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NEWS LETTER

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NOTES from the President



Here comes the Sun! I am excited to report that by the time you read this, we will have completed the required documentation to finalize our Solar Power Project! This project will provide the club with a positive cash flow from the net savings on our utility bill prior to our first loan payment and is projected to save the Club over \$ 97,000 per year in utility costs. The system will be leased for the first 6 years and we will assume ownership after that. The terms of the loan are 20 years with a 6.75% interest rate. This is a legacy project that is likely to save the Club \$ 1.1 Million dollars over the term of the loan.

In other news, our Chef Dave, has decided to re-locate and left us last week. Berna and our HR Committee have recruited, interviewed and hired his replacement. Many of you may know him as he was Head Cook at "Paul's Place" and worked there for 35 years prior to joining us. Please help me welcome Martin Soliz as our new Head Chef. And don't worry because Chef Dave left the Fried Chicken Recipe behind for Martin!

Our 60th Annual Men's Invitational was a huge success. Many thanks to our staff and our Members for hosting this event. Thanks also to Mother Nature who didn't turn the heat up as we had anticipated.

Congratulations also to Ramona Stanford, our 2019 Ladies' Club Champion!
Happy 4th of July, Everyone! Be safe, stay cool and Swing Easy!

John Curry





PRO'S CORNER
David Whitby PGA Club PRO

I hope all of you are enjoying your summer so far. For those brand new members that are unaware, a few days ago the club celebrated its 60th annual men's Invitational golf tournament. It was won by Andrew Curiel Jr. and his partner, Cole Paris. There were a total of 96 players this year. The participants had beautiful weather, excellent food, and a wonderful weekend of golf. Thank you to all those who participated and again congratulations to the winners.

Also, coming up in July, we will once again host the County Am. Preferred teetimes and a reduced tournament entry fee for all members who play. You can sign up in the pro shop.

And finally, don't forget to make your tee time for July 4th, we will not have a tournament this year, and it will be open play for all members.

**NEWS ITEM: HOT WEATHER DEHYDRATION
 CAN CAUSE LOSS OF MEMORY**



JULY 13th
County Amateur

Championship
9:00am
Tee Times

July 20th
NCGA Net Amateur

Championship
8:30am Tee Times



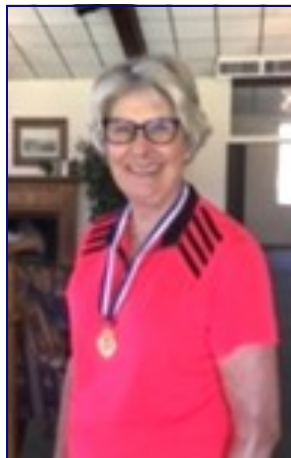
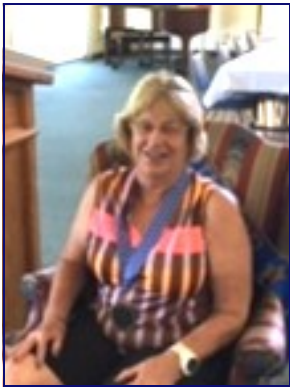
Captain's Table Sharon Sanchez

Our 18 Hole Ladies Club Championship was held on June 4, 6 and 13. Ramona Stanford took an early lead with gross score of 92 on the first day, giving her Medalist bragging rights. She continued to be consistent and won the Championship with a three-day gross score of 287. Congratulations Ramona! Linda Lucas was runner up with a score of 292. Mary Jo Knudsen took Low Net with a three day total of 224. Sharon Sanchez won long drive and closest to the flag.

Captain's Trophy was also held on June 13 in conjunction with the Club Championship. Sharon Sanchez was overall Low Net winner with a score of 67. She also had low putts winning in a card off with 29 putts.

Lutie Harris is Chairwoman of a committee to bring a "Putting League" to our lady golfers. She learned of this from friends who live in the desert and love the events. We are inviting all female members of the club, plus former members of the 18 Hole Ladies Division to play. The putting green will be set up like a putting contest at an invitational event. Ladies will be asked to contribute \$1 for the pot. Ladies will be asked to RSVP for putting and if they choose a no-host lunch on July 25. Putting will be before lunch and start at 11:00 with lunch following at 12:00. RSVP to Lutie Harris 761-8436.

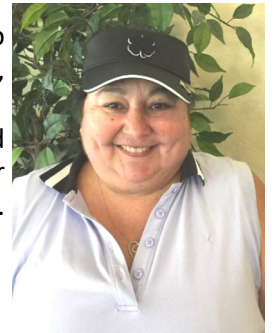
**BRING YOUR PUTTER
AND SOCIALIZE WITH OUR 18 HOLE LADIES.**



This year the Nine-Tee-Niners had the honor of hosting a back-to-back Open Day Tournament. Golfers from Oakdale, Pine Mountain Lake, Sequoia Woods, and Lake of the Pines joined us to play in Merced on a Tuesday and Turlock on a Wednesday. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped in so many ways.

Congratulations to the Merced winners: 1st place Joanie Tinetti, 2nd Patty Grossman, 3rd Sandy Souza.

A special welcome to Mia Quaglia, a new member of the 9ers. We look forward to lots of fun and golf with her in the coming years.



The 9ers recently enjoyed a fun Couples' Social which included golf with our spouses and a wonderful dinner afterwards at the home of Joanie and Steve Tinetti. Overall winners of the tournament were Jerry and Maureen Reid! Way to go!

Monthly competition winners were: Low Net, 1st place Patty Grossman, 2nd Jeanne McAuley, 3rd place Wendy Willis.

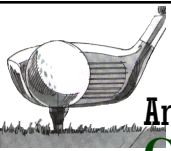
Low Putt, 1st place Joanie Tinetti, 2nd Patty Grossman.

**JULY 11, 18
and 25**

18-hole DIV

PRO CUP

8:30am Shotgun



Senior Division

Article by:

Gary Southerland

The Seniors have been busy with several out of town events.

- Four seniors played at Brookside C.C. on May 22nd two finishing in the money, Wes Barkwill and Mike Brendel.
- Six played at San Joaquin C.C. on May 23rd
- Seven played at Oakdale C.C. on May 24 Gary Southerland, West Barkwill, Doug Ash, Roger Wood, and Phil Hutchins finished in the money. Ben Sanchez had low gross.
- Three seniors played at Kings River C.C. on June 6th with Randy Lane's team coming in 2nd.
- Four Seniors played at Spring Creek C.C. on June 7th West Barkwill finished in the money.
- Wes Barkwill represented the Seniors at - Copper River on June 17th and his team came in first place.

Eleven golfers played at Madera C.C. on June 18th with Gary Southerland and Joe Collins' team coming in first place.

Jeff Sweet's team came in 2nd place, and Doug Ash and Phil Hutchins' team came in 3rd place.

Upcoming Events

- June 28th: Seniors hosting Pine Mountain Lake and Oakdale
- July 9th: Merced at Kings C.C.
- July 18th: Merced at Greenhorn C.C. on
- July 24th Merced at Pine Mountain Lake and
- August 1st. Merced at Fort Washington

Please come in the club and sign up for these great events. See you on the course.



Did you know we offer financial assistance and never turn someone away if they can't pay? And, the number of those seeking scholarships has nearly doubled in the last year! This spring session alone, 47 in the Central Valley participants requested assistance equivalent to \$3900. These are the kids who need us most and we depend on the generosity of our community to help with funding.

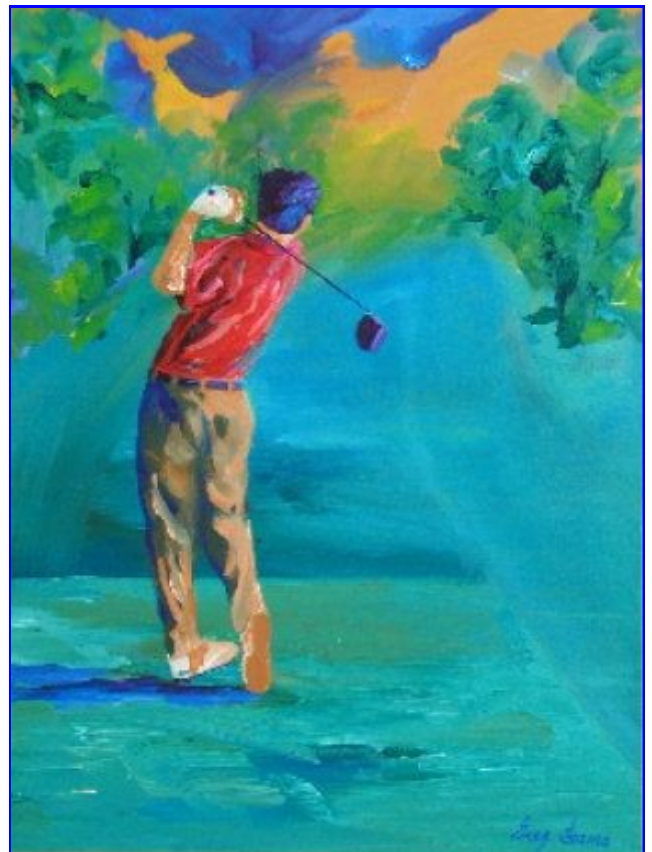
Please consider donating to us at

www.thefirstteecentralvalley.org

or by sending a check to 812 14th Street, Modesto, CA 95354. We appreciate your consideration!

The MGCC 18 Hole Ladies and the Ninety Niners recently donated the proceeds of their annual Charity Day Tournaments to The First Tee. Many thanks to the ladies for their continuing generosity.

The summer sessions begin on Tuesday, June 11. Please call Coach John Campbell 209-261-8831.



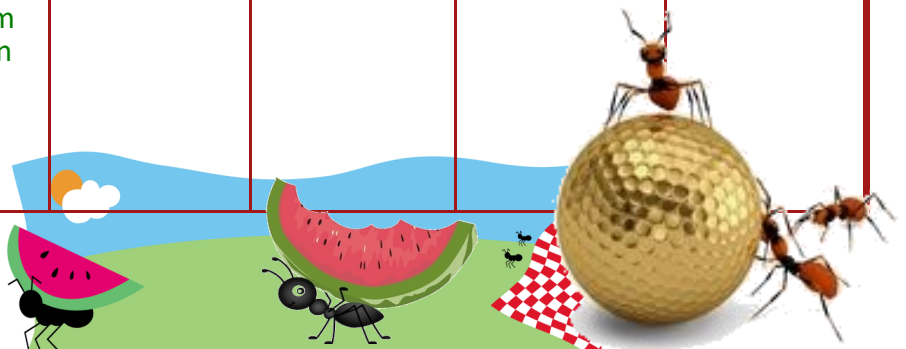
I NEED A MULLIGAN!





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 9T9ers Front 9 8:30am Shotgun	3	4th of July OPEN PLAY	5	6
7	8 Club Closed	9 9T9ers Front 9 8:30am Shotgun	10 Men's Stag Day 12:30p Shotgun	11 18-hole DIV PRO Cup RND 1 8:30am Shotgun	12	13 County Amateur Championship 9:00am Tee Times PRIVATE PARTY
14 County Amateur Championship 9:00am Tee Times	15 Club Closed	16 9T9ers Back 9 8:30am Shotgun	17	18 18-hole DIV PRO Cup RND 2 8:30am Shotgun	19 Friday Night Dining 6:00-8:00pm	20  NCGA Net Amateur Championship 8:30 Tee Times
21	22 Club Closed	23 9T9ers Front 9 8:30am Shotgun 6:00pm MGCC Board Meeting	24	25 18-hole DIV PRO Cup RND 3 8:30am Shotgun	26	27 PRIVATE PARTY
28	29 Club Closed	30 9T9ers Back 9 8:30am Shotgun	31			

Notes:



Friday Night Dining

July 19th 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Family Style

SPAGHETTI DINNER

MENU

Green Salad

Spaghetti Dinner

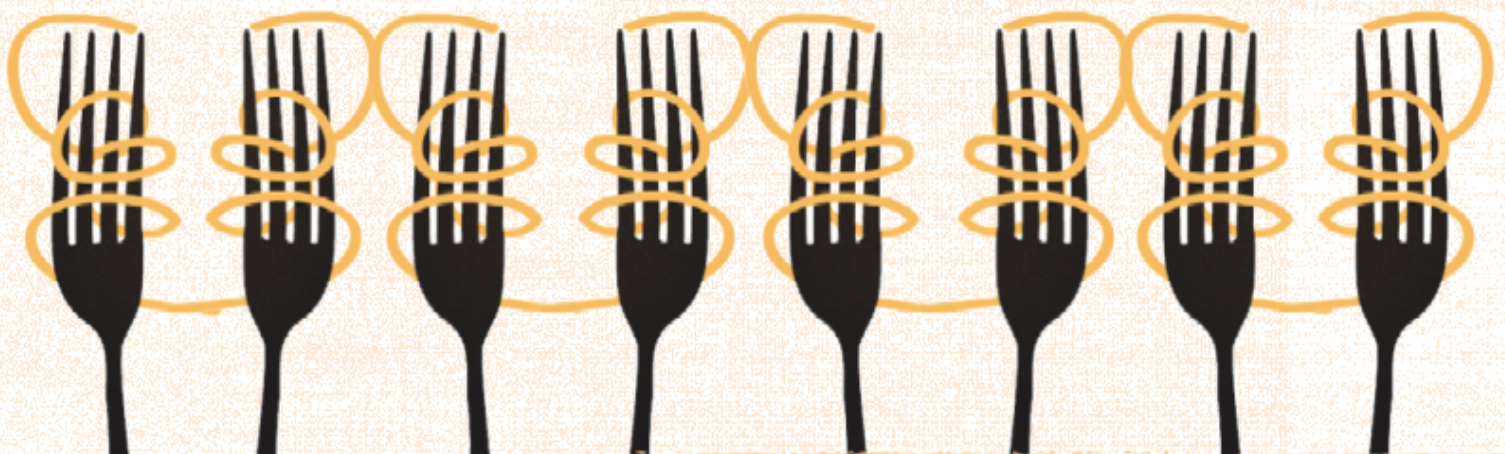
Italian Sausage

Meat Balls

Garlic Bread

Tiramisu

\$15.95+





Men's Stag Day

JULY 10, 2019
12:30p.m. Shotgun



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

MENU

Salad Bar
Santa Maria Tri-tip
Ranch Beans
Grilled Corn
Rolls and Butter
Apple Pie

\$17.95++

Looking Ahead...



august

- Aug 1 18-Hole Ladies Division
President's Cup Rnd 1
8:30am Shotgun
- Aug 6 9-T-Niners (Front 9)
8:30am Shotgun
18-Hole Ladies Division
President's Cup Rnd 2
8:30am Shotgun
- Aug 8 18-Hole Ladies Division
President's Cup Final Rnd
8:30am Shotgun
- Aug 13 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
8:30am Shotgun
- Aug 15 18-Hole Ladies Division
A Team at Merced
8:30am Shotgun
- Aug 16 **Friday Night Dining**
6:00-8:00pm
- Aug 20 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
8:30am Shotgun
- Aug 13 Men's Stag
12:30pm Shotgun
- Aug 22 18-Hole Ladies Division
8:30am Shotgun
- Aug 23 **Friday Night Dining**
6:00-8:00pm
- Aug 27 9-T-Niners (Front 9)
8:30am Shotgun
- Aug 29 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	160
Pre-Paid Program	1
Associate Firm	5
Leave of Absence	1
Special Social	30
Honorary	1
Social	1
Social/Proprietary	1
Executive Membership. . .	100
Young Executive	6
Total	306