



December 2024

President McKenzie Smith Report



Wow, was that a rain storm or what? I got 8 1/2 inches of rain at my house. The golf course is loving that rain. It is greening up everywhere. Be careful with carts, keep them on the cart path.

Please help me welcome our newest member, Bogie the cat. Bogie will be patrolling the club for critters.

Hit Them Long, High and Straight

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JOIN US FOR
PETALUMA GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB'S ANNUAL

SANTA BRUNCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND | 10AM TO 1PM

SANTA ARRIVES AT 10:30AM | BRUNCH SERVED 10:30AM TO 12:30PM

BRUNCH INCLUDES A WELCOME MIMOSA FOR ADULTS
AND SPARKLING CIDER FOR THE KIDS

A VARIETY OF YUMMY FOOD IS BEING SPECIALLY PREPARED
BY OTL FINE CATERING, INCLUDING A WAFFLE BAR, EGGS,
BREAKFAST MEATS AND MORE!

\$55 PER ADULT 18 AND OVER
\$25 PER CHILD 6 TO 17
CHILDREN 5 AND UNDER FREE

SIGN UP IN THE PRO SHOP BINDER INDICATING HOW
MANY WILL ATTEND AND AGES.
WE ARE LIMITED TO THE FIRST 140 PERSONS
(INCLUDING CHILDREN)



The pool furniture is now being stored for the winter in a large shipping container located in between the cart barn and the maintenance building.



PG&CC Certificate Members,

We currently have five members who have asked to be placed on the ballot for the upcoming Board election. Their Candidate Statements and pictures are attached below.

The self nomination period has closed, but per our By-laws (Article VII: Section 7.1.(c).2), until Dec 2nd, any ten (10) Certificate Members may nominate another Certificate Member (said Member must agree to the nomination) for the Board Election.

Ballots will be mailed to Certificate Members early in December and will be counted on January 2nd.

Regards,

Joe Schlesinger

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Brett Johnson

Hello club members, my name is Brett Johnson, and I am running for the board. Our family joined in 2019 and we love this club. My wife, Cheryl and I have two children Paige and Cole (9 and 7) and I want to continue to grow and enhance our programming, events, and activities to generate more social activity engagement for all. We think this club is a truly special place and I want to continue to showcase it. I am an active member in Men's golf events and skins groups. I am regularly out on the course (sometimes with the kids) and we are also frequent users of the pool in the summertime. I am actively helping develop some of the family activities like movie nights and the Easter egg hunt for the kids. In my college years I worked at Contra Costa Country club, so I can see the club through the lens of both the members and the staff. I have an MBA from Sonoma State University and have a background in Wine Business. I currently lead brand marketing efforts for Delicato Family Vineyards in Napa and have a strong background in finance and analytics. Cheryl and I also got married here in 2011 long before we had any connection to the club at all, giving us firsthand knowledge of being involved in a big event at our club. Please consider me for one of the board positions. I'd love to leverage my experiences and background for the good of the club! Thanks, Brett



Kelsey Hatcher

Kelsey Hatcher is a dedicated member of the Petaluma Golf and Country Club with a proven track record of financial acumen and strategic planning. Previously serving on the Board of Directors, Kelsey played a pivotal role in restoring the club's financial health and developing a sustainable long-term vision. With a strong family connection to the club with his wife Tera, son Jack and daughter Brooke. Kelsey is passionate about preserving its rich history and ensuring its vibrant future. His commitment to excellence and community involvement makes him an ideal candidate to once again contribute to the Board of Directors. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the members, Thank you for your consideration! Kelsey



Donna Beels

Donna J. Beels, CPA, M.T. I am excited to announce my candidacy for a seat on the Board of Directors of the Petaluma Golf and Country Club. I previously served on the Board for seven years, including two terms as Treasurer. During that time, I provided strategic guidance and financial oversight, especially through significant transitions like the management shift to CourseCo. I bring over thirty years of professional experience as a CPA and partner at Beels Soper LLP, where I specialize in accounting, auditing, tax planning, and consulting. As a trusted business advisor to a number of closely held businesses, I understand the challenges and rewards of responsible leadership and know the impact of clear-sighted, consensus-driven decision-making. I approach every issue by gathering facts and building collaborative solutions that serve the long-term interests of the organization. In addition to my professional expertise, I have a deep commitment to community service. Over the years, I have served on many non-profit Boards, coached youth sports, and am currently serving on the Board of the Petaluma Valley Hospital Foundation. My involvement in local non-profits has furthered my understanding of the financial pressures organizations face and allowed me to develop diverse solutions to meet them effectively. If elected, I am dedicated to upholding the values that make our Club a unique and welcoming community. I appreciate your support and look forward to the opportunity to serve. Warm regards, Donna Beels



Steve Engler

My name is Steve Engler, and I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Board of Petaluma Golf and Country Club. My family has been proud members of the club since 2013. We originally joined when my father, who recognized the value of the game, suggested it would be a great opportunity to teach my son, Zach, how to golf. Over the years, Zach became an enthusiastic participant in the club's Junior Golf Program and is now a capable golfer in his own right. You can often find us on the course, enjoying a quick nine holes together in the evenings. As a graduate of St. Vincent High School and a Petaluma resident, since 1995, we have been active members in the community. My wife, Anne McEvoy, graduated from Petaluma High School and we are proud to see our children (Savannah and Zach) follow her path. I recently retired after 32 years with the San Francisco Fire Department, and I'm willing to use some of my time through service on the Board. I am passionate about supporting the Junior Golf Program, fostering a love for the game among young people, and ensuring that families can make the most of their membership. I believe there are many ways to encourage broader participation in the club to its members. Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to the opportunity to work together to continue growing and improving our club. Sincerely, Steve Engler



Nicole Earnest—Payte

Hi! My name is Nicole Earnest-Payte, and as a 22-year resident of Petaluma and Marin County native, I have decided to run for one of the open PGCC Board seats. Joining PGCC five years ago, my family (Carlos and Carter, and myself) and I have been enjoying not only the golf course and swimming pool, but most importantly, the community we have built since becoming members here. PGCC has served as a central hub for expanding our community of amazing people, greatly enriching our lives here in Petaluma. My husband, Carlos Payte is a regular golfer on the course (I admittedly golf less than I would like), and my family prioritizes participating in many, if not all of the social activities offered at the club. My background and experience running my own business, as well as serving in senior leadership roles with both mid to large sized companies provides the foundation I believe is required to successfully debate, collaborate, and unite around a common purpose in evolving PGCC as not only a private golf course, but a welcoming and attractive venue for our members, prospective members, and non-members alike. My point of view is that we have a wonderful club in an amazing location with fantastic members, and we can do so much more to create a more attractive atmosphere that increases our member base AND member engagement, resulting in additional streams of revenue, contributing to the increase in valuation for all of us. We can all benefit from new and excited members, as well as the community of Petaluma and Sonoma County seeing PGCC as a premiere event and social venue. I look forward to the opportunity to serve PGCC, our mission, and our members, and I humbly ask for your support. Nicole Earnest-Payte

Bogie the Cat



Please join me in welcoming our newest member of the golf club.

Bogie the cat is a two years old male, half barn cat and half lover.

Bogie has been promoted to committee chair of the Mouse Control Committee. He will patrol the outside of the club during the day and during the after hours he will patrol the inside of the club. He is up to

date on all his shots and is neutered. Bogey is from the Forgotten Felines organization. Above is Addie Anderson from Forgotten Felines and Bogey on his first day at the club.

Thank you



We're excited to announce the arrival of our newest team member: the Robo Mower!

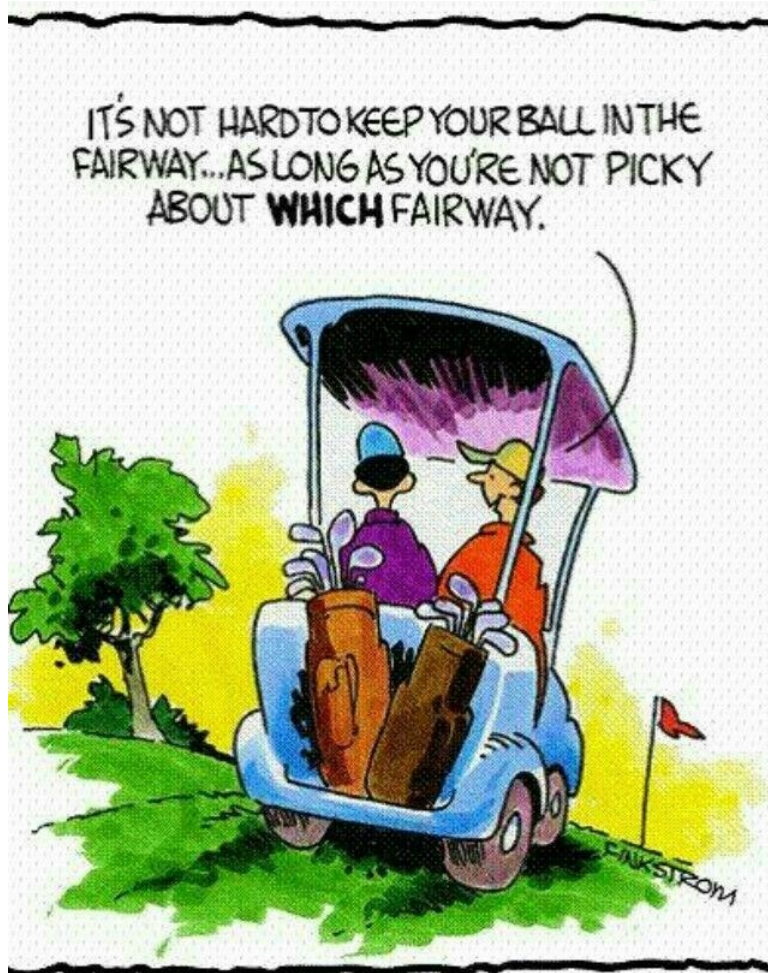
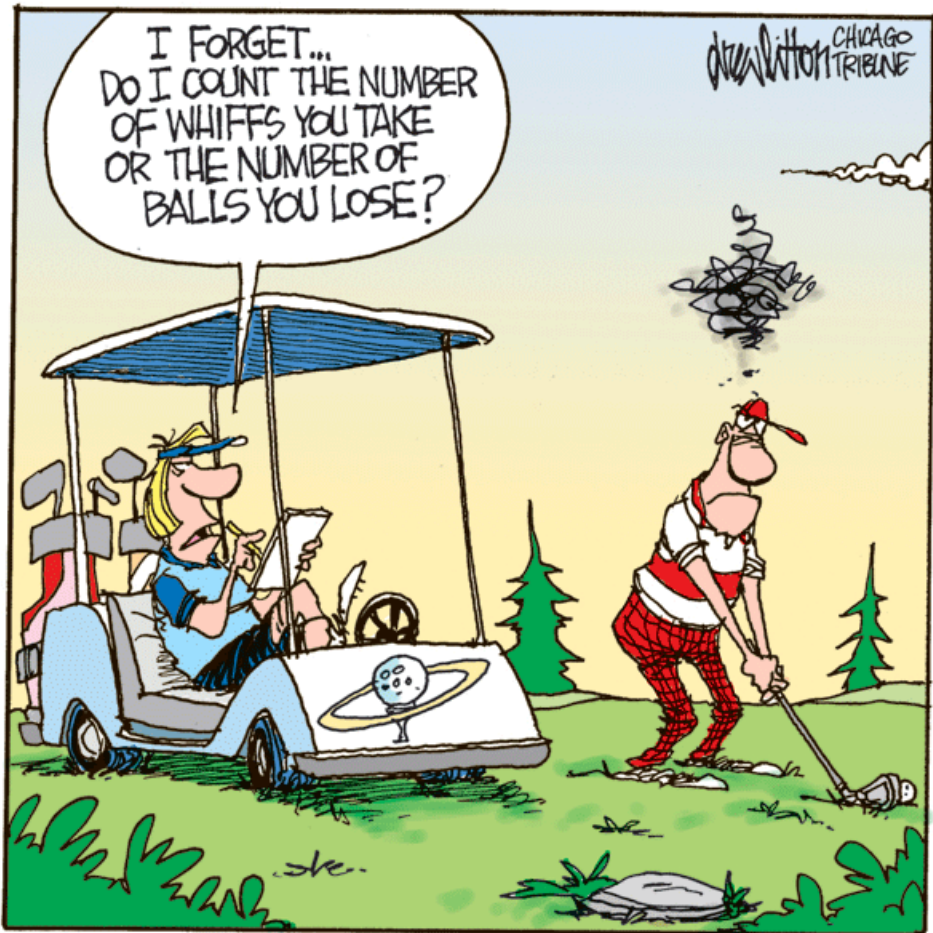
It's a bird. It's a plane. It's a turkey. Nope. It's a Robo Mower!

Please note that the Robo Mower is currently only operating on hole #2.

Please remember to not touch the Robo Mower and let it do its thing. It's hard work being a robot, you know! Also, please be mindful of the Robo Mower while golfing. It may accidentally bump your golf ball and if so, please replace your golf ball to its original position.

If you're out there playing golf and see the Robo Mower, give it a friendly wave. We're testing it out as a potential addition to our fleet.

Happy Golfing!

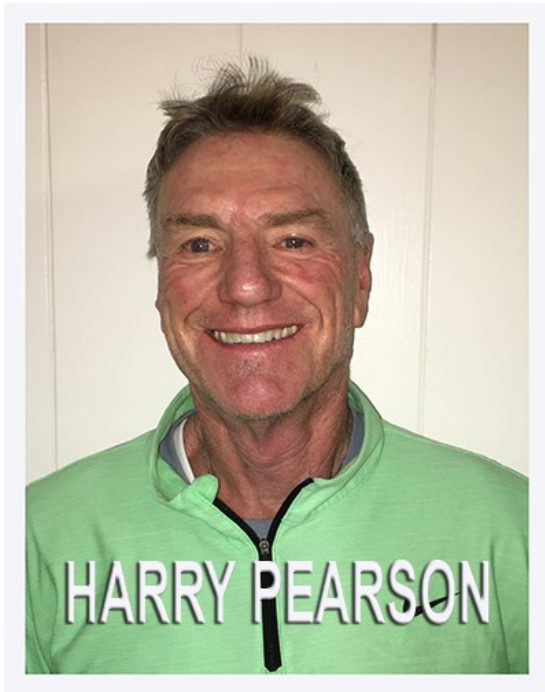




"YEAH, MAYBE THE COURSE IS STILL A LITTLE TOO WET TO PLAY ON!"



"I haven't hit one decent shot since Harry had the heart attack back on the fifth hole!"



Greens and Fairways

A belated Happy Thanksgiving to all and an early Merry Christmas. We received 6 & 1/2" of rain. Surprisingly, there wasn't any damage to the course other than water in some bunkers and the course held up very well. The crew is locating the drains to make sure they're not clogged.

First off, I'd like to give a big thank you to the following volunteers that helped with the Fall aeration on Oct. 21st; Jeff Donahue, CeCe Mullins, Kris O'Connor, Greg Platner, John Duensing and Loren Warburg. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to participate. If I've missed anyone, I deeply apologize. These were the names that were given to me. They shoveled and moved the plugs on all the greens including the putting and chipping which allowed Thad and his crew to focus on the technical aspects of aeration and saved them several hours of labor. Thank you.

Not a lot happening as the growing season has tapered off. The Green Committee did not meet in November and most likely won't meet in December unless something comes up that would necessitate a meeting. However, that doesn't mean we are doing nothing. We use emails to address a lot of situations to do our business that doesn't require meetings.

This month we are working on our 2025 budget for our 5yr. Plan. The total plan will cover 2025 through 2029. It's a template and is very flexible as needed. In this plan we cover; cart paths; tree removal, (remember that we use the 'Memorial Tree' donation program for planting trees). Members can purchase a tree to be planted on the course for a 'loved one'. You can contact Patrick if you're interested. We address bunker and tee renovations, (we will be renovating the #5 tee); landscaping; drainage; irrigation and any miscellaneous issues that need to be addressed. We do this through our Capital Improvement also known as CIDM monies. Fifteen percent of each member's monthly dues are put into CIDM. The first 10% of the 15% goes into the Club's Reserve Fund. House & Grounds & Green then split the remainder at 50/50. An example would be if the member's portion of CIDM is \$10, the Reserve Fund gets \$1 and H&G & Green would get \$4.50 each.

I asked Thad our Head Supt. to address the condition of the greens. Here's his response. After aeration, sand is spread onto the greens. This sand needs to be put down into the holes for drainage and regrowth. Because of the late aeration date, Oct. 21st, Thad had to put more water on the greens and because of the time of the year, the greens had less direct sunlight. Holes 1, 4, 5 & 6 were the most affected because of large trees that shade those greens. They weren't able to dry out and a fungus developed. The fungus started affecting the Poa due to these conditions. Fungicides and fertilizers were applied and over seeding weak areas has speeded up the recovery process. Improvements have already been seen and there will be close monitoring through the rainy season. Adjustments in our aeration schedule will need to be made for next Fall.

On Nov. 26th the robo mower we will be testing on #2 fairway has just been installed. Patrick put out an info blast to the membership so I hope everyone was able to read it. The plan is that if this proves to be an efficient way to mow fairways, the Club will make a full investment for all fairways. This would be in lieu of buying a new fairways mower. If it doesn't work out then we will have made a minimal investment and the bite won't be so bad. Stay tuned.

One thing that worries me is the trespassers that have been coming up at night and stealing. Last night, the 25th at 11:47pm, a man & woman tried to get into the clubhouse but didn't. They then took the trail camera. These appeared to be the same couple that stole a back pack blower and siphoned diesel fuel up at the maintenance yard. Landscapers possibly?

Our Head Supt. sets the day to day course conditions for cart riding. When checking in, whether renting a cart or owning your personal cart, the staff will inform the rider(s) of 'THE CART PATH ONLY' conditions or if driving on the course is allowed. Agreements are in place for cart renters and personal cart owners to abide by rules for cart use. Unfortunately, these conditions apply to persons with handicap flags.

There are also signs posted regarding cart use on holes #1 & #3 as reminders and just to avoid any confusion, these conditions are for all 9 holes. It's helpful and a courtesy to the maintenance crew and other members who want to enjoy the golf course. Not a good look when there are cart tracks on the course or a cart is stuck out there. Please don't be that guy or gal and please stay fully on the cart paths. Nobody wants to have to go around and be the cart police.

Please, adhere to the cart rules, fix ball marks & divots, rake bunkers and leave rakes out of the bunkers in a place where it won't be in line with a moving ball.

As always, you can email me at hp1852@yahoo.com for constructive criticism, suggestions, letting the crew know they're doing a good job. Save your negative criticism. We're volunteers and the best way to be heard is volunteer.

Harry Pearson

Petaluma Golf and Country Club Board of Directors

General Managers Report

November 20th, 2024

- **Membership Update**

- Current Total Waitlist is 29
 - Playing Waitlist – 20 (20 max)
 - Non-Playing Waitlist – 9 (No max)
 - Junior Members – 1 (15 max)
 - Senior Emeritus – 15 (15 max)
 - Social Members – 14 (15 max)
- Resignations* - Jon Banister & Bruce Ulriksen
- New Certificate Members* - Tyler Kasten & Stephen Pearson
- Transfers* - None
- New Playing Waitlist Members Approved* - Patrick Bailey & Joel Brown

**Since November 16th, 2024*

- **Member Events**

- November 21st – Bricks Extreme Tournament
- November 28th – Turkey Shootout
- December 4th – Women’s Holiday Party
- December 7th – Ugly Sweater Tournament
- December 11th – Book Club Meeting
- December 18th – Next Board Meeting
- December 22nd – Christmas Brunch with Santa

- **Outside Events**

- November 30th – Deering Thanksgiving Party (Members)
- December 3rd – Matt Larrabure Group Meeting (Member)
- December 12th & 19th – Rotary Meeting Days
- December 14th – Herbs Pool Christmas Party
- December 20th – KVAL Christmas Party

- **General**

Open Ping Pong Night!

**December
9th**

- ***2- Tables Will
Be Put Out***
- ***No Sign Up***
- ***Just Show Up!***

5:30pm



1500 Country Club
Drive, Petaluma, CA

They call me Mr Skunk!



I thought you told me dinner would be ready when we got here. Where are we going now?



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 Thomas, 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, Mitch 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.