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Petaluma Golf & Country Club, October 2018



President's Message

By Harry Pearson

Well, after three weeks of pizza, pasta and gelato, it's great to be back. I want to thank the board, especially Larry and Mike for handling Club business while I was gone. Well done.

I want to welcome Travis who is our new GM, to the Club and I'm excited to work with him. If you haven't already met Travis, (I hear he's been on the meet and greet trail), stop by the office and introduce yourself. The process is well under way in bringing in a new Assist. Pro.

Many things occurred in the month of September. The Goat Hill was played and there were 72 players. Congratulations to the winners; Overall Champions; Chris Scerri, (member) and his guest, Brandon Deering; Gross Division winners; Alan Brownlie (member), and his brother Ross and Flight winners; Scott Tucker, (member) and his guest Michael Regan; Mike Sturla, (member) and his guest Tom Reil who was a long time member before relocating to So Cal; Brian Domergue, (member) and his guest Philippe Rieser; Jeff Ketcu,

(member) and his guest Ray Allena, another former member. Thank you to all participants and sponsors. The tournament was a success because of you.

Also, the Men's Match Play Club Championship was played. Congratulations to Club Champion and many time winner, Larry Riis; Net Champion, Steve O'Connor and Consolation Champion; Loren Warburg. Thanks to all the participants and next year everyone come out and play.

Chris and Travis took a group up to Northwoods on an 'away play date' and there will be an 'away play date' on Friday, October 12th at Cache Creek, (\$79). We took this trip last year and it was a great day. This is open to ALL and you can sign up on the sheet at the bar.

In October the Women will conduct their 9 hole and 18 hole championships. Good luck to all. We'll also have our version of the Ryder Cup and hopefully the U.S.A. will fare better than the team that played in France. Yuk!

Now for the BIG-BIG news.

I've been putting out preliminary info the last couple of months regarding a fundraiser on Saturday Nov. 3rd for our Jr. Golf Program. It's a go! The Marks, (Jennings and Thomas), and crew have put together, the EVENT of The YEAR!! It's called 'The Fall Back Bash' and will be held Saturday November 3rd. This is the last night of 'Daylight Savings Time' and depending on how the vote comes out on Nov. 6th, may be the last time we 'Fall Back'. The cost is \$100 per ticket and before you say 'ouch', this is what you get: Open bar, your choice of steak or salmon and sides, wine on the table or you can bring your own, a chance to get your 'rock on' with an 'Unauthorized Rolling Stones Band', (which I hear is fantastic), and BEST and MOST IMPORTANT of ALL, PROCEEDS WILL GO TO OUR VAUNTED JR. GOLF PROGRAM. This program has been very successful and has been a source of bringing in new members as well. It is volunteer driven and has definitely been one of our priorities. If you can find a copy of this past February's 'Improved Lie', I chronicled the history of the program in my 'President's Msg. It is a part of our club that is well worth the support. Cocktails are from 6-7:30, dinner is from 7:30-9 and dancing is from 9-11:30.

This is a chance for all of us and our guests to socialize with friends, meet new people, have a great time and support our Jr. Golf Program. We all know that Stones music transcends from Baby Boomers to Millennials so new members, long time members, young, old or in between line up your babysitters or whatever arrangements you need to make and PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, (sorry, that's James Brown), call Mark Jennings at 415-205-9703 or email him at: northstarkellys@gmail.com or email Mark Thomas at: treehaven3@gmail.com to reserve your tickets. The Club will be putting out a 'flyer' and you will be able to reserve tables for 8. Don't worry, if you don't have 8, we will make sure you can sit with your group no matter how many you have. PLEASE HELP make this a successful event with your participation.

Thank you.

I'd like to welcome our new members who have joined in September, Peter & Annette White and Barry & Kathi Murrin.

Ciao

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PG&CC History – Part 6

By Keith Brians

Play Goes On

Fifteen members of the Healdsburg Golf and Country Club arrived on Thursday, February 28, 1924 for a competition against the local team. In a congenial match, Healdsburg lost, but the golfers enjoyed a pleasant afternoon. Play for the McClay Cup, sponsored by Dr. Thomas Maclay, and the first time a cup was offered as a prize, started with a qualifying round on Sunday, March 17, 1924. Twenty-three golfers, the largest number to date, played for the cup. H.C. Scrutton was the medalist shooting a 76, four over par. The second round of the tournament, played in extremely warm weather and drawing a record crowd, was the first match play competition at the club. The finals were played on Sunday, April 6. In a 36-hole tournament, J.P Sales defeated Dolph Hill. In the morning round, Sales was up by 9 holes. Hill rallied back in the afternoon round to get to within one hole but lost at the 36th hole, one down.

The Hotel Petaluma opened on Thursday, April 10, and when its week-end guests became aware of the local course, they flocked to it “giving the local course the general appearance of a municipal course in a large city, especially on a holiday.” The popularity of golf was booming around the state and the country at the time. San Francisco’s only municipal course, Lincoln Park, reportedly had been swarmed on a Saturday morning by 10:00 a.m., with 100 foursomes, some 400 golfers on the course.

By allowing hotel guest the opportunity to play the course after paying the greens fee, it was hoped that the golf course would be a good drawing card for the hotel and the hotel guests would help with the club’s finances with their green fees. Exhibition matches were popular, bringing together top players from local clubs. On Monday, May 5, 1924, the pro, Tom Leuchars, Dan Brown, pro at Lake Chabot, Olympic Club champion and well-known California amateur Babe Ritchie, Eddie Beeler and Park Wilson from San Francisco, Ralph Hoffman, runner up for the Alameda County championship and known as one of the longest drivers in the state, and Snowy Torgensen of Oakland played in front of 25 to 30 people in nine hole morning and afternoon rounds. The event had been well-publicized in the San Francisco papers and the visiting golfers had been guests of the Hotel Petaluma. In June, Mrs. A. G. Lumsden was the winner of the women’s match play tournament for the Scrutton Cup. Interestingly, the ladies’ scores were not reported while the men’s scores were printed in agonizing detail. The ladies, however, reported to have turned in some good medal scores. On Saturday, June 28, Petaluma Golf and Country Club hosted the members of the Santa Rosa, Healdsburg, Sonoma, and Napa golf clubs for a round of golf and dinner dance at the Hotel Petaluma, as the club house was not yet completed. An orchestra provided the music for the more than 150 people who attended, reported to have been one of the most delightful events ever given at the beautiful new hotel.

On Friday, August 8, Truman Clark, one of the club's youngest members, made the first hole-in-one. Truman's hole in one came on No. 5, the 144 yard par three, the remains of which can still be seen cut out of the hill in the pasture below the Nizibian house. Clark's tee shot was not a thing of beauty, slicing into the right rough, rolling down the bank and crossing the green to drop into the hole.

Work on the club house continued through the summer and the notice of completion was filled on August 22. The installation of the furniture, draperies, which cost \$2,000, (\$1,500 of which was provided by Mrs. B. Higbee, Mr. Higbee and Mesdames Hattie and Elizabeth Hill) and electrical fixtures remained to be done. In addition, considerable grading had to be finished for the parking area and the building exterior areas.

The grand opening of the club house was held on Wednesday, November 5, 1924. Over 170 members and their guests, which included the presidents of the Santa Rosa, Napa, Healdsburg, Belvedere and San Rafael golf clubs and their companions, dined at the Hotel Petaluma before moving on to the club, where they joined other 75 other members and guests to inspect the property and dance to Goodie Schaffer's five-piece orchestra. George P. McNear spoke of the work and dedication of the membership over the past two years leading up to the completion of the golf course and its club house. Dancing resumed and late evening refreshments were served by the chef and staff from the Hotel Petaluma before the party wrapped up a late hour.



Men's Tournaments

By Nick Smith

Congratulations Club Champion Larry Riis!

Runner-Up Greg Plattner.

Net Winner Steve O'Connor.

Net Runner-Up Bob Deering.

What a fantastic event and great matches all around. Thank you for a great event!

Great Upcoming Events:

Men's Medal October 13th

Men's Medal November 3rd

Bricks Tournament November 14th

18-Hole Women's Section

By Eileen Ostroff

During the month of September, Laurie's 2 Person Best Ball, not only had to be postponed from Sept. 12th to the 19th, it was changed to 2 Best Ball of the Threesome.

The winners of this tournament were:

First Place:	Second Place:
Kelly Downing	Lee Stephens
Joan Johnson	Sandy King
Lois Skarsten	Anne Schroeder

As we're heading into October, the PG&CC 18 Hole Women's Section is looking forward to our **Championship Tournament**. This is a 3 week tournament, October 3, 10th & 17th. Following close behind is our Captain's Day on the 31.

This year our **WGANC Open Day** is Nov 7th. This is a great day to show off our club to women in the area.

Socials

OCTOBER 19: Movie Night! COCO. Meet Mama Imelda and Hector from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Food available at 5:00pm

OCTOBER 26: Halloween Social! Costumes optional. Kid's scavenger hunt at 7:00pm. 5:30pm to 8:30pm. With special menu. Don't forget our BOUNTY drawing is up to \$1,000.

NOVEMBER 3: Fall Back Bash! DINNER - DRINKS - ROCK and ROLL - a benefit for the PG&CC Junior Golf Program. Cost \$100 FEATURING - Unauthorized Rolling Stones, Dinner, Open Bar. 6pm-7pm Cocktail Hour, 7:30-9pm Dinner and 9-11pm Live Music.

NOVEMBER 16: Member Social! Live Music by Aaron Linkin 5:30pm to 7:30pm. With special menu. Don't forget our BOUNTY drawing could be up to \$1,100.

DECEMBER 7: Movie Night! Polar Express. Meet the Conductor from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. Special Menu will be available starting at 4:30pm.

DECEMBER 9: Santa Brunch. Brunch starts at 11am. Santa arrives at 12pm. Reservations required.

DECEMBER 14: Member Social! Live Music by Miles Mckenzie 5:30pm to 7:30pm. With special menu. Don't forget our BOUNTY drawing could be up to \$1,200.



MOVIE NIGHT

OCT 19 | STARTS AT 6:30PM

SPECIAL GUEST: HECTOR AND MAMA IMELDA 5:30-6:30PM

Special Menu will be available starting at 5:00pm

OCTOBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Andy Isetta Golf Outing 12:00pm-5:00pm	2 Ladies 9 Hole Golf 9am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	3 Women 18 Hole Group 7:45am	4	5 Happy Hour 5:00pm-7:00pm	6 Men's RYDER CUP
7	8 Relators Tournament 1:30pm – 5:30pm	9 Ladies 9 Hole Golf 9am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	10 Women 18 Hole Group 7:45am	11	12 Happy Hour 5:00pm-7:00pm	13 Event in the Hall 5:00 Sponsoring member Dado
14	15 Exchange Bank Tournament 12:30pm to 5:30pm	16 Ladies 9 Hole Golf 9am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	17 Women 18 Hole Group 7:45am <i>Board Meeting 6:00pm</i>	18	19 Movie Night: COCO 5:30pm- 8:30pm	20 Event in the Hall 5:00 Sponsoring member Fowler
21	22	23 Ladies 9 Hole Golf 9am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	24 Women 18 Hole Group 7:45am	25	26 Halloween Social 5:30pm – 8:30pm	27
28	29 SIRS 8am – 2pm	30 Ladies 9 Hole Golf 9am <i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	31 Women 18 Hole Group 7:45am			