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NEWS LETTER

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NOTES from the President

After what feels like over a year of collecting information, meeting with solar contractors and coordinating with financial institutions the time has come for the membership to come together and discuss the advisability of looking to the sun for our future electrical needs. Board Members Ed Benes and Dick Buchner with Solar Contractor/Member Rich Maher will present an educating program, explain options and respond to questions regarding the advisability of entering into an agreement to purchase/lease a comprehensive solar panel system. This meeting will be held on **Tuesday, August 14, 2018 @ 6:00 PM** in the Dining/Assembly Room of our Club House. As this investment could involve a significant financial expenditure all proprietary members will, in the near future, be provided with a ballot to be returned and counted. The cost of the proposal, the placement of the panels and the lease terms which will, in ten (10) years result in the system being fully paid for will be discussed. Those who know little of solar panel systems are encouraged to attend and learn, those who know everything there is to know about solar systems are encouraged to attend and educate others.

Our course management company, BrightView recently leveled and re-sodded tees on the Fourth (4th) and Sixth (6th) holes. Over many years of pouring sand into divots on those par three holes a "crowning" developed. While the new tees have been laser leveled, given time, members could create an uneven surface again. BrightView has accepted responsibility, as part of their daily maintenance, to repair any divots left on the par three tee boxes in a way that does not result in uneven surfaces. Members have been requested to stop pouring sand into and over divots on the par three holes. Sand boxes (with the little shovels) will be removed and we will observe how this new system works. Should issues develop this will be revisited.

Last month Merced Golf and Country Club sponsored the 67th Annual Merced County Amateur Golf Tournament. This event attracts some of the finest golfers throughout the state. College and other scratch golfers descend on our Club with expectations of walking away with the title of "Champion". Some look at our course and announce that they will breeze through without breaking a sweat. They look at the first hole, take out an iron and expect to drive onto the green. This year the competition was at its best. At the end, however, only one person brought our course to its knees. Local member and successful attorney, Rick Marchini rose to the top and was the only player to shoot even par in the tournament (that's gross even par). Congratulations to MG&CC's own Rick Marchini for his excellent play.

Our Meet, Greet and Eat dinner was a rousing success. It was wonderful to see our pool area full of children and adults alike. Food was fantastic as usual and the ability to meet other members and their families was rewarding.

Lastly the Nominating Committee for next years Board of Directors has been formed. Headed by past president Sam Sheu, with members Gerald (Jerry) Corman, Marilyn Landolina and Joseph (Joe) Collins. If anyone is interested, please contact any of these individuals or leave a message with our Club Manager Berna.

*Hope to see you all Tuesday, Aug 14th at 6:00pm
for a special meeting
regarding the SOLAR PANEL SYSTEM.*

Rickey D. Wallace





PRO'S CORNER
David Whitby
 PGA Club PRO

I trust all of you are enjoying your summer....one member in particular enjoyed his time on the golf course this past month....Congratulations to our very own, Rick Marchinni, he won the 67th Annual Merced Country Golf Championship!! A two day total of 144 was good enough to bring the championship back to Merced. Way to bring it home, Rick!

A big thank you goes out to Danny Moak and BrightView for sponsoring our monthly Stag Day. The raffle and dinner were both over the top!

And finally, on August 11 we will have our annual putting contest that revolves around a back to school theme. And this year we will be adding a movie night in the pool. Encouraging whole families to join us!



Danny Moak
 Golf Course Superintendent
BrightView



Well we are a little over half way through our hottest time of the year and we are still working hard to keep the golf course in good shape. As I mentioned before we are doing extra watering in the afternoons to help us get through to fall.

We would also like to let you know that we will be aerating the fairways the week of August 20th.

Saturday, August 11th, 2018

Back to School

*Putting Contest and
 Movie Night at the Pool*

Putting Contest: 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Dinner: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

***Hamburgers, Hotdogs
 Chips & S'mores***

Adults \$12.95++ Children \$9.95++

Movie: 8:30pm



*Watch Movie in the pool
 Bring your Swimsuits & Floaties*





18-Hole Ladies Division

Captain's Table
Nancy Slater
CAPTAIN

An intrepid group of Merced ladies competed in the Turlock Invitational last month. The foursome won the Horse Race and finished in the money. Big winners were Linda Pellissier, Ramona Stanford, Sharon Terry and their hostess Neff Fleisig. Way to go ladies!



The Ladies 18 Hole Division celebrated the Spirit of Aloha on Thursday, June 24. The entertaining Step Aside Scramble was won by the threesome of Betsy Williams, Suzanne Carpenter and Maureen Buchner.

Congratulations girls! We also celebrated June birthdays for Carol Llamas, Barbara Flores and Sally Tomlinson. The three honorees were not present so we all thoroughly enjoyed their beautiful cake.

Thursday, July 5 we celebrated America's Birthday with a Red, White & Blue format. Triumphant for the day were Pat Jones, Laurel Mancebo and Linda Smith.



The annual Pro Cup Tournament was played over two days on July 12 & 19. Hosted by our PGA Pro David Whitby the Low New Tournament was won by Caren Brendel followed by second place Sandi Kemps and third Jill Macha. These three out lasted all the rest.

Coming in the next month: Beat the Pro on July 26, Captain's Trophy on August 2, President's Cup August 7 thru 16, 2BB on August 23 and the A Team will host Team Play on August 30. Please sign up in the locker room or email Eileen, Linda Pellissier, or Carla.

We are looking forward to some extremely hot weather. Remember to drink plenty of fluids, wear and reapply sunscreen, wear a hat and stay in the shade whenever possible. Take care of yourself.



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ARTICLE BY:
Susan Benes

The Nine-Tee-Niners played their 3rd round of Team Play at Sequoia Woods. Despite the tough course conditions, we were still in 1st place!

Players included:
Susan Benes,
Wenday Willis,
Jeanne McAuley,
Anne Willis,
Cindy Souders and
Maureen Reid



Our 4th and final Team Play event was held at Pine Mountain Lake. At least we thought it was our final game, but at the end of the day we were tied for first place with Del Rio. As a result the play-off between Merced and Modesto will be held on July 31st at Oakdale Golf and Country Club.



Pine Mountain Lake Players were Maureen Reid, Jeanne McAuley, Joannie Tinetti, Cindy Souders, Susan Hammon, Anne Willis

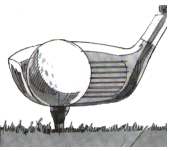
Mary Rojas was our Most Improved Player for the last two months. Congratulations, Mary!



Thanks to Cindy Souders for all her work on Eclectic, "EC". The winners for this quarter are:

First Flight: Wendy Willis 1st place, Patty Beach 2nd, Susan Hammon 3rd
Second Flight: Jerry Lou Davis 1st place, Jan Collins 2nd, Jeanne McAuley 3rd

It was great to see Chris Long, Sandy Souza, and Sue Thompson back. We've missed you!



Senior Division

President Notes by :
Wes Barkwill



Summer has arrived and the seniors continued their year with one carryover event in June and one so far in July. On June 29th we hosted the seniors from Pine Mountain Lake. The highlight of the event was Randy Lane making a hole-in-one on the 6th hole to win closest to the pin (\$10). Other Merced Seniors who cashed included: 1st place team – Joe Collins and Gary Southerland won \$18 each; Randy Lane's team was 2nd and won \$12 each; Gary Belcher and Marv Brown's team finished in 3rd and won \$6 each; and Jeff Kaufman was on the 4th place team and also won \$6. Wes Barkwill had the closest-to-the-pin on 14 and won \$10. On July 10th, RJ Lorenzi and I traveled down to Hanford for an event at Kings CC. RJ's team finished in a tie for 5th place and received a sleeve of golf balls. The steak lunch was great. I will report on the last event of July in next month's article. We are traveling to Pine Mountain Lake on August 25th.

See the list of events for August and September below.

August Senior Events

- August 2 - Travel to Fort Washington CC, Fresno – breakfast and lunch included
- August 10 - Host Tracy, Twain Harte, PML and Turlock breakfast and lunch incl.
- August 23rd Travel to Belmont CC – breakfast and lunch included
- August 31st - Travel to Turlock CC – breakfast and lunch included

September Senior Event

- September 18th - Travel to River Island in Porterville breakfast and lunch included.
- September 28th – Travel to Pine Mountain Lake for the SVS Championship breakfast and lunch included.

See you on the course!

The First Tee Fall session will begin the end of August. More volunteer coaches are needed. We will be doing three levels during each class - Player, Par & Birdie. Please consider giving an hour or two a week to help our kids. No experience needed & you will receive much more than you give. Call Coach John Campbell 209-261-8839. Thank you!



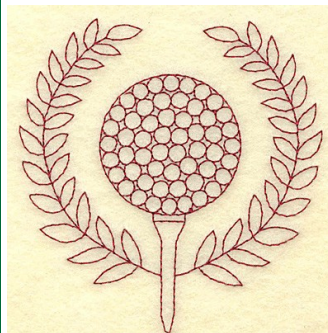
18-hole DIV PRESIDENT'S CUP

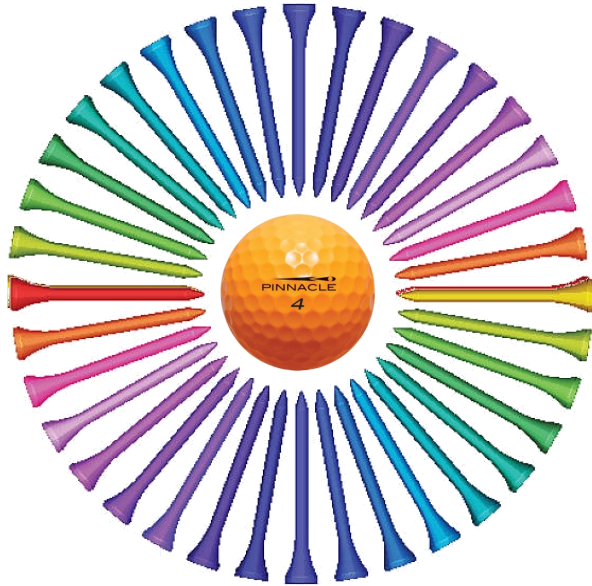
August 7, Tuesday
Round 1
8:30am Shotgun

August 9, Thursday
Qualifying Round
8:30am Shotgun

August 14, Tuesday
Qualifying Round
8:30am Shotgun




August 16, Thursday
8:30am Shotgun
FINAL Round
Consolation Round
& Celebration





AUGUST

2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: AUGUST 14, 2018 @ 6:00 PM</p>			1	2 18-hole DIV 8:30am Shotgun 1:30pm Gen MTG.	3	4
5	6 Club Closed	7 9T9ers (Front 9) 8:30am Shotgun 18-hole DIV PRESIDENT'S CUP	8  Men's Stag Day 12:30p Shotgun	9 18-hole DIV 8:30am Shotgun PRESIDENT'S CUP	10 Senior Host SJVS Traveling Seniors	11 Back to School Putting Contest & Movie Night 5:30 pm
12 	13 Club Closed	14 9T9ers 8:30am Shotgun (Back 9) 18-hole DIV President's Cup 8:30am Shotgun 6:00pm SOLAR MEETING	15	16 18-hole DIV 8:30am Shotgun PRESIDENT'S CUP FINALS Consolation & Celebration PRIVATE PARTY	17 Friday Night Dining  Spaghetti Dinner 6-8pm	18 Men's Club Gross & Net Championship 8am T-Times
19 Men's Club Gross & Net Championship 8am T-Times	20 Club Closed Punch Fairways	21 9T9ers 8:30am Shotgun (Front 9)	22	23 18-hole DIV 8:30am Shotgun	24	25
26	27 Club Closed	28 9T9ers 8:30am Shotgun (Back 9) 6:00pm MGCC Board Meeting	29	30 18-hole DIV 8:30am Shotgun A-Team at Merced PRIVATE PARTY	31	

Friday Night Dining

Aug 17, 2018 6:00 - 8:00 pm

ITALIAN SPAGHETTI DINNER

FAMILY STYLE SPAGHETTI DINNER

with Italian Sausage

& Meatballs

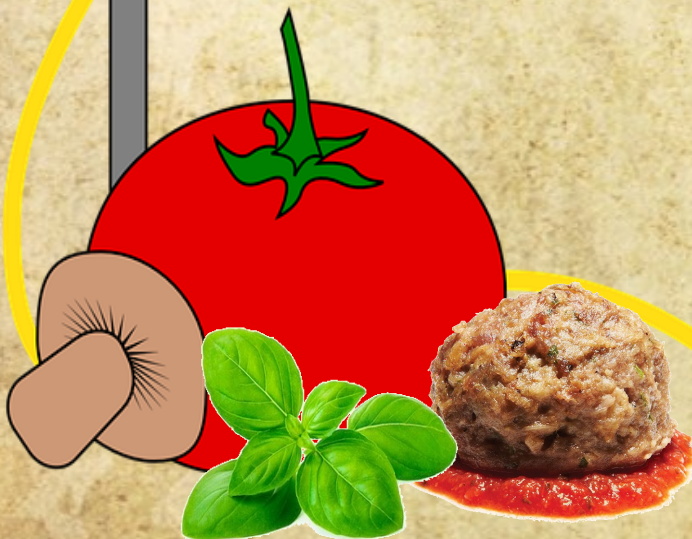
Salad

Garlic Bread

Tiramisu

with Cinnamon Chocolate Sauce

\$13.95 ++



Men's Stag Day

AUG. 8, 2018
12:30p.m. Shotgun

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



MENU

Salad Bar
New York Steak
Baked Potato
Vegetable Medley
Rolls & Butter
Ice Cream / Brownie

\$16.95++



Looking Ahead...

september 2018



Sep 3 Labor Day 9:00am Shotgun
LONE WOLF TOURNAMENT

Sep 4 Club Closed

Sep 6 18-Hole Ladies Division
8:30 Shotgun

Sep 7 9-T-Niners (Front 9)
9:00 Shotgun

Sep 11 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
9:00 Shotgun

Sep 12 Men's Stag
12:30pm Shotgun

Sep 13 18-Hole Ladies Division
Ladies' Invitational
8:30 Shotgun



Sep 14-16 MGCC Member-Member Tourney
10:00am Shotgun

Sep 17 Aerate Greens

Sep 18 9-T-Niners (Front 9)
9:00 Shotgun

Sep 20 18-Hole Ladies Division
8:30 Shotgun

Sep 21 Friday Night Dining
6:00-8:00

Sep 25 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
9:00 Shotgun
Guest Day/Meeting Day
6:00pm MGCC Board Meeting

Sep 27 18-Hole Ladies Division
8:30 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	167
Pre-Paid Program	5
Associate Firm	8
Leave of Absence	4
Special Social	23
Honorary	1
Social	1
Social/Proprietary	1
Executive Membership.	86
Young Executive	4
Total	300