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NOTES from the President

Hey golf fans!

Another month has passed and with it more progress toward normalcy since the onset of the pandemic. This is especially true for the club, as more members and others are being vaccinated. Over the past month a lot of good things are happening at the club. And then there is one unfortunate setback.

First the upside: The club continues to gain new members which provides stability and the opportunity to add to the clubs offerings. The Board of Directors will soon be unveiling a new members drive. Jim Abbate and his membership committee have spent many hours developing this program and I have to say I am fired up about it. They have also developed some steps that will add value to the proprietary membership option while continuing to make the executive membership option attractive. Stay tuned for further details soon.

We recently began serving hamburgers and hot dogs at the gazebo at the 10th tee box on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. I am told that this has been a great success. If you haven't tried it, give it a shot. We are expecting to re-open our indoor food and beverage as covid conditions allow.

This week we received clearance to return to pre-pandemic rules for play on the golf course. If you see Mark Pazin please be sure to give him a thumbs up for doing the work to get these rules clarified for us. We are now able to place sand bottles on the golf carts and rakes back in the bunkers. The grounds crew will also remove the styrofoam discs from around the flagsticks allowing the flagsticks to be removed. We are now allowing two riders golf carts. Please use your best judgement as to covid safety, and feel free to wear a mask if you feel the need.

The grounds maintenance crew has started fertilizing the fairways, tee boxes etc. and has aerated and sanded the greens. The golf course should soon be at its usual beautiful best. The pandemic resulted in our having to cut back on some normal Course maintenance but the Greens committee and Brightview have worked hard to bring the Course back to pre-pandemic form, and better. We should see the fruits of that labor unfolding shortly!!!

The Board is also working on a number of other improvements that we will share with you as soon as they are clarified. In the meantime, the bad news. Although there was no significant damage to the golf course, you may have noticed that the awning over the patio at the back side of the banquet room/bar was severely damaged by the recent high winds. This will result in unanticipated costs for repair. The Board is surveying options and obtaining estimates for the cost of repairs. We are also looking at options as to how best to pay for the repairs. In the meantime we appreciate your patience with the inconvenience this may cause.

Nevertheless, things are looking up at MG&CC as we move into Spring and more normal golf and social activities. The members have been awesome through this pandemic, so supportive and helpful. Last year was a struggle. This year is looking better thanks to everyone being patient and pulling together. Best regards and wishes, as always,

Phil Hamm





PRO'S CORNER

David Whitby
PGA Club PRO

Upcoming Golf Events

The Pro Shop would like to remind everyone of our upcoming events in April and May. If you would like to participate in any tournament please contact the Pro Shop to sign up

*Denim jeans are not permissible after March 31st. You may now ride two to a golf cart.
Rakes will now be in the bunkers*

April 10th- NCGA 4 Ball Net Qualifier 8:30am T/
Times. The format is best ball of the twosome.
Teams must be within 8 strokes of each other.
Players with a handicap index of 18.5 or
higher are eligible, but must play to an index
of 18.4.

April 17th- MGCC Junior Tournament-1:00pm start
(contact the Pro Shop for details)

May 31st- Memorial Day- 666 Razzle 9:00am

June 1st, Tuesday - Closed in observance of
Memorial Day

Congratulations to the NCGA Zone qualifiers

Matt McAuley Keith Hunter
Corbett Browning Tanner Browning

They will represent Merced GCC in the Region-
als held at Carmel Valley Ranch and Poppy Hills.

REMINDERS: Please repair your divots and
repair your ball mark on the green.

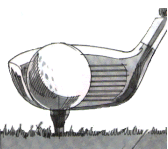


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Happy spring everyone!

Don't forget to sign up for a fun day playing with the
Niners and the Seniors on April 8th.



Senior Division

By: Doug Ash

GENTLEMEN, the LADIES are hosting a SCRAMBLE
APRIL 8th. Signup in the locker room.



18-Hole Ladies Division

Captain's Table
By: Carla Freel

Our Women's 18 Hole Division is looking forward to
spring golf and a lovely April.

We will be playing a fun scramble with the Senior Men
and the nine-tee-niners on April 8.

April 22 we will have a guest day and April 29 will be
our annual Grandmothers tournament.

Sign up for these fun events in the locker room.

WELCOME new members

Jim Abbate,
Membership Chair

Let's give a warm welcome to five new members and
one returning member.

Karl Montague is a new Young Executive member. He
grew up in El Nido and is current teaching AG at
Golden Valley High School. Special thanks to Rick
Smiley, Robbie Ferreria and Rod Ivy for convincing Karl
to join our club.

Rudy Flores is retired for the California Youth Author-
ity. He and his wife Tina have three daughters and he
already knows several of our members. A little-known
fact: Rudy is Andrew (The kid) Curiel's Godfather, so if
anyone needs a favor, you know who to ask.

Matthew Rosson and his wife Kacy join our club along
with their three kids, Madilyn, Paire and Conor. If the
name sounds familiar, it should, current member Josh
Rosson is. Thanks to Josh for bringing his brother to
our club.

Frank Andrade has joined as a Young Executive mem-
ber. Frank works as a Pest Control Advisor for Nutri-
tion Ag Services. Raised in Gustine, he graduated from
Cal State Fresno. Frank's fiancé, Madison teaches in
the Ag Program at Golden Valley High School. Mem-
bers Karl Montague, Ralph and Phil Fagundes are
responsible for encouraging Frank to join.

Kyle Allen, his wife Tracy and their three children are
new Executive Members. Sons Rowan and Hudson are
taking lessons from our Pro David Whitby. Three year
old Emersyn will wait a few years before starting. Kyle
is a financial advisor with Cardinal Financial and
co-owns a business in Idaho. Kyle has joined upon the
recommendations of Pierre Perret, Kevin Gremillion,
Ted Dietz Jr and Justin Parle – Thanks guys!

Lastly, I'd like to reintroduce **John Huie** back to our
club. The kids are a little older now and his wife Suzie
doesn't want him hanging around the house all day on
the weekends, so he's come back. Great to have you
back John.

Please take a few minutes to greet our new members
when you see them on the course.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <u>18 Hole Women's DIV</u> 9:00am Shotgun	2	3 NCGA 4-BALL Tournament 8:30am T-Times
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11	12 Club Closed	13 <u>9-T-9ers</u> Front 9 9:00am Shotgun	14	15 <u>18 Hole Women's DIV</u> 9:00am Shotgun	16	17
18	19 Club Closed	20 <u>9-T-9ers</u> Front 9 9:00am Shotgun	21	22 <u>18 Hole Women's DIV</u> 9:00am Shotgun GUEST DAY MGCC Putting League	23	24
25	26 Club Closed	27 <u>9-T-9ers</u> Back 9 9:00am Shotgun 6:00pm MGCC Board MTC	28 	29 <u>18 Hole Women's DIV</u> 9:00am Shotgun Grandmothers Tournament	30	

Pro Shop Hours of Operation: March - September 2021

PRO SHOP Hours of Operation: 7:00am - 6:00pm

Driving Range Summer Hours: 6:30am - 7:00pm Tuesdays to Saturdays
6:30am – 5:30pm, Sunday Only (closes early for range clean pick)

Golf Carts: MGCC golf carts have to be returned by 7:30pm

All private carts have to be returned by 8:00pm

Please check in the Pro Shop before you tee off



LOOKING AHEAD



- May 4 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
9:00am Tee Times
- May 6 18-Hole Ladies Division
8:30am Shotgun
- May 9 *Mother's Day*
- May 11 9-T-Niners (Front 9)
9:00am Shotgun
- May 13 18-Hole Ladies Division
8:30am Shotgun *Charity Day*
MGCC Putting League
- May 16 9-T-Niners *Couples Social*
3:00pm Shotgun
- May 18 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
8:30am Shotgun
18-Hole Ladies Division
Club Championship RND 1
8:30am Shotgun
- May 20 18-Hole Ladies Division
Club Championship RND 2
8:30am Shotgun
- May 21 18-Hole Ladies Division
Club Championship Final RND
8:30am Shotgun
Celebration
- May 25 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
8:30am Shotgun
6:00pm MGCC Board Meeting
- May 27 18-Hole Ladies Division
8:30am Shotgun
- May 28 9-T-Niners (Front 9)
Club Championship RND 1
8:30am Shotgun
6:00pm MGCC Nine & Dine
- May 31 *Memorial Day Tournament*
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	155
Pre-Paid Program	1
Associate Firm	5
Leave of Absence	2
Special Social	29
Honorary	0
Social	0
Social/Proprietary	1
Executive Membership. . .	118
Young Executive	<u>13</u>
Total	324