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NEWS LETTER

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NOTES from the President

As we leave the blistering triple digit heat of the Summer months and transition into the cooler days and evenings of Fall we will see the colors around our Club change and that will provide new opportunities to enjoy our Club's facilities. On Friday, October 19th the annual **Octoberfest** will be held. For beer and German food lovers this event has always been a lot of fun and sells out early. Please be sure to invite friends and family and make your reservations now.

Our August financial report was not as encouraging as one would hope. In the last few years we have relied on a small but steady flow of new members to keep up with the constantly increasing costs. Last month we received no new applications for membership. While this makes getting a tee time easy and allows us to continue to play rounds of golf without having to wait due to the course being over crowded, it is not good for the overall financial health of the Club. We realize the condition of the parking lot, we worry about the lack of aeration of our pond on Hole Four and we all would love to improve our bunkers, but without additional members those projects remain wishes.

Each member must help with our ongoing member recruitment program. If each current member could get one new member over the next few months, the plans we have could all come to fruition. Our Membership Committee continues to work hard, but they need your help. We all must be part of the membership committee. Everyone benefits when new members join. For those who are on Facebook, please go onto our Club's Facebook page and "Like" us. Share our posting with your friends so that they can see the things that we offer. If you belong to a charitable or service club which holds fund raising events and needs raffle prizes, let us know so that we can consider offering a round of golf for four as an item for the raffle. If someone new moves into our community, let us know so that we can send a brochure to them. Our banquet facilities are open to the public and greatly discounted for members, we must promote ourselves for weddings, anniversaries and all other social events. Those efforts may allow potential members to experience the Country Club life for the first time and perhaps realize how the benefits of membership can be enjoyed by them and their family. Merced Golf and Country Club was chosen as the "Best Golf Course in our Area" for good reason.

It is not too early to start planning for our New Year's Eve Event. Due, primarily to the efforts of Todd and Sondria Giardina, that event is already taking shape with *Donnie and the Wayrads* having committed to provide the music for the evening. If you enjoy Oldies, Classic Rock and Top 40's music you are in for a treat. Invite neighbors and friends as this will be by far the best New Year's Event in the County.

Rick Wallace





PRO'S CORNER
David Whitby
PGA Club PRO

What is the purpose of golf? What is the value of this game to individual - to the world? Is a vocation in golf worthy, or is it a waste of a lifetime? These questions have been seriously pondered by a number of golfers at sometime in their life. The purpose of golf can be included within the answer, "In life, what is the purpose of play?" We have always have had a fundamental desire for play which is as old as man himself. Toys been found among the ruins of ancient Babylonia, China and Egypt with evidence of various forms of games or contests to match. Play is what people do for fun or enjoyment. An adult enjoys it in his or her leisure away from work, a child as a part of life growing up.

Golf is simply one of those play choices!!

Danny Moak
Golf Course Superintendent
BrightView 

Our greens aerification went very well and they are healing nicely. The tees have also been aerified and over seeded for the winter. The approaches and collar will be completed on Monday the 1st of Oct.

We have also completed the fall fertilization of the fairways getting ready for winter. We will be completing our pre-emergent application to the fairways in the next two weeks. This will help to prevent winter weeds from sprouting.

October 6th, 2018

Tournament of Champions

8:30am T-times





18-Hole Ladies Division

Captain's Table
Nancy Slater
CAPTAIN

Welcome Fall and some cooler weather!

On Thursday, August 23 the ladies played a 2BB format. Winners for the day were: Linda Smith, Denise Davis and Jill Macha. Nice job girls!

On August 30 the A-Team hosted the first Team Play of the season. Our team did not play and the comments from the competitors was so positive. They gave many compliments to our course, our team organization and lunch!



September began with a howling good time as the 18 Hole Division played the annual Lone Wolf tournament. The winning threesome was: Pat Jones, Linda Smith and Jill Macha.

The annual Ladies Invitational was held on Thursday, September 13. Chair Sharon Terry and her helpers did a fantastic job organizing and implementing the one day Tournament. Sorry no photos – we were all having so much fun we forgot to take pictures. The format for the day was a Shamble and best ball of the two some. Winners: 1st Flight – Guests Lewis and Hunting from San Joaquin, 2nd Flight Veronica Curiel and her guest Gloria Perez. Closest to the pin Sally Tomlinson, Carla Freel and Narjit Binder. Longest drive Linda Lucas and Accuracy drive Sue Schrieber.



While the A Team played at Copper River, the other players competed in a 1BB format on September 20. Winners were the 3-some of Carol Llamas, Anita Goza and Jill Macha (the imposter in the center is NOT Carol) – what a team!

Nancy Slater had the only birdie of the day. Our own Sharon Sanchez hit a Hole in One during Team Play at Copper River. That is an amazing feat during a competition – Sharon you have nerves of steel and skill to boot.



October: Shotgun time moves to 9:00 am. Start planning your Halloween costumes for our October 25 tournament to celebrate our favorite holiday.




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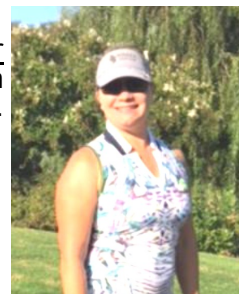
On September 13th the Nine-Tee-Niners were in the Team Play finals held at Del Rio Golf and Country Club. We competed for the Central Valley Team Play Championship and came home with the first place trophy! In addition, we were close to winning the Overall Championship for Northern California. Very exciting, but finished in Second Place! Thanks to all the 9ers who competed over the past months to get us to this championship. Anne Willis was our fearless Team Play leader, organizing and encouraging us all the way.

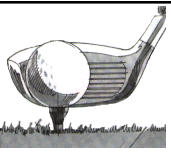


The Low Net winners for the month were:
Third place: Cindy Souders
Second place: Joanie Tinetti
First place: Low Net and Low Putt winner was Anne Willis.

Most Improved player
for the month
was Wendy Willis.

Congratulations to all!





Senior Division

President Notes by :
Wes Barkwill

Fall has arrived, with some cooler weather. We finished August with an event at Turlock CC. Jeff Kaufman was on the first place team and won \$30. Wes Barkwill and Dan Holmes' teams tied for second place and won \$16 each. Mike Brendel's team placed fifth and won \$8 each. For the second year in a row, the River Island CC event was cancelled, this time for lack of signups. Only 12 players from 10 clubs signed up. We ended the month with the SVS (Southern Valley Seniors) group championship at Pine Mountain Lake CC. Gary Southerland won his flight with a net 64 and won \$30; Phil Hutchins was 5th in his flight and won \$10. Dan Holmes finished for a tie for 3rd in his flight and won \$11.25. Gary Belcher was 2nd CTP and own \$5. Good job guys.

See the list of events for October and November below:

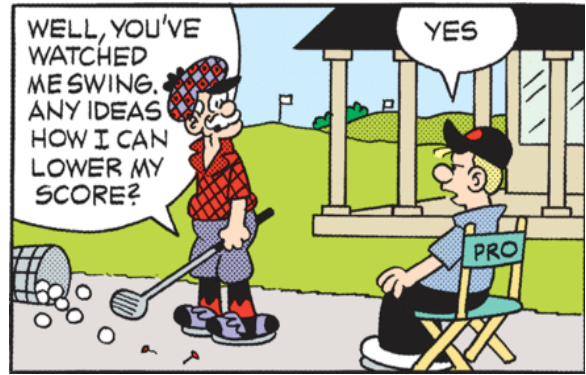
OCTOBER EVENTS

- Oct 16th – travel to Visalia for season ending SJTL event
- Oct 19th – Home – Seniors host the 18-Holers and 9-Tees ladies teams
- Oct 24th and 26th – MGCC Senior Association Championship

NOVEMBER EVENTS

- Nov 6th – travel to Sunnyside for the season ending match at Sunnyside CC.
- November 16th – Annual turkey shoot local event.

See you on the course.




The First Tee continues to do well in Merced and Atwater despite low numbers this session. Please come out to support this great program that does so much for our children. Volunteer, recommend it to your friends, donate and bring your kids and grandkids. For more information call Coach John 209-261-8839.





October 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|-------------------|---|---|--|---|--|
|  | 1 Club Closed | 2 9T9ers 9:00am Shotgun (Front 9) PRIVATE PARTY | 3 | 4 18-hole DIV 9:00am Shotgun | 5 | 6 Tournament of Champions 8:30 T-times PRIVATE PARTY |
| 7 | 8 Club Closed | 9 9T9ers 9:00am Shotgun (Back 9) | 10 Men's Stag Day 12:30pm | 11 18-hole DIV 9:00am Shotgun | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 Club Closed | 16 9T9ers 9:00am Shotgun (Front 9) | 17 | 18 18-hole DIV 9:00am Shotgun PRIVATE PARTY | 19 Seniors host Ladies Friday Night Dining 6-8pm Oktoberfest | 20 |
| 21 | 22 Club Closed | 23 9T9ers 9:00am Shotgun (Back 9) 6:00pm MGCC Board MTG. | 24 | 25 18-hole DIV 9:00am Shotgun Wear Halloween Costumes | 26 PRIVATE PARTY | 27 |
| 28 | 29 Club Closed | 30 9T9ers 9:00am Shotgun (Back 9) | 31  Halloween |  | | |



October 19th

6:00 - 8:00 pm

BUFFET

**SALAD BAR
SHORT RIBS
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BRATWURST
SAUERKRAUT
BUTTER NOODLES
BRUSSELS SPROUTS
CARROT CAKE**

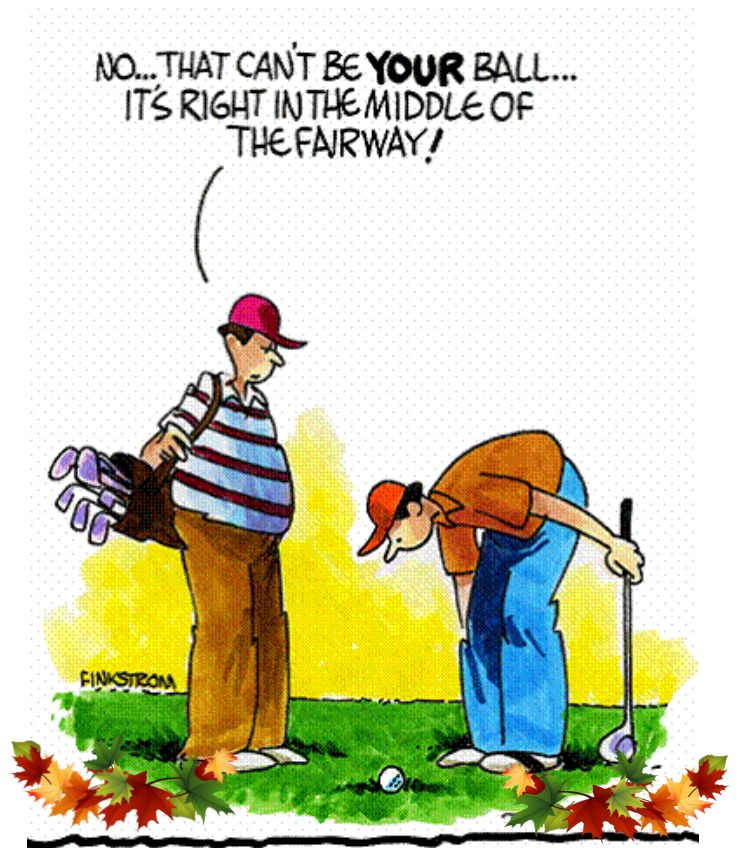
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Shark Shoot-Out Stag Day

Sponsored by: **MGCC Attorneys**

OCT 10, 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
Green Beans
Rolls & Butter
Strawberry Cake

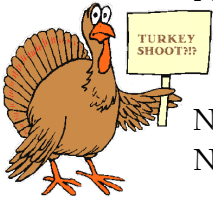


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Looking Ahead...



- Nov 1 18-Hole Ladies Division
9:00am Shotgun
- Nov 6 9-T-Niners (Front 9)
9:00am Shotgun
- Nov 8 18-Hole Ladies Division Guest Day
9:00am Shotgun
- Nov 9 **Glow Ball Tournament**
- Nov 12 **Veterans Day**
Club Closed
- Nov 13 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
9:00am Shotgun
- Nov 14 Men's Stag
12:30pm Shotgun
- Nov 15 18-Hole Ladies Division
Turkey Shoot
9:00 Shotgun followed by
Luncheon and Awards
- Nov 16 Seniors Turkey Shoot
- Nov 16 **Friday Night Dining**
6:00pm-8:00pm
- Nov 19 Decorate for Christmas
- Nov 20 9-T-Niners Turkey Shoot
9:00am Shotgun (Front 9)



Nov 22 **THANKSGIVING DAY**
Club Closed



- Nov 27 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
9:00am Shotgun
6:00pm MGCC Board Meeting

What are YOU Thankful For?



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

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|------------------------------|------------|
| Playing | 160 |
| Pre-Paid Program | 1 |
| Associate Firm | 7 |
| Leave of Absence | 4 |
| Special Social | 25 |
| Honorary | 1 |
| Social | 1 |
| Social/Proprietary | 1 |
| Executive Membership. . . | 100 |
| Young Executive | 7 |
| Total | 307 |