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Notes from the President

Dear MG&CC Members:

You may have noticed that we have been busy removing a few dead trees from the course. We are continuing our push for various improvements indoors and out.

I want to thank two of our members and the Nine-Tee-Niners for their generous donations which allowed for the purchase of new tee markers. They have been ordered and will be on the course as soon as they come in. Love them? There will be just a few available for sale in the Pro Shop.

I would also thank Carm McKee for her hard work as secretary of the Board. The new kitchen equipment is IN! We look forward to increased efficiency in preparation time and more great meals being served.

The recent Valentine's Dinner and Crab Feed were both DELICIOUS! Thank you to both staff and attendees for making these events successful. Don't miss out on the next dining event. Get your reservations in now for the St. Patrick's Dinner being held on Friday, March 14th. Not a fan of corned beef and cabbage? This year there are two entrée options to choose from. Also in March: Dinner & Bingo on the 22nd and Frenchmen's Night on the 28th. There's something for everyone in March!

As always, check the current month's calendar and the "Looking Ahead" section of this Chip Shots newsletter for upcoming golf and dining events as well as Club closures (March 24th and 25th for greens aeration, April 18th for an outside tournament).

Russell Marks
President





PRO'S Corner

David Whitby
PGA Club PRO

New Pro Shop Hours starting March 4th. Please check out the schedule on the calendar page.

Wearing Denim ends March 31st.

Reminder: You must check in at the Pro Shop before you tee off. No play off the back 9 unless with Pro Shop approval.

Important Upcoming Golf Dates

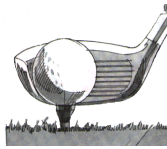
NCGA Zone Qualifier has been moved. New Dates: May 3rd & 4th. Please note this in your calendars.

Merced Cup 2025

Congratulations to Team Garcia for winning the Merced Cup over Team Russell, 37 to 35. Team Garcia trailed Team Russell by two points after the first day, 19-17. On day two the boys on team Garcia rallied for a comeback to win the Cup. 24 players, 12 on each team, battled it out over two days at Eagle Springs Golf Course. The weekend was filled with great golf, beautiful weather, friendly banter, food, and maybe some blackjack at the tables.

Captain Jesse Garcia's team included: Doug Collins, Don Mancebo, Scott Winton, Charles Havel, Josh Rosson, John Seymour, James Rochester, RJ Lorenzi, Jeff Sweet, Dave Flores & Tony Medina.

David Whitby, PGA; Head Golf Professional



Senior Division

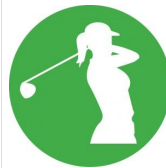
By: Patrick Dillon

The Traveling Seniors season kicked off this past Thursday with Sunnyside Country Club hosting the SJTL. Local players who placed were: Bobby Johnson (1 dozen balls) on the winning team and Pat Dillon (3 sleeves of balls) on the runner up.

Next up on the schedule will be Kings CC on March 25, followed by back-to-back events at Turlock GCC on April 9 and 16. The first of those 2 events will be hosted by Twain Harte, since they do not have a home course.

If you have been waiting to join the Seniors, now is a great time. Either sign up on the sheet in the locker room or let me know and I will add you to the list.

That's it for this month. Hit 'em straight!



9t9ers

ARTICLE by: Nancy Slater

Nine-Tee-Niners golf season for 2025 is well underway. Our Kick-Off day featured a fun format to warm us up for the season. The winning team included Patty, Maureen and Joanie. Way to lead us off ladies!

We were rained out and blown away by the weather on February 4th. Not to worry - a group of us met in the dining room for a putting contest. Avis organized the morning and encouraged everyone to come with putting aids. We set up six holes and had a fun time visiting and competing. The field included Jan, Jeanne, Sandy, Karen, Mary, Susan, myself and the winner - Avis!

MGCC Golf Professional David Whitby has group lessons planned for us on six successive Tuesdays beginning on February 11th. Cost is \$5 per lesson held 30 minutes prior to each shotgun start. Please sign up for each session by replying to the email that Kellie sends each week. Many thanks to David for his kind attention to the 9ers and his excellent lessons.

I recently listened to a podcast about how we see ourselves in inspiring stories. I clearly remember seeing the 1975 movie Babe about the life of Babe Didrikson Zaharias. She had a relatively short life (1911-1956) but she succeeded in winning Olympic gold and she founded the LPGA with Patty Berg when women were rare in amateur and professional sports. It's a good and encouraging movie for golfers.

What to look forward to in March: Our first Guest Day is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4th. All women are welcome to participate as guests without green or cart fees. Each guest will play with the member who invites them. Our lesson with David will take place on March 11th at 8:30 am prior to the 9:00 am shotgun start. Cost is \$5. Due to aeration of greens, our March meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 26th, including Low Net/Low Putts.



18-Hole Ladies Division

Captain's Table
By: Veronica Curiel

Rain, Rain wouldn't go away and of course it was on our opening day. February 6 was our kickoff day and, while we were unable to play, the group enjoyed breakfast, an indoor putting contest and a few rounds of cornhole. The day was also spent introducing our new members and socializing. Hopefully we can get back into our routine Thursdays, weather permitting.





The 2025 Ladies Invitational is in full planning mode. Save the date for September 5th and 6th. More to come. I hope to have another Ladies horse race in late April. Look for postings for this fun evening event soon. Spring EC has begun, don't forget to turn in your scorecards for Tuesday and Thursday rounds.

Our general meeting was held on February 20th. Thank you to all who were able to attend. If you were not available to come, meeting notes will be available soon. Jill Macha has moved up to Tournament chair and her Assistant chair is now Carm McKee.

Thank you, ladies, for stepping into these positions.



MARCH 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3 <i>Club Closed</i>	4 9-T-9ers Front 9 9:00am Shotgun	5 Ash Wednesday	6 18-Hole Women's Div. 9:00am Shotgun	7	8
9 Daylight Savings Time Begins	10 <i>Club Closed</i>	11 9-T-9ers Back 9 8:30am Lessons 9:00am Shotgun	12	13 18-Hole Women's Div. EC Tournament Rnd.1 9:00am Shotgun General Meeting	14 Callaway Demo Day 10am-2pm  St. Patrick's Dinner	15
16	17  St. Patrick's Day <i>Club Closed</i>	18 9-T-9ers Front 9 9:00am Shotgun	19	20 18-Hole Women's Div. EC Tournament Rnd.2 9:00am Shotgun	21  Men's Horse Race 5:30pm	22 Dinner & Bingo
23	24 <i>Club Closed - Aerate Greens</i>	25	26 9-T-9ers Back 9 9:00am Shotgun Meeting Day  6:00pm MGCC Board Mtg.	27 18-Hole Women's Div. 9:00am Shotgun	28 Frenchmen's Night	29
30	31 <i>Club Closed</i>					



PRO-SHOP HOURS OF OPERATION

Eff. MARCH 4, 2025

PRO SHOP Hours: Monday: CLOSED;

Tuesday to Sunday 7:00am - 7:00pm

Driving Range Hours: Monday: CLOSED; Tuesday 8am - dusk

Wednesday thru Saturday 6am - dusk

Sunday 6:00am - 5:00pm

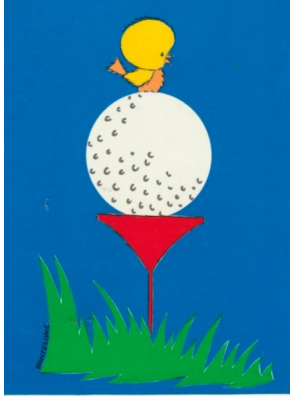
Golf Carts: Please return golf carts by 7:00pm

As always . . .

Please check in the Pro Shop before you tee off and
SIGN OUT KEYS FOR GOLF CARTS

REMINDERS: Please follow course rules (especially those announced),
repair your divots and repair your ball mark on the green.

Looking ahead . . .



April 2025

- Apr 1 9-T-Niners (Front 9)
9:00am Shotgun Guest Day
- Apr 3 18-Hole Ladies Division
9:00am Shotgun Guest Day
- Apr 5 *NCGA 4-ball Tournament*
8:30am Tee Times
- Apr 8 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
8:30am Lessons
9:00am Shotgun
President's Cup Rnd. 1
- Apr 10 18-Hole Ladies Division
9:00am Shotgun
-  Apr 11 Horse Race
5:30 pm
- Apr 15 9-T-Niners (Front 9)
9:00am Shotgun
President's Cup Rnd. 2
- Apr 16 Whitby's Wedges
- Apr 17 18-Hole Ladies Division
and Men over 60
9:00am Shotgun
- Apr 18 CLUB CLOSED
-  Apr 20 Easter Brunch
- Apr 22 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
9:00am Shotgun
President's Cup Rnd. 3
9:00am Shotgun
6:00pm MGCC Board Meeting
- Apr 24 18-Hole Ladies Division
Grandmothers' Tournament
- Apr 29 9-T-Niners (Front 9)
9:00am Shotgun Meeting Day
President's Cup Final Rnd.



MERCED GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB DRESS CODE

CLUBHOUSE & DINING ROOM

All members and guests are required to adhere to Merced Country Club's Dress Code when in the club. These general guidelines apply for adults and children above the age of five. The dress code is listed below:

Jackets maybe required for more formal events. Women are requested to dress in a fashion compatible with the dress required of men, which may include dresses, skirts, slacks or pantsuits.

Typical golf attire; and clean, comfortable attire are encouraged at all times. Ladies may wear sleeveless shirts that have a collar; or a non collared shirt with sleeves. Men's Golf attire, blue denim clothing and blue denim jeans in good, clean condition are acceptable attire in the Bar, Dining Room, Patio, Pool, Parking Lot, Pro Shop, Locker Rooms and Club Offices.

NO BLUE DENIM JEANS are allowed on the Golf Course, Putting Green, Driving Range, and Practice Facility.

The following attire is **NOT** allowed in the **Clubhouse** (Including the Dining Room, Bar and Banquet Room), on the **Golf Course or Driving Range**

- Shorts, skorts or skirts higher than mid-thigh.
- T-Shirts or Tank Tops; Gym Shorts or any other Gym attire.
- Overalls; cut-offs; clothes with frayed edges or holes
- Swimsuits or Swimwear of any kind; wet or soiled clothing
- Trousers, or other types of clothing that clearly are extreme in size and that cause the clothing item to hang loosely from the body, or that may expose areas of the body or visible undergarments, are prohibited.
- Tops exposing the mid-sections or other areas of the body are not acceptable.

Exceptions to the dress code will be: Attire worn for Theme Parties and other designated events which the general Manager must approve prior to the events.

Wearing appropriate blue denim will be permitted on the golf course although not encouraged, from November 1 through March 31.

Other Restrictions to: Bar, Dining Room, and Banquet Rooms

- Hats/caps for gentlemen are not permitted in the dining room except as traditional religious, ethnic, or medical head covering. Hats/caps must be worn facing forward. It is appropriate etiquette for gentlemen to remove hats while indoors.
- Shoes and/or sandals must be worn at all times.
- Soft spikes are not permitted in the Dining Room.

Thank you for your compliance.

MEMBERSHIP COUNT

Associate Firm	12
Discovery	17
Executive Membership.	69
Playing	162
Regular Firm.	11
Social/Proprietary	1
Special Social	34
Leave of Absence	7
Young Executive	22
Young Professional	9

Total . . 344



Saint Patrick's

DINNER

FRIDAY, MARCH 14
6:00PM

DINNER \$32, +, +

•—————•
CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE
GLAZED CARROTS & RED POTATOES
OR
IRISH SAUSAGE WITH ONION GRAVY
MASHED POTATOES & CARROTS

•—————•
FRESH GREEN SALAD
ROLLS AND SOFT BUTTER
CHOCOLATE SHEET CAKE

•—————•
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OR CALL 209 722 6268

MG&CC
PRESENTS

BINGO NIGHT

SATURDAY, MARCH 22ND
DINNER @ 6:00 PM
BINGO TO FOLLOW

BUFFET DINNER:
\$20++ ADULTS
\$10++ KIDS

PASTA, BREAD, SALAD AND FRUIT

DESSERT: ICE CREAM SANDWICHES

**\$20 FOR REGULAR PLAY BINGO
CARDS; \$5 FOR OPTIONAL
BLACKOUT ROUND**

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