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NEWS LETTER

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**MERCED GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB
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NOTES from the President



Congratulations and thanks go out to our newest Board member, Todd Giardina. Todd has accepted our invitation to fill the vacancy left because of our loss of Board Member Michael Duda whose job changes prevented him from continuing his membership. Todd has already accepted the responsibility of heading our Social Activities Committee and is already working on future events for our members.

Merced Golf and Country Club continues to grow, and our Junior League continue to make us proud. Congratulations go out to our Pro and the 11 members of our Central Valley Winter Challenge Junior League. On February 17th, 7 out of our 11 kids placed in their respected flights. Please continue to encourage our youth, we are well represented not only in the ability of our youth team but also in the way they represent our club. We all have a right to be very proud of each of them.

Please welcome our newest members Anthony Chambers, Ronald Ewing, Ryan Carpenter, Chris Cuttone, Donna Tetangco and Chuck Herman.

While our fairways are in their dormant winter state the course has remained in very playable condition and our greens continue to be the best in the valley. To ensure that the course remains in top shape as spring and summer approach, Bright-View will be aerating and sanding our greens on or about March 25, 2018. Please be patient for the couple of weeks that follow, the long-term benefits will be apparent.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend on next Board meeting on Tuesday March 27, 2018 @ 6:00 PM when we will continue to discuss the possibility of adding solar panels to save on energy costs.

Rickey D. Wallace





PRO'S CORNER
David Whitby
 PGA Club PRO

As winter is coming to a close remember that jeans aren't allowed on the golf course after March 31st.

Our juniors had another strong showing when we hosted the Central Valley Winter Junior League. Ricky Sullivan, Issac Sheu, Preston Castleton, Christopher Giardina, Ester Sheu, Caitlin Garcia, and Lauren Gudgel all placed in their respected flights. Great job kids!!!!

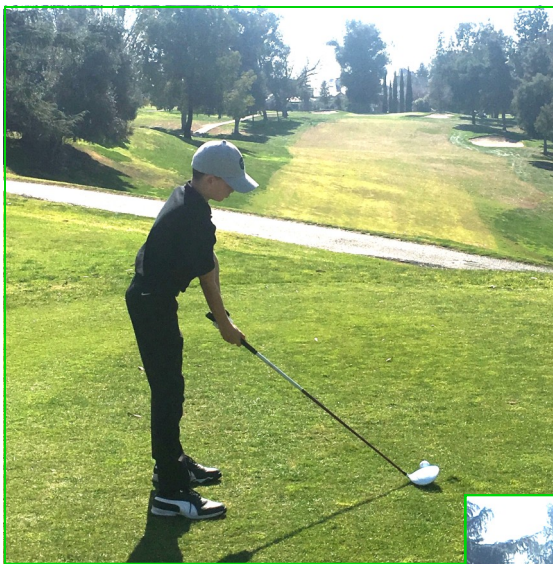
We are looking towards the end of April for the Merced Cup to take place, captains Jay Durmanich and Jeff Kaufman will be choosing teams, a list of players will be in the Pro Shop.

Congratulations goes out to Todd Giardina for his first hole-in-one on hole #6.



An Irish golf wish:

**May me golf ball fly high
 and me score stay low**





18-Hole Ladies Division

Captain's Table
Nancy Slater
CAPTAIN

The 18 Hole Ladies are off to a good start with four Thursday tournaments in February. Kick-Off day was a 1BB format to ease us into our new season.

Winners for the day were the foursome of Denise Davis, Pat Jones, Jill Macha and Linda Pellissier.



We stepped up to 2BB on February 8 and the winners were the foursome of Denise Davis, Pat Jones, Laurel Mancebo and Linda Pellissier.

The ladies celebrated Valentine's Day on February 15 by playing Queen of Hearts. The Queens for the Day were Linda Lucas, Pat Jones, Sharon Sanchez and Denise Davis.



The first Captain's Trophy for 2018 was played on February 22. It was a small field with some big winners. Denise Davis won the Captain's Trophy prize for the day along with the low putts award. First Flight winner was Linda Lucas.



The ladies also celebrated birthdays honoring Veronica Curiel, Carol Hamm, Linda Lucas, Eileen Partlow, Sonja Peret, and Linda Smith. Many happy returns to all.



Coming up in March:

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| March 1 - 123 BB | March 22 - Point Par |
| March 8 - 2 BB | March 29 - Captain's Trophy |
| March 15 - Mutt & Jeff | |

Please sign up in the locker room or email Eileen departlow@sbcglobal.net



9t9ers

Susan Benes

February brought a month of great golf, lots of laughs and good weather for playing even though we certainly could have used some rain.

Also, we are pleased to have Maureen Reid playing with the 9ers again after leaving the club last year. Winners for the month were:

Low Net, tied
Cindy Souder and
Susan Benes.

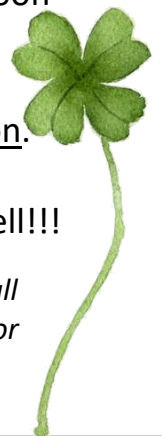
Low Putt,
Joannie Tinetti



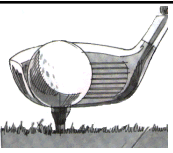
Valentine's Day tournament winners were: Cindy Souders, Maureen Reid, Patty Grossman and Susan Hammon.

Thanks to Jeanne McAuley, Barb Adams, and Susan Hammon for putting together a fun tournament with great prizes.

The
Women's 9T9ers
would like to invite members
who are interested in joining our group
for a special morning/afternoon
on Tuesday, March 27th.
There will be a lesson,
putting contest and luncheon.
Lots of fun for beginners
and experienced players as well!!!



For more information Please call
Patty Beach @ 209-769-5494 or
Jan Lorenzi @ 209-639-5626.



Senior Division

President Notes by :
Wes Barkwill

February was a pretty quiet month for the seniors. We had two "Local" events here at the club. On the 23rd we had a whopping total of five guys who braved the cold, breezy weather for a convivial round of golf. March is also a relatively quiet month for the seniors with one "Local" event and an away event in Visalia for the SJTL Pro-Am. In April things really pick up with five events scheduled. See the list of events for March and April below.

Yours truly will be away all of the month of March. Our Treasurer, Gary Southerland will be minding the store while I am gone.

See you on the course

March Senior Events

- March 16th, Local – continental breakfast and lunch.
- March 20th, Away – David and our four senior champions travel to Visalia to compete in the annual SJTL pro-am

April Events

- April 5th, Local – the Ladies groups host the Seniors here at MGCC
- April 11th, Away - Travel to Copper River CC for an SJTL event
- April 12th, Away - Travel to Tracy CC for an SVS event
- April 20th, Home - the MGCC Seniors host the SJTL teams
- April 26th, Away - Travel to Mountain Springs for a six team SVS event.



Our Mission: *To positively impact the lives of Central Valley area youth by providing educational programs that ensure character development, healthy choices and the mastery of life skills through the instruction in the game of golf.*

Spring session begins on Tuesday, March 20 and Sunday, March 25 will continue for 9 weeks. Classes will be held on Tuesdays at 5:30pm and Sundays at 1:00pm. All children ages 5 to 17 years of age are welcome. No equipment is needed and scholarships are available. Classes will also be offered at Rancho Del Rey Golf Course in Atwater on Mondays and Thursdays beginning March 19.

Please round up your kids, grandkids, neighbors and friends kids and bring them to this program. Families and children are welcome to come and watch anytime. Just please be aware of the club dress codes.

Sign up at the first session. Online registration is now open at www.thefirstteevalley.org

As always, volunteer coaches are needed so please consider spending an hour or two a week making young lives better.

Please contact Coach John Campbell for more information 209-261-8839.



Note of Gratitude:

We went out to the club for the Valentine's Day dinner. The dinner was delicious, truly amazing, knowing Chef Dave does not have the "fanciest" kitchen to work out of. It met every expectation we had, and then some. Berna and her wait staff were also wonderful. The red rose which every lady received was the icing on the cake!

Thank you for making Valentines Day special!

Sue & Eric Conley

Legacy Endowment Fund Update

Dear Members,

Some of our new members may not be aware of our Legacy Endowment Fund. The Fund is designed to create invested earnings that can be used for Club repairs and upgrades, or when it reaches sufficient size, to significantly offset dues and assessments.

Currently, the LEF is about \$1,750. Recently, the Senior Men's Group donated \$100 in remembrance for members lost in the past year, most recently Mr. Bill Foster, a long-time Senior member. Thank you Senior men. Your gift is providing the base of a program to ensure our Club's prosperity long into the future.

If any member or group would like to make a contribution to the LEF as a remembrance of a loved one, or as a Thank You for years of enjoyment at our Club, see Berna the Club Manager, or Tina in the office.

If you have tax questions you should talk with a tax advisor or CPA as donations may not be tax deductible. Thank you.





MARCH 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 18-hole DIV 9:00 Shotgun	2	3
4	5 Club Closed	6 9T9ers (Front 9) 9:00am Shotgun President's CUP RND 1	7	8 18-hole DIV 9:00am Shotgun	9 9T9ers 9:00am Shotgun President's CUP RND 2	10 NCGA ZONE Tournament 9:00am T times
11 NCGA ZONE Tournament 9:00am T times	12 Club Closed	13 9T9ers 9:00am Tee Times (Back 9) President's CUP RND 3	14 Men's Stag Day 12:30p Shotgun	15 18-hole DIV 9:00am Shotgun	16 Senior Men Local Tournament	17 St Patrick's Day Saturday Night Dining 6-8pm
18	19 Club Closed	20 9T9ers 9:00am Shotgun (Front 9)	21	22 18-hole DIV 9:00am Shotgun	23	24
25	26 Club Closed	27 9T9ers 9:00am Shotgun (Back 9) 6:00pm MGCC Board Meeting	28	29 18-hole DIV 9:00am Shotgun PRIVATE PARTY	30	31
Aerate Greens						

Friday Night Dining

Irish Buffet

Saturday, Mar 17th

6:00 ~ 8:00 pm

Salad Bar

Corned Beef
and Cabbage

Salmon

With Dill Butter Sauce

Boiled Potatoes

Carrots

Soda Bread

Chocolate Chip Mint
Ice Cream

\$17.95 ++



Men's Stag Day

MAR. 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
Corned Beef and Cabbage
Boiled Potatoes
Carrots
Soda Bread
Ice Cream and Cookie



\$15.95++



Looking Ahead...



- Apr 1 **Easter Sunday Brunch**
- Apr 3 9-T-Niners (Front 9)
9:00 Shotgun
- Apr 5 18-Hole Ladies Division
Hosts the Seniors
9:00 Shotgun
- Apr 10 9-T-Niners (Front 9)
Club Championship RND 1
9:00 Shotgun
- Apr 11 Men's Stag
12:30pm Shotgun
- Apr 12 18-Hole Ladies Division
9:00am Shotgun
2:00pm General Meeting
9-T-Niners (Back 9)
Club Championship RND 2
8:30am Shotgun
- Apr 17 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
Club Championship RND 3
9:00 Tee Times
- Apr 19 18-Hole Ladies Division
9:00 Shotgun Guest Day
- Apr 20 **Friday Night Dining**
6:00-8:00
- Apr 24 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
Guest Day 9:00 Shotgun
6:00pm MGCC Board Meeting
- Apr 26 18-Hole Ladies Division
Grandmother's Tournament
9:00 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	166
Pre-Paid Program	5
Associate Firm	9
Leave of Absence	4
Special Social	22
Honorary	1
Social	1
Social/Proprietary	1
Executive Membership. . .	87
Young Executive	4
Total	300

