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Petaluma Golf & Country Club, October 2017

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## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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



# CHAMPION'S MONTH

By Christopher Gay

A big congratulations to our September Champions. Our Men's Club Championship, 18-Hole Women's Section Club Championship and our Goat Hill Champions were all crowned in September. The last two championships will conclude in October: 9-Hole Ladies Club Championship and our Junior Club Championship.



Brad Scott wins the Men's Club Championship and is awarded the Don O'Mohundro Trophy



Claudia Little is crowned the Women's Section Champion. This is Claudia's first club championship title.



Timo Rivetti and his guest Paul Cowley win the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Goat Hill Member Guest

## Petaluma Chicks' Report (9-Hole Ladies Group)

By Sandra Messer

### Golf In the Fall

The Petaluma Chicks are celebrating the last few weeks of golf season with yes, season tournament cappers, but also with seven months of terrific golfing camaraderie at their backs. Yes, in the Fall, we confuse our balls with leaves, but our balls also travel farther because of all the great roll to be had on the course. September was filled with no pressure contests to prime us for October's final matches. 9/5 low net win went to Ginny Pelton. 9/12 best ball pair was Judy Dardis and Brenda Roberts. 9/19 No T's or F's winner was Sandra Messer and the 9/26 low net contest win was nabbed by Lois Skarsten.



Judy Dardis slid in to our September Golfer of the Month and final slot of the season. Congratulations Judy!

In the 9 hole Ladies Division, everybody wins!

**PG&CC  
Board of  
Directors**

**President**  
Mike Candau

**Vice President**  
Harry Pearson

**Treasurer**  
Donna Beels

**Secretary**  
Peter Barufkin

**Director**  
Larry Riis

**Director**  
Patty Haynes

**Director**  
Wayne Guphill

**Director**  
Timo Rivetti

**Director**  
Keith Brians

## Men's Tournament Report

*By Nick Smith*

September Medal Winner:  
Loren Warburg – 40 Points

Men's Tournaments:

- Men Medal Play 10/7 8:30am

- Men's Ryder Cup – 27 Holes. Play for Team USA or Team EURO. 8:00am Start – Better Ball, Alternate Shot and Single Matches. This is always a popular event. Be sure to sign up today!



Sleep City Cup Leaderboard as of  
9/22

1 – Loren Warburg 1029

2 – Mike Robin 773

3 – Jon Banister 768

Gala Dinner has been postponed. A new date will be posted soon.



## 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](mailto: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.

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# Fairways and Greens Report

*By Harry Pearson*

Another golf season is in the books as all the championships and Goat Hill have been played. It's been great to see all the players out on the course. I also have to say thank you to Bill Maeder and his crew for keeping the course in very good shape with a minimum of crew members. We say goodbye to Hilario who has been with us for many years. He is returning to Mexico to run the family ranch. He has been a huge asset for Bill over the years and he will be greatly missed. On behalf of the Greens Committee and all the members of the club, thank you Hilario and good luck with the next part of your journey. His son, Alvaro will still be with us.

We have hired two full timers and one part timer. The full timers replace Miguel who left last year and has never been replaced for various reasons and Hilario. I know we have some issues that are due to a lack of experience and Bill is addressing them in his training. Please don't hesitate to let me know of anything that needs to be addressed. I will make sure Bill is aware of whatever it is and takes care of it.

The greens will be aerated on Mon. Oct. 16th. Small tines will be used for minimal disruption. Areas of the fairways will be sliced and seeded with rye grass. The crew will be working on the fringes and surrounds in an effort to make them more consistent.

As I said, the course has been in very good shape throughout the summer in spite of the heat and understaffed crew. The heat brought the fungus in the fairways and Bill and Stacey from CourseCo are putting together a new plan on how to combat this. Our present agronomy plan was to use liquid fungicides on 3 week rotations on the worst areas. Bill and Stacey felt we were not getting the results we wanted for the amount of money we were spending. They've decided to use granular instead of liquid because it will last longer, (two months instead of three weeks), and it's less time consuming, (10-15 hrs.), less per week to apply. It is more costly and this will be included in the 2018 budget. We will also be applying calcium four times per year as opposed to the two times we presently apply it. Calcium helps break up the dirt under the grass allowing better water penetration. Since our fairways aren't sand based, this should help a lot. This change in philosophy is based on the soil samples we sent in to be tested in July.

The crew will be doing some winter projects such as; taking down some dead trees in areas that don't need a tree removal service, replacing stairs in areas where they've rotted through, and at the appropriate time, renovating the women's #9 tee, the men's #4 tee and the junior tees.

Our committee is attempting to save money from this year's budget to roll over to next year so that we can fund a couple of expensive projects. I've stated in these articles before, that this year we bought 40 sprinklers at a cost of \$7,200 so that we can add 4 sprinklers to each green thus having the ability to water greens and the surrounds separately. We still need to buy 40 inserts, (we only need 36 but the sprinklers and inserts come in boxes of 8), to put into the existing 36 sprinklers that are presently irrigating greens and surrounds. The cost of this is \$3,200. Then it will cost about \$20,000 to buy new components to add to the control boxes, wire the sprinklers to the boxes and for the labor from an outside contractor. This will be done in early 2018 before the growing season.

We've heard a lot of negative comments on the 9th green and we are listening. The Greens Committee will have an earnest discussion on how to proceed on this with options being;

1. Strip the bottom third, build it up to an acceptable level and replace the turf.

2. Replace the whole green without drainage. We were quoted \$15,000 two yrs. ago to do this.

3. Replace the whole green with drainage. Cost unknown at this time.

We all have to keep in mind that the green is the main defense of this hole. Whatever we do, we'll retain some degree of slope.

We have four 'Memorial Trees' to plant. We've talked about adding some trees of color such as a Crate Mertle. Please fix divots, ball marks, rake traps, etc.

Also, I can be contacted at [hp1852@yahoo.com](mailto:hp1852@yahoo.com).

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## **PG&CC Junior Golf Committee**

*By Mike Morgan*

A huge THANK YOU!! to 22 members and guests who participated in and contributed to our First PG&CC Goat Hill Junior Golf fundraiser on Thursday September 28. A \$10 buy-in gave each participant a shot or attempt at landing their ball on the 6th green. Those who did were then entered in a "50-50" drawing to benefit our Junior Golf Program. The winner, Greg Plattner very generously added his half of the prize (totaling \$220!!) to the Junior Fund. Thank you Greg!

Speaking of the PG&CC Junior Fund, I think all members should know some of its history, purpose and benefit to the club. An original donation was made, without any fanfare, by a long-time member, Ed DeCarli in memory of a very close golfing friend. Ed simply asked our pro at the time, Doug Booth to use the money to teach and benefit junior golfers. He did, and began a new enhanced program in 2012. Then when Chris Gay joined us in 2013 and added even more improvements to get us where we are today, we determined that the funds endowed by Mr. DeCarli (augmented by numerous fundraisers since) could enable and facilitate the following:

1. Purchase supplies and instructional aids to enhance the kids' learning experience.
2. Create a subsidized professional lesson program for Junior Program participants (\$15 per lesson from the fund reduces cost to \$20 per private lesson, enabling many juniors to expand their instruction beyond the program's clinics and obtain ongoing, individual professional assistance).
3. Assist our entry in the national PGA Jr. League and local North Bay Junior League.
4. Help purchase food, prizes and trophies to add value, motivation and enjoyment for participants in the Junior Programs.
5. Sponsor annual springtime introduction programs to interested and potential participants and their families.
6. Offer annual golf scholarship(s) to worthy and motivated non-member juniors from the community
7. Our Junior teams achieving **FIRST PLACE** in each of the PGA and North Bay Junior Leagues in summer 2017!

Besides introducing the game to many young players, the overall benefit to our club has been the addition of man families as new members in the past 3-5 years. While that might be more than Ed DeCarli ever thought possible, his vision and generosity (coupled with the ongoing support of our members) is much appreciated!!

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# Playing with the Pro

By Christopher Gay

Location and Dates:

Silverado – 10/16 *A few spots left*

Yocha Dehe – 10/23 *A foursome spot left*

Sonoma Golf Club – 11/9 *A few spots left.*

Please let me know if you want to play!

I invite you to come play with the Pro. I play most Fridays at 11:30am. Please send me an email if you would like to play! [cgay@petalumagolfandcountryclub.com](mailto:cgay@petalumagolfandcountryclub.com)

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## Social Events

By Christopher Gay

Every Friday is our Member's Happy Hour featuring appetizers from 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Friday, October 27 - Member Social Halloween Party – Scavenger Hunt  
5:30pm – 8:30pm



Friday, November 17 - Member Social 5:00pm – 7:30pm \*\*Live Music  
TBD \*\*\*



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\*\*\*

# OCTOBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Exchange Bank Golf Tournament 12pm-5pm	3 9 Hole Women's Section 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	4 Women's 18-Hole Group 8:15am	5	6 Sunset Bar 5:30pm- 7:30pm	7 Men's Medal Hall Event 4pm to 10pm
8 Hall Event 4pm to 10pm	9 Wilson Golf Tournament 12pm-5pm	10 9 Hole Women's Section 9:00am Titleist Fitting Day 1pm-5:30pm <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	11 Women's 18-Hole Group 8:15am	12 PG&CC at Santa Rosa Home and Home	13 Sunset Bar 5:30pm- 7:30pm	14 Men's RYDER CUP
15	16 Aeration	17 9 Hole Women's Section 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	18 Women's 18-Hole Group 8:15am  Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm	19	20 Sunset Bar 5:30pm- 7:30pm	21
22	23 SIRS Golf Outing 8:00am-2:00pm Willowbrook Outing 2:00pm to 4:30pm	24 9 Hole Women's Section Away Game <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	25 Women's 18-Hole Group 8:15am	26	27 Halloween Member Social 5:30pm- 8:30pm	28
29	30 SIRS Golf Outing 8:00am-2:00pm	31 9 Hole Women's Section 9:00am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>				

# NOVEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 WGANC Open Day 9am – 2pm	2 2pm Dewalt Golf Outing 36 Players	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 Event in Hall 6pm – 10pm: Sponsoring Member: T. Isaak
12	13	14 <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	15 Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm	16	17 SUNSET MIXER – with \$500 Drawing 5:30pm- 7:30pm	18
19	20 SIRS Golf Outing 8:00am-2:00pm	21 <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	22	23 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		