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NEWS LETTER

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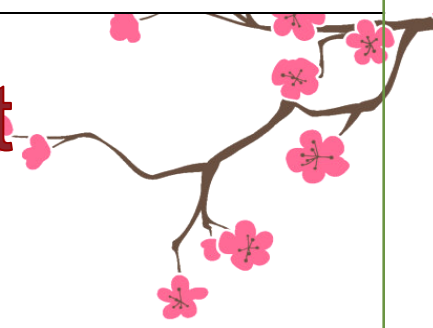
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NOTES from the President



To say that February was interesting would be an understatement. It was a Winter season like none other that we can remember in recent history. It even snowed in Palm Springs ... imagine that!

The course held up pretty good against the forces of nature, but we certainly lost rounds and revenue in the clubhouse due to unplayable conditions. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we were cart path only for most of the month. Did you see the new lake we installed on the Driving Range?

We are poised to hear from Belvedere Financing on our application for Solar Project funding and as soon as we hear from them, we will be sure to inform our membership. The solar project will mean significant savings both now and in the future and it will provide shaded parking as an additional benefit.

Our Human Resource Committee has at least two openings currently. If you have a background in HR and would be interested in helping us out on this committee please contact Phil Hamm or Berna. We also have openings on other committees as well. Check out the Board Member Reps for our committees on our website and consider joining.

We look to be on the other end of the difficult weather and should see the benefits of the rain over the next few months. The tournament season is just around the corner so it is time to get the mud off of your shoes, clean those clubs and get out to the course to get the rust off your game. Come on out and play! Good luck to Merced Cup Captains and their teams as they battle it out for bragging rights later this month.

Swing Easy!

John Curry





PRO'S CORNER

David Whitby
PGA Club PRO

The weather is getting better and the course is drying up. Dust off your clubs and come on out and enjoy golf!

We have a few events coming up in March that you should be aware of.

March 9th and 10th: we have the NCGA Zone, 9am tee times, both days.

March 13th, we have a Stag Day, 1230 shotgun.

March 16th, XXIO demo day, 10:00am-2:00pm.

March 24th, Merced Cup, 10:00am tee times.

March 24th, Sand Greens, 1:00pm.

New rule:

Players continue to drop a ball when taking relief, but the dropping procedure is changed in several ways as detailed a rule 14.3:

- how a ball maybe dropped is simplified; the only requirement is that the ball be let go from knee height so that it falls through the air and does not touch any part of the players body or equipment before it hits the ground.

Reasons for change:

The new procedure lowers the height from which the ball is dropped to increase the chance that it stays within the relief area.

David Whitby, PGA



MARCH 9th

NCGA Zone Qualifier

9:00am T-times

MARCH 16

XXIO

Demo Day 10:00am-2:00pm





18-hole Ladies DIV

Captain's Table
Sharon Sanchez

Our Kick Off breakfast and luncheon were tasty. We'd like to thank Berna, the wait staff and Chef Dave for their preparation and service to our club.

The Kick Off day tournament was modified because of inclement weather. We all teed off 100 yards from the green! Winners were:



1st
Sharon Sanchez,
Ramona Stanford,
Linda Lucas;

2nd Pat Jones Jill Macha, Denise Davis; 3rd Carol Hamm, Carla Freel, Caren Brendel. We look forward to nicer weather when we can enjoy our golf.

Our 18 Hole Group would like to recognize and thank Frankie Spiva for her work with the Women's Golf Association -Northern California. She has been a director for 5 years and is currently director at large. She has helped with Open Days, WGANC Tournaments and assisted with the committee to merge WGANC and NCGA. She has represented MG&CC proudly and we thank her for her service.



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ARTICLE BY:
Susan Benes

February was a month of very cold weather and lots of the rain we've so badly needed. Unfortunately, it wasn't very conducive to playing much golf. Below are some of the brave ladies who weathered playing golf no matter what.



Last month's regular tournament winners were:
A tie for Low Net between
Sandy Souza and
Carole Whitehill.

Joanie Tinetti was the Low Putts winner.

Thanks to Joanie Tinetti and Maureen Reid for putting together a great Valentine's Day Tournament.

MARCH 5, 8, & 12
9T9ers
President's Cup
9:00am Shotgun

LOVE

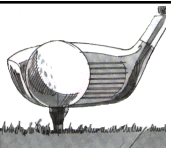


The following ladies were the tournament winners:

- Low Net:
Jerry Lou Davis
- Low Putts:
Jan Lorenzi

Closest to the line:
Maureen Reid
Closest drive to the "Mystery Spot": Joanie Tinetti





Senior Division

Article by:

Gary Southerland

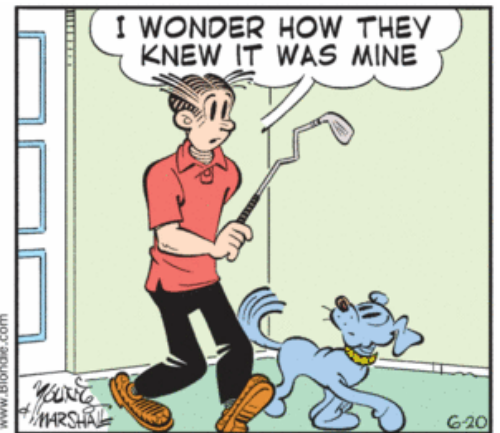
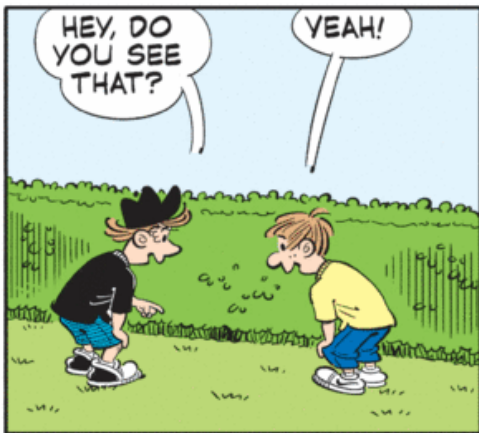
The Senior Local Tournament scheduled for February 22, 2019 was cancelled due to low sign-ups. Hopefully, we will start having dryer weather, which will improve our golf course conditions.

The upcoming San Joaquin Valley Pro-Am will be held at Belmont Country Club on March 14, 2019.





Seniors who qualified through the 2018 Senior Championship Tournament are: Mike Brendel, Joe Collins, Ben Sanchez, and Gary Southerland; along with our Club Pro Dave Whitby. Good Luck to all of you!

We currently have 37 signed up for the seniors. If you want to sign-up, please contact the Pro Shop or me.

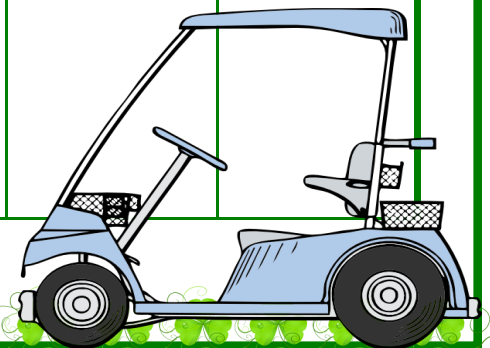
Pray for good weather and Hit 'em straight.



march 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 PRIVATE PARTY
3	4 Club Closed	5 9T9ers Front 9 9:00am Shotgun President's Cup Rnd 1	6	7 18-hole DIV 9:00am Shotgun	8 9T9ers Back 9 9:00am Shotgun President's Cup Rnd 2	9  NCGA Zone Qualifier 9:00am T-times
10	11 Club Closed	12  9T9ers Back 9 9:00am Shotgun President's Cup Rnd 3	13  Men's Stag Day 12:30p Shotgun	14 18-hole DIV 9:00am Shotgun	15 Local seniors	16 XX10 Demo Day 10:00am- 2:00pm
17  St Patrick's Day Open Play Sunday Night Dining 6-8pm	18 Club Closed	19 9T9ers Front 9 9:00am Shotgun	20	21 18-hole DIV 9:00am Shotgun	22	23
24 Aerate Greens	25 Club Closed Aerate Greens	26 9T9ers Back 9 9:00am Shotgun 6:00pm MGCC Board Mtg.	27	28 18-hole DIV 9:00am Shotgun	29	30
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Notes: Apr 6 NCGA 4-ball Tournament
8:30am Tee Times



Sunday Night Dining

March 17, 2019
6:00 - 8:00 pm

Salad Bar/Assorted Dressings

Irish Soda Bread and Rolls

Corned Beef and Cabbage

**Boiled Potatoes and
Carrots**

Poached Salmon with Dill Sauce

**Apple Crumble with
Chocolate Chip Mint Ice Cream**



\$17.95 ++

Men's Stag Day

MAR. 13, 2019
12:00p.m. Shotgun

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



MENU

Salad Bar/Assorted Dressings
Irish Soda Bread
Corned Beef and Cabbage
Boiled Potatoes and Carrots
Chicken and Dumplings
Chocolate Chip Mint Ice Cream

\$15.95 ++



Looking Ahead...



- Apr 2 9-T-Niners (Front 9)
9:00am Shotgun
- Apr 4 18-Hole Ladies Division
9:00am Shotgun
- Apr 6 NCGA 4-ball Tournament
8:30am Tee Times
- Apr 9 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
Club Championship Rnd 1
9:00am Shotgun
- Apr 10 Men's Stag
12:30pm Shotgun
- Apr 11 18-Hole Ladies Division
9:00 Shotgun
- Apr 12 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
Club Championship Rnd 2
9:00 Shotgun
- Apr 13 Cleveland Wedge Clinic and
Demo Day
10:00am-12:00pm
- Apr 16 9-T-Niners (Front 9)
Club Championship Rnd 3
9:00 Shotgun
- Apr 18 18-Hole Ladies Division
9:00 Shotgun
- Apr 19 SJVT Senior Tournament
Merced 9:00 Shotgun
Friday Night Dining
6:00-8:00pm
- Apr 21 
9:00am-1:00pm
- Apr 23 9-T-Niners (Front 9)
9:00 Shotgun
6:00pm MGCC Board Meeting
- Apr 25 18-Hole Ladies Division
9:00 Shotgun
- Apr 27 The Memoriam Tournament
9:00 Shotgun
- Apr 30 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
9:00 Shotgun



Swing
into
Spring



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	4
Special Social	28
Honorary	1
Social	1
Social/Proprietary	1
Executive Membership.	97
Young Executive	6
Total	304