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NEWS LETTER

January 2020

## MERCED GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**John Curry**  
President

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**Larry Thompson**  
Finance

**Frankie Spiva**  
Golf Operations

**Gerald Corman**  
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**Jack Morehouse**  
Long Range Planning-House  
Bylaws & Procedures

**Phil Hamm**  
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**Todd Giardina**  
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**Mohan Reddy**  
Greens

### OFFICERS

**Jeff Kaufman**  
Secretary

**Scott Lucas**  
Finance Liaison

### DIVISION PRESIDENT/ CAPTAIN

Gary Southerland . . . . . Senior President  
Sharon Sanchez . . . 18-Hole Capt.  
Mia Quaglia . . . . . 9-Hole Capt.

### CLUB STAFF

Berna Lucas . . . . . Club Manager  
David Whitby . . . . . Club PRO  
Martin Soliz . . . . . Club Chef

# NOTES from the President



As 2019 comes to an end and we move into the new year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank our board members and officers for an amazing year. We accomplished much this year with the support of our Board, staff and membership. I am so proud and excited about our future.

Together we successfully secured the financing for our solar legacy project. This project will save us over \$90,000 per year in utility costs and will provide shaded parking structures for years to come. Jack Morehouse has been our project manager and has worked closely with Rich Maher on this endeavor. Well done, Gentlemen!

We also re-designed our website, which was sorely needed. The new website looks great! It is "mobile friendly" and also has a link to our Facebook page. We look forward to continued improvements on the site.

We also upgraded our cart fleet recently. Our new carts are equipped with lithium batteries. These batteries take less energy to re-charge and they will last longer on a charge. The new carts have USB ports, coolers, and luxury seats for our members and guests to enjoy.

Our Executive Upgrade Program has helped increase our proprietary membership by 4 now. Welcome Stacey McCarrick as our newest Proprietary Member.

Thanks to Todd Giardina, Frankie Spiva and Jack Morehouse for their service to the club as board members. Frankie and Jack have volunteered to run again so we may be welcoming them back soon.

I want to thank Berna and Dave for their support during my Presidency. They were helpful, patient, encouraging, and extremely supportive of all we tried to accomplish. We couldn't have done all this without the two of them.

I am looking forward to 2020 with anticipation. We have a few challenges to face together, but I want to encourage us all to stick together ... for our Club!

Swing Easy!

John Curry



## Happy New Golf Year!!!



## PRO'S CORNER

**David Whitby**  
PGA Club PRO

Starting January 2020 all golfers world wide will be under one governing body when it comes to their index/handicap, the **World Handicap System**.

The Handicap Index will change every day. At midnight, just before the computer shows the new daily indexes, it will look at all scores posted to see if they are out of range, either way too high, or too low. If this is true, the computer will adjust the differentials.

**ESC (Equitable Stroke Control) - will be gone and the maximum will be Net Double Bogey.**

**This is it:** You take the par of a hole, add 2 for double (+2), and then add any strokes the player gets on the hole, and that gives you the Net Double Bogey

**Par 3's:**

*3+2=5 max (if player doesn't get any strokes)*  
*3+2+1=6 max (if player gets one stroke on hole)*  
*3+2+2=7 max (if player gets two strokes on hole)*

**Par 4's:**

*4+2=6 max (if player doesn't get any strokes)*  
*4+2+1=7 max (if player gets one stroke on hole)*  
*4+2+2=8 max (if player gets two strokes on hole)*

**Par 5's:**

*5+2=7 max (if player doesn't get any strokes on hole)*  
*5+2+1=8 max (if player gets one stroke on hole)*  
*5+2+2=9 max (if player gets two strokes on hole)*



**#1 LEARN**

the new

**World Handicap System**

**#2 Practice putting**

**#3 Practice my chipping**

**#4 Take lessons**

And  
be more awesome in golf

**Jan 8th, 2018**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**





# 18-Hole Ladies Division

Captain's Table  
Sharon Sanchez

Happy New Year!

Hope your holidays were joyous and you were able to spend time with family and friends. While looking forward to a new year, we cannot forget what has transpired in 2019 and before. We have lost some friends and family. Our 18 Hole Group lost a dear friend, Terri Sawyer. She was an awesome golfer and friend to many. Please Keep Lydia Southwick, her son Zack and his family in your prayers.



Below is a list of the end of the year awards.

- Club Champion . . . . Ramona Stanford
- Pro Cup . . . . . Caren Brendel
- President's Cup . . . . Sharon Sanchez
- Captain's Trophy . . . . Sharon Sanchez
- Lowest Putts . . . . . Iantha Thompson
- Most Improved . . . . . Anita Goza

We look forward to our opening breakfast and round on Thursday, February 6, 2020.

# ladies

# golf

## Golf Kick-off

**JAN 28th 9T9ers**

9:00am Shotgun  
Back 9



**9t9ers**  
ARTICLE BY:  
**Susan Benes**

Many people participated to make the December Ladies' Luncheon a great success. Thanks to our new chef, Martin for providing a delicious lunch and thanks to Al, Berna and Zach for all they did and continue to do.



The Nine-tee-Niners continued the tradition of decorating the lounge and are already planning for next year!



A few of the 9ers were also able to help Linda Smith and the 18 Hole ladies decorate the club house. It's a huge job. Everything looked great.



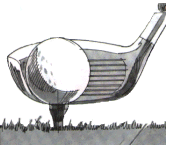
The award for Most Improved Player for the 2019 year was announced at the luncheon and went to Anne Willis. Congratulations, Anne!

The following is the list of officers for the 2020 golf year:

- Captain - Mia Quaglia
- Co-Captain - Diane Fuentes
- Treasurer - Carole Whitehill
- Secretary - Susan Hammon
- Team Play Captain - Patty Beach
- Special Tournaments - Joanie Tinetti/Maureen Reid
- Handicapper - Anne Willis
- Low Net/Low Putts - Wendy Willis
- Pairings - Patty Grossman
- Eclectic - Susan Benes/Cindy Souders
- Hospitality/Trophies/Greens - Barbara Adams
- Chip Shots - Suzanne Zopolos
- Showcase Board/Photos - Jeannie McAuley
- Junior Golf - Jan Lorenzi
- WNHGA Delegate - Mia Quaglia
- WNHGA Alternate - Diane Fuentes

Happy New Year to all!





# Senior Division

Article by:  
**Bill Gray**

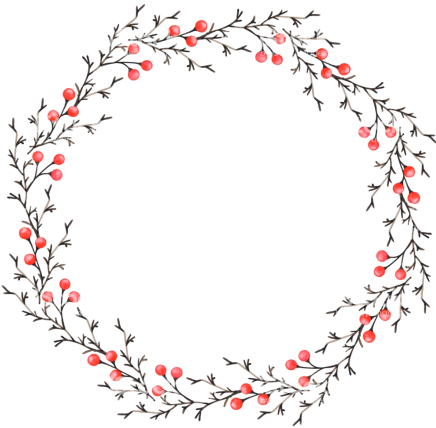
The New Year is upon us, and reflecting back to last year, what a great year for the seniors.

I would like to remind all senior members that the Senior Dinner is on Saturday, January 4th, at 6:00 PM in the clubhouse main dining room.

The senior schedule for next year is posted on the senior board in the clubhouse.

Hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season; looking forward to a prosperous 2020.

See you on the course.



*"I support our troops as much as the next guy,  
but do we have to let them play through?"*

**Jan 4th**



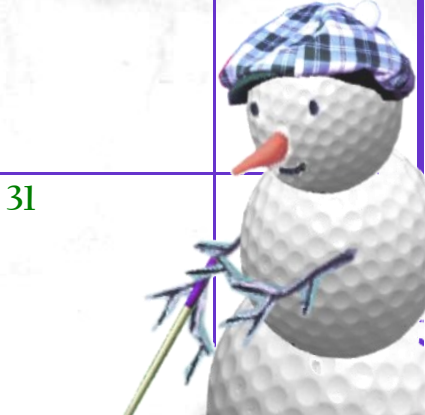
Senior  
Dinner  
6:00pm





# January 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020 	2	3	4 Senior Dinner 5:30pm Cocktails 6:00pm Dinner PRIVATE PARTY
5	6 Club Closed	7	8 Men's Stag Day 12:30p Shotgun 5:00 dinner 6:00 annual general mtg.	9	10	11
12	13 Club Closed	14	15 PRIVATE PARTY	16	17  Friday Night Dining 6:00pm - 8:00pm <b>CRAB FEED</b>	18 PRIVATE PARTY
19	20 Martin Luther King Day Open Play	21 Club Closed	22	23	24	25
26	27 Club Closed	28 <b>9T9ers</b> Golf Kick-off 9:00am Shotgun Back 9  6:00pm MGCC Board Meeting	29	30	31	

Feb 6, 2020 **18-hole DIV** Golf Kick-off

# Friday Night Dining

Jan 17th

6:00 - 8:00 pm

## Crab Feed

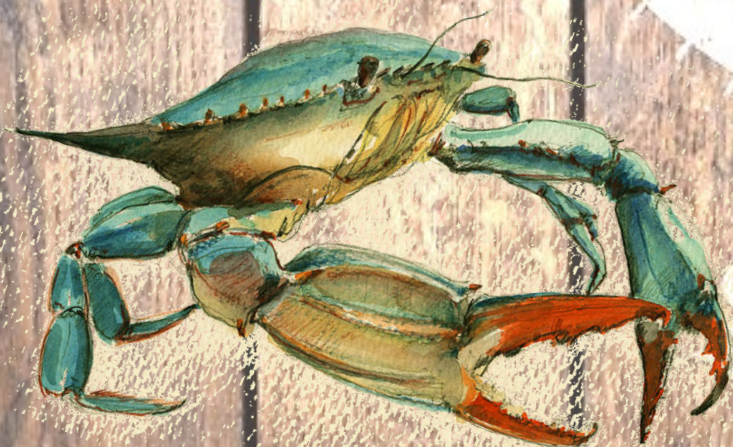
**Caesars Salad**

**Garlic Cheese Bread**

**Dungeness Cracked Crab**  
*with Cocktail Sauce, Lemon and  
Drawn Butter*

**Rigatoni Marinara**  
**Steamed Red Potatoes**  
**and Vegetables**

**Assorted Dessert Display**



**\$50.00 ++**

Please make reservations by: Jan 15th

# Men's Stag Day

**Jan. 8, 2020**  
**12:30p.m. Shotgun**

Followed by:  
5:00pm Dinner and  
6:00pm General Meeting



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

## MENU

Salad Bar  
Beef Stew  
Corned Bread  
Assorted Dessert

# Looking Ahead...



## February 2020

- Feb 4 9-T-Niners (Front 9)  
9:00am Tee Times
- Feb 6 18-Hole Ladies Division  
Golf Kick off  
8:00am Breakfast  
9:00am Shotgun
- Feb 11 9-T-Niners (Back 9)  
9:00am Shotgun
- Feb 12 Men's Stag  
12:30pm Shotgun
- Feb 13 18-Hole Ladies Division  
9:00 Shotgun
- Feb 14 Friday Night Dining  
6:00-8:00pm
- Feb 17 **Presidents Day**  
*Open Play*
- Feb 18 *Club Closed*
- Feb 20 18-Hole Ladies Division  
9:00 Shotgun
- Feb 21 9-T-Niners (Front 9)  
9:00 Shotgun
- Feb 22 Golf Demo Day **Callaway**  
Callaway  
1000am - 3:00pm
- Feb 25 9-T-Niners (Back 9)  
9:00 Shotgun  
6:00pm MGCC Board Meeting
- Feb 27 18-Hole Ladies Division  
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 . . . . .	156
Pre-Paid Program . . . . .	1
Associate Firm . . . . .	5
Leave of Absence . . . . .	2
Special Social . . . . .	29
Honorary . . . . .	0
Social . . . . .	1
Social/Proprietary . . . . .	1
Executive Membership. . . . .	97
Young Executive . . . . .	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>301</b>