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NEWS LETTER

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Berna Lucas . . . . Club Manager  
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# NOTES from the President

March 2021 Presidents message: Hey golf fans, hope that you are enjoying the golf course with the improving weather and condition of the golf course. The Board of Directors' has been working with our Brightview partners to clean up the damage and debris from the recent storms. We have re-hired a crew member and this will allow for completion of work and improvements to the golf course.

You may have noticed that the foliage in the creek in front of the 13th green that had been obstructing the view of the green, has been removed. Please give a heartfelt thanks to Board director Andrew Curiel and his "crew" including Corbett Browning, Tim Arnsberg, Tyler Arnsberg, and Rudy Flores for getting this job done.

The Board, staff and members are hugely grateful to Barry and Jeanne McAuley for generously donating funds for the replacement of the large windows at the northeast end of the banquet room. The windows have been replaced and the view of the snowcapped mountains is spectacular.

We are looking forward to the relaxation of the pandemic restrictions as conditions warrant. For now, we will be opening up the gazebo next to the number 10 tee box for hamburgers and hot dogs on Saturdays beginning March 6.

We should all bear in mind that the pandemic has caused a great deal of suffering and damage to our community. The Country Club has had considerable challenges and financial stresses. But we have fared better than many local businesses. For example, I have recently had conversations with restaurant owners who are members of the Country Club and was reminded of the damage to these business that has followed the pandemic. As we make progress with re-opening, we should continue to make a focused effort to support local businesses, and especially businesses owned by club members, or where club members are employed. This should include businesses in surrounding communities where many members live and work. LETS GO SHOPPING!!

Phil Hamm





### PRO SHOP

*March - September*

Hours of Operation 7:00am - 5:00pm

### DRIVING RANGE

Hours of Operation 7:00am - 5:00pm

*Please check in the Pro Shop before you tee off*

## PRO'S CORNER

David Whitby

### Upcoming Golf Events

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

### March 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>-HCGA Zone Qualifier 9:00am

Players may select their own foursome teams. The format is two best balls of the foursome. Maximum index for this event is 18.4

### Demo Days-

Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>: Callaway 9:00am-3:00pm  
(\*Appointment Only-contact the Pro Shop\*)

Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>: Titleist 10:00am-2:00pm  
(\*Appointment Only-contact the Pro Shop\*)

Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>: TaylorMade 10:00am-3:00pm

### April 3<sup>rd</sup>- NCGA 4 Ball Net Qualifier 8:30am

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.

### REMINDERS

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

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

Please repair your divots.

Danny Moak  
Golf Course Superintendent  
**BrightView**

I just want to give everyone an update on the storm cleanup, we have completed all of the cleanup on the golf course itself, we only have a few hours of work left to finish the cleanup at the driving range.

We also want to let the membership know that greens aerification will begin on Monday March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Hole #1 closes @2pm.



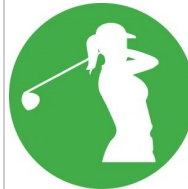
## 18-Hole Ladies Division

Captain's Table  
Carla Freel

Our 18 Hole women were grateful to enjoy playing team friendly golf games every Thurs. in February. We enjoyed scrambles, best balls, and even a gold tee tournament.

As the fairways are getting greener, we are looking forward to our St. Patrick's tournament on Mar. 18.

As always, we welcome women members to sign up in the locker room to join in the friendly competition.



## 9t9ers

ARTICLE BY:  
Mia Quaglia

Yeah for sunshine and vaccination availability! These equals HOPE!!! We will be able to return to our new normal soon.

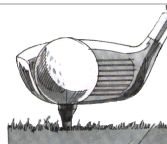
The following members won Low Putt/ Low Net last week:

1<sup>st</sup>: Nancy Slater 2<sup>nd</sup>: Carole Whitehill

Low Net: 1<sup>st</sup> Nancy Slater

Congratulation's ladies!!

We have fun events in the works and look forward to when we are able to meet in person for our meetings.



## Senior Division

For the time being, and perhaps all of 2021, Senior activities will be limited. We expect to offer monthly tournaments for Senior members. A very limited number of home and away games have been scheduled with other clubs. Hopefully we will be able to play against other clubs at their courses.

NEW MEMBERS (age 50 or older): A good way to get to know other members of MGCC is to join the Merced Seniors. To join us: (1) sign up as a 'new member' on bulletin board in the Men's Locker Room, and (2) when you see a tournament that interests you, sign up on the bulletin board.

Questions: call Doug Ash at 209 761-0803 or text at [dashmerced@yahoo.com](mailto:dashmerced@yahoo.com).

# MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Club Closed</i>	2 <u>9-T-9ers</u> Front 9 9:00am Shotgun	3	4 <u>18 Hole Women's DIV</u> 9:00am Shotgun	5	6 NCGA Zone 9:00am Tee Times
7	8 <i>Club Closed</i>	9 <u>9-T-9ers</u> Back 9 9:00am Shotgun	10	11 <u>18 Hole Women's DIV</u> 9:00am Shotgun	12	13 <b>Callaway</b> ✓ Demo Day BY APPT. ONLY 9:00am -3:00pm
14	15 <i>Club Closed</i>	16 <u>9-T-9ers</u> Front 9 9:00am Shotgun	17  St. Patrick's Day	18 <u>18 Hole Women's DIV</u> 9:00am Shotgun  6-8pm	19	20
21 <b>Titleist</b> Demo Day BY APPT ONLY. 10:00am - 2:00pm	22 <i>Club Closed</i>	23 <u>9-T-9ers</u> Back 9 9:00am Shotgun	24	25 <u>18 Hole Women's DIV</u> 9:00am Shotgun	26	27 <b>JaylorMade</b> Demo Day 10:00am - 3:00pm
28 AREATE GREENS #1 hole closes @2pm	29 <i>Club Closed</i>	30 <u>9-T-9ers</u> Back 9 9:00am Shotgun  6:00pm MGCC Board MTG	31			



April 3<sup>rd</sup> - NCGA 4 Ball Net Qualifier  
8:30am Tee Times



# LOOKING AHEAD



- Apr 1 18-Hole Ladies Division  
9:00 Shotgun
- Apr 3 *NCGA Zone*  
8:30am Tee Times
- Apr 4 *EASTER SUNDAY*
- Apr 6 9-T-Niners (Back 9)  
9:00am Tee Times
- Apr 7 Men's Stag  
*TO BE ANNOUNCED*
- Apr 8 18-Hole Ladies Division  
9:00 Shotgun  
*Host: Seniors and Niners*
- Apr 13 9-T-Niners (Back 9)  
9:00am Shotgun
- Apr 15 18-Hole Ladies Division  
9:00 Shotgun
- Apr 20 9-T-Niners (Front 9)  
9:00 Shotgun
- Apr 22 18-Hole Ladies Division  
9:00 Shotgun  
*MGCC Putting League*
- Apr 23 MGCC Nine & Dine
- Apr 27 9-T-Niners (Back 9)  
9:00 Shotgun  
6:00pm MGCC Board Meeting
- Apr 29 18-Hole Ladies Division  
9:00 Shotgun  
*Grandmother's Tournament*



## 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 . . . . .	153
Pre-Paid Program . . . . .	1
Associate Firm . . . . .	5
Leave of Absence . . . . .	5
Special Social . . . . .	28
Honorary . . . . .	0
Social . . . . .	0
Social/Proprietary . . . . .	1
Executive Membership. . .	119
Young Executive . . . . .	<u>12</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>324</b>