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NEWS LETTER

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## MERCED GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# NOTES from the President

April was extremely busy at the Club and I hope that you were able to make it out to our many wonderful golf and social events. I want to give a special "Thank You" to our staff for their hard work in making the events so successful. If you get a chance, please let them know how much we appreciate them. Thanks to Chef Dave, Berna and Pro Dave for their efforts to survive and thrive through our April Events. The Ma Kelly Tournament has hopefully found a new home here at MGCC, which will certainly help us with our finances as well as recruiting potential new members.

Our Solar Project is moving along and we now have two finance groups who have provided us with quotes for our review. Both groups are utilizing PACE financing at 20 year terms. We have a sub-committee working on reviewing each offer and will have a recommendation for the Board within the next few weeks.

The Greens Committee would like to let you know that they appreciate members willing to volunteer their time and donate supplies and equipment to the Club. We have many members who have skills and abilities to support our great club and we want to make sure that we are coordinating all our efforts in a strategic fashion. With this in mind, please feel free to reach out to our Greens Committee Chair, Walt Adams ([wadams1543@hotmail.com](mailto:wadams1543@hotmail.com)) if you wish to help in any way. Please also contact Walt, Dr. Mohan Reddy or any member on the Greens Committee if you wish to attend their meetings. Look for leveling of tee boxes and refurbishing of bunkers in the near future.

We are up to 306 total members as of the April Board Meeting. Thanks to those of you who continue to encourage friends and family to join us. "Come out and Play", should be our theme through the Spring and Summer months!

Swing Easy!

John Curry





## PRO'S CORNER

**David Whitby**  
PGA Club PRO

If a golfer plays from longer than normal fairway length grass or wet turf and is continually surprised when the shot goes over the green, he should become educated about the flyer shot. Anytime one reduces backspin on a ball it will tend to lower that shot's trajectory and cause it to roll farther than normal after it hits the ground. Anytime one reduces backspin on the ball it will tend to lower that shot's trajectory and cause it to roll farther than normal after it hits the ground. When a player gives up backspin on the iron shot to the green, he gives up control. The first step in helping the player is to assist him to recognize flyer situations. When the ball is in the grass or clover that is high enough to get between the ball and club face, but not so high as to reach the top of the hosel, he should expect a reduction in backspin and a "hotter ball," a flier.

Once the conditions are recognized, a player can either allow for added distance on the shot or make some mechanical adjustments. Allowing for greater distance would mean either taking less club or swinging at less than full effort. If adjustments are preferred, the player can steepen the swing arc or open the face and play a fade.

David Whitby, PGA

May 27  
Memorial  
Day



Triple 6 Razzle  
9:00am Shotgun

# MGCC Wine Festival

MAY 17, 2019

FEATURING

*8-10 California Classic  
Wines*

*6:30PM - ???*

*Heavy Hors d'oeuvres*

*\$24.95++ per person  
Wine Glass included*

*Wines to purchase at  
a discounted rate*





# 18-Hole Ladies Division

**Captain's Table  
Sharon Sanchez**

We've had two Captain's Trophy Tournaments in the last month.

Captain's Trophy Overall winner on March 28 was Jill Macha (net 76) with Iantha Thompson winning the Low Putts designation (28).

In April 11, Suzanne Carpenter (net 71) took Captains Trophy overall winner with Sue Conley winning low putts (29).

On April 4, the Ladies hosted the senior men. Both men and ladies reported they had a good time.

Many guests attended our Chapman Scotch Tournament on April 18. Jill Macha and Turlock partner Mary Kelly took first place with a score of net 66.

On April 29, Captain Sharon Sanchez attended a WGANC Informational Meeting at Rossmoor Golf Course to listen to the Pros and Cons of the WGANC/NCGA merge. More information will follow.



# 9t9ers

ARTICLE BY:  
**Susan Benes**

Unfortunately, the Nine-Tee-Niners had to cancel their Club Championship in April, but Joanie and Maureen have rescheduled the three day event for May 7, 10, and 14. Please let Joanie know if you can play, and all participants must play on all three dates. The winners of that event will play on September 24th at Castlewood Golf and Country Club in Pleasanton.

Thanks to Joanie Tinetti for the lovely luncheon at her house for the 9ers.

Delicious food and great company. We even got to meet Tillie!



Winners for this month are:  
Sandy Souza won 1st place, low net;  
Wendy Willis won 2nd place, low net and Wendy also was the low putt winner.

The Couples Social is this month. It will be held on Sunday, May 19th. Be sure to mark your calendars. It's always a great time.



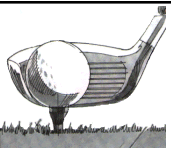
**MAY 30th**  
**18-hole DIV**  
**GOLF**  
**1:00pm Shotgun**  
**FOLLOWED BY:**  
**Stagette Dinner**

# 9t9ers

## Club Championship

May 7, 10 & 14  
9:00am Shotgun





# Senior Division

Article by:  
**Gary Southerland**

Spring is finally here and the course is in great condition. On 4/4/19, the Ladies hosted the Seniors. First place net; Sally Tomlinson, Jeff Kaufman, and Larry Thompson; Second place, Nancy Slater, Sal Marino, and Richard Pugluzivich.

Del Rio Country Club, in Modesto, invited the Merced Seniors to play on 4/17/9. We had 6 players who attended and Gary Southerland's group came in 3rd.

On 4/19/19, Merced hosted 11 visiting clubs (SJTL). Coming in low team net was Phil Hutchins and Lin Clendon, Pat Dillon's group came in 3rd place, Larry Shankland's group came in 4th place, and John Curry's group came in 5th place. Ben Sanchez won low gross, Jeff Kaufman came in 2nd for closest to the pin on hole 11, and Ben Sanchez came in first on hole 17.

The Seniors in May have three great away trips; 5/22/19, Brookside Country Club, 5/23/19, San Joaquin Country Club, and on 5/24/19, Oakdale Country



Mission: To impact the lives of young people by providing educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values and promote healthy choices through the game of golf. That is exactly what we do here at MGCC every Tuesday at 5:30 pm and Sunday at 1:00 pm. Our dedicated volunteers spend one or two hours a week presenting TFT national recognized programs for all children between the ages of 5 and 17.

To register your children for TFT and to volunteer your time, contact Coach John Campbell 209-261-8839.



*Spring has Summered*



# May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 <b>18hole DIV</b> 8:30am Shotgun	3	4
5	6 <b>Club Closed</b>	7 <b>9T9ers</b> 9:00am Shotgun Back 9 RND 1 Club Championship	8 <b>Men's Stag Day</b> 12:30p Shotgun	9 <b>18hole DIV</b> 8:30am Shotgun CHARITY DAY	10 <b>9T9ers</b> Back 9 RND 2 Club Championship	11
12 Mother's Day Brunch 9:00am-1:00pm	13 <b>Club Closed</b>	14 <b>9T9ers</b> 9:00am Shotgun Front 9 Club Championship Final RND	15 <b>SUPER Seniors TOURNAMENT</b> 9:30am Shotgun	16 <b>18hole DIV</b> 8:30am Shotgun Grandma's Tournament	17 <b>MGCC Wine Festival</b> 6:30-???	18
19	20 <b>Club Closed</b>	21 <b>9T9ers</b> OPEN DAY RND 1 Club Championship 6:00pm MGCC Board Meeting	22	23 <b>18hole DIV</b> 8:30am Shotgun RND 2 Club Championship	24 <b>18hole DIV</b> Club Championship Final Rnd & Celebration 8:30am Tee Times	25
26	27 Memorial Day Triple 6 Razzle 9:00am Shotgun	28 <b>Club Closed</b>	29	30 <b>18hole DIV</b> 1:00pm Shotgun followed by Stagette Dinner	31 <b>9T9ers</b> 9:00am Shotgun Back 9	

**Notes:** Jun 15 Father's Day Tournament 9:00am Shotgun  
 Jun 16 Father's Day Luncheon 8:30am Shotgun





# Mother's Day Brunch

May 12th

9:00am ~ 1:00 pm

## MENU

Fresh Fruit Tray  
Assorted Salads: Antipasto,  
Marinated Asparagus  
Green Peas & Egg Salad  
Assorted Breakfast Breads & Pastries

Scrambled Eggs  
Bacon & Sausage  
Eggs Benedict  
Cottage Potatoes  
Biscuits & Gravy  
Country French Toast

Seafood Newburg  
Saffron Fennel Rice  
Carved Honey Baked Ham  
Carved Roast Beef  
Assorted Dessert Display  
Juice Bar  
Mimosa & Fruit Bar

Adult: \$24.95 ++ Children: \$10.95 ++

# Men's Stag Day



May 8, 2019

12:30p.m. Shotgun



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

**\$13.95++**

## MENU

### MEXICAN BUFFET

Salad Bar  
Beef Enchilada Caserole  
Chile Rellenos  
Beans & Rice  
Dessert  
Dulce de Leche Cheese Cake

# Looking Ahead...



# 2019

- Jun 1 **NCGA Senior**  
4-ball Tournament  
8:30am T-time
- Jun 4 9-T-Niners (Front 9)  
9:00 Shotgun
- Jun 6 18-Hole Ladies Division  
Beat the Pro 8:30am Shotgun
- Jun 11 9-T-Niners (Back 9)  
9:00 Shotgun
- Jun 12 Men's Stag  
12:30pm Shotgun
- Jun 13 18-Hole Ladies Division  
8:30am Shotgun  
Spring Luncheon & Awards
- Jun 14 Friday Night Dining  
6:00-8:00pm
- Jun 15 **Father's Day Tournament**  
9:00am Shotgun
- Jun 16 **Father's Day Luncheon**  
8:30am Shotgun
- Jun 18 9-T-Niners (Front 9) Team Play  
9:00 Shotgun
- Jun 20 18-Hole Ladies Division  
8:30am Shotgun
- Jun 20 **Taylor Made Demo Day**  
10:00am - 2:00pm  
**Men's Invitational** Practice RND  
12:00pm Shotgun  
5:30 pm Putting Contest
- Jun 21 - 22 **Men's Invitational**
- Jun 25 9-T-Niners Team Play  
6:00pm MGCC Board Meeting
- Jun 27 18-Hole Ladies Division  
8:30 Tee Times
- Jun 28 **Seniors Host Pine Mountain Lake**  
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 . . . . .	4
Special Social . . . . .	29
Honorary . . . . .	1
Social . . . . .	1
Social/Proprietary . . . . .	1
Executive Membership. . . . .	99
Young Executive . . . . .	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>306</b>

