



# Improved Lie



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### **President McKenzie Smith Report**



This past Wednesday evening we hosted the Petaluma Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Graduation in our Dining Room. It was an absolute honor to have them at our club. We had the Petaluma City Mayor Kevin McDonnell, the Police

Chief Brian Miller, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Onita Pellegrini, Katherine Wells Chamber President, city council members and many other prominent business leaders. Thank you Petaluma Golf and Country Club.

I am hoping for a few members to volunteer to be our club photographers, both men and women. Go to our events and take pictures, drive around the course and take pictures of golfers playing golf, take pictures of families at the pool, just have a great time taking and publishing your pictures in the monthly newsletter. Contact me please.

The quarterly food minimum is going up from \$45 to \$60.

***Hit Them High and Straight***

***McKenzie Smith***

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## *Letters to the Editor*

*Dear McKenzie*

*I've never written to you before, but I really need your advice. I have suspected for some time now that my wife has been cheating on me. The usual signs. Phone rings but if I answer, the caller hangs up. My wife has been going out with "the girls" a lot recently although when I ask their names she always says, "Just some friends from work, you don't know them."*

*I always try to stay awake to look out for her coming home, but I usually fall asleep. Anyway, I have never approached the subject with my wife. I think deep down I just didn't want to know the truth, but last night she went out again and I decided to really check on her. Around midnight, I decided to hide in the garage behind my golf clubs so I could get a good view of the whole street when she arrived home from a night out with "the girls."*

*It was at that moment, crouching behind my clubs, that I noticed that the graphite shaft on my driver appeared to have a hairline crack right by the clubhead.*

*Is this something I can fix myself or should I take it back to the pro shop where I bought it?*

*Signed,*

*Perplexed*









# House and Grounds



Work is progressing on finishing up new deck. A hose bib as well as the electrical outlet for future tree lights has been added. A new bronze plaque is going up at Ray's barbecue area. New siding has been added to wall outside men's bath at pool. House and Grounds are working on final plans and cost for new deck furniture and rail bar shelf. Still to be completed is the railing going up to pool. Code required, one on each side. Also note new safety yellow on steps. Also code required.

Mark Smith's crew repaired broken handrail located by BBQ outside kitchen. Delivery truck must have backed into. Damaged area was on right side lower portion.

I encourage all to see new practice area by cart barn. A new tuff shed has been installed for junior golfers. Thank you Mike Morgan for putting this all together.

**Best**

**Kris O'Connor**





# **Petaluma Golf and Country Club**

## **General Manager Patrick Steiner's Report**

264 Certificate Members

Current Total Wait List 28

Playing waitlist 20 (20 max)

Non-Playing Wait list 8 (no max)

Junior Members 2 (15 max)

Senior Emeritus 15 (15 max)

Social Members 15 (15 max)

New Playing Waiting list member—Sean Berardi

Resignations—Anthony Balsa

## **Up - Coming Member Events**

July 4th—Red, White and Blue Golf Tournament

July 16 to 18th—Junior Golf Camp

July 17th—PGCC Board Meeting

July 20th—3 Clubs and a Putter Tournament

July 26th -- Member Social

July 27th— PXG Demo Day

July 29th—PGA Junior League All Star Play Day

## **Outside Events**

July 10th Petaluma Chamber of Commerce Women in Business 7—9 am

July 11th and 18th Petaluma Rotary Lunch Meeting



## PG&CC Junior Golf Development

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Any of our PG&CC members who have recently visited the Maeder Chipping Green or the Junior Golf Development (JGD) practice hitting nets will have noticed a new structure next to the patio. JGD has, in the past few weeks, installed a Tuff Shed to store junior golf equipment, training aides, and extra patio chairs plus equipment and supplies to ensure a neat and clean surrounding area.

The shed will soon be outfitted with an interior light and plug outlets. We also plan to add an exterior shelf to the sliding side-ventilation window to allow its use as a serving access for beverages and snacks during fundraising and club events.

Again, many thanks to our donors for making this and other Junior practice, instruction, and playing improvements possible!

**Mike Morgan, Chair**

**PG&CC Junior Golf Development**





# RED, WHITE & BLUE TOURNAMENT

**THURSDAY, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**7:30AM CHECK IN, 8:30AM SHOTGUN**

**WHO: MEMBERS AND GUESTS PERMITTED IN THIS EVENT. TEAMS OF 4 WILL COMPETE IN A MODIFIED BEST BALL FORMAT TO DETERMINE THE WINNERS. SIGN UP AS A TEAM OF FOUR OR AS A SINGLE AND WE WILL PAIR YOU UP FOR A TEAM!**

**FORMAT: 9 HOLE TOURNAMENT. MEN START FROM THE WHITE TEES, LADIES START FROM THE RED TEES. A NET EVENT WHERE IF YOU MAKE A NET BIRDIE OR BETTER YOU MOVE BACK A SET OF TEES, IF YOU MAKE A NET BOGIE OR WORSE YOU MOVE FORWARD A SET OF TEES, AN ADDITIONAL SET OF TEES WILL BE IN PLACE FOR THE LADIES TO MOVE FORWARD TO.**

**4 PERSON TEAMS PLAY A BEST BALL FORMAT TO DETERMINE THE WINNER**

**PRIZES: PAYOUTS FOR OVER HALF THE FIELD, AS WELL AS CLOSEST TO THE HOLE, BEST DRESSED, AND OPTIONAL \$40 TEAM SKINS GAME**

**JOIN US FOR BBQ BURGERS FOLLOWING YOUR ROUND OF GOLF!**

**SIGN UP IN THE PRO SHOP TOURNAMENT BINDER OR EMAIL TYLER AT  
[TPICETTI@PETALUMAGOLFANDCOUNTRYCLUB.COM](mailto:TPICETTI@PETALUMAGOLFANDCOUNTRYCLUB.COM)**

**SIGN UP DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>**



## ***Food and Beverage Summer Plan 2024***

Summer is finally here, I love it!

Food service at the pool started Memorial Day weekend and it went very well.

The food service at the pool will be from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm, Friday through Sunday. The menu will be Burgers, Chips, Hot Dogs, other assorted foods for pool and summer fun. Drinks offered will be, seltzers, beer, soft drinks, and water.

Staffing at the pool will be two employes. As our new Point of Sale (POS) system is implemented, the staffing at the pool may be reduced to one based on the General Manager's and Chef Damian's observation.

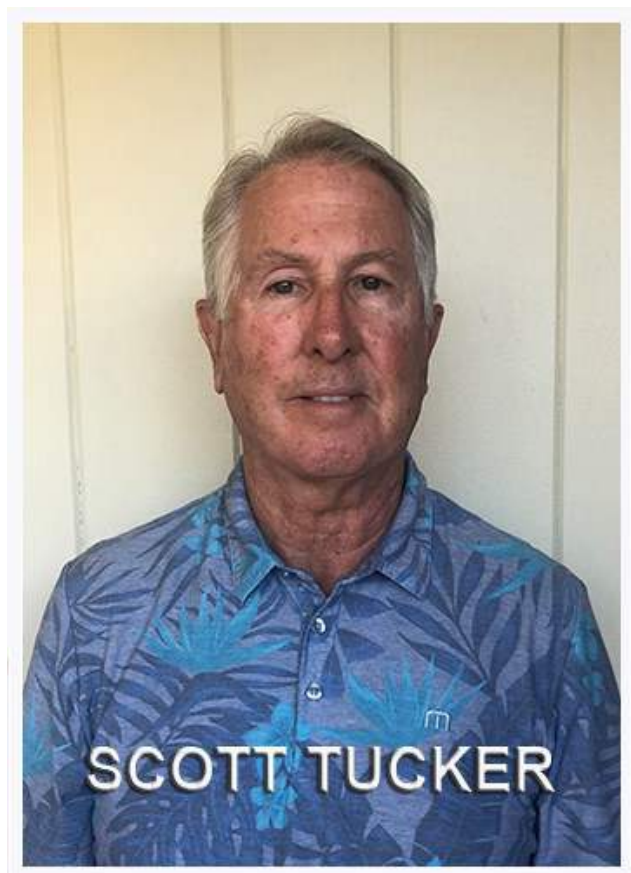
On Thursdays, the Kitchen will offer a limited menu through the summer months to coincide with the pool being opened.

We are working on small dinner offering to members by Chef Damian.

Our next take-out dinner will be Thai food. Date to be determined. Hopefully sooner than later.

***Scott Tucker***

***Food and Beverage Chair***



# ***Tuesday Evening Men's Dinner***

***July 2nd, Bone in Pork Chops, Potatos, Salad, Bread, Dessert. Greg, Keith, Brian, Rich and Brad.***



***July 9th, Venison Stroganoff, flat noodles, Salad and Tiramisu , Mac and Crew.***



***July 16th, Cook your own Steak, Mac and Crew .***



***July 23rd, Open, Surprise us.***

***July 30th, Tri Tip Dinner, Mac, Steve, Claus, Leland, Bryant, Ricardo and Garrett.***





**\*\*\*\*\* Wanted \*\*\*\*\***

## ***Club Photographers, Men and Women***

***We are hoping to have photos of events in our monthly Improved Lie Newsletter. Do you have a cell phone that can take photos of events? Take photos of our club events, send them to our Newsletter Editor and have them published in the next monthly newsletter. It's fun!***

***Volunteer to be our Club Photographer.***

***Contact McKenzie Smith, [mckenzie@mckenziesmith.com](mailto:mckenzie@mckenziesmith.com)***



## ***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](mailto:jamaoc@comcast.net).





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

The 18-Hole Women's Section Egg Basket Invitational was Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The successful annual event was chaired this year by **Sue Berger**. Twenty teams of two participated and scoring was broken into two flights. Theme for the event was "Birds in Flight" which was reflected in the decorations and tee prizes and Chef Damien prepared a fantastic lunch to go along with the awards ceremony.

Flight one was won by member **Annette White** and her partner **Kay King** from Castlewood Country Club. Congratulations! 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the First flight was member **Claudia Little** and guest **Pamela Dowd** from Fountaingrove and 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to **Ruth Giacomini** and her partner from Valley of the Moon, **Mattie Rice**.

The Second flight was won by member **Virginia Silacci** and her partner from Palm Desert Greens, **Jan Schulte**. Congratulations! 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 2<sup>nd</sup> flight went to member **Dea Steigner** and partner **Paula DeCosta** from Windsor and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 2<sup>nd</sup> flight was won by **Cindy McCarter** and her partner also from Windsor, **Nancy Dempsey**.

Previous to the Egg Basket in regular Wednesday play was the Musser Point Par tournament (Stableford) which was sponsored by **Ann Schroeder**. Thank you Ann! Flight one winners were **Cindy McCarter** in first, **Cecy Mullins** in 2<sup>nd</sup> and **Virginia Silacci** in third. The second flight of the Musser Point Par had **Dea Steigner** in first place, **Gayle Sarlatte Giacomini** in 2<sup>nd</sup> and **Lois Skarsten** in third.

The 18 - Hole Women's Section plays Wednesdays at 8:30 am, shotgun start with lunch following from March thru October. Interested women with a handicap can join the group! Contact Captain **Terese Thomas** at 707-477-2170 for more information.

The Women's Section also obtains tee times for play on Saturday mornings for those who can't play Wednesdays and/or would like to play another day. Again, contact Captain **Terese Thomas** for more information.

***Brenda Roberts***





## **2024 Petaluma Golf and Country Club**

### **Officers, Board of Directors, Management and Committee Chairs**

President McKenzie Smith, Vice President Brenda Roberts

Treasurer Tony Parmisano, Secretary Gayle Giacomini

**General Manager Patrick Steiner**

**Assistant Golf Professional Tyler Picetti**

#### **Board Members**

Richard Marzo, Joseph Schlesinger, Mark Thomas,

Kris O'Connor, Michael Johnson

#### **Advisory Committees**

House and Grounds — Mark Smith,

Governance Bylaws and Rules — Brenda Roberts and Diane Tucker

Men's Golf Tournaments — Mike Johnson and Mark Thomas

Member Social — McKenzie Smith and Brett Johnson

Website / Communications — Richard Marzo & Joe Schlesinger

Women's 18 Hole — Terese Thoma

Women's 9 hole — Jan O'Connor

Greens and Fairways — Harry Pearson & Tony Parmisano

Marketing — Brenda Roberts, Membership — Gayle Giacomini

Food and Beverage — Scott Tucker and Mark Thomas

Jr Golf — Mike Morgan and Diane Tucker

Newsletter Editor — McKenzie Smith

## ***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,  
John Olsted Jr 1957 – 1958, Bill Abbey 1959, Bob Acorne 1960 – 1961,  
Ken McNulty 1962, Vern Jensen 1963, Henry McNulty 1964,  
Fred Seaman 1965 – 1966, Daniel Reid 1967, Tony Martucci 1968,  
Robert Johnson 1969, Delos Smith 1970, Robert Johnson 1971,  
Joe Milner 1972, Bob Pope 1973, Par Chalker 1974, Bob Foster 1975,  
Ralph Thompson 1976, Oscar Miller 1977, Dan Libarle 1978 – 1979,  
Bob Armbruster 1980 – 1981, Dan Deevy 1982 – 1983,  
Ed Robert 1984 – 1985, Fritz Schulte 1986 – 1987,  
Mike Nistler 1988 – 1989, Bob Powers 1990 – 1991, Leroy Bean 1992,  
Don Silacci 1993 – 1994, Nancy Dempsey 1995, Ollie Degan 1996,  
Steve Buckley 1997, Larry Riis 1998, Steve Buckley 1999,  
Jerry Beatie 2000, John Scharer 2001, Leroy Bean 2002,  
Dan Libarle 2003, Greg Plattner 2004, Don O'Mohundro 2005,  
Dick Lynch 2006, Steve Buckley 2007, Jack King 2008,  
Jim Pacciorini 2009, Mike Candau 2010, Jim McCarter 2011,  
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.