserve Fund" and the remainder is split between the Greens Committee and House & Grounds for the committee's planned, yearly projects. To keep it simple, if we

collect \$10,000 per month in CIDM, \$1,000 goes to the 'Reserve Fund' and \$4,500 goes to each, H&G and Greens. Out of the Green's portion we pay \$2,565.87 and H&G pays \$670.14 in monthly equipment leases.

In July's article, I wrote about what the Greens Committee is and what we do. I listed the categories on the golf course that we address yearly and how much we budget for them. We use a Five Year Plan which is ever evolving. Unfortunately, 2016 is not a good example of our yearly plan. From Jan thru Aug., (Sept #'s not available), we have spent \$51,000. In March we spent \$21,823.20 to purchase 120 new sprinklers and \$7,236 to have them installed, for a total of \$29,059.20, Jan - Aug. equipment leases (\$17,806.82), \$3,200 for tree removal by #5 green & \$2,300 for #8/17 tee renovation along with some miscellaneous expenses.

In 2002 we started replacing the original sprinklers with more efficient ones. Over the years we have replaced 465. There are still 100 old sprinklers that have been turned off. We got an "end of the year" deal we couldn't refuse. We were paying \$2,000 for a box of 8 sprinklers so we saved almost \$10,000 on 15 boxes. To complete the sprinkler replacement was one of the main recommendations in our irrigation upgrades by the architect. You may or may not have heard that there has been some talk of possibly selling some property that is located below the 3rd green. This was prompted when a group that was formed to start planning for our 'Centennial Anniversary' in 2022 enlisted an architect to draw up plans that would renovate the clubhouse to something of its' original state. The plans also included inside additions and things that hopefully, would draw newer and younger members. A few of us suggested selling the land below #3 green to help pay for these improvements, keeping in mind, that we also wanted to use the money for golf course improvements. Steve O'Connor who was then the Chairman of House & Grounds and I did a walk of the land one afternoon last summer, 2015, and we were pleasantly surprised at what was down there. Several months ago, I took Timo Rivetti down there to show him the area. He is on the 'Centennial Committee' and the board. We decided to discuss it at the board meeting and the other board members wanted to know before they decided if they were for it, or against it, what Greens & House & Grounds would do with the proceeds if it ever came to selling it. So I asked Bill, Scott & Chanaan, (both from CourseCo), if they could get bids for six projects that we are addressing through our yearly CIDM. They've done their due diligence over the last two months and got the pertinent information, presenting it at our greens mtg. in Sept. I presented the list and their associated costs to the board at our Sept. mtg. It has been taken under consideration and we asked House and Grounds to present their lists with costs at our next mtg. in Oct.

I wanted to inform the membership of what's on the list and its costs. Here it is.

1. Irrigation upgrades: \$152,900 total cost.

A. We would add 3 or 4 more sprinklers to each green, thereby giving us the ability to put more water on the greens to promote better root growth and irrigate the surrounds without irrigating the bunkers. Greens need about 50% more water to promote the root growth than the surrounds need. Presently there are 3 or 4 full sprinklers at the greens that water both the greens and surrounds. By adding, we could change the sprinklers facing the greens to half circles and add a sprinkler next to it that faces out and irrigates the surrounds. This would cost \$30,000 on its' own.

B. Individually wire each sprinkler for maximum control of irrigation to address wet & dry spots. This was one of the 3 main recommendations from the irrigation architect, Russ Mitchell, who said coupled with (1.), replacing the sprinklers to a more efficient model, (see above) and along with putting in the central computer radio controlled satellite system, (which we did this year through the assessment), it would reduce our normal water usage from 18-22%. This portion of the \$152,900 would cost \$72,900 plus another \$20,000 for clock components.

C. Replace every lateral valve and saddle, (100 in total), at \$50,000.

2. Cart paths: \$72,960 to install paths on #7, 8 & 9.

Presently, this was project started about fifteen yrs. ago. I've been on the committee since Oct. 2009 and we have done the path leading from the intersection of 8 & 9 to and including the 18 circle and the second half of #6 leading to and including #7 circle. When other priorities come up, this project gets deferred and really needs us to save from one year to add to another to get one path done.

3. Leveling tee boxes: \$53,280.

This would be contracted out and using all of the latest techniques.

Presently, our crew did a very nice job on #8/17 at a cost of about \$2,300 but it takes a great deal of man hours which we can't spare with the limited crew we have.

4. Bunker renovation: \$180,000.

This would be contracted out to strip, insert a top line liner, and prepare better drainage and refill. Presently, we have 19 bunkers on the course. Bill's crew renovated the green side bunker on #7 because it would get watered from the sprinklers at the green and always be wet. Bill says they are having problems again.

5. Tree removal: \$9,000.

Most of the trees were planted around the same time and many of them were planted too close to each other. They are now nearing the end of their cycle. Nine trees have been identified and it costs \$1,000 per tree. Presently, we increased our budget this year to \$6,000 for tree removal and the 3 trees by #5 green cost us \$3,500 and that was with one of them falling over the boundary fence.

6. Remodel the 9th green.

We haven't had any architect come out to look at it, so we only have an estimate of between \$25-50,000. Presently, this green is the most complained about on the course. We know when the greens are rolling fast and it's a red right flag, it can get out of hand. The way the green slopes, it can be a white flag or blue flag, if you get behind it, it creates problems. Some would say that it's a 485 yd. par 5 and the green is the main defense of the hole, which is true. However, I think to make it a better experience for everyone, we need to address it with more than what we've been doing. We have been growing the ring in and putting a lot of sand in the area to try and build it up. This totals out to \$493,644, with a 10% contingency for cost over runs, etc. it would come out to \$543,008. This total is using the figure of \$25,000 for #6.

On behalf of the Greens Committee, I'd like to thank Bill, Scott and Chanaan for their efforts.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please contact me at hp1852@yahoo.com. Also, please fix ball marks, divots and park the carts fully on the path.

TRUNK SHOW FOR LADIES



By Christopher Gay

Check out the hottest women's line from:

- Bette & Court
- Sport Haley
- Sun Mountain!!!

Get special discounts for making a purchase on the day of the event.

October 19 12:00pm to 2:00pm

HOME AND HOME

By Christopher Gay

The Bodega Home and Home has changed: Please sign-up:

October 13th at Home vs Bodega. \$10 per member includes Breakfast and Lunch

October 20th at Bodega \$60 per Member includes breakfast and lunch.

This is to defend the Chianti Cup! We have held it for 2 years now. Sign-up by calling the golf shop at 707.762.7041.

WOMEN'S AWAY GAME at HIDDENBROOKE

By Christopher Gay

Attention all ladies – I have set up an away game at Hiddenbrooke on October 20th. Cost is \$45 per person. Please call me directly at 707.762.1057 to sign-up. This is a fun game and not a home and home. We will tee it up at 10:30am. We will do a cash game for a \$10 buy-in! I will also be playing as well so please let me know if you are interested. See you there!

JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Christopher Gay

The new date for our Junior Club Championship is October 22nd at 1:00pm. Please sign up in the golf shop. We will have several flights based on age.

OCTOBER FRIDAY MIXER

HALLOWEEN HAPPY HOUR October 28th from 5:30pm – 7:30pm!

By Christopher Gay

Mark your calendars for our Halloween Happy Hour on October 28th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Look for more details coming soon...

BOOT CAMP GOLF CLINICS

By Christopher Gay

Looking for some detailed Instruction? Try our Boot Camp Clinic each clinic is \$10 per person and 1 – hour. Limited to 6 Members – More dates to be posted

<i>Ladies Only</i>	<i>Co-Ed Clinic</i>
<i>Bunker Shots – 10/22 10:00am</i>	<i>Swing Plane 10/22 – (Includes Video) 11:00am</i>
<i>Swing Plane – 10/29 (Includes Video) 10:00am</i>	<i>Bunker Shots 10/29 11:00am</i>

OCTOBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Final Round Of Goat Hill
2	3 Willowbrook Golf Tournament 2:00pm	4 9-Hole Ladies 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	5 18-Hole Ladies 8:15am		6 Sunset Bar 5:30- 7:30pm	7 Wedding 3:30pm
9 Event in Hall 11:00am	10	11 9-Hole Ladies 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	12 18-Hole Ladies Sadie Hawkins 8:15am	13 Home and Home Versus Bodega	14 Sunset Bar 5:30- 7:30pm	15 RYDER CUP 8:30am Wedding 4:00pm
16	17 GOLF COURSE CLOSED IN AM AERATION of GREENS	18 9-Hole Ladies 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	19 18-Hole Ladies 8:15am TRUNK SHOW Ladies Lines from Sport Haley, Sun Mountain and Bette & Court <i>Board of Directors Meeting 6pm</i>	20 Home and Home AT Bodega Away Game – Ladies Only at Hiddenbrooke	21 Sunset Bar 5:30- 7:30pm	22 Junior Club Championships 1:00pm Wedding 4:00pm Boot Camp Golf Clinics: 10:00 Bunker 11:00 Swing Plane
23	24 Exchange Bank Golf Tournament 12:00pm	25 9-Hole Ladies & SRG&CC Time: TBD <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	26 18-Hole Ladies 8:15am	27	28 OCTOBER MIXER – Halloween Night 5:30pm-7:30pm	29 Halloween Couples Tournament Wedding 6:00pm Boot Camp Golf Clinics: 10:00 Swing Plane 11:00 Bunker
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NOVEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	2 WGANC Open Day	3	4	5 Men's Medal Tournament
6	7 Wilson's Charity Golf Tournament 11:30am	8 <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	9	10 Play Away to Silverado	11	12 Young versus Old
13	14 SIRS 7:00am-1:00pm	15 <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	16 The Bricks Golf Tournament <i>Board of Directors Meeting 6pm</i>	17	18	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			