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NEWS LETTER

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# NOTES from the President

As the weather warms our fairways are starting to turn from that wonderful shade of muddy brown to emerald green. Unfortunately, the weeds and clover also awaken and start to grow. BrightView, our course management company has noted the change and has arranged to borrow a large piece of equipment to properly apply weed control and will be spraying our course in the very near future. We have lacked the funds to purchase this kind of equipment in the past. Please stop licking your golf balls for the time being. Our greens have been aerated and sanded so in a few weeks we should have the course in the best shape it has been in years.

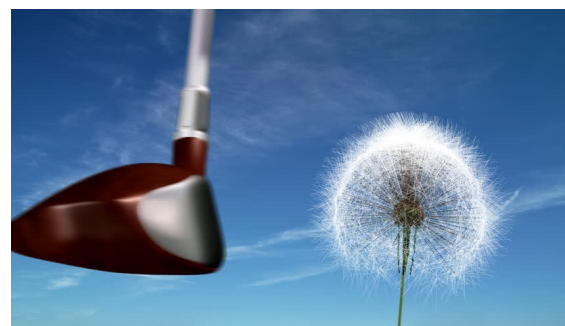
As the grass continues to grow we have learned that our large “rough” mower has given up the ghost. The Club has reached an agreement with BrightView to allow them to purchase a new mower, sell ours for what they can get (its parts are worth something), give us the cash and then allow us to pay the cost of a new one over a period of five years at the end of which we will own the equipment. BrightView, because of their buying power can save us a significant amount off the price of the piece of equipment and they are passing that savings on to us.

As the weather has improved, our members have been sharing our course with guests. Hopefully that will result in yet more applications for membership. However, it has been noted that not all guests are signing in with the Pro Shop and paying their guest fees. Members are encouraged to use their guest cards which are still for sale in the Pro shop for guests at a reduced rate if yours has been fully used. Please remember, if your guest does not sign in and pay the guest fees, it will be added to your bill as their sponsor. Members are all responsible for the charges of their guests.

Finally, the Board continues to research various proposals to add solar panels to reduce our electric bills. The economics of doing so are being evaluated. Your thoughts on that issue are always welcome.

Wishing everyone a Happy Easter!

Rickey D. Wallace





**PRO'S CORNER**  
**David Whitby**  
 PGA Club PRO

We have a handful of activities in April! Don't Forget to sign up for the NCGA 4-Ball on the 7th. We will have our monthly Stag Day on the 11th. The Vern Flowers the 21st and 22nd. And finally, all the players involved in the Merced Cup will be away the weekend of the 28th and 29th. Playing Poppy Hills and Pheasant Run...the trophy will be up for grabs. Will it be Team Kaufman or Team Durmanich??

Bright View will be leveling our #4 and #6 tee boxes, April 16th-30th. Play for those two holes during construction will be from the gold markers.

I hope all of you have a wonderful Easter!  
 See you on the golf course.

Danny Moak  
 Golf Course Superintendent  
**BrightView**

Spring is here and we have a lot going on with the golf course. The grass is growing like crazy and we are doing our best to keep it cut. We have completed our aerification for the spring and now just waiting for the greens to heal.

We do have a couple of things coming up in the near future. We will be spraying for weeds in the rough starting next week. Our next project after that will be leveling of the tees on #4 and #6 starting on April 16<sup>th</sup>. It will take a few weeks for them to be ready for play.



**NCGA**  
**Net**  
**Qualifier**

April 7th  
 8:30am t-times

**Vern**  
**Flowers**  
**Memorial**  
**Tournament**

April 21-22  
 9:00am Shotgun





# 18-Hole Ladies Division

**Captain's Table**  
**Nancy Slater**  
CAPTAIN

March has been a wet and windy month for golfers. We have played just one Thursday tournament so far this month. On Thursday, March 8 the ladies were able to play a 2BB tournament. Winners were: Laurel Mancebo, Kara Parle and Sharon Sanchez. Nice!

Our Saint Patrick's Day celebration was also rained out and only one leprechaun showed up to decorate and bring some cheer to a rainy day.

Thank you Linda Smith!

Events in April:

April 5th, Putting Lesson with David at 8:30am for those who signed up. 9:00am Ladies Host the Seniors. Sign up for this scramble with the Senior Men.

April 10th, 2:00pm 18 Hole Board Meeting.

April 12th, "Attitude & the Yips" Lesson with David at 8:30am for those who signed up. Captain's Trophy/Transnational followed by a General Meeting at 2:00pm.

April 19th, Guest Day/Orange Ball. Please invite your golfing friends for a fun day. Include your guests GHIN number on the sign-up sheet.

April 26th, Grandmother's Tournament. Play is open to everyone. Don't forget to bring photos of your grandkids or grand puppies or grand kitties.

Please sign up in the locker room or email Eileen at [departlow@sbcglobal.net](mailto:departlow@sbcglobal.net)



**9t9ers**  
**Susan Benes**  
Captain

The 9-Tee-9ers celebrated St. Patrick's Day with an interesting, yet

fun, day of rain and golf.

The following ladies were the winners for the event:



Wendy Willis,  
Jerry Lou Davis,

Anne Willis

We should have had prizes for the group that finished the most holes in the rain!

A special thanks to Patty Grossman, Sandy Souza, and Suzanne Zopolos for the great decorations and prizes.

These members were the Ec winners:

First Flight:

1st place - Wendy Willis      2nd place - Sandy Souza

Second Flight:

1st place - Sue Thompson      2nd place - Jerry Lou Davis

3rd place - Cindy Souders

A Happy Easter to all!



**9T9ers**  
**Club Championship**  
**April 10   April 12   April 17**  
**9:00 Shotgun**

The sixth season of The First Tee began Monday, March 19 at Rancho Del Rey. Unfortunately we were rained out in Merced the following day. We will be back on Thursday in Atwater and Sunday in Merced.

TFT continues to search for volunteers who are able to give one hour per week to help our kids to learn some golf and skills and to learn essential life skills as well. Please contact Coach John Campbell 209-261-8839.

# Friday Night Dining

Friday, April 20, 2018

Salad Bar

Fish and Chips  
Baked Beans  
Cheddar Biscuits  
Cole Slaw

Ice Cream

*\$18.95*



April 12th

**Senior Men's  
Away Game**

Merced @ Copper  
River  
Country Club

9:00am Shotgun

April 20th

**Senior Men's  
Local Tournament**

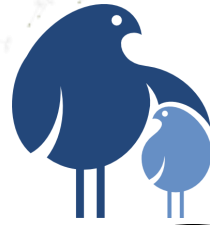
Merced Hosting  
11 Visiting Clubs

8:30am Shotgun

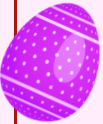

*Life is a balance*



*of holding on  
... or letting go*



# APRIL 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Sunday Brunch	2 	3 <i>9T9ers</i> (Front 9) 9:00am Shotgun	4	5 <i>18-hole DIV</i> Hosts the Seniors 9:00 Shotgun	6	7 NCGA Net Qualifier 8:30 T-times PRIVATE PARTY
8	9 Club Closed  PRIVATE PARTY	10 <i>9T9ers</i> (Front 9) 9:00am Shotgun RND 1 Club Championship	11 Men's Stag Day 12:30p Shotgun	12 <i>18-hole DIV</i> 9:00 Shotgun 2:00pm General Meeting <i>9T9ers</i> RND 2 Club Championship	13	14  PRIVATE PARTY
15	16 Club Closed	17 <i>9T9ers</i> 9:00 Shotgun (Back 9) RND 3 Club Championship	18	19 <i>18-hole DIV</i> 9:00 Shotgun	20 <i>Seniors</i> Local Tournament 8:30am Shotgun Friday Night Dining 6-8pm	21 Vern Flowers Memorial Tournament 9:00am shotgun
22 Vern Flowers Memorial Tourney 9:00am shotgun	23 Club Closed	24 <i>9T9ers</i> 9:00am Shotgun (Back 9) Guest Day 6:00pm MGCC Board Meeting	25	26 <i>18-hole DIV</i> 9:00 Shotgun Grandmother's Tournament	27  PRIVATE PARTY	28  PRIVATE PARTY
29	30 Club Closed					

# **Easter Brunch**

**Sunday, April 1, 2018 9:00am-1:00pm**

**Fresh Fruit Display**  
**Assorted Breakfast Breads**  
**Cold Seafood Display**  
**Smoked Salmon, Shrimp Cocktail**  
**Assorted Salads**  
**Eggs Benedict**  
**Scrambled Eggs**  
**Bacon and Sausage**  
**Country French Toast**  
**Cottage Potatoes**  
**Biscuits and Gravy**  
**Catfish Creole**  
**Grilled New York Steak**  
**Carved Honey Baked Ham and Leg of Lamb**  
**Assorted Dessert Display**

**Adults \$21.95++ Children \$9.95++**

**Easter Egg Hunt @ 12:30pm**

# Men's Stag Day

**APR. 11, 2018**  
**12:00p.m. Shotgun**

*Dinner served after golf.  
All Players  
automatically included  
for dinner.  
Sign-ups in the Pro-Shop*



## MENU

Salad Bar  
Spaghetti and Meat Balls  
Italian Sausage  
Garlic Bread  
Cobbler



**\$13.95++**

# Looking Ahead...



- May 1 9-T-Niners (Front 9)  
9:00am Shotgun
- May 3 18-Hole Ladies Division  
8:30am Shotgun
- May 8 9-T-Niners (Back 9)  
9:00am Shotgun
- May 9 Men's Stag  
12:30pm Shotgun
- May 10 18-Hole Ladies Division  
8:30am Shotgun
- May 13 **Mother's Day Brunch**
- May 15 9-T-Niners (Front 9)  
9:00am Shotgun  
18-Hole Ladies Division  
Club Championship RND 1  
8:30am Shotgun
- May 16 **Super Seniors TNMT**  
9:00am Shotgun
- May 17 18-Hole Ladies Division  
Club Championship RND 2  
8:30am Shotgun
- May 18 18-Hole Ladies Division  
Club Championship Final RND  
8:30am Shotgun  
**Friday Night Dining**  
6:00pm - 8:00pm
- May 20 9-T-Niners **Couples Spring Social**  
3:00pm Shotgun
- May 22 9-T-Niners (Back 9)  
Guest Day 9:00 Shotgun  
6:00pm MGCC Board Meeting
- May 24 18-Hole Ladies Division  
8:30am Shotgun
- May 28 Memorial Day Tournament  
9:00am Shotgun
- May 29 Club Closed
- May 30 18-Hole Ladies Division  
8:30am Shotgun



## 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 4" above the knee
- 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

Playing . . . . .	16
Pre-Paid Program . . . . .	5
Associate Firm . . . . .	8
Leave of Absence . . . . .	5
Special Social . . . . .	22
Honorary . . . . .	1
Social . . . . .	1
Social/Proprietary . . . . .	1
Executive Membership. . .	90
Young Executive . . . . .	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>301</b>