



June 2024

President McKenzie Smith Report



Thank you for this great club and great membership. It is an absolute joy every time I drive up the driveway. With our

new driveway, parking lot and maintenance roads redone, I think I am in heaven every time I drive in. Thank you, Kris O'Connor and the entire House and Grounds Committee. We are lucky to have you.

I encourage each member to come to the club this month and look at the new driveway. Ask the pro shop if you can take a cart down the driveway to look around, go all the way to the gate, then drive up the driveway that leads to the maintenance buildings past the Maeder Chipping Green. Drive the cart down the maintenance road that leads to the 5th fairway and then head over toward the 1st Tee Box on the new maintenance road. Great fun.

Our 24 new golf carts Just arrived today, this is better then a hole in one.

It is my goal to have a monthly newsletter. This is my first attempt so be nice. As time goes by it should get better each month, I hope. Wish me luck.

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The club's house and grounds are in excellent condition, the golf course is in excellent condition, we have a new pool deck area, and the pool is a thing of beauty. What more could you ask for? Don't answer that.

The pool opened Memorial Day weekend and is now serving food and beverages pool side on the weekends. Come to the club and enjoy the pool.

Thank you, Mac

House and Grounds Kris O'Connor



Yesterday May 22nd Sikes Paving finished the entire scope of work on schedule. Best part no extras! Even though Jacob Sikes did additional work and

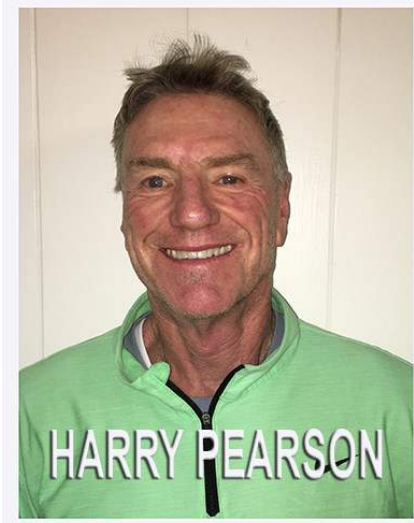
worked late into the evening from Monday to Weds. The 2nd day of work I was informed that 2 of Jacobs employees were in an accident. (Not on our Job) One was fatal, the other paralyzed. His foreman on the job quit and another employees mother passed away. Jacob stepped in and ran the job himself working equipment all 3 days. On Tuesday he had 24 men onsite, two paving machines. I was onsite for all 3 days and working with Jacob was one of my best experiences working with a sub contractor. I highly

recommend Sikes paving. While onsite, I helped out Thad and cut trees away from Solar panels at the pool and cleaned panels of debris. Also cut down tree overhanging cart path from club house to first tee. Carts had to drive around. Also built path over rock trench on hole 4 for walkers. All golfers remember, electric carts must use cart paths on left and right side of hole 4. never drive over rock lined trench. The club is ready for Pool opening! Almost forgot, dining room floor has been cleaned.

Kris O'Connor



Green and Fairways



The road and maintenance equipment paths are paved, the new deck is finished and the pool is opening. It looks to be a great summer at PGCC.

Thad and his skeleton crew are doing a fantastic job with the golf course. I say skeleton because we are budgeted for four full time crew members in addition to Thad and Ken who is the part time mechanic. We only have two crew members, George and Al and they have all been busting their butts to get the course in shape from what was thankfully another wet winter. We have a part timer scheduled to start in June and have recommended offering overtime to CourseCo maintenance people who work at their other facilities.

Due to a lot of late rain and wet grounds, aeration had to be put off from late March to the Monday after the Goat Hill. Thad and crew had the course and greens in excellent shape for the Goat Hill.

I want to thank the volunteers who helped the crew with the aeration; Bob McMillan, John Duensing, Mark Haas, Keith Brians, Larry Riis, Greg Plattner, Kris O'Connor, Ross Leask, Jeff Donahue, Mark Thomas, Ben Harris and yours truly. We were able to remove the plugs on all nine greens, the putting and chipping greens in two and one half hours. Kris O'Conner did a lot of needed tree trimming also. I know Thad and the crew were very thankful for our help. It allowed them to aerate, blow the plugs off the greens and then sand them and not have to then shovel the plugs into Gators and then dump them. It turned what used to be a very long and hard day into a somewhat easier day for them.

We will be scheduling tree removal as this seems to be a never ending task. It's the most expensive budgeted category of our course maintenance yearly plan but it's also extremely important. We prioritize the removal of trees by the potentially most harmful to our crew and members, most harmful to the golf course and then trees that are dead but not in the first two categories.

We are due to purchase a new fairway mower and have one on order. It takes about a year to get it once ordered. We have been diligently researching the use of robo/autonomous mowers. Thad and Gary Ingram, (CourseCo-Director of Environmental Management), are at the forefront of this research and a while back, some committee members witnessed a demo on our course and were impressed. I'll keep the members updated as we go along.

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Golf course etiquette. I've been a member at PGCC for about thirty years. One of the things I enjoy about this club is for the most part, there aren't any stuffed shirts walking around thinking they're better than everyone else. Golf course etiquette. I've been a member at PGCC for about thirty years. One of the things I enjoy about it. At least no one's ever come off to me like that. I also like the fact that we don't have members who run around acting like 'rules enforcers'. I personally want to keep it that way. So please, take care of the golf course like it's your own property. Because it is.

I know we've recently had to come up with a 'contract' for those who rent a cart. Violators could be disciplined. But it's just not cart riders it's all of us which includes us 'walkers'. We need to do better on fixing our ball marks, filling divots with sand/seed, raking traps, picking up garbage, picking up our tees on the par 3's, picking up the balls we use at the chipping green, parking carts fully on cart paths and not inside the signed or roped off areas.

If, we just maybe try to leave the course in a little better shape than we found it, I know the maintenance crew would appreciate and I'm sure we as members would appreciate it.

Hopefully, none of us want to see this club turn into a place where everything is being scrutinized through a magnifying glass. Let's think of our fellow members so that all the above becomes the norm.

Thank you,

Harry Pearson

New Member Profiles

Walter-Herr Family:

The Walter-Herr family is thrilled to join PGCC! For the last 6 years we've been walking up the hill from our home on Mountain View avenue, which has a picturesque view of the 6th green, and longing to be part of the action. I've had the chance to play several times since November. I couldn't have imagined a better course to bring Leo (8) for his first round of golf. What a gift, and I look forward to getting the others out soon.

Pictured from left to right, we have Wendy (12), Kristin (Mom), Sonya (10), Joe (Dad), Frieda (4), and Leo (8). This was taken last summer on a trip to the Ecuadorian Amazon, where we had a chance to stay with an indigenous tribe and witness the work of the Pachamama Alliance, which protects the headwaters of the Amazon River.

We look forward to meeting you on the course!



Adam Wallace Family:

We are the Wallace Family

Adam, Elise, Ethan (11) & Hunter (6.5)



Adam has lived in Petaluma since 2008, Elise since 2010 and absolutely love our community. We love the small town feel, amazing restaurants, shops and all that the town has to offer. Elise has worked for Restoration Hardware in Corte Madera for 14 years, and Adam owns his own creative marketing firm (The Ethan-Hunter Collective) working with small wineries and businesses in Sonoma & Napa.

We are huge sports fans, supporting the Warriors, Giants and 49ers.

The kids love playing baseball for Petaluma National with Ethan being on the 10U District Championship team last year and looking forward to playing for the 11U All-Star team this year.

We are thrilled to be part of the PGCC Community, and can't wait to spend our days on the course and at the pool!

Barry Wong Family:

We are third generation Sonoma County family with my daughter Emily graduated recently University of Arizona and son Justin is finishing 3rd year at UCSB and is on the swim team. I am a Certified Financial Planner practicing at Grove Wealth Advisors in Santa Rosa. I graduated from UC Davis played soccer 4 years and graduated from Analy High School as my father and his siblings. Fun fact, I started keeping my golf handicap 15 years ago and have digitally recorded all rounds. Besides golf I enjoy travel, fishing, and time with family.



Max D'Orso family

We are the D'Orso family (left to right: James, Max, Mikaila, Lucy). We are excited to play some golf and stay cool in the pool this summer. Hope to see you around the club!



Randy Lakritz Family

I sold my two car dealerships in October of 2023 and retired. I'm now very busy enjoying life with my wife, Julie, and our son, Reece (third year at UC Davis) and daughter, Remy (graduating from PHS in June and attending UCLA in the Fall).

The picture below of me with Reece and Remy was taken in Africa in December.



Junior Golf Development News & Update



G&CC Junior Golf Development ('JGD') is pleased to announce that we now have three new members on our Board: Brenda Roberts, Michele Orsinger and Jack Berlin. All are long term members of PG&CC and have our shared passion for Junior Golf and its benefits; we welcome the fresh new ideas they bring to our non-profit support group. Additionally, new officers were recently elected. Yours truly will be the new Chairperson.. Diane Tucker remains on the Board and will continue her tireless work of helping coordinate Junior Golf volunteer operations. Toby Herfindal will continue as Secretary for the immediate future and Pat Smith will assume duties of Treasurer.

Since formally organizing as a tax exempt organization in 2019, JGD has provided supplemental funds to help improve infrastructure of the course. Our goal in such improvement is to make our course as 'user friendly' as possible for those just learning and growing into the game as well as those who simply prefer a shorter playing distance. In doing so, we hope to help those players successfully enjoy reduced yardages on some of the more challenging holes. To that end, we have helped fund new Junior/Senior tee areas on hole #'s 5 & 9 and level permanent hitting stations at the driving range.

NEW INSTRUCTION AND PRACTICE AREA

Our most recent initiative is construction of a practice area just above the newly named Bill Maeder Chipping Green. Instruction and practice for the 2024 Spring/Summer Junior Season has now begun and the entire site has already proved to be an efficient, central location for putting, chipping, pitching and hitting skills development.

At this stage, the new practice area includes two 10' X 20' hitting and warm up nets, a patio with tables and chairs, as well as stairs connecting this area to the chipping green. Additional improvements, including a shed for storage and a portable toilet for convenience are planned, also at JGD expense.

JGD has also approved funding to purchase a Launch Monitor system to enhance instruction. PG&CC General Manager, Patrick Steiner and Golf Pro, Tyler Picetti are in the process of determining which specific product will be of most benefit for juniors and all members. We're hoping to demo this new equipment for all very soon.



We envision the practice area, including the Maeder Chipping Green, ideal for spring and summer events such as family movie nights, early evening socials, or simply as an afternoon family picnic and practice site. We hope you will visit, use and enjoy it. Please let us know what you think!!

Finally, we will soon announce a 2024 Matching Funds program for donations to PG&CC Junior Golf Development. Our initial funds match donation has already been received and we will provide details for the program in a forthcoming announcement.

Again, thanks to all who have supported our efforts in the past. We greatly appreciate your generosity and know that the kids (young and older) do as well!!

Mike Morgan, Chairperson

9 Hole Women's Golf

Jan O'Connor

The 9 hole Ladies play Tuesdays at 9:00. If you've been playing for years or just starting out we'd love for you to join us. Our goal is to encourage the love of golf while having fun and enjoying friendships. If you are interested please contact Jan O'Connor at jamaoc@comcast.net





Treasurers Report

As we navigate through the first half of the year, I'm delighted to share that despite some challenging weather conditions, our club maintains a robust financial position compared to our initial budget projections for the first four months of 2024. While we experienced some pressure on revenue due to an extended rainy season, resulting in approximately 75% of projected rounds played and affecting cart revenue, merchandise sales, lessons, and food & beverage sales, we also observed corresponding savings in various expense categories. These savings stemmed from reduced irrigation needs and fewer expenditures on golf course maintenance typically incurred during dry weather conditions.

Our club continues to benefit from strong revenues generated by our full waitlist and the cell tower, providing essential support during challenging months. With recent major projects such as the swimming pool and single-head irrigation completed, our club maintains a healthy balance sheet and sufficient cash reserves to navigate any unforeseen circumstances that may impact our revenue streams. As previously communicated, the Board has set a reserves target equivalent to four months of operating expenses, a goal we aim to achieve in the coming years.

In the interim, the Board remains steadfast in its commitment to cost control amidst an increasingly expensive environment. This dedication ensures that PG&CC remains an accessible and enjoyable club for our members for the foreseeable future.

Tony Parmisano

Treasurer Petaluma Golf and Country Club

Jr Golf & Assistant Pro Report

With summer on the horizon, our junior golfers have been wasting no time perfecting their skills. Every Wednesday and Thursday, they've been honing their swings and chipping technique using the fantastic new hitting nets above the Maeder Chipping Green.

This season is all about taking their game to the course! We'll be focusing on interactive sessions that teach the rules of the PGA Junior League, along with drills to master different areas of the course.

Show your support as our PG&CC junior golfers host several other Sonoma County golf clubs during each of four PG&CC "At Home" match days. All dates below will have morning shot-gun start times on a Monday:

- Monday, June 17th: North Bay Junior Golf League - 18 holes, individual play
- Monday, June 24th: 13u PGA Junior League - 9 holes, 2-person scramble
- Monday, July 15th: 17u PGA Junior League - 9 holes, 2 person scramble
- Monday, July 29th: PGA Junior League - 13u All Star Qualifying Play Day - 9 holes, 2-person scramble

Junior Golf Camps: Tee Up for Fun!

Looking to introduce your child to the wonderful world of golf? Our popular Junior Golf Camps are a fantastic way for kids to learn the game in a fun and active environment. Camps run half days from June 18th-20th; July 16th-18th; and August 6th-8th. Spots are filling up fast, so sign up today!

Contact us to reserve your child's spot!

Tyler Picetti
Assistant Pro





Men's Tournament Report

The tournament season is in full swing at PGCC. The Men's Invitational was a huge success thanks to Greg Platner and Crew, Patrick, Tyler, Damien, Thad, Al and George and the entire bar and cart staff. Other than playing in the driving rain on Saturday morning, the Goat Hill was enjoyed by all 55 teams! We also had an all time high of 10+ teams playing in the event for the first time. As I talked with everyone of the new players, their reviews were outstanding and likely leading to a lottery system for next year due to the overwhelming good time ALL the participants had. This year's big winner was Jack Berlin and his grandson Nicholas Mowers. Congratulations gentlemen for your 2nd win! In the Gross division, Jason Morris and his FIL Vince Bussini filled the top spot.

The Goat Hill Invitational was basically a 3 day party with golf thrown in. The food, drinks, camaraderie that took place on a great golf course as well as all of the flight winners, prizes, contest winners was a perfect recipe for a successful event that will be talked about for many years to come.

Next up is our Stroke Play Championship now known as the Ray Nizibian Memorial Tournament and all are welcome to play in it. We shortened this event to a one day tournament to see if the participation would increase and not all were happy about it. (Sorry BD). TBD how it all plays out.

We have a bunch of events on the Calander, so sign up and let's play some golf!

Mike Johnson

18-HOLE Women's Section at PG&CC, May 2024

The 18-Hole Women's Section season begins in March, weather depending. This year's season was off to a slow start, but is in full swing now, playing Wednesdays at 8:30 am and Saturdays for those who cannot play during the week. There are 32 on the roster with room for more! If you have a handicap, you are encouraged to join the group!

The first major event was a two-week Best Ball contest May 8th and 15th titled Hansen's Best Ball as it is sponsored by Kathy Hansen! Coming out on top was the team of Eileen Ostroff and Jill Cheda. 2nd place went to Virginia Silacci and Brenda Roberts and third place honors to Judy Dardis and Terese Thomas. Congratulations!

Play Wednesday May 22nd was moved to Foxtail Golf Club in Rohnert Park while our club was closed for paving. Those pictured who made the journey on that gorgeous day were Ruth Giacomini, Debbie Yee, Brenda Roberts, Eileen Ostroff, Claudia Little, Dea Steigner, Terese Thomas, Gayle Sarlatte/Giacomini, Lois Skarsten and Sue Berger.

Fast approaching is the Egg Basket Invitational Tournament to be held Wednesday June 12th. The event is fully-subscribed and Chairperson Sue Berger and a host of volunteers have the event under control for another success!

Ladies of the club who have a handicap would like to join the camaraderie and the fun of the 18-Hole Women's Section, can contact Captain Terese Thomas at 707-477-2170. The season runs March thru October playing Wednesdays or Saturdays at 8:30 am.

Brenda Roberts

2024 Petaluma Golf and Country Club

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Petaluma Golf and Country Club's Presidents of the Past

George P McNear 1922 – 1937, James Chase 1938, Ernie Water 1939,
Stuart Peoples 1940 – 1942, James Chase 1943 – 1944,
David Davis 1945 – 1946, Lyman Hopkins 1947, Art Parent 1946,
Ernie Waters 1949 – 1951, Wesley Hill 1952 – 1954,
Walt Minogue 1955, Wiley O'Mohundro 1956,
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Dan Libarle 2003, Greg Plattner 2004, Don O'Mohundro 2005,
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Dick Lynch 2012, Michael Lind 2013, Michael Johnson 2014 – 2015,
Mike Candau 2016 – 2017, Harry Pearson 2018,
Michael Johnson 2019 – 2020, Jon Banister 2021 – 2022,
Scott Tucker 2023, McKenzie Smith 2024.

Hello fellow members, this report is from the House and Grounds Committee:

Mark Smith, Terese Thomas, Patty Haynes, Sue Berger, Kris O'Connor, Carol Ann Libarle, Brenda Roberts, Cheri Plattner and of course our GM Patrick Steiner.

Swimming Pool:

Taking you back to almost one year ago this month, Patrick opened up the newly remodeled swimming pool, surrounding concrete deck, built in benches, metal trellis, lighting and a new BBQ area.

Plus, the new pool fencing, concrete ramp and stairs up to the pool.

So far so good, as it seems to be getting a lot of action at the pool area.

We are still working on other amenities, such as the lawn / weed area adjacent the restrooms, we are constantly taking suggestions for this space, as designs or use are not set in stone, so happy to hear from the members.

Please include ways to finance your suggestions as well 😊.

We are also hoping to get a small eating bar near the BBQ, for the chefs nice lunches.

Raised Deck adjacent the swimming pool:

The recently completed raised wood deck is up and running and compliments the swimming pool area very nicely.

We just need to get some quality deck furniture and bar stools for the deck, as this deck was all member (some) donation financed, we were just able to get the deck built, so no funds left for furniture.

I'm hopeful we will furnish the deck by next summer.

Main Entrance Roadway:

As anyone who's been up to the Club the past couple of weeks has seen, you can check out the great new road we have, from the entrance gate up to the Club House, with a new stone lined drainage trench below number (4) green at the road.

This work also includes asphalt paths near and around the maintenance shed work area, plus the just completed slurry seal and re-stripping of both parking lots, awesome !!!

All this completed for \$700.00, not bad..... (per member).

Please Note:

A huge "shout out" to Kris O'Connor, fellow H & G committee member AND a Petaluma CC Board member.

This new road project could not have run so smooth, without his amazing supervision and work, getting his hands dirty along the way.

Compliments to Kris for ALL the work he does, to help out this Club.

Thank you, Kris !!

The H & G is also working on a new Club rental contract / rules, to bring the costs up to par with other venues for non-member renters.

This has taken a lot of time from committee members and will hopefully help generate more funds for the Club.

That's all for now,

Thank you

Mark Smith