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NEWS LETTER

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NOTES from the President

Ninety-two years ago, Merced Golf and Country Club was founded. For years, early members worked hard to develop our course. Stories of members carrying burlap sacks to gather and remove rocks from the fairways have been appreciated by most. That selfless dedication of our membership continues to this day.

As Castle Air Force Base closed many of our active military members left our community and club. The Great Recession later hit and belonging to a County Club became a luxury that some had to forgo. Our membership dropped, and we entered a period of preserving our course while attracting new members. Our "capital" fund became necessary to pay the property taxes twice a year. Things like new carpet for our club house wasn't put on the back burner, it was removed as an item of discussion. But the carpet, the parking lot and the club house itself continues to age. Recently the selflessness of our members again showed its presence. The carpet in our lounge area has developed holes and become thread bare. The Board is doing all that it can to avoid a request for an operational assessment. That is when members, proprietary and executive stepped forward with an offer to help. Thank you, we are even close to being able to re-carpet the dining room with matching carpet. We are in this together.

Our greens are back after sanding and again are the best in the valley. 95% of our members take pride in our greens and repair their ball marks. It is apparent that an occasional player will fail to fix the indentation. If your playing partners cannot see the ball mark, help them, and our greens by pointing it out and repairing the marks. BrightView, our course management firm has, with their own money, rebuilt the tee boxes on the numbers 4 and 6 holes. The Tees were laser leveled and special grass was provided. If you get the chance, please say thanks to Danny.

Lastly, on May 19th our Club will be helping the American Legion, closing our driving range for one Saturday and providing a venue for what we hope will be a fun car show. There is no cost to viewing the cars and we hope that the exposure will allow future members to visit our course. Food and beverage will be sold by our club to all visitors.

Rickey D. Wallace





PRO'S CORNER
David Whitby
 PGA Club PRO

David Whitby

Members-

I hope you are enjoying our beautiful weather because our golf course sure is . . . the course is looking better and better each day! We had a busy April and we are looking forward to a busier May!

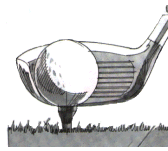
Congratulations to Linda Lucas...she had her 1st Hole-In-One on #4!!!

Please remember that the driving range will be closed, May 19th, from 8:00am-1:00pm.

And lastly, think about this...concentration is the ability to sharply focused on the task at hand. The time it takes from the moment the player arrives at the ball until he/she hits it forward it is usually somewhere between 20 and 40 seconds. That's the amount of time a player needs to sustain concentration prior to each shot. But try to focus on something . . . an object, an idea, a mental image . . . and sustain it for 40 seconds without allowing any distracting thoughts, events or sounds to interfere. It is quite difficult. But trust me, it can be learned with practice.

Dave Whitby, PGA

May 20th
Couple's Spring Social
 3:00pm Shotgun



President Notes by :
Wes Barkwill

Senior Division

April was a very busy month for the seniors. We had two events here at the club. On the 5th the ladies hosted the seniors for a fun round of golf and a nice lunch – thanks ladies and we will see you again in October when we return the favor.

Eight guys traveled to Copper River CC on the 11th. Seven of the fellas won golf balls, including Phil Hutchin's team which won the event and a dozen golf balls. The next day I represented the seniors at Tracy GC and won \$14 as part of the 2nd place team. On the 20th we hosted seven other teams from the SJTL here at home. We had a total of 49 golfers for the event. Phil Hutchins' team placed second; Joe Collins' team placed 3rd; Gary Southerland and Roger Woods' team placed 4th and Wes Barkwill and Doug Schulers' team placed 5th. Mike Brendel had low gross and Gary Southerland had low net. Finally, on the 26th six of us traveled to Mountain Springs GC in Sonora to play in a SVGA event. Three of us managed to cash - Randy Lane's team placed 2nd and won \$14; Phil Hutchins' team placed 5th and won \$6 and Gary Belcher won \$5 for 2nd place closest to the pin on #5. As I said, a very busy month and we are just getting started for the season. See the list of events for May and June below.

See you on the course

May Senior Events:

- May 4th – Away – we travel to San Joaquin CC – breakfast and lunch included
- May 11th - Away – we travel to Oakdale CC – breakfast and lunch included
- May 23rd – Away – we travel to Brookside CC in Stockton – breakfast/lunch incl.

June Senior Events:

- June 7th – Away – we travel to Kings River CC – breakfast and lunch included
- June 8th – Away – we travel to Spring Creek CC – lite breakfast and lunch included
- June 19th – Away – we travel to Madera CC – breakfast and lunch included
- June 29th – Home – we host Pine Mountain Lake seniors – breakfast/lunch incl.

Happy Mothers Day!!!



18-Hole Ladies Division

Captain's Table
Nancy Slater
CAPTAIN

Spring has been busy for the 18 Hole Ladies. The weather has been weird and we have sailed through it all. A Captain's /Transnational Day was held on March 29. Big winner for the day was Jill Macha who waltzed away with the Captain's Trophy and low net in 2nd Flight. You go girl! Mary Jo Knudsen was low net winner in 1st Flight and Nancy Slater had the lowest putts.



We hosted the Senior Men on March 5. Winners were the foursome of Ed Benes, Denise Davis, MaryJo Knudsen and Linda Lucas. We played a scramble and had lots of laughs as we all got to know each other much better. Thanks to all the Seniors who joined us.

Pat Jones was the really BIG winner for the April 12 Captain's Trophy Tournament. Pat was overall Captain's Trophy winner, 1st Flight winner and Low Putts Winner! Congratulations Pat! Carol Llamas was low net winner in 2nd Flight.



April 19 was a Guest Day with a crazy Orange Ball format. Each foursome had an orange ball that they took turns playing. If the orange ball was lost during the round, the foursome was disqualified. The winners were Laurel Mancebo, Donna Tetangco and their guests Diane Alves and Narjit Bhinder. Such a fun day!



We also celebrated some birthdays for March and April – Sandi Kemps, Kay Amesbury, Sharon Sanchez, Laverne Schuler, Denise Davis and Caren Brendel.

Our own Sally Tomlinson was recently recognized by USGA with the Isaac B. Grainger Award for her 25 years of service as a volunteer for young women in golf. Sally, our current Club Champion, has dedicated so much of her time and talents to furthering the opportunities for girls' golf and we are so proud that she is our friend and golfing partner.



9t9ers

Article by
Susan Benes

Recently the 9-Tee-9ers enjoyed hosting several newcomers to golf. After swing and putting lessons, a putting contest was held. The winners were Peggy Byerly, Trang Nguyen, and Susan Hammon. Lastly, the event was topped off with a buffet luncheon.

We are pleased to announce the 2018 President's Cup was won by Patty Beach.
Congratulations Patty!



Winners of the Tournament of Champions are:

- 1st flight Patty Beach
- 2nd flight Jerry Lou Davis,
- 3rd flight Maureen Reid,

The TOC overall Champion is Susan Hammond. Congratulations to all! Way to go! Most Improved Player for March was Suzanne Zopolos.

Low Net, Low Putt winners this month were:

- Low Net: 1st place Susan Hammond,
- 2nd place Susan Benes
- Low Putts, Susan Hammond.

Mark your calendars for our Couples' Social on Sunday, May 20th!

18-hole DIV Club Championship

April
15th, 17th & 18th





House Committee by: Dick Buchner

A big "Thank You" to all that contributed to the Replace the Carpet Fund. As a result of the email sent to all members on the email list concerning the carpet in the lounge and foyer, we received substantially more than needed to complete the project. We are now within financial reach of being able to do the dining room at the same time. If you are interested in making an addition to the fund, please let Berna know how you would like to make your contribution.

We have selected a local vendor, who will begin replacing the carpet in the foyer within the next 10 days. The carpet for the lounge has been selected, but will hold off installing the carpet until we know if we can financially do the dining room at the same time. {Matching carpet to lounge}

Thank You.
Dick Buchner
House Chairman.



In 2006 the NCGA created a junior golf program called Youth on Course. This program allows youth golfers with access to affordable golf opportunities to not only help their golf game, but develop them into leaders and outstanding young adults on and off the course with lasting impacts for years to come.

Merced Golf and Country Club is one of the first private courses to offer Youth on Course to area golfers. Young players may play for only \$5 per round. NCGA supports us by reimbursing MGCC for the remainder of our standard green fees for youth golfers. This is a WIN-WIN situation.

Junior golfers may play Tuesday through Sunday after 1:00pm September to March and after 2:00pm April to August. Contact the Pro Shop for details.

Youth on Course members can play golf at hundreds of participating courses and receive an official NCGA Handicap Index! No need to double pay – when you sign up for Youth on Course, you receive a membership for the NCGA and have access to exclusive NCGA member benefits. In addition to discounted course rates, Youth on Course members have access to invaluable resources such as opportunities for paid high school internships, caddie programs and college scholarships.

For more information about Youth on Course visit nca.org and youthoncourse.org

Friday Night Dining
Latin Festival Buffet
 May 18th 6-8pm

Fresh Fruit
Mexican Summer Salad
Shrimp Cheviche with Chips
Salsa Bar
Roasted Suckling Pig
Enchilada Casserole
Chile Relleno Casserole
Beans and Rice
Flan, Bunuelos






\$19.95++

Please make reservations by: **MAY 16th**

Save the Date !!!
Friday Night Dining
 June 15th

French Night

MAY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9T9ers (Front 9) 9:00am Shotgun	2	3 18-hole DIV 8:30am Shotgun	4	5
6	7 Club Closed	8 9T9ers (Back 9) 9:00am Shotgun	9 Men's Stag Day 12:30p Shotgun	10 18-hole DIV 8:30am Shotgun	11 	12 PRIVATE PARTY
13  Mother's Day Brunch 9:00am-12:30pm	14 Club Closed	15 9T9ers 9:00am Shotgun (Front 9) 18-hole DIV Club Championship RND 1	16 Super Seniors TNMT 9:00am Shotgun	17 18-hole DIV 8:30am Shotgun Club Championship RND 2 PRIVATE PARTY	18 18-hole DIV Club Championship FINAL RND Friday Night Dining 6:00pm - 8:00pm 	19
20 Couple's Spring Social 3:00pm Shotgun	21 Club Closed 	22 9T9ers 9:00am Shotgun (Back 9) 6:00pm MGCC Board Meeting 	23	24 18-hole DIV 8:30am Shotgun	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day Tournament 9:00am Shotgun	29 Club Closed	30	31 18-hole DIV 8:30am Shotgun		



Mother's Day Buffet

May 13th 9:00am - 12:30pm

Fresh Fruit Tray
Cold Seafood Display
Assorted Salad Bar

Cottage Potatoes
Scrambled Eggs
Bacon & Sausage
Eggs Benedict

Cheese Blitzes with Berry Sauce
Shish Kabob with Rice Pilaf

Cod with Lemon Caper
Carved Tom Turkey
Honey Mustard Ham
Breakfast Breads & Danish
Juice Bar

Assorted Desert Display

\$21.95 ++

Please! Please! Make reservations by: MAY 10th

Men's Stag Day

May 9, 2018
12:00p.m. Shotgun

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

GEE, I DON'T REALLY HAVE A HANDICAP...
IT'S MORE LIKE A PERMANENT DISABILITY.



FINKSTROM

MENU

Salad Bar
Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Asparagus
Rolls & Butter
Cheese Cake

\$13.95++

Looking Ahead...



- June 1 9-T-Niners (Front 9)
8:30am Shotgun
- June 5 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
8:30am Shotgun
- June 7 18-Hole Ladies Division
8:30am Shotgun
- June 12 9-T-Niners (Front 9)
8:30am Shotgun
- June 13 Men's Stag
12:30pm Shotgun
- June 14 18-Hole Ladies Division Awards
8:30am Shotgun
Spring Luncheon & Awards
- June 15 **Friday Night Dining**
French Night
- June 16 Father's Day Tourney
9:00am shotgun
- June 17 **Father's Day Brunch**
- June 19 9-T-Niners (Front 9)
Team Play @ Merced
9:00am Shotgun
- June 21 18-Hole Ladies Division
Home & Home in Madera
8:30am Shotgun
- June 21-23 **Men's Invitational**
- June 26 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
Guest Day 8:30 Shotgun
6:00pm MGCC Board Meeting
- June 28 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	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