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NEWS LETTER

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NOTES from the President

Who is ready for Fall? We could all use a little cool breeze right now! The rumor is that our triple-digit temperatures are going away! Thank goodness for that, but I won't hold my breath.

The big news is that we are in the midst of a website re-design! We are working with our Website vendor's design team and will be unveiling our new website very soon. This is exciting as our current website leaves a bit to be desired, to say the least. The other good news is that this re-design is at no cost to the Club -- my favorite sentence. We hope to join the 21st Century with this new design and features. Stay tuned!

In Solar news, the plans have been developed and are now in the process of getting approval from the County. We are beginning to see solar equipment being delivered to the site in anticipation of the build. Jack Morehouse has agreed to take the lead and manage the project so that we can stay informed on the schedule and any adjustments we may need to make for parking, etc.

Congratulations to the Club Champions for 2019, which we highlighted on our Facebook page. If you haven't "Liked" MGCC yet, please do so.

We are holding steady at 305 members, but we really need to build up our membership in order to improve our financial health. I am asking that each of you become active recruiters for new members. We even have Playing Proprietary Memberships available at this time. It never hurts to ask. Please reach out to your family, friends and co-workers and invite them to become a part of our Club.

Swing Easy!
John Curry





PRO'S CORNER

David Whitby
PGA Club PRO

We have a lot of exciting events coming up in the next couple months please plan your golf accordingly. See below and sign up!

September 2nd- The Lone Wolf Tournament 9:00 SG

September 11th- Stag Day 12:30pm SG.

Sponsored by the 12:06 group.

September 13th-15th- The Member/Member

10:00am SG (both days)

September 21-Ladies Invitational (course closed)

Upcoming events in the next few months....

October 9th-Stag Day. 12:30pm SG.

Sponsored by the Merced Attorneys.

October 26th- Calloway Demo Day 10:00am-2:00pm

November 2nd-Titleist Demo Day 10:00am-2:00pm

November 13th-Stag Day. 12:30pm SG.

Sponsored by Jim Abbate.

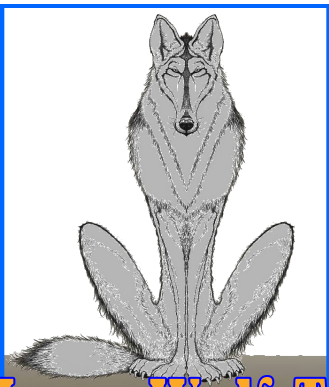
November 22nd-Glow Ball Returns. 6:00pm

Please come out and support the club and sign up for these great events!

David Whitby, PGA



Sept 2nd



Lone Wolf Tournament

9:00am Shotgun

Sept 13 14 & 15



Men's Member-Member Tournament



18-Hole Ladies Division

Captain's Table
Sharon Sanchez

July 25 was our first Putting League event. Former members of the club were invited as well as ladies at the club. Twenty-five ladies attended the event. Ramona Stanford took first place with 16 putts. Sandi Kemp and Donna Tetangco tied for second. Another putting league event is slated for September 26. On the same day as the Putting League, we held our 5th Captain's Trophy Tournament.



Denise Davis was the overall winner with a net 74. Iantha Thompson had low putts with a score of 30.

August 1, 6 and 8 were slated for President's Cup, our match-play major tournament. Sharon Sanchez won the tourney after a close contest with runner up Carla Freil. The match went to 19 holes.



A consolation tournament was won by Linda Lucas after a card off with Suzanne Carpenter. Ramona Stanford won closest to the line and closest to the pin awards.

A new tournament format was held on August 15, Alternate Shot. One flight was of twosomes and a second flight for threesomes. The winners of the twosome flight were the team of Sandi Kemp and Mary Jo Knudsen. The winners of the threesome flight were the team of Linda Lucas, Sharon Sanchez and Carla Freil.

Team play has started with Linda Lucas, our Team Play Captain setting the stage with a team dinner on August 14. Our first match was August 22 at Ft. Washington in Fresno. Our opponents were from Belmont Country Club.

On August 29, team play will be at Merced.

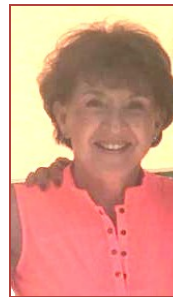
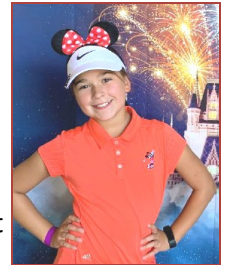


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ARTICLE BY:
Susan Benes

The Nine-Tee-Niners sponsored Ester Shue and Payton Zeller in the **Corena Green Tournament** held this year at Oakdale Golf and Country Club.

Ester won 1st place in the 11 year old class and Payton placed 3rd in the 10 year old class. As you can tell by their outfits, the theme this year at the Corena Green Tournament was Mickey Mouse. Great job, girls.

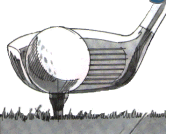


The **most improved golfer** for the month was Sandy Souza. Closely behind Sandy was Patty Grossman in 2nd and Jeanne McAuley in third place. Congratulations!

Low Net winners this month are:
3rd place, Mia Quaglia;
2nd place, Wendy Willis;
and 1st place winner is Sandy Souza. Wendy also won Low Putts.



Senior Division



President Notes by:
Gary Southerland

August was a great month for the Senior Division. On August 1st, we had eleven golfers travel to Fort Washington Country Club in Fresno. First place the group including R.J. Lorenzi, second place Sal Moreno's group, and runner-up Richard Pugluzivich.

August 9th, we hosted the senior event with Tracy, Twain Harte, Brookside, Mountain Lake, and Turlock Country Clubs. We had fourteen golfers play; Sal Moreno, Mike Brendel, Marv Brown, Richard Burton, Randy Lane, Jeff Kaufman, Tim Gudgel, and Joe Collins won money. Great job everyone!

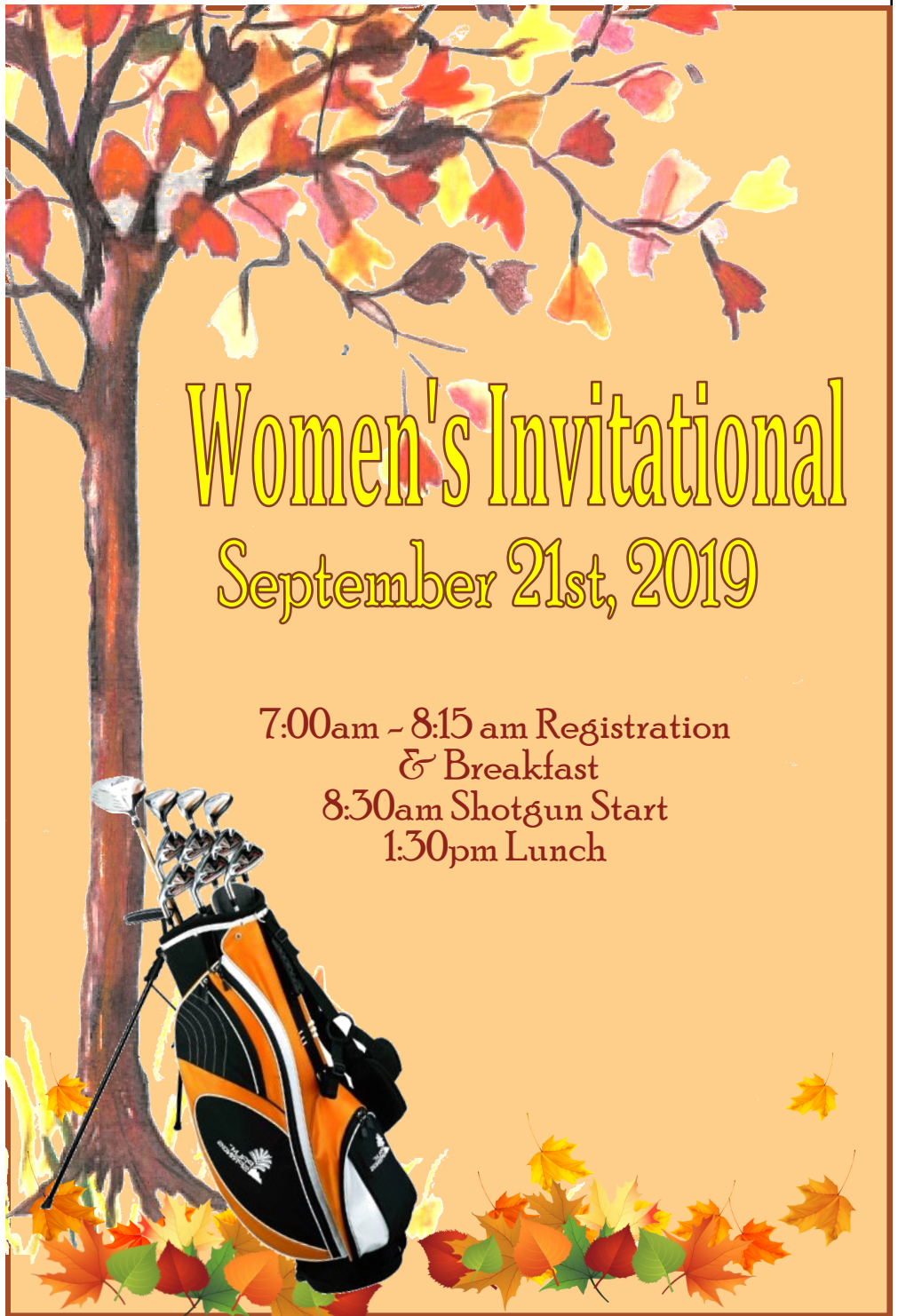
August 15th, we had four players travel to Belmont Country Club. Jerry Corman's group came in first place, Randy Lane's group came in second place, and closest to the pin won by Mike Brendel.

Upcoming Away Events

Aug 30th = @ Turlock Country Club;
Sept 10th = @ River Island Country Club;
Sept 12th = @ Tracy Country Club, and
Sept 20th = SVS Championship at
Oakdale Country Club.

Come out, signup, and enjoy the events!

See you on the course!



•SEPTEMBER•



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2 LABOR DAY Lone Wolf Tournament	3 Club Closed	4	5 18-hole DIV 9:00am Shotgun	6 9T9ers Back 9 9:00am Shotgun	7 PRIVATE PARTY
8	9 Club Closed	10 9T9ers Front 9 9:00am Shotgun	11 Doug Choquette Stag & Stagette Day 12:30p Shotgun	12 18-hole DIV 9:00am Shotgun	13 Men's Member- Member Tournament Practice RND 1:00pm Shotgun	14 Men's Member- Member Tournament 10:00am Shotgun
15 Men's Member- Member Tournament 9:00am Shotgun	16 Club Closed	17 9T9ers Back 9 9:00am Shotgun	18	19 18-hole DIV 9:00am Shotgun	20 Friday Night Dining Fried Chicken Dinner  6-8pm	21 Course Closed Women's Invitational 8:30am Shotgun
22 AERATE Greens & Fairways PRIVATE PARTY	23 Club Closed	24 9T9ers Back 9 9:00am Shotgun 6:00pm MGCC Board Meeting	25	26 18-hole DIV 9:00am Shotgun	27	28
29	30 Club Closed	Notes: Oct. 5 Tournament of Champions 8:30 T-times				





Friday Night Dining

Sept. 20th 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Fried Chicken Night

BUFFET

Fried Chicken
Cole Slaw
Mashed Potatoes
Gravy
Green Beans
Rolls and Butter
Apple Pie ala Mode



\$14.95 ++
Children \$9.95 ++

Stag Day with a Twist!

**Modified Stableford
Format.**

**Men's Flights and
Ladies Flight.**



**Generous Raffle Prizes
Sponsored by the 12:06 Group**

**Ribeye Steak, scalloped potatoes, green
salad, green beans, garlic bread, cobbler
w/ ice cream. \$21.95**

Even non-players can join for dinner.

Sign up w/ Berna by 7 Sept.

Doug Choquette Memorial Stag & Stagette Day

11 Sept 2019

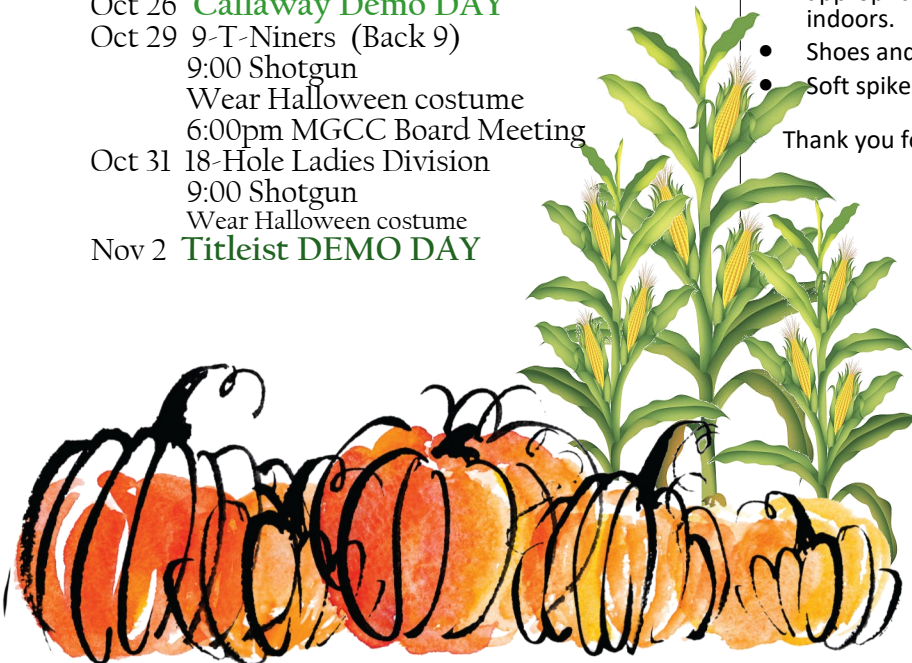
**Doug loved the ladies, and we all loved Doug, so lets join
forces to honor The Frog.**

Looking Ahead...

October 2019



- Oct 1 9-T-Niners (back 9)
9:00am Tee Times
- Oct 3 18-Hole Ladies Division
9:00 Shotgun
- Oct 5 **Tournament of Champions**
8:30 T-times
- Oct 8 9-T-Niners (front 9)
9:00 Shotgun
- Oct 10 18-Hole Ladies Division
9:00 Shotgun
- Oct 13 Couples Fall Social
3:00pm Shotgun
- Oct 14-15 **NCGA Super Seniors
Tournament**
- Oct 16 Stag Day
12:30pm Shotgun
- Oct 17 18-Hole Ladies Division
9:00 Shotgun
- Oct 18 9-T-Niners (back 9)
9:00 Shotgun
Friday Night Dining
- Oct 22 9-T-Niners (Front 9)
9:00 Shotgun
- Oct 24 18-Hole Ladies Division
9:00 Shotgun
- Oct 25 **Seniors Host Ladies**
9:00 Shotgun
- Oct 26 **Callaway Demo DAY**
- Oct 29 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
9:00 Shotgun
Wear Halloween costume
6:00pm MGCC Board Meeting
- Oct 31 18-Hole Ladies Division
9:00 Shotgun
Wear Halloween costume
- Nov 2 **Titleist DEMO DAY**



MERCED GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

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	155
Pre-Paid Program	1
Associate Firm	5
Leave of Absence	1
Special Social	31
Honorary	0
Social	1
Social/Proprietary	1
Executive Membership. . .	102
Young Executive	8
Total	305