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NOTES from the President

Greetings Everyone!

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Board Members, and many of you, for the vote of confidence to serve as your Board President for this year. I am looking forward to it! (Although my game certainly has been impacted ... not for the better) I would also like to welcome our new Board Members, Phil Hamm, Larry Thompson, Jerry Corman and Jack Morehouse. These gentlemen will do a fine job working for all of you. Our Board is a dedicated and hard working group and I am thankful to be a part of the team.

I also want to thank outgoing Board Members Past-President Rickey Wallace, Aaron Castleton and Ed Benes for their efforts over the past few years. Their dedication to our Club is much appreciated. Now they can focus a bit more on their golf game. Fairways and Greens, gentlemen!

The recent rains came in early January and left their mark on our course. Unfortunately we lost a "handful" of trees and our lighting at the entry gate. Much of the repair work has been completed and we are waiting for the course to dry out in order to address the remaining damage. There are times when the rainfall saturates the course to the extreme and we have to adjust our rounds by keeping carts on the paths and, in extreme conditions, even closing the course from play. Conditions also affect the mowing schedule as we don't want to bring out the heavy equipment when the course is saturated as well. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

We are continuing our discussion with Belvedere Financial regarding the lease for the Solar Project and hope to hear their approval within the next 30 days. Much of the delay was due to their desire to see our projected 2019 budget, which we approved at our January Board Meeting.

The 2019 Wish List has been developed and has been posted throughout the Club for your review. Please review the list and help out if you are able.

The Board is in search of a Secretary for our monthly meetings. If you are feeling the nudge to help out the club a bit more, maybe this is the perfect opportunity for you to do so. Please reach out to Berna or any Board Members if you are interested. We would really appreciate it.

Swing easy!

John





Notes from:
David Whitby
PGA Club PRO

I hope you all are having a great New Year so far.

We have some exciting events coming up in February. Stag Day will be on Wednesday the 13th, starting at 12:30pm. Dinner will follow golf.

Monday, the 18th, will be an open play day. And finally, Saturday the 23rd, is Callaway Demo Day from 10:00am-3:00pm.

Golfs New Rules: Major Changes

New Rule: Under Rule 7.4, of a player accidentally moves his or her ball while searching for it:

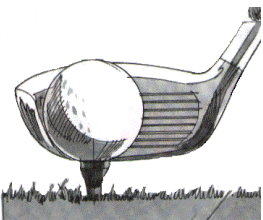
1. The player gets no penalty for causing it to move.
2. The ball is always replaced. If the exact spot is not known, the player will replace the ball on the estimated original spot (including on, under or against any attached natural or man-made objects which the ball had been at rest under or against).

Dave

Danny Moak
Golf Course Superintendent
BrightView 

With the start of the New Year we were blessed with a few nice storms that have provided us with much needed rain and snow. Along with these storms comes golf course cleanup. We lost a total of 8 trees, numerous branches, and a light pole. We have spent many hours cleaning the debris from the course, and will continue to work on the remaining limbs. We have also now had a good dry spell and have been putting extra manpower on getting the rough and other areas mowed. We were able to mow all of the rough last week and have already begun mowing for a second time in front of the next storm that is scheduled to come at the end of the week.

Thank You
Danny Moak



Senior Division

Article by:
Gary Southerland

Welcome All Senior Golfers for 2019. Currently, we have 32 people signed up for this year. If you want to signup, please contact Gary Southerland or make out a check for \$40 to the Merced Seniors and turn it into the pro shop.

The Senior Event for February 1st was cancelled due to the low signups and the wet conditions.

Just a reminder, your \$40 covers your meal at the Senior Dinner. If you play in eight (8) senior events, it will cover your spouse or significant other's meal.

The 2019 golf schedule is posted on the Senior Board located in the bar area. We will also post signups for all senior events on the Senior Board.

Look forward to seeing all of you on the course this year.

Gary

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Seniors Local Tournament

Feb 22nd 9am shotgun

MARCH CALENDAR

Mar 14th **SJTL Pro Am**

Belmont

9am shotgun

Seniors Local Tournament

Mar 15th

9am shotgun





Here we are at **the beginning** of our golfing season. Our Kick-Off Day is February 7th. We will start with a hosted breakfast leading to golf and a no-host lunch. This is a time to meet with our friends and competitors to see who can tell the tallest tale from the past few months.

The year promises to be interesting with the NCGA and WGANC collaboration process happening. We will be a part of the decision making of whether the WGANC unites with NCGA or if we stay independent. WGANC and NCGA will forward information to us in order to make a decision.

Have a great February! GET OUT and GOLF.

18-hole DIV

Feb 7th

Golf Kick-off
8:00a Breakfast
9:00am Shot Gun



On Tuesday, January 29th, the Nine-Tee-Niners began the 2019 season with golf, followed by a kick-off brunch. We also held our first meeting of the year where we discussed the 2019 budget, heard committee reports, and handed out the 2019 Yearbooks.

Sandy Souza announced that the Nine-Tee-Niner with the most Chip-Ins and also the most Birdies in 2018 was Anne Willis. Wendy Willis was a close second in the Chip-In category. The golfer with the most Pars for the year was Joanie Tinetti. A job well done, ladies!

It is with great sadness that we recently learned of the passing of our dear friend and long time member of the Nine-Tee-Niners, Marilyn Shannon. She was a dedicated and hard working member who was also a dedicated member of the Women's Nine Hole Golf Association board for Northern California.

It was wonderful to see everyone again and we look forward to a fun season of golf!





MERCED GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB



Some members have expressed an interest in helping our Club through donations. The Greens Committee has compiled a Wish List. If you would like to help with any of the projects on the list, please contact Berna or the Greens Committee.

WISH LIST

ITEM	NUMBER NEEDED	TOTAL COST	STATUS
CART PATH REPAIRS	HOLES #3 & #5	\$3,000	
TREE WORK & STUMP REMOVAL	Holes #3, #5 & #6	\$ 1,800	
POND AERATION PROJECT	Hole #4	\$12,000	
POND AERATION PROJECT	Hole #16	\$5,000	
BUNKER PROJECT	All Bunkers	\$ _____	



February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Club Closed	5 9T9ers Front 9 9:00am Shotgun	6	7 18-hole DIV Golf Kick-off 8:00a Breakfast 9:00am Shotgun	8	9 PRIVATE PARTY
10	11 Club Closed	12 9T9ers Back 9 9:00am Shotgun	13 Men's Stag Day 12:30p Shotgun	14 VALENTINES DAY 18-hole DIV 9:00am Shotgun Valentines Dinner  6-8pm	15	16 PRIVATE PARTY
17	18 Club Open  PRESIDENT'S Day Scramble	19 Club Closed	20	21 18-hole DIV 9:00am Shotgun	22 9T9ers Front 9 9:00am Shotgun Seniors Local Tournament 9:00am Shotgun	23 Callaway DEMO DAY 10:30a-3:00p
24	25 Club Closed	26 9T9ers Back 9 9:00am Shotgun 6:00p MGCC Board Mtg.	27	28 18-hole DIV 9:00am Shotgun		

Notes:

VALENTINES DINNER

Thursday, Feb 14th 6:00 - 8:00pm

APPETIZERS

Shrimp and Avocado Gazpacho Cocktail
OR
French Onion Soup au Gratin

SALAD

Strawberry and Field Green Salad
With Raspberry Balsamic Dressing

ENTREES

Served with
Fresh Vegetables, Rolls and Butter

Filet of Steak Diane
With Dijon Peppercorn Mushroom Sauce
OR

Sea Bass
Baked in Pastry with Ricotta, Fennel and Spinach
with Lemon Butter Sauce

DESSERT

Apple Nut Butter Tart
With Warm Carmel Sauce

\$ 40.00 ++

Please RSVP by noon, Feb 13th

Men's Stag Day

Feb 13, 2019
12:30p.m. Shotgun

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



*"It's been a long winter. We've played three
holes and we're already tired and sore."*

MENU

Salad Bar
Spaghetti and Meatballs
Italian Sausage
Garlic Bread
Cheesecake

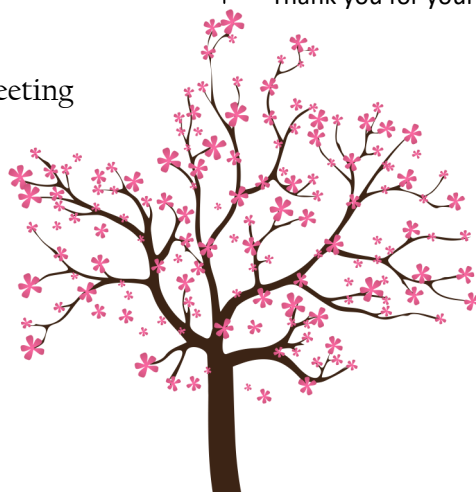
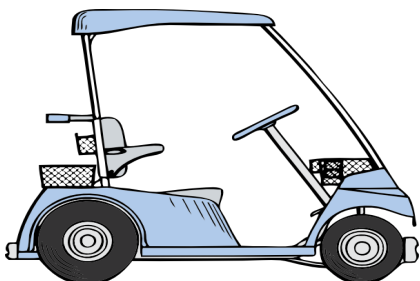


\$14.95++

Looking Ahead...



- Mar 5 9-T-Niners (Front 9)
President's Cup Rnd 1
9:00am Tee Times
- Mar 7 18-Hole Ladies Division
9:00 Shotgun
- Mar 8 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
President's Cup Rnd 2
- Mar 9 NCGA Zone
9:00am Tee Times
- Mar 12 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
President's Cup Rnd 3
9:00 Shotgun
- Mar 13 Men's Stag
12:30pm Shotgun
- Mar 14 18-Hole Ladies Division
9:00 Shotgun
- Mar 15 Friday Night Dining
6:00-8:00pm
- Mar 16 XXI0 Demo Day
10:00am-2:00pm
- Mar 17 St Patrick's Day 
Open Play
- Mar 19 9-T-Niners (Front 9)
9:00 Shotgun
- Mar 21 18-Hole Ladies Division
9:00 Shotgun
- Mar 26 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
9:00 Shotgun
6:00pm MGCC Board Meeting
- Mar 28 18-Hole Ladies Division
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	159
Pre-Paid Program	1
Associate Firm	5
Leave of Absence	3
Special Social	28
Honorary	1
Social	1
Social/Proprietary	1
Executive Membership.	98
Young Executive	6
Total	303