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Petaluma Golf & Country Club, September 2019



## President's Message

*By Mike Johnson*

This month I want to thank the many members who were instrumental in supporting our growing Junior Golf Program. This great club asset would not be the success that it is without your ongoing support and dedication to the program. It truly does take a village. I also want to give a shout out to our PGA Professional, Jeff Hwang. Jeff was absolutely nothing short of phenomenal and his expert tutelage was certainly taken advantage of by the Juniors as seen by the low scores of the group. Every parent I have spoken with has raved about what an asset

Jeff is and how much better the program is because of him.

Please tell Jeff a big thank you when you see him. In addition, I invite everyone to attend the awards ceremony for the Junior Program on September 7th at 4 p.m. It will be my privilege and pleasure to help with the ceremony of this fine group of young people.

Also up for congratulations are Travis our GM on his new baby girl as well as to John Candau, one of our cart staff for his Employee of the Month honor for August.

Trying to keep everyone updated with the many things going on up at the Club is always a challenge, but I wanted to update everyone on a couple of things. 1) As we explore the possibility of adding a new deck to the building, the soils report and structural engineers report have been completed and we are now trying to price the job out. 2) There has been discussions again regarding our cell phone tower. Currently, the Club receives \$7,200 a month in

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income from our current lease. We have had an offer to extend the lease as well as to sell the lease for 1.5 million. We are currently evaluating all proposals and I will try and keep everyone updated as the process plays out.

Fairways and Greens,

Sincerely,  
Mike Johnson  
415.225.7625



## **Fairways and Greens Report**

*By Harry Pearson*

Congratulations to Travis and his wife Alexis on the birth of their daughter. He will be off for a few weeks and I'm sure quite refreshed when he returns.

Jeff will be off the first week of September but CourseCo will backfill the office for coverage.

Men's and Women's Club Championships are being conducted along with the Goat Hill this month. Good luck to all.

We are experiencing conditions on the fairways that always manifest themselves at this time of the year. We have poa annua grass which is susceptible to fungus during hot weather. For the last three or four years we have been over seeding with rye grass which does better in hot weather. It's extremely expensive so we do it in sections of the fairways that are the worst. The problem is that poa is very invasive and native, so it's a constant battle. The other part of this is that due to the terrain and how the original sprinkler system was set up, we get wet and dry spots. The system which was put in, in 1989, was done as cheap as possible. The wires were run individually from the sprinklers to valves and then spliced together in 2's, 3's and 4's and then run from the valves to the control boxes. This leads to over or under watering and combining that with the terrain, you get the picture.

We have made major improvements in our irrigation system the last 4 years but the sprinklers are still wired in their original setup. We have been applying wetting agents to the dry spots. The last 4 yrs, we have been monitoring these areas to see if it would help to individually wire sprinklers in the worst spots. We're leaning in that direction. The good news is the greens and surrounds appear to be in good shape.

We hire part time waterers from the middle of May to the end of September. They hand water and move sprinklers in the afternoon. Unfortunately, both of them left. Travis and Jeff gave irrigation training to the cart employees and gave them some extra hours to keep the afternoon watering going.

CourseCo has asked us to not schedule big, time consuming, labor intensive projects from May 15th through September so that Bill and his crew can concentrate on course maintenance during this time of year. We agreed.

Fall aeration is scheduled for the week of September 23rd. The course will be impacted but should be in good shape around the middle of October when we usually have good weather. We had scheduled the cart path project for that week so that two major impactful events would be done during the same week. Just the other day, the company doing the work asked to delay it until October 8th. because they will not have completed a project that they'll be working on.

Travis and Jeff have scheduled a couple of 'play away' dates at Bodega Bay and Eagle Vines during aeration. Signups are in the books on the counter.

The Greens Committee is holding a fundraiser on Friday October 11th. It is going to be a Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament. 'Buy in' is \$100 which will include a spaghetti dinner, pay outs based on number of entries and of course a portion will go to a project we would like to do.

The project will be to build a 'long club' hitting station down on the finger of the range. This will help members as well as our Pro, Jeff, in lessons and club fittings.

In addition to that, we are looking at purchasing a Flightscope X3 Tracking system which is similar to Trackman. This also will help Jeff in his lessons. Expanding this, we could also set up a portable station in the Hall.

Members could continue lessons during the winter.

Anyway, registration and dinner will be from 5:30-6:30 and the tournament will start at 6:45. Travis is putting out information on this on a weekly basis. Clear your schedules and sign up.

Call Travis or Jeff to sign up or signup in the book at the counter. The cutoff is Wednesday October 9th @ 5pm.

Guests are welcome but they must be accompanied by a member.

As always, please obey the roped off areas, replace divots and fix ball marks.

Email me your suggestions, complaints etc. at

[hp1852@yahoo.com](mailto:hp1852@yahoo.com)

# 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

**Don't forget the Casual Women's Play Day Sundays @ 9:30.** Sign up in the pro shop.

Coming up we have our **18-Hole Women's Section Championship** 9/4, 11, 18. Best 2 out of 3 rounds.  
Sign up on TeamSnap.

## **Tournament results:**

### **Sadie Hawkins**

**First:** Virginia Silacci/Jim Schroeder  
Claudia Little/Chris Schroeder  
**Second:** Ruth Giacomini/Mike Candau  
Jill Cheda/John Candau  
**Accu-Drive:** Diane Regan-Tucker  
**Long Drive:** John Candau  
**Closest to the Hole:** Ruth Giacomini  
Chris Schroeder

Thanks to all who participated and congrates to all the winners!  
AND a huge thanks to Cindy McCarter and Kathy Hansen for organizing and running the tournament.

### **Berger's Blackjack Showdown**

#### **Day One: Point Par**

**Low Gross:** Claudia Little  
**Low Net: First:** Brenda Roberts  
**Second:** Terese Thomas  
**Third:** Cindy McCarter

### **Berger's Blackjack Showdown**

#### **Day Two: Crier's Tourney**

**Low Net**  
**First:** Ruth Giacomini  
**Tie for Second:** Virginia Silacci

**Tie for Second:** Brenda Roberts

Congratulations one and all

**Open Days October:** Seascape 10/15, **Bodega Harbor 10/16**, Sierra View 10/17, Quail Lodge 10/17, **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:** Hers 'N His October 7 & 8 @ Peachtree & Lake Wide Wood  
Fifties – Sixties November 4 & 5 @ Lincoln Hills & Winchester  
Sign-up online for WGANC tournaments

Look for further information coming to you via TeamSnap.

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## **Men's Tournaments**

*By Alan Brownlie & Larry Riis*

Wow, August sure saw a lot of good golf. Congratulations to the following winners of the Stroke play club championship;

Under 55

Nick Smith - Gross

Dan Logisz -net

Senior division

Alan Brownlie - gross

Bob Deering -net

Super Senior

Ross Leask - gross

Jack Berlin - net

Woman's Division

Donna Beale- gross

Brenda Roberts - net

The stroke play club championship was a lot of fun and open to all club members. Hopefully next year we will get some juniors stepping up and a much larger participation from our women golfers. Next year we will be playing it in early summer so hope you will join in the fun.

We also saw the first round of the match play club championship played. Lots of upsets, but some past champions making strong showings.

Don't forget about the Goat Hill Member -guest coming up soon



## 9-Hole Petaluma Chicks

*By Lois Skarsten*

The first week game of putts was won by: 1) Brenda Roberts; 2) Judy Dardis; 3) Kay Michalik.

Brenda Roberts won the two week Corda EC.

Low net on the front tees was won by: 1) Sandy Rozmarin; 2) Sandra Messer; 3) Lois Skarsten.

Low net on the back tees was won by: 1) Sandra Messer; 2) Sandy Rozmarin; 3) Lois Skarsten. Our Golfer of the Month is Sandy Rozmarin.

Congratulations to all!

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## Junior Golf

*By Diane R. Tucker*

In August our PGCC junior golfers in both Junior Leagues completed their post-season competitions, after which most of them prepared to start school again in mid-August.

**PGA Junior Golf League:** On August 10th our Sonoma County PGA Junior Golf League All-Stars competed against other Northern CA regional All-Star teams at The Ridge Golf Course in Auburn. PGCC's Preston Kwan was our representative on that team. The competition was very stiff, and our Sonoma County All-Stars did not qualify to go forward, but all had a great developmental experience in playing in that higher level of competition.

**North Bay Junior Golf League -- For the League Championship:**

On August 6th our PGCC 1st place Oak Division Team winners played the team winner of the Redwood Division—the Bennett Valley GC Team (and defending League Champion). Due to vacations, the following changes were made to our 8-person team roster for this Championship match: Enzo Scaccalosi, Matt Candau, Scott Regan-Tucker, Jason Smith, Bennett Reeves, Aiden Smith, Lucas Berry, and Riley Reeves comprised the team. They all played well, but the Bennett Valley GC team prevailed in the end, and our PGCC Junior Oak Division winners came in 2nd in the overall North Bay Junior League Championship Final.

The next event for all our PGCC Junior League golfers will be the PGCC Junior Golf Leagues' 2019 Awards event on Saturday, September 7 at which awards will be presented to our junior golfers for their successes in the 2019 season. Parents and family members are invited to attend with their junior golfers to recognize their achievements and to learn what's planned for PGCC Junior Golf for the rest of 2019 and into 2020. One event that will be announced will be the Junior Club Championship to be held sometime this October. The details of this Championship tournament will be revealed at this awards event, and will be published in the PG&CC Weekly Update. Once announced, please encourage all our qualified junior golfers to participate!

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## Socials and Outings

SEPTEMBER 4, 11 & 18: Ladies Club Championship

SEPTEMBER 10: Tuesday Night Dinner – FISH FRY!!

SEPTEMBER 12: Road Trip – Indian Valley\*\* 10am

SEPTEMBER 15: Men's Club Championship Final Match (36 holes)

SEPTEMBER 21 & 22: Goat Hill Tournament\*\*

SEPTEMBER 24: Green Aeration (Course Closed until 2pm)

SEPTEMBER 24: Aeration Week Road Trip: Bodega Bay 9:30am

SEPTEMBER 26: Aeration Week Road Trip: Eagle Vines 9:18am

SEPTEMBER 27: Member Social Mixer "\$2.1k Bounty" 5:30am

OCTOBER 4: Road Trip: Yoche DeHe Golf Club 10am\*\*

OCTOBER 11: Poker Night 5:30pm\*\*

OCTOBER 19: Ryder Cup 8am\*\*

OCTOBER 25: Social Mixer 5:30pm

\*RSVP are required – Please check the website for more information:

<https://www.petalumagolfandcountryclub.com/golf/event-registration>

\*\*Email Jeff or Travis if you are interested in participating:

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[jhwang@petalumagolfandcountryclub.com](mailto:jhwang@petalumagolfandcountryclub.com)

## PETALUMA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

# Aeration Week Activities

Don't stop golfing because we punched holes in the ground. Check out the list of options we have available for the week of September 24th. The golf outings are open to all members.

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	PRICE
Monday, Sept 23rd	<b>Outside Golf Tournament</b>	12:00am	
Tuesday, Sept 24th	<b>Green Aeration</b>		
Tuesday, Sept 24th	<b>Road Trip: Bodega Bay Golf Links</b>	9:30am	\$40 per player with cart (\$25 walking)
Thursday, Sept 26th	<b>Road Trip: Eagle Vines Golf Club</b>	9:18am	\$45 per player with cart

### RSVP:

Sign up in the tournament binder in the pro shop  
or email Travis at [tberding@petalumagolfandcountryclub.com](mailto:tberding@petalumagolfandcountryclub.com)



PETALUMA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

# MEMBER SOCIAL MIXER

# BBQ

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 27th, 2019 | 5:30PM - 7:30PM

**BBQ &  
LIVE  
MUSIC!**

***BOUNTY DRAWING FOR \$2,100!!!***

**SIGN UP ONLINE OR IN THE TOURNAMENT BINDER IN THE PRO SHOP!**



# POKER NIGHT



**FAIRWAYS AND GREENS COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER**

**FRIDAY | OCTOBER 11, 2019**

Dinner 5:30pm-6:30pm | Event Begins 6:45PM

**\$100 Buy In**

INCLUDES: SPAGHETTI DINNER - PRIZE PAYOUT

Guests are welcome, but only in the company of an attending member

RSVP'S Required - sign up online or in the pro shop tournament binder  
DEADLINE TO RSVP IS WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 9TH BY 5PM



# SEPTEMBER 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
		<i>Men's Club Championship Match Play (Round 2)</i>		<i>Women's Club Championship Round 1</i>		<i>Men's Medal 8:30 Shotgun</i>	
			<i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>				
08	09	10	11	12	13	14	
<i>Event in the Hall 3:00 – 10:00 Member Sponsor McCarter</i>	<i>Men's Club Championship Match Play (Round 3)</i>		<i>Women's Club Championship Round 2</i>	<i>Road Trip: Indian Valley</i>		<i>Golf Outing and Event in the Hall Golf: 2:00 – 5:00 Hall: 5:30 - 10:00 Member Sponsor Knueppel</i>	
	<i>PSIRS Event 8:30am Shotgun</i>	<i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	<i>House and Grounds Meeting 5:30pm</i>				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
<i>Men's Club Championship Final Match (36 holes)</i>	<i>PSIRS Event 9:00am Shotgun</i>		<i>Women's Club Championship Round 3</i>		<i>Goat Hill Member-Guest Tournament Shootout at 3pm</i>	<i>Goat Hill Member-Guest Tournament Course Closed</i>	
		<i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>	<i>Greens and Fairways Meeting 5:00pm Board Meeting 6:00pm</i>				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
<i>Goat Hill Member-Guest Tournament Course Closed</i>	<i>Golf Tournament and Event in the Hall 12:00 – 7:00 Non-Member</i>	<b>GREEN AERATION Course Closed until 2pm</b>		<i>Road Trip: Eagle Vines</i>	<i>Social Mixer '\$2.1K Bounty' 5:30 – 7:30pm</i>		
		<i>Road Trip: Bodega bay</i>					
		<i>Men's Twilight Dinner</i>					
29	30						
	<i>Golf Tournament 2:00 – 5:00 Non-Member</i>						