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NOTES from the President

As spring arrives, and in anticipation of beautiful golf weather, the club's kitchen will be open from 5 to 7 on Friday nights beginning March 6th. We will try this for two months to determine its acceptance by the membership. This service will however not be available on a Friday night when there is an event in the main dining room.

Due to lack of participation from the public and based on input from the restaurant staff, the board voted to discontinue the use of the restaurant by non-members. In addition, the board took into account that several social members expressed their concern about not getting the benefits from being a social member.

Of special note is the passing of Ralph Temple. Ralph was a dedicated member of the of MGCC, having served as president of the board, a member of several committees over the years and utilizing his skills as MC for various successful fund raising auctions. His cheerful disposition will be missed. Condolences to the members of his family.

The next time you see Sal Moreno at the club, be sure to say a thank you for all the work he has done to improve the condition of the club.

We continue to wait on PG&E to turn on the power for the solar system. Our contractor Richard Maher has made multiple calls on our behalf. We will continue to "bug" them.

Have a great golf month!

Dick Buchner





PRO'S CORNER
David Whitby
 PGA Club PRO

The weather has been perfect so far this year and the golf course has been busy, which is great to see.

In March, we have the NCGA Zone. We are taking signups now, get your foursome together and let the Pro Shop staff know so we can sign you up. Remember, the cutoff/handicap date is, March 5th. We won't be taking any signups after the cutoff date.

The Merced Cup will be held, March 28th/29th. The teams will travel to Dragonfly, in Fresno, for the first day. The teams will play MGCC on Sunday, for their last round. Good luck to both captains, John Curry, and Jeff Kaufman. The list of players who qualified is currently in the Pro Shop. And speaking of the Pro Shop, I want to personally thank, Sal Moreno for painting and fixing some much needed areas around the shop. Thank you, Dick Buchner, for the donation of paint. Everyone likes the color!

And finally, greens aerification will begin, Sunday, March 15th. The first tee will close at 1:00pm.

Please give a

WARM WELCOME

to our new members:

Proprietary Member
 Thomas Bohanan

Executive Members:
 Melvin Downey
 David Johnson
 Andrew Schumacher
 Mark Williams
 Carole Whitehill

Social Members -
 Kit Marks and
 Merv Wright



I would first like to inform everyone that our aerification date has changed from Sunday March 22nd to Sunday March 15th. The first tee will be closing at 1:00 on that day. We are doing this so that the greens will have two weeks to heel before the Merced Cup. We hope that this doesn't affect your plans. Also, I would like to let you know that we are applying pre-emergent to the fairways and tees now. Our soil temperature is averaging between 52 and 55 degrees, which is the time for Crabgrass to germinate. So, if you use pre-emergent on your home lawn now is the time to apply it.

**After your golf game
 Come on out and enjoy**

BURGERS
 AND
APPETIZER
NIGHT

Friday, March 6, 2020
5pm - 7pm
In the lounge and bar area

Also
March 13th
 and
March 27th





18-Hole Ladies Division

Captain's Table
Sharon Sanchez

Our Opening Day of February 6 was well attended. Over 30 ladies came out, hugged old friends, chatted, laughed and made new friends. Winners of the Step Aside Tourney were: Caren Brendel, Michelle Pedretti, Linda Smith and Maureen Buchner with a score of 71. Losing the card off, also with a 71, and taking second place were Sally Tomlinson, Lydia Southwick and Kara Parle.

February 13, the ladies wore red for Valentine's Day and played "Queen of Hearts". Winners were: Sharon Terry, Carol Llamas, Denise Davis and Jill Macha. Second place went to Linda Pellissier, Cindy Souders and Avis Gaffery.

A best ball tourney held on February 20 was won by Laurel Mancebo, Pat Jones and Ramona Stanford with a score of 64 in the three-person flight. In the two-person flight, Kara Parle and Anita Goza won with a score of 68. On that same day, members of the 18 Hole Board attended the NCGA-WGANC Regional meeting at Ft. Washington Country Club. Information was shared on the new World Handicapping System, upcoming ladies Open Days and Tournaments and ways to stay connected to WGANC. Please sign up for Open Days and WGANC tournaments. They are a lot of fun.

I would also like to mention a new policy change of the Club. As of January 1, 2020, the uninvited public may no longer come to the club for food services.



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ARTICLE BY:
Suzanne Zopolos

Thank you to Joanie Tinetti and Maureen Reid for organizing our special Valentine's Day tournament with cute favors and a treat for all. It was a beautiful, sunny winter morning, we were glad to be out playing. Winners were Patty Beach— lowest score on #14 and Wendy Willis— closest to the hole on #17. All smiles with their candy and coffee card prizes.



We give a warm and enthusiastic welcome to new members Sabra Abbate and Julie Abbate, sisters-in-law. We are very glad to have them join our group and look forward to many invigorating rounds of golf together on our beautiful course.

The month of March will be busy—five Tuesdays. It is our pleasure to host the annual WNHGA Spring Meeting and Luncheon on March 5th. WNHGA Directors and Officers from five Northern Central Valley clubs will be in attendance.

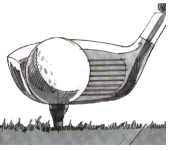
A leprechaun may be sighted on Tuesday, March 17th, at our St. Patrick's Day tournament. Everyone is a little bit Irish on this ☘ ☘ day! Wear green! Prizes!

March 31st our monthly low net/low putts tournament, lunch and meeting.

MGCC Putting League



Thursday, March 26th



Senior Division

Article by:
Doug Ash

Congrats to Jeff Kaufman on getting a "W" in our first local seniors tournament; and Benny Sanchez for taking low gross and the Randy Lane for taking low net for our 2nd tournament.

March 13th is our last local tournament. We are having a special lunch (no extra charge). If we have 24 members playing, the winning low net score will earn the winner a new wedge. If we have 36 members playing, the winning gross player will also receive a new wedge.

This season the seniors will play away games at Pine Mountain, Brookside, Oakdale, Kings River, Belmont, Turlock, Visalia and Sunnyside. The cost is \$50 for breakfast, lunch and a game. Awards are given out. (Brookside charges \$55).

If you can play by the rules of golf and keep up with other golfers you are ready to play with the seniors!

Feel free to contact me for any questions regarding Merced Seniors.

Doug Ash
209 761-0803 (cell)



10 RULES FOR GOOD GOLF ETIQUETTE

- I. DON'T BE THE SLOWEST PLAYER
- II. KEEP YOUR TEMPER UNDER CONTROL
- III. RESPECT OTHER PEOPLE'S TIME
- IV. REPAIR THE GROUND YOU PLAY ON
- V. BE A SILENT PARTNER
- VI. MAKE YOUR GOLF CART 'INVISIBLE'
- VII. ALWAYS LOOK YOUR BEST
- VIII. TURN OFF THE CELL PHONE
- IX. LEND A HAND WHEN YOU CAN
- X. LEARN THE LITTLE THINGS



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 <u>9-T-9ers</u> Front 9 9:00am Shotgun	4	5 <u>18 Hole</u> <u>Women's DIV</u> 9:00am Shotgun 11:30am <u>9-T-9ers</u> Host Spring Mtg.	6 BURGERS and APPETIZER NIGHT 5pm - 7pm	7 NCGA Zone 9:00am Tee Times
8	9 Club Closed John Montano MHS Boys TNMT	10 <u>9-T-9ers</u> Back 9 9:00am Shotgun	11  Men's Stag Day 12:30p Shotgun	12 <u>18 Hole</u> <u>Women's DIV</u> 9:00am Shotgun	13	14
15 Aerate Greens 1:00pm Hole #1 Closed	16 Club Closed	17 St Patrick's DAY <u>9-T-9ers</u> Front 9 9:00am Shotgun	18	19 <u>18 Hole</u> <u>Women's DIV</u> 9:00am Shotgun	20  Friday Night Dining 6:00-8:00pm MARDI GRAS	21 PRIVATE PARTY
22	23 Club Closed	24 <u>9-T-9ers</u> Back 9 9:00am Shotgun 6:00pm MGCC Board MTG	25	26 <u>18 Hole</u> <u>Women's DIV</u> 9:00am Shotgun MGCC Putting League	27	28
29	30 Club Closed	31 <u>9-T-9ers</u> Back 9 9:00am Shotgun PRIVATE PARTY				

Note: April 12 Easter Sunday Brunch 9:00am - 1:00pm





Friday Night Dining
MARDI GRAS BUFFET

Mar 20th 6:00 - 8:00pm

Jambalaya
Cajun Catfish
Crab Cakes
Cajun Potatoes with Andouille Sausage
Red Beans and Rice
Dinner Rolls
Mardi Gras King Cake

\$20.95 ++

Please RSVP by: Wednesday Mar 18th (209) 722-6268

Men's Stag Day

MAR 11th, 2019
12:30p.m. Shotgun

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



MENU

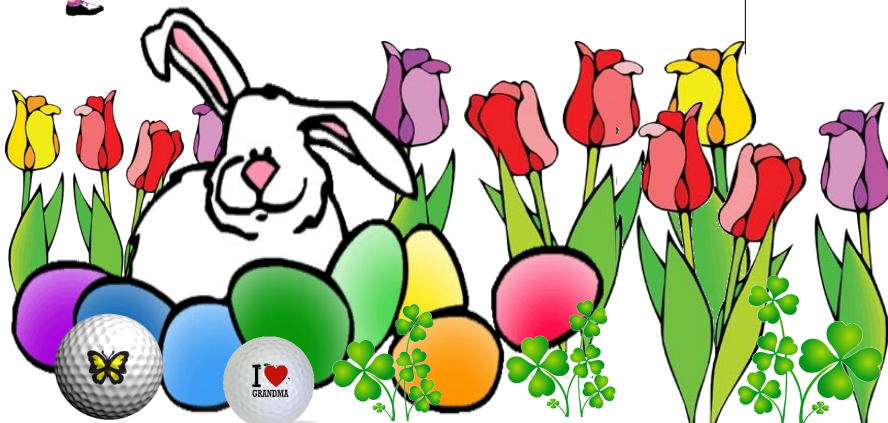
Corned Beef and Cabbage
Carrots and Potatoes
Irish Soda Bread
Mint Ice Cream and Cookies

\$18.95++ 

Looking Ahead...



- Apr 2 18-Hole Ladies Division
9:00 Shotgun
- Apr 4 NCGA 4-ball Tournament
8:30am Tee Times
- Apr 7 9-T-Niners (Front 9)
9:00am Tee Times
- Apr 8 Men's Stag
12:30pm Shotgun
- Apr 9 18-Hole Ladies Division
9:00 Shotgun
General Meeting
- Apr 12 Easter Sunday Brunch
9:00am - 1:00pm
- Apr 14 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
- Apr 16 18-Hole Ladies Division
9:00 Shotgun
- Apr 17 Friday Night Dining
6:00-8:00pm
- Apr 21 9-T-Niners (Front 9)
9:00 Shotgun
- Apr 23 18-Hole Ladies Division
9:00 Shotgun
- Apr 28 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
9:00 Shotgun
6:00pm MGCC Board Meeting
- Apr 30 18-Hole Ladies Division
Grandmothers Tournament
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	33
Honorary	0
Social	0
Social/Proprietary	1
Executive Membership.	96
Young Executive	8
Total	303