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NEWS LETTER

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NOTES from the President

Congratulations to all of you who have graduates or retirements this month! June is a great month to celebrate! With that in mind, the Club will be celebrating our 60th annual Men's Invitational this month. That is quite an accomplishment!

We had a significant challenge last month when we were informed that our Property & Liability Insurance Provider would not be renewing our policy. Our broker indicated to us that many insurance companies were doing this throughout California due to the recent fires and floods. Our insurance policy had been around \$33,000/year which we had set aside in our budget. Our broker reached out to at least 8 different providers and we only received one quote. That quote was for \$90,000/year and didn't even cover the course. Thanks to Phil Hamm and a few others, we were able to finally get a quote from a company that had previously rejected us. That quote was for approximately \$67,000. The Finance Committee and Board were consulted throughout this process and we were able to secure insurance coverage one day before our previous policy was set to end. Whew! The good news is that this policy covers the golf course as well. The unfortunate news is that it is double what we had budgeted. It is now even more important that we recruit new members. The Finance Committee will be advising the board on our strategy to finance this increase.

Our Solar Project is moving along and we have selected Greenworks Lending as our finance partner. They have completed their appraisal of the property and we should hear back from them in a few weeks. Once they determine their appraised value of the club, then they can provide us with a proposal on how much they are willing to finance and on what terms. Once we have the offer from them, the Board will consider all aspects of the project to determine whether or not we move forward.

Happy Father's Day to all you Dads, and Grandpas out there! You know what Dads like on Father's Day? Golf and Barbeque!

Swing Easy!

John Curry





PRO'S CORNER
David Whitby
 PGA Club PRO

Summer is fast approaching and the weather is definitely getting better. We have a busy June to kick off the summer . . . from our 18 hole Ladies Club Championship, our monthly Men's Stag Day (Beat the Pro), the always fun Fathers Day tournament ,to the 60th Annual Men's Invitational.

I would also like to remind all golfers that on Friday, June 7th, the golf course will be closed for the Merced High School Quarterback Club Golf Tournament.

Please sign up for the Invitational! Jun 20th-22nd!!
 You may sign up in the Pro Shop today!!

David Whitby, PGA

Danny Moak
 Golf Course Superintendent
BrightView

With summer fast approaching we are well into our season at this point. We have begun on summer preventative program on the greens, and will of course continue throughout the next few months. We are also using the vertical mower and roller to help maintain greens speed and health.

I'm sure that most of you have noticed that we did add sand to 15 of our bunkers. Hopefully everyone is enjoying them (or not!).

We will be leveling the tees on #8 and #17 in the near future. I am working with the laser leveling company and the sod company to find a date nailed down to complete the work.



The last thing is that we are pleased to announce that our mechanic Darwin Gary has retired. Dar worked for the club for almost 40 years. We wish him well in his retirement in New York with his family. Good Luck Dar!

**Father's Day
 Tournament**



June 15th
 9:00am
 Shotgun

MEN's Invitational

JUNE 20th

Practice Round 12:00pm Shotgun
 5:30 pm Putting Contest



JUNE 21
 Round 1
 8:30am Shotgun

JUNE 22
 Round 2
 8:30am Shotgun



TaylorMade®

Demo Day

JUNE 20th 10:00am - 2:00pm



Captain's Table Sharon Sanchez

On April 25, the 18 Hole Group held a two best ball tournament. The team of Ramona Stanford, Carla Freel and Maureen Buchner took first place. Iantha Thompson, Lydia Southwick and Anita Goza took second.

Captains Trophy was held on May 2 overall winner was Sharon Sanchez with a low net of 69. Kara Parle won low putts with a total of 27 putts.

Charity Day was hosted by Linda Smith and Jan Lewin. The Charity chosen was First Tee. Over \$700 was raised. Everyone had a great time. The winners of the Charity Day Tournament were Sally Tomlinson, Linda Lucas and Ramona Stanford.

The following week was Grandmother's Day. Pictures of grandchildren and "grand pets" were displayed. Linda Lucas and Donna Tetango organized the day and luncheon. Winners of the Grandmother's Day Tournament were Pat Jones, Jill Macha and Denise Davis. Denise Davis and Jill Macha will have the honor of hosting the 2020 tournament.

Thank you to all four ladies for organizing and hosting these two events.

Our yearly Club Championship was postponed due to inclement weather. The event will be held at the beginning of June.

18-Hole Ladies Division Club Championship

June 4th & 6th
8:30am Shotgun

June 13th
8:30am T Times

Followed by
Luncheon & Awards



9t9ers ARTICLE BY: Susan Benes

After three days of golf
Susan Hammon is our
2019 Niner Club Champion!!!
Way to go Susan!



Our Flight Winners are:
Joanie Tinetti first place
winner in First Flight
Susan Benes first place
winner in Second Flight
Maureen Reid first place
winner in Third Flight

Congratulations to all these Tournament of Champion ladies - good golfing!

April low net winners were:

1st place: Joanie Tinetti,
2nd place: Susan Hammon,
3rd place: Anne Willis.
Low putt winner was
Susan Hammon. Congrats!



Most improved player for
April is Kelly Bentz !!!!
Good going Kelly :-)

Our Open Day Tournament was held (rain or shine) on May 21, and yes, we had both. What great fun! The Merced winners were: Sandy Souza - 3rd flight, Patty Grossman 2nd flight Joanie Tinetti 1st flight



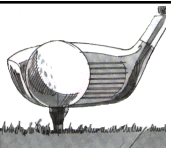
We sadly wave good-bye to an excellent golfer and great friend, Jerry Lou Davis. We will miss seeing her and her lovely smile but wish she and Jerry well in Fresno.

Our Couple's Golf & Social is Saturday, June 8th 3:00 Golf - Social to follow at the Tinetti's.

Team Play begins June 11th at Spring Creek. Merced will host on June 18th.

TIME CHANGE : Beginning June 4th we are switching to an 8:30am Shotgun - through June, July and August.

Our next tournament/guest/meeting day is Tuesday, June 25th



Senior Division

Article by:
Gary Southerland

Summer is rapidly approaching and the course is showing great improvements from the long and wet winter season.

Our Seniors played at Greenhorn on April 25th and the following finished in the money with their groups; Ed Benes, Wes Barkwill, Rickey Wallace, and Jerry Corman. Congratulations to all!

Upcoming Events

- June 6th ~ Kings River
- June 7th ~ Spring Creek
- June 12th ~ Copper River and
- June 18th ~ Madera

Please check the senior board and sign up for the away golfing events. Remember, it's not too late to sign up for the Senior League if you are 50 or older. The cost is only \$40.

Summer heat is just around the corner so remember to keep hydrated and use your sunscreen.

See you on the course.



June 15th

NCGA Senior 4-ball Tournament

8:30am T-time



Life in the Trap by Rick Newell

www.lifeinthetrap.com





June 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|----------------|--|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | | | 1 NCGA Senior 4-ball Tournament 8:30am T-time |
| 2 | 3 Club Closed | 4 9T9ers Front 9 8:30am Shotgun 18hole DIV RND 1 Club Championship 8:30am Shotgun | 5 | 6 18hole DIV 8:30am Shotgun RND 2 Club Championship | 7 Outside Tournament PRIVATE PARTY | 8 |
| 9 | 10 Club Closed | 11 9T9ers Back 9 8:30am Shotgun | 12 Men's Stag Day 12:30p Shotgun Beat the Pro | 13 18hole DIV Final Rnd Club Championship 8:30am T-Times Luncheon & Awards | 14 | 15  Father's Day Tournament 9:00am Shotgun |
| 16  Father's Day Brunch 9:00am - 1:00pm | 17 Club Closed | 18 9T9ers Back 9 8:30am Shotgun | 19 | 20 Taylor Made Demo Day 10:00am - 2:00pm | 21  | 22 |
| -- MEN's Invitational -- | | | | | | |
| | | | | Practice RND 12:00pm Shotgun | RND 1 9:00am Shotgun | Final RND 9:00am Shotgun |
| 23 | 24 Club Closed | 25 9T9ers TEAM PLAY 8:30am Shotgun | 26 | 27 18hole DIV 8:30am Shotgun | 28 Seniors Host Pine Mountain Lake 9:00am Shotgun | 29 |
| 30 | | 6:00pm MGCC Board Meeting | | PRIVATE PARTY | PRIVATE PARTY | |



Father's Day Brunch

June 16th 9:00am - 1:00 pm

Scrambles Eggs

Cottage Potatoes

French Toast

Biscuits and Gravy

Bacon, Ham and Sausage

Fresh Fruit

Bloody Mary Bar

\$15.95 ++



Please call Office (209) 722-6268 for Reservations by: Thursday, May 13th

Men's Stag Day

JUNE 12, 2019
12:30p.m. Shotgun

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



MENU

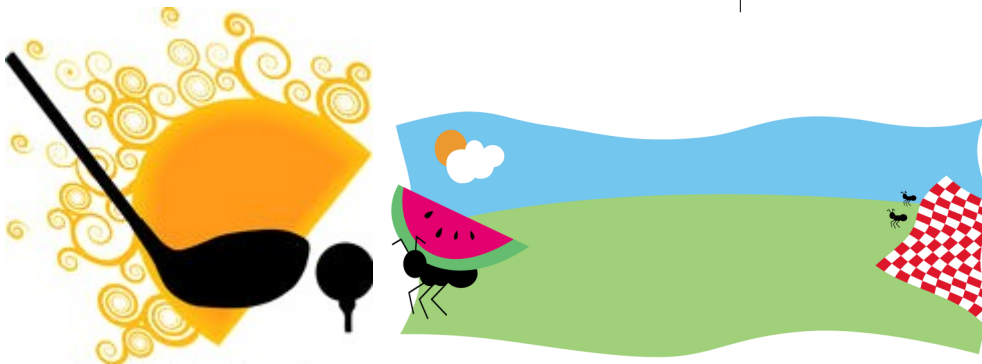
Salad Bar
Rib Eye Steak
Baked Potato
Corn on the Cob
Rolls and Butter
Ice Cream & Cookie

\$19.95++

Looking Ahead...



- Jul 2 9-T-Niners (Front 9)
8:30am Shotgun
4th of July Open Day
- Jul 9 9-T-Niners (Front 9)
8:30am Shotgun
- Jul 10 Men's Stag
12:30pm Shotgun
- Jul 11 18-Hole Ladies Division
PRO Cup RND 1
8:30am Shotgun
- Jul 9 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
- Jul 13-14 County Amateur Championship
9:00am Tee Times
- Jul 16 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
8:30am Shotgun
- Jul 18 18-Hole Ladies Division
PRO Cup RND 2
8:30am Shotgun
- Jul 19 Friday Night Dining
6:00-8:00pm
- Jul 20 NCGA Net Amateur
Championship
8:30 Tee Times
- Jul 23 9-T-Niners (Front 9)
8:30am Shotgun
6:00pm MGCC Board Meeting
- Jul 25 18-Hole Ladies Division
PRO Cup RND 3
8:30am Shotgun
- Jul 30 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
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

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|-------------------------------|------------|
| Playing | 160 |
| Pre-Paid Program | 1 |
| Associate Firm | 5 |
| Leave of Absence | 2 |
| Special Social | 29 |
| Honorary | 1 |
| Social | 1 |
| Social/Proprietary | 1 |
| Executive Membership. | 97 |
| Young Executive | 6 |
| Total | 303 |