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NEWS LETTER

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## MERCED GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### CLUB STAFF

Berna Lucas . . . . . Club Manager  
David Whitby . . . . . Club PRO  
Dave Samano . . . . . Club Chef

# NOTES from the President

The Merced Golf and Country Club's annual Men's Invitational was a tremendous success. Approximately 100 members and guests enjoyed near perfect weather, found our course to be in great condition and enjoyed food, drink and companionship the entire three day event (with practice round). Our course maintenance group (BrightView) had the fairway grass mowed and healthy and the greens running true, our Pro had the tournament events going off without a hitch, our Bar staff had flying elbows and bottles non-stop and our Chef and his staff served one of the finest meals you could find anywhere in this county. If you missed this event, mark your calendar for next year. I am sure that all the guests went away with a good impression of our Club and our staff.

MG&CC's French Night was a rousing success, Pierre & Sonja Perret, Mike & Sandi Kemps and Tim & Linda Pellissier coordinated with Chef David to present a meal right out of the French countryside that one could not find anywhere short of San Francisco. Berna, Al, Zack and their staff created an incredible atmosphere which contributed to a memorable event. If you are missing our dinners, you are not enjoying all the benefits of membership.

Those big hitters on the third tee will notice that the narrow opening between the tall trees off the tee is now less narrow. While one still must "thread the needle" one can now see the sky between the trees. Many thanks to Rob Thompson and Sam Sheu for contributing funds and effort to trim the high branches back.

Our membership continues to grow each month. Too often new members and their families have a difficult time meeting other members. Too often members go years without meeting our staff and other members. We have needed an event where new and old members and their families can come together, enjoy games, food and friendship. Please set aside **July 20, 2018 (Friday evening)** between 5:30 pm and 9:00 pm for a Poolside Bar-B-Que, swim, putting contest, corn hole competition for all members and their families. Please call Berna if you have any questions and let her know that you can attend, planning the correct amount of food is difficult without a head count early on.

A decision will soon need to be made regarding the installation of solar panels over the parking lot and other places. Balancing the current increasing PG&E costs with the costs of a ten-year solar lease/purchase plan cannot be taken lightly. Financing programs along with design proposals for construction are being finalized. Before any action will be taken it will be necessary to have a general membership meeting to learn from you and to answer any questions we can. The exact date of the meeting has not been set while we are waiting for final financing proposals, but please note that a general membership meeting is planned for early to mid-August

Rickey D. Wallace





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

I like to thank all the members who participated in the Men's Invitational this year, the tournament was successful!! Also, a big thank you goes out to Jim Sofranek for sponsoring Stag Day!

**Hot Weather**

An important tip I can pass along to you applies both on hot days and rainy days: keep the hands and grips dry. Like playing in cold weather, a golfer should also keep his or her head covered, preferably with a cool, reflective material. Please wear sun-screen, drink a lot of water, and wear dark glasses. Regular exposure of the eyes to the sun can do serious and irreversible retina damage. The sun may appear to be one's harmless friend, but long-term effects of over exposure is no laughing matter.

I hope you all are enjoying your summer!!

Dave Whitby, PGA

Danny Moak  
 Golf Course Superintendent  
**BrightView**

As you may know we have been extremely busy on the golf course the last few weeks preparing for the Men's Invitational. We hope that everyone that got a chance to play had a good time. We made it through the last heat wave with very few problems. We have been spending time in the afternoons doing some hose work and extra watering, on the extremely hot days, to make sure the greens stay in good shape.

We are very excited to have received a new rough mower for the golf course. This will be a big help to us in keeping the rough cut, as well as saving on the down time that we were dealing with on the old mower.

Thank You  
 Danny Moak  
 BrightView Golf Maintenance



Wednesday



Tournament  
 8:30am shotgun

July 7th - 8th

**67th Annual**  
**Co Amateur**  
**TOURNAMENT**

7:30 am T-times





# 18-Hole Ladies Division

Captain's Table  
Nancy Slater  
CAPTAIN

The Ladies 18 Hole Division played a fun tournament on Thursday, May 24. Each group was allowed to throw out three holes.

The winning team was:  
Laurel Mancebo,  
Nancy Slater, and  
Sharon Terry.



We all had a wonderful time at Guest Day on May 31.

The Cha Cha Cha format was won by the team of

Linda Lucas, Maureen Buchner, Betsy Williams and Michelle Pedretti.

There were 4 birdies for the day by Kay Vigil, Linda Lucas, Cathy Houston and Lydia Southwick. Congrats to all.



We also celebrated May birthdays for Lydia Southwick, Iantha Thompson and Nancy Slater.



Thursday, June 14 was Captains Trophy/Transnational Day. Winners were Ramona Stanford with low putts and Nancy Slater won the daily Captains Trophy with the lowest net.

The ladies celebrated the Spring Luncheon and Awards. The winners of the Grandmothers Tournament, Linda Lucas and Donna Tetangco were recognized. Awards were also given for Club Championship and Spring Ec.

Looking forward: Please be sure to sign up for

- June 28, Aloha Day –
- July 5, Red, White, Blue –
- July 12, Pro Cup Round 1,
- July 19, Pro Cup Round 2, and
- July 26, N.O.S.E. Tournament.



# 9t9ers

ARTICLE BY:  
Susan Benes

The Niners began Team Play in June with their first game at Del Rio Golf and Country Club, Modesto.



Susan Hammon & Wendy Willis, (first flight) won 1st place in their flight. Jerry Lou Davis & Joanie Tinetti, (second flight) won 2nd place. Patty Grossman & Jan Lorenzi, (third flight) won 2nd place. Way to go!

Our second Team Play competition was held in Merced. Kudos to all our Team Play members, **as all three flights won first place!**



Thank you to Team Play leader Anne Willis and everyone who assisted her to make the day an enjoyable experience for all. Jeannie McAuley, as always, did an exceptional job with table decorations and centerpieces.



Patty Beach & Susan Hammon (1st flight), first place  
Susan Benes & Jerry Lou Davis (2nd flight), first place  
Patty Grossman & Jeannie McAuley (3rd flight), first place

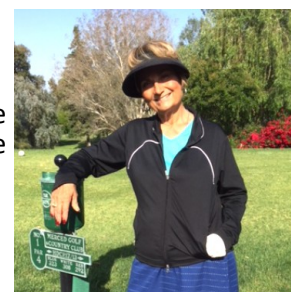
Low Net and Low Putt  
Winners for the month  
Low Net 1st place: Wendy Willis,  
Low Net 2nd place: Susan Benes.

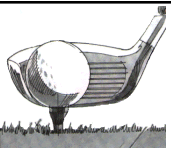
Low Putts: Wendy Willis and Susan Hammon tied



Most Improved Player for the month, Mary Rojas.  
Congratulations, Mary!

The Nine-Tee-Niners welcome their newest member, Diane Fuentes!





## Senior Division

President Notes by :  
Wes Barkwill

Summer has arrived and the seniors continued their busy year with three events so far in June. Seven of us made the trip down to Kingsburg to play at Kings River CC. Pope Lawrence was the only senior to cash – his team was second and he received 2 sleeves of balls. The next day eight of us drove up to Spring Creek. John Laughlin's team placed first and won \$26 each. Randy Lane's team was second and won \$21. Wes Barkwill and Gary Belcher's teams finished in a tie for 4<sup>th</sup> place and won \$10 each. Finally, Pat Dillon's team finished in a tie for 7<sup>th</sup> and won \$8. Pretty good results. Last Tuesday eight of us went down the road and played at Madera CC. Randy Lane's team finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place. Randy received 3 sleeves of balls. Mike Brendel's team finished in second place and won two sleeves of balls. Wes Barkwill's team finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place and received one sleeve of balls. Roger Woods' team finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place and he also received one sleeve of balls. Mike Brendel was only getting started, he also won two sleeves of balls for the long drive in his age group and one sleeve of balls for low net. Gary Belcher also cashed by winning the closest-to-the-pin competition and won two sleeves of balls. Our final event for June is this Friday when we host Pine Mountain Lake seniors.

See the list of events for July and August below.

### July Senior Events

- July 17th - travel to Kings CC  
breakfast and lunch included
- July 25<sup>th</sup> - travel to Pine Mountain  
Lake CC –breakfast and lunch included

### August Senior Events

- August 7th - travel to Fort  
Washington CC in Fresno –  
breakfast and lunch included
- August 10th - host Tracy, Twain Harte,  
PML and Turlock  
breakfast and lunch incl.
- August 23<sup>rd</sup> - travel to Belmont CC –  
breakfast and lunch included
- August 31<sup>st</sup> - travel to Turlock CC –  
breakfast and lunch included

**I NEED  
MY DAILY  
DOSE OF  
IRON!**



# July 21

## NCGA Net AM Tournament



8:30am T-times

# 18-hole DIV





## Pro Cup



July 12 8:30am Shotgun

July 19 8:30am Shotgun



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3 <b>9T9ers</b> (Front 9) 8:30am Shotgun	 Tournament 8:30am shotgun	5 <b>18-hole DIV</b> 8:30am Shotgun 	6	7 <b>67th Annual Co Amateur TOURNAMENT</b> 7:30 am T-times
8 <b>67th Annual Co Amateur TOURNAMENT</b> 7:30 am T-times	9 Club Closed	10 <b>9T9ers</b> (Back 9) 8:30am Shotgun	11 <b>Men's Stag Day</b> 12:30p Shotgun	12 <b>18-hole DIV</b> 8:30am Shotgun Pro Cup Rnd 1	13	14 PRIVATE PARTY 
15	16 Club Closed	17 <b>9T9ers</b> 8:30am Shotgun (Front 9)	18	19 <b>18-hole DIV</b> 8:30am Shotgun <b>Pro Cup</b> Final Rnd PRIVATE PARTY	20 <b>Friday Night Dining Meet &amp; Greet</b> 5:30-9pm	21 <b>NCGA Net AM Tournament</b> 8:30am T-times PRIVATE PARTY
22	23 Club Closed	24 <b>9T9ers</b> 8:30am Shotgun (Back 9) 6:00pm MGCC Board Meeting	25	26 <b>18-hole DIV</b> Home & Home in Madera 8:30am Shotgun	27	28 PRIVATE PARTY
29	30 Club Closed	31 <b>9T9ers</b> 8:30am Shotgun (Back 9)				

**MERCED GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB**  
**FRIDAY NIGHT DINING**  
July 20th 5:30 - 9:00pm



**JOIN US IN WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBERS**  
**AND THEIR FAMILIES**

**WE WILL HAVE A PUTTING CONTEST FOR ALL, AND GAMES**  
**FOR ALL AGES OUT BY THE POOL WITH PRIZES**  
**BRING YOUR FAMILY, SWIMSUITS, AND TOWELS**

**MENU**

**BARBECUE CHICKEN, HAMBURGERS, HOTDOGS**  
**BAKED BEANS , CHIPS**  
**WATERMELON AND CHEF'S HOMEMADE COOKIES**

**\$12.95++**

**Please make reservations by July 18th at (209) 722 - 6268**

*join us!*

# Men's Stag Day

**July 18, 2018**  
**12:00p.m. Shotgun**

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



## MENU

Salad Bar  
Santa Maria Tri Tip  
Ranch Beans  
Grilled Corn  
Rolls and Butter



**\$16.95++**

# Looking Ahead...



## AUGUST

- Aug 2 18-Hole Ladies Division  
8:30am Shotgun  
1:00pm General Meeting
- Aug 4 Men's Club Championship  
8:00am T-Times
- Aug 7 9-T-Niners (Front 9)  
9:00 Shotgun  
18-Hole Ladies Division  
President's Cup
- Aug 8 Men's Stag  
12:30pm Shotgun
- Aug 9 18-Hole Ladies Division  
President's Cup  
8:30am T-Times
- Aug 14 9-T-Niners (Back 9)  
President's Cup  
8:30am Shotgun  
President's Cup
- Aug 14 9-T-Niners (Back 9)  
8:30am Tee Times
- Aug 16 18-Hole Ladies Division  
President's Cup Finals  
Consolation & Celebration  
8:30am Shotgun
- Aug 17 Friday Night Dining  
6:00-8:00
- Aug 21 9-T-Niners (Front 9)  
8:30am Shotgun
- Aug 23 18-Hole Ladies Division  
8:30am Shotgun
- Aug 28 9-T-Niners (Back 9)  
Guest Day 9:00 Shotgun  
6:00pm MGCC Board Meeting
- Aug 30 18-Hole Ladies Division  
A Team at Merced  
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 . . . . .	165
Pre-Paid Program . . . . .	5
Associate Firm . . . . .	8
Leave of Absence . . . . .	2
Special Social . . . . .	23
Honorary . . . . .	1
Social . . . . .	1
Social/Proprietary . . . . .	1
Executive Membership. . . . .	97
Young Executive . . . . .	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>308</b>