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# THE IMPROVED LIE

**Petaluma Golf & Country Club, October 2019**



## **President's Message**

*By Mike Johnson*

Due to bad behavior by some members of our Club, The Board of Director's has put together our Harassment Policy. All members and their families as well as guests are obligated to be aware of and follow the policy. The Club will not tolerate harassment of any kind. Violators will face sanctions or expulsion from the Club.

### **Harassment**

Discrimination and Retaliation Prevention. It is the policy of the Petaluma Golf & Country Club to prohibit intentional and unintentional harassment and discrimination of any individual by another person on the basis of any protected classification under applicable federal, state, or local law, including, but not limited to actual or perceived race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex (which includes pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding and medical conditions related to pregnancy, childbirth or breastfeeding), gender, gender identity, and gender expression, religious creed, disability (mental and physical) including HIV and AIDS, medical condition (cancer and genetic characteristics), genetic information, age, marital status, sexual orientation, military and veteran status and denial of family and medical care leave. Note that there is a wide range of what could be considered inappropriate behavior under this policy even though such behavior may not be considered illegal. For this reason, a violation of this policy by members or their guests may lead to disciplinary action, up to and including revocation of membership, whether or not it violates the law.

## Sexual Harassment

It is the Club's policy to prohibit harassment of any employee, member, guest or vendor by any Supervisor, employee, member, guest or vendor on the basis of sex or gender. While it is not easy to define precisely what types of conduct could constitute sexual harassment, examples of prohibited behavior include all of the actions described below under "other harassment", as well as other unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, obscene gestures, displaying sexually graphic magazines, calendars or posters, sending sexually explicit e-mails, text messages and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature, such as uninvited touching of a sexual nature or sexually related comments. Depending upon the circumstances, improper conduct also can include sexual joking, vulgar or offensive conversation or jokes, commenting about an employee's physical appearance, conversation about your own or someone else's sex life, or teasing or other conduct directed toward a person because of his or her gender which is sufficiently severe or pervasive to create an unprofessional and hostile working environment. All such conduct is unacceptable in the workplace, in any work-related settings, in any club operations-related settings (i.e., board meetings, committee meetings), on club premises at social functions amongst members, guests, vendors or club personnel, regardless of whether the conduct is engaged in by a supervisor, co-worker, co-member, guest, customer, vendor, or third party.

Any violation of this policy should immediately be reported to the General Manager. The GM will contact the Club President who will call the Advisory Committee into action to investigate the complaint. The Advisory Committee is composed of the Club President, Vice President, Secretary and two members at large ( Currently Jack King and Patty Haynes)

In the Good News Department, Travis welcomed a new baby girl into his family!  
I also want to thank Jeff Hwang, Megan, Her entire staff AND the phenomenal bar and course staff for the tremendous job they all did for the Goat Hill Tournament. It would not have been the success that it was without all of the hard work and many hours our dedicated staff put in to make the event a huge hit!

Fairways and Greens,

Sincerely,  
Mike Johnson  
415.225.7625



## GM Report

*By Travis Berding*

September was a busy month and I would like to thank the staff for all the hard work. I appreciate your effort. Thank you to all those that played in the Goat Hill Invitational which was a great success and looking forward to next year.

## Upcoming Social Events

Come join us on Friday October 25<sup>th</sup> for our Halloween Bash Social Mixer Featuring ***Top Secret Dance Band***. There is \$15 cover charge for the event which includes small appetizers. For those families with kids don't worry we'll have a kids corner with craft table and video games to play!! Hope you can join us and don't forget we'll be drawing for the \$2,200 bounty!!!

Sign up in the tournament binder in the pro shop or online at

<https://www.petalumagolfandcountryclub.com/golf/event-registration?controller=event&task=options&eventId=54>

Don't forget these other fun October events

**OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup> – MOVIE NIGHT: COCO**

**OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup> – MEN'S RYDER CUP**

## **New Member Announcement**

I would like to welcome all the new members that joined this summer.

- Mark St. John
- Scott Pectol
- Leslie Buerger
- Sam Hogin
- Victoria Phillips
- Marc Greenberg
- Jose Chibras

Welcome to the club!

## **Employee of the Month**

This year we have been recognizing our staff with the Employee of the Month award. Here are all the winners this year:

January – Ashley Pillar

February – Al Hernandez

March – Danny Arenal-Hernandez

April – Jocelyn Remily

May – Jorge Castillejos

June – Megan Samuelsen

July – Cole Hopkins

August – John Candau

September – Ashley Pillar (two time winner)

## **Golf Cart Special Privileges**

Our policy is to keep carts away from greens so that your chipping area is perfect condition. If done too often, driving and parking carts near the greens damages the grass.

So to allow any golfer who needs to drive close to the greens that privilege, we ask you to embrace our new policy; place an American flag on your cart. Just ask the staff for one when you check in. We still want you to drive as little as you can around the greens but if we all follow this policy, we can cut down on the unnecessary wear and tear to the turf condition.

Our goal is not to identify anyone as handicapped but to show other golfers who is allowed near the greens and who isn't.

Thank you for your support.



## **PG&CC History – Part 15**

*By Keith Brians*

### **Play Continues – 11**

The North Bay Counties Women's Golf Association returned to Petaluma Golf and Country Club on Wednesday, June 14, 1933. Fifty-two women participated in the tournament in three flights on an unseasonably hot day. The Vallejo women's champion, Mrs. Leam Leachman, shot an 84 for the best low gross score and won the first flight. Petaluma's club champion, Miss Frances Bassett, had the first flight low net score, shooting an 88 for a net 69 with her 19 handicap. Petalumans Mrs. Fred Jaehnig and Mrs. Frank Evert won the low net for the second and third flights with 65's.

Miss Bassett returned to the course on Thursday, June 22 and shot a 78 to shatter the previous women's low gross score of 83, held by former club champion Mrs. Ellis Hart. Ms. Bassett had a 38 on the front nine and 40 on the back.

After the summer layoff, the men and women started up their fall tournament season. The men's Blackburn Cup qualifying round was held on September 25, playing through strong winds and scattered rain showers. Miles Murphy shot 78 for the day's low gross score. Following lunch, Santa Rosa Golf Club's pro Rod Munday and club champion Joe Bybee competed against Petaluma's Emmett Olmsted Junior and Ralph Stone in a best-ball match. The Petalumans won with a one-under 69.

The qualifying round of the North Bay Counties Women's Golf Association annual championship tournament was held at the Valley of the Moon Golf Club on Wednesday, October 11, 1933. Petaluma's Francis Bassett shot a 99, tying for the second best score of the round. On Wednesday, October 18, she beat Napa's Miss Godley 2 and 1. In the following round on October 18, she played the Vallejo club champion Mrs. Leachman, an experienced tournament player. Miss Bassett shot a sparkling 93 to beat Mrs. Leachman 4 and 3 and became the first Petaluma women to advance to the finals.

In the finals on Friday, October 27, she went up against Marin's leading golfer, Miss Lawlor. Miss Bassett was two up after 18 when the players broke for lunch. After lunch, Miss Lawlor won three holes and was one up on the 28<sup>th</sup> hole. Miss Bassett won the 29<sup>th</sup> to even the match, but struggled in the last seven holes with her putting, three-putting three holes. Going into the 36<sup>th</sup> hole one down, Miss Bassett drove her ball under a tree, making an excellent recovery, then hitting her third shot into the ditch at the front of the green. Meanwhile, Miss Lawlor followed her solid drive with a shot to the left of the green. Her third shot pitch ran well past the pin leaving her 50 feet away. Miss Bassett then putted out of the ditch to six feet. Miss Lawlor's first putt went long as did her second, then a short third putt missed and she finally got in with a 7. Miss Bassett two-putted for a 6 to win the hole and tie the match. Miss Lawlor ultimately won the match on the 37<sup>th</sup> hole with a bogey to Miss Bassett's double.

The club held its annual meeting on Wednesday, November 15. Following a buffet supper, Secretary Harry Benton announced that the club was one of the rare clubs in the state that still was "in the black" in spite four years of depression. Benton was lauded by retiring President Jack Cavanaugh and director Denman McNear for his service and dedication to the club's affairs.

The women's final for the Grover Stone cup was played on Wednesday, December 7. Mrs. Ellis Hart, former women's club champion, and Miss Frances Bassett, the then current champion, met in an 18-hole match. A large group of fellow women's club members watched the match. Both players were equally matched off the tee and

through the green, but Mrs. Hart's putting enabled her victory with a gross 88 to Miss Bassett's 94. Following the match, more than 40 members of the women's club and their guests enjoyed a turkey luncheon in the club house.

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## Fairways and Greens Report

*By Harry Pearson*

Really not much going on right now as we're coming to the end of the 2019 golf season. Fall aeration was done the week of Sept. 23rd. We had scheduled the cart path work for that same week to lessen the disruption to the course but the contractor rescheduled for Oct. 8th.

So I'd like to take the rest of this article to talk about The Goat Hill Tournament. If you don't know about this event, it's our Member-Guest tournament. It is 36 holes, 18 on Saturday and 18 on Sunday and has a very interesting and fun format. You play in the morning wave one day and the afternoon wave the other day. You can put in for which day you want to play in the morning or afternoon.

This year's event was held on Sept. 21st & 22nd with a 'shootout' and dinner held on Friday the 20th. When I first joined this club years ago, the Goat Hill flyer was mailed to the members, (remember there was no internet back then). The flyer stated the date signups began and if you didn't get your entry in by 10:00am the morning of signups, the tournament would be filled up and you were put on a 'waiting list'. You had to hope people backed out so you and your guest could play. Unfortunately, that's not the case anymore and no one really knows why. The tournament has been shifted from June to September in hopes we would get full fields but that hasn't seemed to work either. The Goat Hill Committee which is chaired by Greg Plattner, puts a tremendous amount of time and effort into making this a great event and they are always trying to figure out ways to improve the event.

This year's entry fee was \$500 and seemed like 'the deal of the century' for what we received: you and your partner got a practice round; on the Friday before the tournament there is an afternoon 'shootout' for each team followed by a dinner with an 'open bar'; on Saturday & Sunday there's a breakfast for the early players, there's lunch on Saturday & Sunday for all players along with an 'open bar'; Saturday night is the dinner for each player, (member & guest), and their guests with an 'open bar', each player received a \$90 voucher for Titleist equipment or gear, (there was a rep. from Titleist, who on Saturday, brought an assortment of equipment and gear) and members were allowed to use their Club credit to make up the difference in cost; there were appetizers on Sunday afternoon after all the players had finished and were waiting for the winners to be announced. During the tournament there was also putting, closest to the hole and long drive contests. Seriously, how can you not play in this event next year!

Really the purpose of this article was to tell you how well and professionally run this event was and to thank the many who through their time and effort gave the members and their guests a 'first class' experience. I personally want to thank the following: The players for their participation and please make sure to get the 'word' out for next year. The sponsors; your support helps more than you know. The bartenders; Kevin, Ashley & Brent and the servers; Brittany, Jocelyn and Linda. The clubhouse staff; Cole, Ryan, Ray and Chris. Our chef; Megan and her assistant, Donna. You all did a fantastic job and I hope the glass jars on the bar got filled up early and often.

When I said the tournament was professionally well run, what I'm talking about is the planning and the execution. This was handled by the Goat Hill Committee; Greg Plattner, Mark Smith, Mark Thomas, Mike Johnson, Ned Foley, our Pro, Jeff Hwang and our G.M., Travis Berding.

Gentlemen, job well done and thank you.

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# 18-Hole Women's Section

By Eileen Ostroff



Pictured above: Eileen Ostroff, Sue Berger, Claudia Little, Lois Skarsten, Kelly Downey, Joan Johnson, Ruth Giacomini, Sandy King

Change is in the air. The official golf season is coming to an end with our **Captain's Day and Awards Ceremony** on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Make your lunch reservation through TeamSnap or Laurie Leask.

Our very own **Open Day** is scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup>, fingers cross that it will be a go this year! If you would like to help out for the day, contact Brenda Roberts.

There is a push being made to update our **By-Laws** and **Standing Rules**, it's been way too long since this was done.

You don't have to stop playing just because we are not formally meeting. **The Casual Women's Play Day** is continuing. Sign up in the pro shop. Sundays @ 9:30. You can also reach out to the membership there are still golfers out there!!!

A big thanks to the **outgoing Board of Directors** for their efforts on our behalf.

Captain: Brenda Roberts

Co-Captain: Kelly Downey (you will be missed)

Treasurer: Terese Thomas

Tournaments: Lois Skarsten & Dea Steigner

Handicaps & Rules: Diane Tucker

Lunch Reservations: Laurie Leask

Open Days & The Lie: Eileen Ostroff

We will be voting on our incoming board on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Be there or send a proxy vote.

## Tournament results:

### **18 Hole Women's Section Championship**

Stroke Play

**Gross over the Field:** Champion Jill Cheda

First Runner Up Claudia Little

**First Flight:** First Terese Thomas  
Second Cecy Mullins  
Third Virginia Silacci  
**Second Flight:** First Eileen Ostroff  
Second Sandy King  
Third Brenda Roberts

Thanks to all who participated and congratulations to all the winners!

**Open Days October: Bay Club Stonetree 10/22, Tomber Creek 10/30**  
**November: Carmel Valley 11/4, Monterey Peninsula (I-Q) 11/6, PETALUMA 11/6, River Island 11/7,**  
Sunnyside 11/12, Del Paso 11/14, Los Altos 11/14, Kings 11/14, Sharon heights 11/19, Moraga 11/20.

**WGANC Tournaments:** Fifties-Sixties November 4 & 5 @ Lincoln Hills & Winchester  
Sign-up online for WGANC tournaments

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## **Men's Tournaments**

*By Alan Brownlie & Larry Riis*

Congratulation to our new Club champions; Brad Scott and Wayne Guptill.

In the scratch division, Brad outlasted 9 time champion Alan Brownlie in a very close and well played match. It came down to the 36th hole with Brad 1 up. He hit his second shot on the green. Alan chipped it close forcing Brad to either make the eagle putt or leave it close enough to make birdie and win the match. He hit it to within 6 inches and Alan gracefully conceded Brad's putt. It's Brad's 6th title.

In the net division, Wayne came with his 'A' game and beat Mike Sturla in the championship finals. It's not easy getting to the finals, congrats to all four men.

The Goat Hill Tournament was also played last month and it was a fun time for all. Many thanks to Greg Plattner, Mark Smith, Mark Thomas and all the sponsors, staff and volunteers. The Friday shoot out was won by Greg Plattner and his son Ryan.

The overall Goat Hill winners were John Broadhead and his guest John Zimmerman. The gross winners were Jason Morris and his guest Vince Buzzini.

Congratulations also go to Ross Leask who won the season long Sleep City Cup. It takes some good golfing to take away the title from 2 time winner Loren Warburg. Second place went to Jon Banister and Bob Deering came in third.

Come on out to the October sweep. All Sleep City participants get a free drink to celebrate the season,

Also, coming up is the Ryder Cup with our version of Europe and US teams. It is a fun event and if you haven't played in many events, it's a great way to become fast friends with your team mates.

A thanks also go out to our pro, Jeff who ran the Sat Sweeps and all the other tournaments this season. And also to Travis who along with Jeff, created a great climate for all our members to enjoy.



## 9-Hole Petaluma Chicks

*By Lois Skarsten*

September 3:

The first Tuesday is our Guest Day. Jill has been our guest for almost each Guest Day. We have our usual Pot Luck who happen to be wonderful cooks.

We played the first round for Golfer of the Month and Low Net.

Brenda Roberts 28

Sandra Messer 39

Angie Fredricks 40

September 10: Second round of Golfer of the Month and Low Net.

Lois Skarsten 36

Judy Dardis 39

Sandra Messer 40

Golfer of the Month: Judy Dardis

September 17: Scramble

Team 1 scored 43

Brenda Roberts

Judy Dardis

Sandy Rozmarin

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## Junior Golf

*By Diane R. Tucker*

**JUNIOR LEAGUE GOLF AWARDS:** On September 7, PG&CC Junior League golfers and their families gathered in the outdoor patio area of PG&CC to relive their successful 2019 Junior League season and be presented with awards for their collective accomplishments. Prior to the handing out of awards, all the attendees partied with delicious homemade pizza prepared by Megan in our very own pizza oven.

After eating, our Head Golf Pro, Jeff Hwang recounted the highlights and accomplishments of our 2019 Junior Golf Season. He then called on Mike Johnson, President of PG&CC Board of Directors, to hand out the awards medals as follows:

### PG&CC PGA Junior Golf League - 3rd Place, Sonoma County





*L-R Above: J.Dole, A.Zeng, J.Baxman, A.Kwan, S.Kawahara, J.Rangoussis, H.Stipp, P.Kwan, R.Reeves. (Missing: D.Pederson, J.Pattison, J.Hatcher, J.Dole, J.Smith, L.Donohue)*

**PG&CC North Bay Junior Golf League Team -  
FIRST Place - Oak Division**



*L-R Above: Q.Winter, M.Candau, S.Regan-Tucker, E.Scaccalosi, B.Adams, J.Smith, C.Adams, E. Pohlman, H.Stipp, R.Reeves (10 golfers missing in pic.)*

**PG&CC North Bay Junior Golf Team Finalists -  
SECOND Place - Overall North Bay Jr. League Championship**



*L-R Above: M.Candau, S.Regan-Tucker, E.Scaccalosi, J.Smith, B.Adams, R.Reeves. (Missing: B.Reeves, A.Smith, H.Naber, L.Berry, S.Madson-Castillo, C.Jones)*

**Congratulations to all our Junior Golfers on a very successful 2019 golf season!**

**Junior Club Championship** - The next big PG&CC Junior Golf event will be the **Junior Club Championship on Sunday, October 20th**. **All PG&CC junior golfers are eligible:** All juniors through age 18 who have been Junior Golf Program participants, as well as juniors who are children and grandchildren of existing members that have not yet participated in a PG&CC Junior program. There will be 3 Flight levels, lots of prizes, lots of fun. **Sign up now**, either in the Pro Shop Sign-up Book, email to Pro Jeff Hwang, or on TeamSnap. Also look for announcements in upcoming Weekly Update emails for details.

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## **Socials and Outings**

PETALUMA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

# October Events

## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11TH - POKER NIGHT**

\$100 buy-in

Includes spaghetti dinner and prize payouts

5:30 Dinner // 6:30 Event Begins

## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH - MOVIE NIGHT 'COCO'**

Movie Begins at 6pm

Special Buffet Dinner at 5:30pm

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH - RYDER CUP**

8am Shotgun

## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH - HALLOWEEN BASH SOCIAL MIXER**

Live Music Featuring Top Secret Dance Band

\$15 per person (includes hors d'oeuvres)

5:00pm - 7:30pm

**EACH EVENT SIGN UP IS IN THE  
TOURNAMENT BINDER IN THE PRO SHOP**

PETALUMA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

# November Events

## NOVEMBER 8TH – MOVIE NIGHT: FROZEN

Movie Begins at 6pm  
Special Buffet Dinner at 5:30pm

## NOVEMBER 12TH – ROAD TRIP: SILVERADO NORTH

*Come play a PGA Tour golf course a month after the event!*

10:00am First Tee Time  
\$129 per player

## NOVEMBER 22ND – THANKSGIVING SOCIAL MEMBER MIXER

5:30pm – 7:30pm

## NOVEMBER 28TH – TURKEY SHOOTOUT

8am Shotgun

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# **HALLOWEEN BASH**

## *Social Mixer*

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH | 5:00PM-7:30PM**

*Live Music Featuring:*

**TOP SECRET**

**DANCE BAND**

*Plus:*

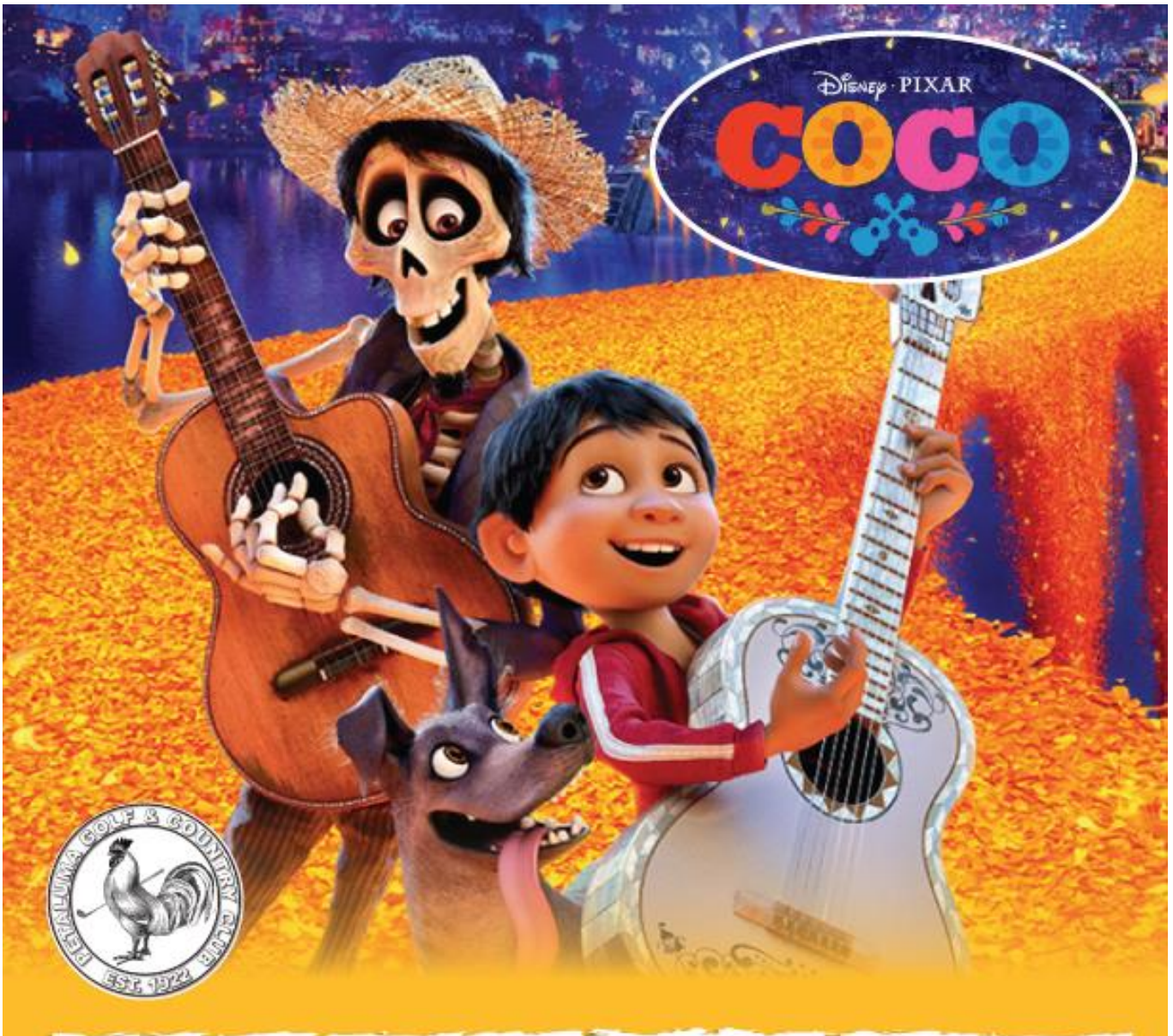
**\$2.2k Bounty Drawing and Costume Party!**

**\$15** PER PERSON  
(includes small bites)

**RSVP (REQUIRED):**

**SIGN UP ONLINE**

or in the pro shop tournament binder



# MOVIE NIGHT

OCT 18 | STARTS AT 6:00PM

*Special Menu will be available starting at 5:30pm*

# OCTOBER 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01	02	03	04	05
		<i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>			<i>Road Trip: Yocha Dehe</i>	<i>Men's October Medal 8:30 Shotgun</i>
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
	<i>Golf Tournament and Event in the Hall 12:00 – 7:00 Non-Member Exchange Bank</i>	<i>Men's Twilight Dinner PRIME RIB</i> 	<i>House and Grounds Meeting 5:30pm</i>			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		<i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	<i>Greens and Fairways Meeting 5:00pm</i>  <i>Board Meeting 6:00pm</i>		<i>Movie Night: Coco</i> 5:00-8:00pm 	<i>Ryder Cup 8:00 Shotgun</i> 
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<i>Junior Golf Championship</i>	<i>PSIRS Event 9:00am Shotgun</i>	<i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>			<i>Halloween Bash Social Mixer 5:30 – 7:30pm</i> 	
27	28	29	30	31		
<i>Event in the Hall 1:00 - 5:00 Member Sponsor Berlin</i>		<i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>				