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NEWS LETTER

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## MERCED GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### DIVISION PRESIDENT/ CAPTAIN

Wes Barkwill . . . Senior President  
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Suzanne Zopolos . . . 9-Hole Capt.

### CLUB STAFF

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

# NOTES from the President

It has been a pleasure working with the members and staff of the Merced Country Club this past year and as I “just fade away” I look forward to our newly established relationship with the University of California – Merced as an agreement has been reached with UCM to be the home course of the developing UCM Golf team. Continued development, both residential and commercial are in the planning stages for the property surrounding the Merced Golf and Country Club. Our facilities are an obvious draw for future residents as the area around Yosemite Lake and the UC continues to develop. There is no doubt that our membership is getting younger and that bodes well for our future.

The Merced Golf and Country Club continues to be recognized as one of the best private clubs in the Central Valley of California. The Northern California Golf Association has chosen our club to be the site of the 2019 Super Seniors Golf Tournament which has been scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The San Joaquin Valley Profession Golf Association Chapter Championship will be held at our Club on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019. For our membership the 2019 MG&CC Tournament Schedule is now available for your planning with the first scheduled event the Northern California Golf Association 4Ball Net Qualifier on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**The Merced Golf & Country Club ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** will be held on Wednesday **January 9, 2019 @ 5:00 PM** in the main dinning room of our Club House. At this meeting the newly elected Board of Directors will be announced, and a report will be issued regarding the condition of our Club and planned projects explained. Questions are encouraged from the membership and an attempt will be made to provide meaningful answers. All members, Executive, Social, as well as Proprietary are encouraged to attend. The Annual Membership Meeting will follow our January 9<sup>th</sup> Men’s Stag Day Tournament. **Beef Stew, cornbread and salad will be available for all who attend the Membership Meeting for \$6.95 a person.** Make it a day by teeing off with us at 12:30 PM and then stay around for Beef Stew or simply show up for the meeting/dinner and bring your spouse.

The plans on converting to solar electric power continues to progress. Plans for solar panels over the main parking and on the cart sheds have been developed. The financing plan is in the final stages to ensure that our monthly expenses do not increase and that at the end of ten years we will own all the equipment. At that point the financial savings to the Club should be substantial. Financial analysts are reviewing the plan and our financial strength to submit the final proposal. If all goes well, we should be seeing the benefits of our efforts in early to mid-summer of 2019.

Best wishes to all and thank you to all who assisted us during 2018 to make our club’s year as successful as it has been.

Rickey Wallace  
Former President



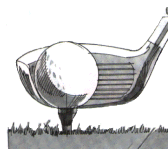


**PRO'S CORNER**  
**David Whitby**  
 PGA Club PRO

Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas. I want to remind all of you that the 2019 tournament schedule will be up on the website the first week of January, please take a look and schedule the events you want to participate in. Also on the tournament schedule are the dates of stag day and demo days.

Also in 2019, The rules of golf changed. They have made it more friendly to read and comprehend. There is a list of changes displayed on the counter in the pro shop and hanging on the board just outside the pro shop.

I hope all of you have a great 2019!



## Senior Division

President Notes by :  
**Wes Barkwill**

The 2018 edition of Senior Golf is rapidly drawing to a conclusion. Our last two events, the January 4<sup>th</sup> Local and the January 5<sup>th</sup> Senior Awards dinner, will bring the season to a close.

Our season started in January and ended in November with a total of 30 events, local, and those involving clubs ranging from Stockton to Visalia, and a bunch of places in between. The San Joaquin Travel League events won first prize for the best lunches, albeit, also the most expensive.

On behalf of our senior association members I wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and a great New Year in 2019. Thanks to all of them for their support during this last year.

See you on the course.



# Friday Night Dining

# CRAB FEED

January 18th, 2019 6:00 - 8:00 pm

**Caesars Salad**  
**Garlic Cheese Bread**

**Dungeness Cracked Crab**  
**with Cocktail Sauce, Lemon and**  
**Drawn Butter**

**Rigatoni Marinara**  
**Steamed Red Potatoes**  
**and Vegetables**

**Assorted Dessert Display**

**\$50.00 ++**







# 18-Hole Ladies Division

**Captain's Table**  
**Nancy Slater**  
CAPTAIN

Happy New Year! The Ladies 18 Hole Division capped 2018 with a wonderful Christmas luncheon. The decorations were fantastic – many thanks to Linda Smith and her helpers. The food was delicious – with thanks to Berna and Chef Dave and their staff. The raffle was fun – thank you to Barbara Flores and the Nine Tee Niners. Many guests and members attended all bringing toys to Merced County children to enjoy for Christmas. All in all it was a wonderful day for all of us.

Officers for 2019 were introduced as follows: Captain Sharon Sanchez, Co-Captain Linda Pellissier, Secretary Maureen Buchner, Assistant Tournament Chair Carla Freel, Handicap Ramona Stanford, Treasurer Frankie Spiva, and MGCC Board Liaison Nancy Slater.

The kick off brunch for the 18 Hole group is scheduled for Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. More details to come.



# 9t9ers

ARTICLE BY:  
**Susan Benes**

The Christmas luncheon was a great success with the help of so many people. A special thanks to all and to Jeanne McAuley, Barbara Adams, Mary Rojas, and Jan Lorenzi for the beautiful raffle items.

As we leave 2018 behind, we acknowledge the Most Improved Player for 2018. Congratulation to the winner, Patty Beach!

Cindy Souders announced the winners of Fall Eclectic:

1ST Flight: 1st Jerry Lou Davis, 2nd Anne Willis,  
3rd Joanie Tinetti

2ND Flight: 1st Diane Fuentes, 2nd Susan Benes,  
3rd Patty Grossman.

It's been a great year of golf, friendship and fun. Now it's time to begin anew with a new, and not so new, slate of officers for 2019:

**Captain:** Suzanne Zopolos      **Co-Captain:** Diane Fuentes  
**Treasurer:** Carole Whitehill      **Secretary:** Jeanne McAuley  
Tournaments: Joanie & Maureen Reid  
Chip Shots: Susan Benes  
Pairings, Low Net/Low Putts: Wendy Willis  
Handicapper: Sandy Souza  
Membership, Patty Beach & Jan Lorenzi  
Team Play: Anne Willis  
Hospitality, Trophies: Barbara Adams  
Eclectic: Cindy Souders  
Junior Golf: Sue Thompson  
Showcase Board: Wendy & Anne Willis

Happy New Year to all!



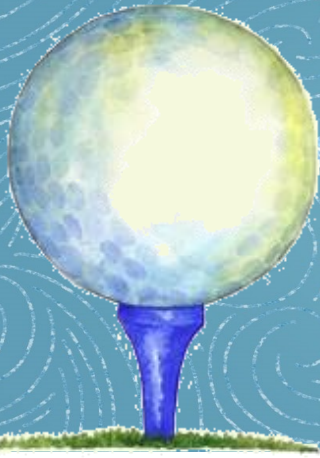
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## MORE! GOLF KICK-OFF

January 29th  
9:00 Shotgun

### Happy 2019 GOLF Year



# January 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Happy New Year Club Closed	2	3	4	5  Senior Dinner
6	7 Club Closed	8	9 Men's Stag Day 12:30p Shotgun General Mtg.  Breakfast Private Party	10	11	12
13	14 Club Closed	15	16	17	18  Friday Night Dining 6:00-8:00pm	19
20	21  Martin Luther King Day Club Open	22 Club Closed	23	24	25	26
27	28	29  <b>SCORE!</b> 9-T-Niners GOLF KICK-OFF 9am SG B-9  6:00pm MGCC Board Mtg.	30	31		

*Note:*

Feb 7 18-Hole Ladies Division  
GOLF KICK-OFF

*I will stay focused and  
not get derailed by one  
bad shot.*



# Men's Stag Day

**Jan. 9, 2019**  
**12:00p.m. Shotgun**

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

**Dinner: 5:00pm**

## MENU

Salad Bar  
Beef Stew  
Corned Bread  
Assorted Dessert  
\$ 6.95++

**Followed by:**



## General Meeting

**6:00pm**

# Looking Ahead...



## February



- Feb 5 9-T-Niners  
9:00am Shotgun
- Feb 7 18-Hole Ladies Division  
Golf Kick-off  
8:00am Breakfast 9:00am Shotgun
- Feb 12 9-T-Niners  
9:00am Shotgun
- Feb 13 Men's Stag  
12:30pm Shotgun
- Feb 14 18-Hole Ladies Division  
9:00am Shotgun  
1:00pm General Meeting
- Feb 15 Friday Night Dining  
6:00-8:00pm
- Feb 18 Presidents Day Tournament
- Feb 19 Club Closed
- Feb 21 18-Hole Ladies Division  
9:00am Shotgun
- Feb 22 9-T-Niners  
9:00am Shotgun Host Seniors
-  Feb 23 Callaway Demo Day  
10:30am-3:00pm
- Feb 26 9-T-Niners  
9:00am Shotgun  
6:00pm MGCC Board Meeting
- Feb 28 18-Hole Ladies Division  
9:00am 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 . . . . .	26
Honorary . . . . .	1
Social . . . . .	1
Social/Proprietary . . . . .	1
Executive Membership. . . . .	99
Young Executive . . . . .	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>302</b>