



# November 2024

## President McKenzie Smith Report



### Board of Directors Nominations

We are looking for certificate members to volunteer to run for the Board of Directors. Nominate yourself , provide us with your bio and a photo of yourself or your family. It is very rewarding. Nominations are due by November 15th.

New Certificate Membership Initiation dues just went up from \$3,000 to \$5,000.

Hit Them Long, High and Straight

McKenzie Smith

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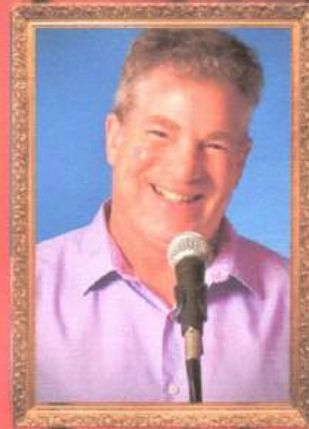
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# Bobby Tessel Comedy Show

*Starring*  
**BOBBY  
TESSEL**



COCKTAILS 5 PM, DINNER 6PM, SHOW 7 PM

**\$75 PER PERSON**  
INCLUDES DINNER, DESSERT AND SHOW

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH**

PLEASE CALL THE PRO SHOP AT 707 762-7041  
TO MAKE A RESERVATION.

## ***Bobby Tessel Comedy Show***

***Saturday November 16th***

Bobby Tessel strolls up to the microphone with the casualness of walking into his own living room. He raises his hand to give a slight wave to the crowd as he utters one word, "hi". The audience responds immediately with laughter.

Within seconds of his arrival on stage, he has captured the crowd and squired them away into an atmosphere of comfortableness. For the next hour, Tessel rattles off joke after joke for his attentive throng. Moving from subject to subject, his coolness belies the tangential state of topics.

Bobby Tessel is one of only a few comics to appear on both, "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno", and "The Late Show with David Letterman". What does that mean? For some, quite a bit, for others, not so much. But he's done it, and better to have those credits than not have them.

Bobby also won the Northern Californian Comedy Competition and was a Finalist in the San Francisco International Stand-Up Comedy Competition. Bobby's special titled, "Not Right Now" from the Dry Bar Comedy website has surpassed one million views on YouTube!

After high school, Bobby attended Arizona State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education. He then proceeded to utilize that education by pursuing a career in stand-up comedy.

Tessel's first time on stage was to a packed house at the Funnybone Comedy Club in Cincinnati, and he destroyed the room. Since that night, he hasn't looked back. "I love stand-up", Tessel says, "I love putting words in a sequence, that no one in the entire world has ever thought of, in order to get a desired response, laughter. I think that's pretty cool.



# Comedy Show Dinner Menu



Preferred  
Sonoma  
Caterers

Prepared on Thursday, October 3, 2024

**Contact**

Petaluma Golf & Country Club  
McKenzie Smith  
<mckenzie@mckenziemsmith.com>

**Event**

Event Date: Saturday, November 16, 2024  
Guest Time: 5:30 PM  
Attending: 75  
Description: Comedy Show  
Site: Petaluma Golf & Country Club

-----Dinner Service-----

**Classic Caesar Salad**

romaine, shaved parmesan, garlic croutons

**Three Cheese Tortellini**

creamy tomato dill

**Sautéed Mary's Chicken Breast**

Chardonnay Caper Sauce  
lemon, cream, herbs

**Herb Rubbed Center Cut Pork Loin**

**Artisan Breadbasket**

-----Dessert-----

**Chef's choice Dessert**

**Coffee & Tea Service**

preferred sonoma caterers own blend of sumatra, peruvian and african for a full-bodied earthy flavor with just a little zing from local coffee roaster petaluma coffee and tea. service includes standard coffee condiments.

This proposal is valid for 30 days from date of preparation.  
Last Updated: 10/3/2024

**Preferred Sonoma Caterers**

**416 East D Street, Petaluma, CA 94952**

**707.769.7208**



***Ping Pong Tournament Winner Jared Barrilleaux with his son Cameron and event chair Brett Johnson.***

PGCC hosted its first member Ping Pong tournament on October 10th. The club has a great table available for use and we were also able to borrow a second table to keep the games moving. It was a great night of ping pong and enjoying a TNF 49ers win over the Seahawks. We played a world cup style tournament with one player emerging out of each pool to advance to the semifinals. Congratulations to runner up ***Brett Howard and champion Jared Barrilleaux!*** Given strong interest we plan to hold more ping pong events throughout the winter. For those who are interested but don't want to compete in a tournament, our next event will be open play. Keep an eye out for communication on our next scheduled date.

***Brett Johnson***



## **Board of Directors Nominations due by November 15th**

We are seeking candidates who would like to serve on the PG&CC Board. There will be three (3) positions up for election in December.

The term in office is three years.

The Board generally meets for about two (2) hours starting at 6:00pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Board members usually serve on one or more of the Club's standing Committees (e.g., House & Grounds, Greens, Food & Beverage, Rules, Junior Golf ....).

The only requirements for the position are that you are a Certificate Member in good standing and willing to serve. Only one member of a family may serve on the Board at a given point in time.

If you would like to consider running for the Board, please email or call me on the number below **before November 15th** and I will provide you with additional details.

*Joe Schlesinger*

*Chair, Election Committee*

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## *How and why I started to play golf*

I first picked up a golf club at the tender age of 12. It wasn't exactly a conscious choice; rather, it was a desperate attempt to salvage some semblance of sibling rivalry. My older brother, a natural athlete, had always been a step ahead in every sport we tried. Baseball, basketball, soccer—you name it, he was better. But golf? Golf was a different story.

Our dad, a casual golfer himself, had introduced us to the game on a lazy summer afternoon. My brother, ever the competitor, took to it like a fish to water. I, on the other hand, struggled with the basics. My swings were wild, my putts veered off course, and I seemed to spend more time searching for lost balls than actually playing.



Then, one fateful day, something clicked. I managed to sink a 20-foot putt, much to my brother's disbelief. From that moment on, I was hooked. I spent hours practicing in the backyard, chipping balls against a makeshift target, and dreaming of the day I would beat my brother on the course.

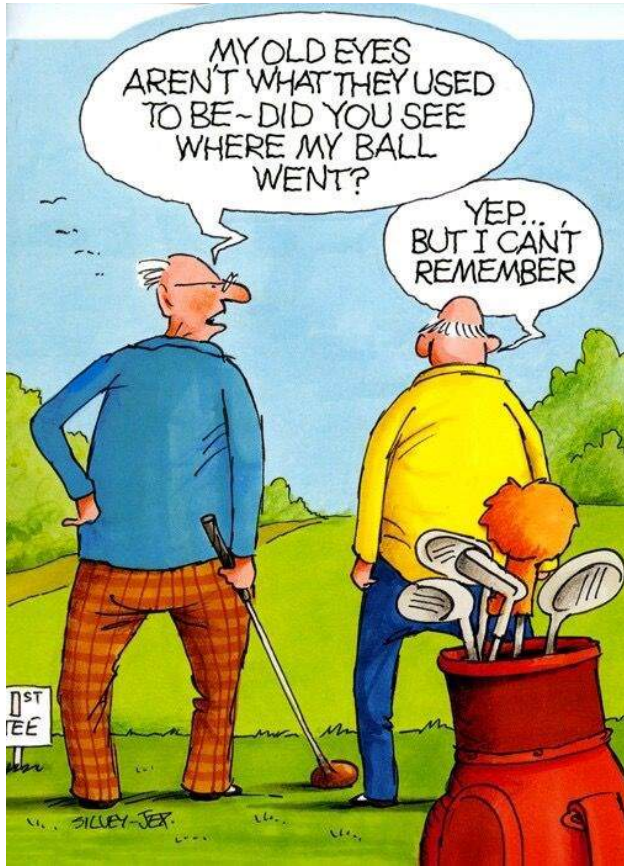
It took a few more years, but eventually, I did it. I defeated my brother in a head-to-head match, and the feeling of triumph was indescribable. That victory fueled my passion for golf, and I've been playing ever since.

As my skills improved, I began to dream of turning my hobby into a career. I dedicated myself to practice, joined a local golf club, and even competed in some amateur tournaments. Eventually, I decided to pursue a professional golf career.

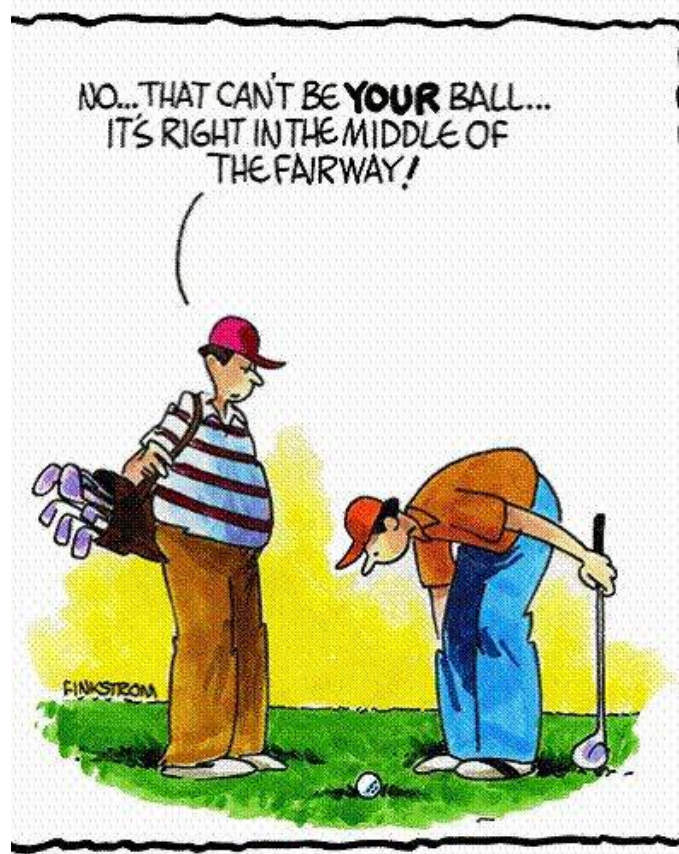
After years of hard work and dedication, I achieved my goal of becoming a PGA professional. I've had the privilege of teaching countless students, coaching aspiring young golfers, and even competing in some professional events. It's been an incredible journey, and I'm grateful for the opportunities that golf has given me.

Golf can best be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle.

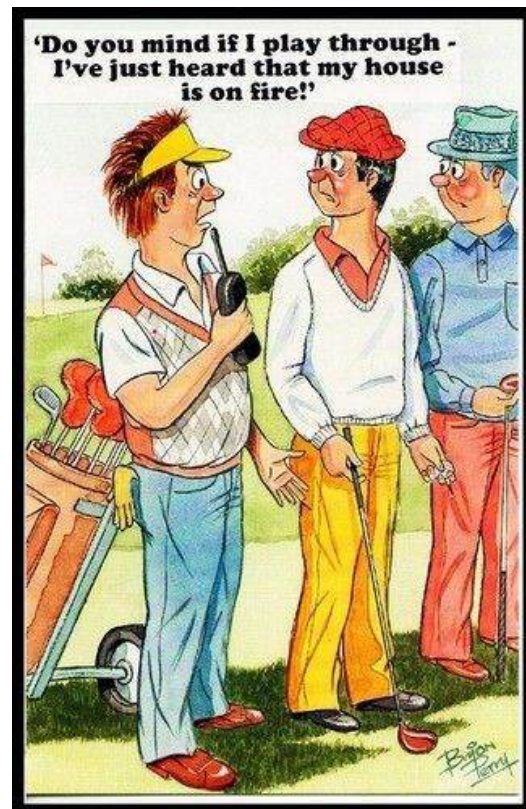
***Patrick Steiner***  
***General Manager & PGA Class A Professional***  
***707-762-1057***



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"Anyway, nice talking to you Shirley, I think there's some men waiting to tee-off"





# Petaluma Golf and Country Club Board of Directors

## General Managers Report

### October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

- **Membership Update**

- Current Total Waitlist is 32
  - Playing Waitlist – 20 (20 max)
  - Non-Playing Waitlist – 12 (No max)
  - Junior Members – 1 (15 max)
  - Senior Emeritus – 15 (15 max)
  - Social Members – 14 (15 max)
- Resignations\* - Zac Puch & Rocco Scaccalosi
- New Certificate Members\* - Joseph Herr
- Transfers\* - Charlie Carson
- New Playing Waitlist Members\* - Kent Boucher

*\*Since October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024*

- **Member Events**

- October 25<sup>th</sup> – Member Social
- October 26<sup>th</sup> – Spooky Halloween Tournament
- October 30<sup>th</sup> – Book Club Meeting (5:30pm-7:00pm)
- November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Stableford Championship
- November 15<sup>th</sup> – Night Golf Tournament
- November 16<sup>th</sup> – Comedy Show
- November 20<sup>th</sup> – Next BOD Meeting
- November 21<sup>st</sup> – Bricks Extreme Tournament
- November 28<sup>th</sup> – Turkey Shootout

- **Outside Events**

- November 5<sup>th</sup> – Matt Larrabure Group Meeting
- November 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> – Petaluma Rotary

- **General**

## ***Brad Scott Club Champ Golf Story***

Ok so my golf story is pretty straightforward. At a very young age I was very competitive with my father on all things that could result in some kind of contest. He and my grandfather were very avid golfers and had a deep love and respect for the game. I grew up overseas and wasn't really a full time resident in the US until the 5th grade. At which time I knew my dad and grandpa loved golf and I wanted a piece of them something fierce. When I asked my dad if he could teach me golf and if he thought I could be as good as him some day. He simple replied with "its a very difficult game and it takes years to get good". He added his touch that he thought he was too good and no matter how hard I tried I would probably never beat him at golf. I didn't know at the time, but clearly he was saying exactly what he wanted me to hear instead of being super competitive like I thought at the time.

A couple years, lots of practice, the occasional junior tournament and many weekend outings with my dad I finally beat him in the 7th grade. The very next weekend I had to give him a stroke a hole except the par threes as I was probably a solid 10 strokes better than him before I could actually beat him in a heads up match. I wanted nothing more than to beat him but actually accomplishing the task was not just being better at the game, it was being able to accomplish the task when it mattered. One of my favorite characteristics of the game still this day. After beating him at this game, it was finally clear to me he was actually rooting for me, not against me and my love for the game blossomed from there. Golf is such a dynamic game, watching my son beat me was one of my happiest moments in golf, even though my face and words never let him know that. That being said, I hope I'm alive when and if his daughter or son kicks his butt!

I would simply say if the entire world played golf together, the world would be a much better place!! What a game!





## ***Greens and Fairways***

***The Petaluma Golf and Country Club would like opportunity to thank the volunteers for their hard work on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of October. Seven club members who took 5 hours out of there day to clean 9 greens and 2 practice greens.***

***Thank you Greg Plattner, Larry Riis, Jeff Donahue, Kris O'Connor, Loren Warburg, John Duensing, and Cecy Mullins. Cecy raked non-stop for 5 hours, my back hurts just thinking about it.***

***Thank You All***

## ***Petaluma Golf and Country Club Junior Golf***

The junior golf program at Petaluma Golf and Country Club is thriving, thanks to the dedication of the young golfers, the support of their parents, and the club's commitment to providing a great environment for the next generation of golfers.

On October 20<sup>th</sup> our 13u team went up to Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club to face off against the best team in the northern half of the Redwood Empire League. These kids went out there and gave it their all! I could not be more proud of how far they have come this year and the growth they have displayed.

The work ethic of the junior golfers is truly commendable. They show up early for practice, are eager to learn, and support each other on and off the course. Their passion for the game is evident in their enthusiasm and dedication.

One of the factors that has contributed to the program's success is the addition of new nets at the top of the hill. These nets have provided a valuable training tool for the juniors, allowing them to practice their skills in driving and long irons as well on working on their technique. The nets have significantly enhanced the program and have been a valuable asset to the club.

The junior golf program would not be possible without the support of the parents and volunteers. Their dedication and commitment to the program are invaluable. They provide transportation, encouragement, and assistance at tournaments, ensuring that the juniors have a positive and supportive experience.

***Tyler Picetti***





## ***9 Hole Women's golf***

The Nine Hole Ladies finished their golfing season with a luncheon at Luma Restaurant. Fun was had by all.

We would love to have more ladies join us when we start back up in March.

We start at 9:00 and usually finish by 11:30. If you're just starting out or just want to play nine holes we welcome you to join us.

***Please contact Jan O'Connor at***

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

***or 415-302 5664***

# ***Fantastic Halloween Event***

## ***Great Job, Thank You***





## 18-HOLE Women's Section Celebrates the end of Season

The 18-hole Women's Section season came to an end with a Celebratory luncheon on Wednesday Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. While sipping champagne and dining on a delicious lunch from Chef Damien, trophies and plaques were presented representing the various tournaments played in the March thru October season. In addition, the trophies for Most Improved Golfer and Low Net golfer (June thru August) were announced.

"Most Improved Golfer" honors and the trophy went to Annette White! Congratulations Annette!

Low net golfer (June- August) runner-up also went to Annette White. The trophy for First place Low Net Golfer went to Cecy Mullins! Congratulations Cecy!

Plaques or trophies were engraved for the following for the season:

Eillen Ostroff & Jill Cheda for Hansen's Best Ball

Egg Basket Invitational, 1<sup>st</sup> Flight: Annette White with Kay King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight: Virginia Silacci and Jan Schulte

Tish Battaglia (Match Play): Ruth Giacomini

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Women's section Club Championship trophy: Claudia Little

Musser Point Par: Cindy McCarter

Sadie Hawkins: Claudia Little /Chris Schroeder, Virginia Silacci/Jim Schroeder

Laurie's Viva Las Vegas: Claudia Little/Annette White/Gayle Sarlatte

The 18-hole Women's Section season runs from March (weather permitting) thru October. Any female club member with a handicap can join. Play is Wednesdays and/or Saturdays at 8:30 am during the season.

In other news, new officers were elected last week: Captain Sue Berger, Co-Captain Brenda Roberts,

Treasurer Eileen Ostroff, Rules Cecy Mullins, Tournament Annette White and Deborah Yee

**All women** of the club: Mark your calendars now for the **Annual Holiday Party** Wednesday Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:30 pm, details to come.



## 18-HOLE Women's Section Celebrates the End of Season

Eileen Ostroff , Annette White, Claudia Little,  
Gayle Sarlatte, Cecy Mullins, Ruth Giacomini,  
Cindy McCarter and Virginia Silacci



**Past Petaluma Golf and Country Club President Michael Nistler has rejoined the Petaluma Golf and Country Club. Michael was President of the club in 1988 – 1989. Michael was also the club Champion in 1977. He had a family emergency in the early 2000's and is now back in the club. Please join me in welcoming Michael Nistler back.**

*I was born in 1949 and played on the college team in the late 1960s and decided to play several times a week in the mid 1970 and get my handicap below 5.*

*Doctor Bob Foster (what a guy) was my caddie on the final "battle of the titans" traditional 36 hole match where "real men" were expected to walk the course like the big boys on TV tourneys LOL.*

*Ah, those were the days... Michael*



**Do you know who these two people are? They broke into the club pro shop on Friday morning October 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 am and stolen as much as they could carry. They have masks and gloves on.**



**Do you know who these two people are? They broke into the club Maintenance building on Saturday of Labor Day Weekend and stolen as much as they could carry.**





## ***Trespassers***

**These two young men trespassed on to the property Friday night October 18th looking for trouble. They arrived 2 1/2 hours after our last employee locked the gate and went home. The club was locked up tight.**

**I contacted the local high schools. The Assistant Principals just called and said they have the two boys in the principal's office right now. I said I do not want any legal action taken against the boys, I just don't want them and their friends to ever trespass again. The Assistant Principal said they are shaking in their boots. They promised and double promised not to trespass ever anywhere again and they will tell their friends to never trespass ever.**

**I am not going to show their faces.**





***This Raccoon and this Fox come to the club every night looking for dinner.***





***Where is my deer wife? She said she would be right here. Sweetheart where are you?***







*“I told you if we built a nine-hole golf course and left some clubs out, they would forget all about us.”*

# **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.