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NEWS LETTER

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MERCED GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Berna Lucas Club Manager
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NOTES from the President

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we start the new year, your board has set two major goals to achieve in 2020. Increase membership and activate the new solar system.

A membership committee has been formed and is establishing a new strategy to make members of the community aware of the advantage of joining the Merced Golf Club. It is critical that we increase membership to keep our club viable. If you would like to be a member of the committee, please let John Curry know. He would welcome your ideas.

The solar system over the parking lot is just about completed and should be activated within a month. The solar panels over the cart barns are installed and we are waiting on PGE to conduct some calculations before completing the installation.

The other committees are listed on the front page of the Chip shots. If you would like to participate on one of the other committees, please contact the committee Chairman listed.

Berna has planned several Friday night dinners for the club members to enjoy. As always, I'm sure they will be successful. Please make an effort to attend and enjoy a great dinner at the club. In March, we will have Friday night hamburgers from 5 to 7. No other menu service will be available. If successful, we will continue to offer throughout the summer months.

Dave and the lady's groups have a full schedule of tournaments planned. Check the schedules and participate.

When you see these wonderful people, please help me thank them for their wonderful contribution to help fill in the potholes in our entry roadway. They are Jack Morehouse, Casey Hashimoto, Jeff Kauffman, Tim Pellissier, Dave Huggins, Grey Roberts and Sal Moreno. Special thanks also go out to those that have helped along the way towards these endeavors.

Let's have a very successful year!

Dick Buchner





PRO'S CORNER
David Whitby
 PGA Club PRO

I hope all of you are enjoying the New Year! We have our first demo day of 2020 in February. Callaway will be here on Saturday the 22nd, 10:00am - 3:00pm. They will be introducing their new equipment, the Maverick series.

In other news, the Merced Cup teams have been picked for this year. The first day of the event will be held at Dragonfly GC and back here at home for the second day. A complete list of teams/players and agenda are provided for you in the Pro Shop.

And finally, don't forget to post your score after you play. The new handicap system is in place and it will take some time to become familiar with it. Please stop by the Pro Shop with any questions or concerns regarding your handicap or if you are having trouble posting your score, we will show you how, step by step.

Come out and enjoy the golf course!

David Whitby, PGA

Danny Moak
 Golf Course Superintendent
BrightView

Merced Golf and Country Club Members,

I want to give everyone an update about some of the things that are going on around the golf course. You may have noticed that the tees only have one tee marker. We are in the process of painting them, so please just play from the one that is remaining. We are also in the process of removing the low hanging branches all around the golf course. This should be done by the first week in Feb.

As, far as the roping around the greens goes, we are planning on continuing this throughout the summer. We believe that this will help the turf around the greens from getting excessive traffic.

Thank You





18-Hole Ladies Division

Captain's Table
Sharon Sanchez

Spring feels just around the corner and we are getting excited about our golf season starting. Our Kick Off Breakfast is slated for 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 6, followed by golf and lunch.

It will be good to see old friends and welcome new members.



Below is our slate of officers for the 2020 year:

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|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Captain | Sharon Sanchez |
| Co-Captain, Tournament Chair | Carla Freel |
| Assistant Tournament Chair | Linda Lucas |
| Secretary | Maureen Buchner |
| Treasurer | Frankie Spiva |
| Handicapped Chair | Denise Davis |
| Advisor | Mary Jo Knudsen |



WOMEN'S

18-HOLE DIV

GOLF KICK-OFF

8:00AM BREAKFAST

9:00AM SHOTGUN



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ARTICLE BY:
Suzanne Zopolos

Yay! Made it through January—good-bye gray sky. We are looking forward to the many fun golfing events that are on our calendar for 2020.

Coming up very soon, Tuesday, February 11th is our Valentine's Day Special Tournament, always great fun with prizes for the winners.

And speaking of winners, in 2019 the over all winner for Low Net was **Patty Grossman**, Low Putts - **Wendy Willis**, most Par - **Anne Willis**, most Chip-ins - **Wendy Willis** with a tie for most Birdies going to **Joanie Tinetti** and **Susan Hammon**. Congratulations ladies, good luck to everyone this coming year.

The Executive officers held a budget/finance meeting on January 21st.





Senior Division

Article by:
Doug Ash

Senior Golf 101

Gentlemen: are you 50 years old, do you want to play golf on private golf courses throughout Central California, engage in some *friendly* competition, and make some new friends? If so, you might consider the Merced Seniors.

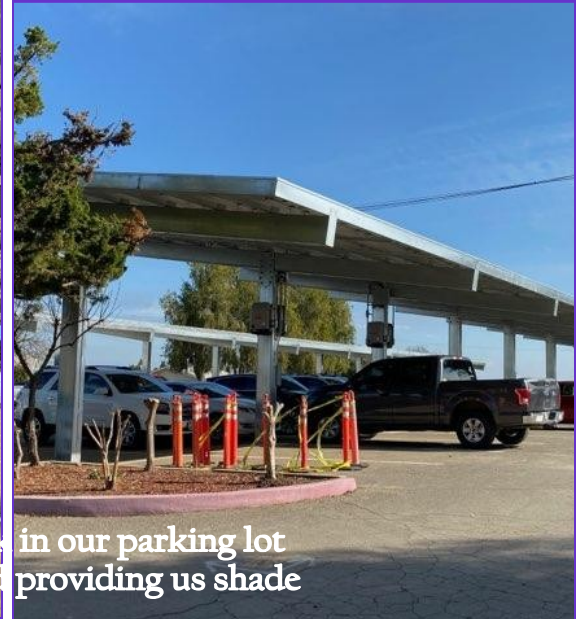
Averaging over 2 games a month February through November there are a variety of playing options: 2 matches with MGCC ladies, 3 with MGCC men, 6 tournaments with 4 or more clubs and 10 matches with clubs from Stockton to Visalia and in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

How to join: Drop a check for \$40 made out to "Merced Seniors" off in the pro shop. **You are a member.** Sign up for the matches in which you want to play (the lists will be posted in the card room). First come, first serve.

Away games cost \$50, which includes breakfast, green fees, lunch, and your share of the cost of the prizes, usually golf balls or money. Home games provide that same, but will cost \$25-30 (you already pay the green fees). Feel free to contact:

Doug Ash,
Merced Seniors President,
209 761-0803

Scott Lucas,
Merced Seniors Treasurer,
209 658-4017



Solar Units at work in our parking lot taking in energy and providing us shade



February 2020



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 Club Closed | 4 <u>9-T-9ers</u> Front 9 9:00am Shotgun | 5 | 6 <u>18 Hole Women's DIV</u> Golf Kick-off 8:00a Breakfast 9:00am Shotgun | 7 | 8 PRIVATE PARTY |
| 9 PRIVATE PARTY | 10 Club Closed | 11 <u>9-T-9ers</u> Back 9 9:00am Shotgun | 12 Men's Stag Day 12:30pm Shotgun | 13 <u>18 Hole Women's DIV</u> 9:00am Shotgun 18-Hole General Mtg. PRIVATE PARTY | 14 VALENTINES DAY Friday Night Dining 6:00-8:00pm | 15 |
| 16 | 17 PRESIDENT'S Day Open Play | 18 Club Closed | 19 | 20 <u>18 Hole Women's DIV</u> 9:00am Shotgun | 21 <u>9-T-9ers</u> Front 9 9:00am Shotgun | 22 Golf Demo Day 1000am - 3:00pm |
| 23 | 24 Club Closed | 25 <u>9-T-9ers</u> Back 9 9:00am Shotgun 6:00pm MGCC Board MTG | 26 | 27 <u>18 Hole Women's DIV</u> 9:00am Shotgun | 28 | 29 |

Note: Mar 7-8 NCGA Zone 9:00am Tee Times





Valentines Day Dinner

February 14th 6:00 - 8:00 pm

APPETIZERS

Cajun Shrimp, Avocado and Cucumber Bites
Smokes Salmon Canapés

SALAD

Cranberry Walnut and Field Green Salad
With Raspberry Dressing

ENTREES

*Served with Fresh Vegetables,
Twice Baked Potato, Rolls and Butter*

Beef Tenderloin

with Red Wine Mushroom Sauce

Parmesan Crusted Mahi- Mahi

With Lemon Butter Sauce

DESSERT

Italian Bombe

Please RSVP by: Feb12th
to the office 209 722-6268

\$40.00 ++

Men's Stag Day

FEB. 12, 2020
12:30p.m. Shotgun

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



MENU

Salad Bar
Spaghetti and Meat Balls
Italian Sausage
Garlic Bread
Cobbler

\$15.95++

Looking Ahead...

March 2020 EVENTS

- Mar 3 9-T-Niners (Front 9)
9:00am Tee Times
- Mar 5 18-Hole Ladies Division
9:00 Shotgun
11:30am 9-T-9ers Host
Spring Meeting for WNHGA
- Mar 7-8 NCGA Zone
9:00am Tee Times
- Mar 9 John Montano
MHS Boys Tournament
- Mar 10 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
9:00am Tee Times
- Mar 11 Men's Stag
12:30pm Shotgun
- Mar 12 18-Hole Ladies Division
9:00 Shotgun
- Mar 17 St Patrick's Day
9-T-Niners (Front 9)
- Mar 19 18-Hole Ladies Division
9:00 Shotgun
- Mar 20 Friday Night Dining
6:00-8:00pm
- Mar 22 Aerate Greens
2:00pm Hole #1 Closed
- Mar 24 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
9:00 Shotgun
6:00pm MGCC Board Meeting
- Mar 26 18-Hole Ladies Division
9:00 Shotgun
6:00pm MGCC Board Meeting
- Mar 31 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
9:00 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 | 157 |
| Pre-Paid Program | 1 |
| Associate Firm | 5 |
| Leave of Absence | 2 |
| Special Social | 31 |
| Honorary | 0 |
| Social | 0 |
| Social/Proprietary | 1 |
| Executive Membership. | 95 |
| Young Executive | 9 |
| Total | 301 |

