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NEWS LETTER

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NOTES from the President

MG&CC Members,

As we head into December there is much to be thankful for. Our course continues to improve and the weather has been very good hopefully rain is on it's way as we all know we need it.

First I would like to thank the group of individuals who put Berna's retirement party together. It was a much deserved well planned event and was a great time for all. Berna will be working until the end of the year. She has been a great asset to MG&CC.

I would also like to thank all of Santa's helpers who decorated the clubhouse. There were a number of groups who participated, the 18 hole ladies division, the 9T9ers and many other individuals who were kind enough to donate their time. The clubhouse looks great, take a look the next time you are there.

MG&CC continues to try and improve as we look for new ideas and events to service our members. Please feel free to give us any ideas or thoughts you may have. For those of you who have not enjoyed our restaurant lately we have a good team in the kitchen and wait staff. With daily specials please come in and give them a try.

I would like to thank all participants who attended GLO Ball event it was a very well attended event. New wrinkles that were added this year: 4 holes on the front for our young golfers and families. Also the putting green was set up with lighted ropes and was a great addition to the evening. The Board would like to thank all members who attended different events throughout the year in support of our club. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

Lastly Proprietary members if you have ever thought of running for the board or have questions or thoughts please contact Berna and she will direct you to the nominating committee.

Happy Christmas Everyone!!

Thank you!

MG&CC President
Andrew Curiel III





PRO'S CORNER

David Whitby
PGA Club PRO

I want to thank all the members who played in our annual Glow Ball event. We had 70 players!! Congratulations goes out to the Giardina's for winning the best decorated wagon. Also, congratulations to Preston Castleton, Bradon Castleton, and Jesse Boothe, the three of them tied for 1st in the Glow Putting Contest.

We have a few more golf events before the year comes to an end. Check the calendar and Save the Date!

Hole in One News: November 19th-Esther Sheu #11
(from the white tees)

Golf Course News

This is just a simple reminder to follow on Course protocol.

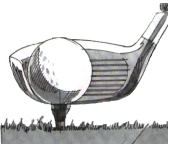
1. Rakes will be REPLACED inside the middle of bunkers after use, laying them parallel to the line of the fairway.
2. Golf Carts should be driven on the cart paths when ever possible. Golf Carts should be driven no nearer than 30 yards from the green, except on cart paths, or by those persons with Club recognize disabilities.
3. Stag Day Sponsorship-Member Sponsors, deadline is December 1st of the preceding year. Members will be able to select dates based on seniority by years of continuous sponsorship.

Please contact Dave at drwhitby11@yahoo.com if interested.

Happy Holidays !!!!

Sincerely,

David Whitby, PGA
Head Golf Professional



Senior Division

By: Patrick Dillon

Hoping everyone had a great Thanksgiving and are looking forward to Christmas and Chanukah or whatever you celebrate. John Kane, Festivus?

Looking ahead to 2023, the members signup sheet is in the men's locker room. Signup now so we can figure out numbers, but billing will be held until your March, 2023 statement. Schedule still not finalized but in should be a fun year. Have a couple more local events scheduled early in the year and a Turkey Shoot in mid-November.

Membership will remain at \$40, but the price of individual events has risen to \$60. It should be a fun year !!



18-Hole Ladies Division

Captain's Table
By: Linda Lucas

The three special Women's Division awards were announced at the Turkey Shoot.

Congratulations to:

Jill Macha - 2022 -Captian's Trophy Winner

Marilyn Landolina - 2022- Low Putts Winner

Linda Lucas - 2022 Most Improved Player.

The Ladies were very busy this past week setting up all the Christmas Decorations. Thank you to everyone who assisted with the decorations. They look fantastic! The Christmas Luncheon will be Thursday, December 8, social at 11:30 and lunch at 12:30. Please remember to bring an unwrapped toy.



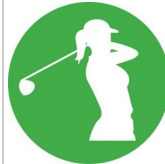
ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

PLEASE BRING NEW
UNWRAPPED TOYS

for Children (Ages: Newborn – 12 years)

To MERCED GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

from NOVEMBER 18—DECEMBER 14



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ARTICLE by: Nancy Slater

A heartfelt Welcome Back to our friend Cindy Souders. We know how busy she is with family and we want as much time with her as we can get.

The Turkey Shoot was well attended and fun! Third place foursome of Jan Lorenzi, Susan Benes, Cindy Souders and Marcia Ferrari each received a can of cranberry sauce. Second place went to the three some of Kellie Hunter, Patty Grossman and Lexy Shankland who were each awarded a box of stuffing mix. First Place winners Nancy Slater, Avis Gaffery, Maureen Reid and Jeanne McAuley won grocery gift cards. Many thanks to Patty Grossman and Nancy Slater for staging the event. 2022 Season Awards - The Niners final Low Net/Low Putts event and meeting was a wonderful day. Low Net winner for the day was Avis Gaffery with 2nd place going to Nancy Slater. Nancy had Low Putts.

Wendy Willis presented the 2022 Season Awards as follows: Most Chip-ins - Nancy Slater, Most Birdies - Wendy Willis, Most Pars - Patty Beach. The Low Net/Low Putts Winner for 2022 is also Nancy Slater. Nancy was also the Most Improved Player.

Coming up: Xmas Luncheon and raffle on Thursday, December 8th. 2023 Nine-Tee-Niners Kickoff Tuesday, January 31st.



Thank you

Thank you all for celebrating and planning such a wonderful retirement party in my honor. It was beyond anything I could have imagined.

Thank you for the beautiful flowers, cards, gifts, and wonderful memories. Each will be treasured forever in my heart

It has been a great 45 years. I felt such joy visiting with each of you that night. I truly appreciate all the support, kindness, and friendship we have shared over the years.

Thank you

Berna

Merry Christmas !!!

WELCOME
new members

Article by
Nancy Slater

The Merced Golf and Country Club welcomes new Young Executive Member Keith Hunter IV. The son of Keith III and Kellie, he has been playing at the course since he was a young boy. He looks forward to many rounds with his parents and many friends. Please greet Keith when you see him at the club.

This month we have had to say goodbye to our Membership Chairman and Board Vice-President Jim Abbate. Jim has relocated to Georgia for business reasons. The beginning of 2021 Jim came in to help us to increase our membership and he has done a terrific job. Since then we have welcomed 65 new members - please remember, these are mostly family memberships.

Jim helped us to embrace advertising, he organized us to get out into the community to educate folks about what we offer, and he approached players who have been playing as guests to encourage them to join. His efforts have been very successful and we owe him deep debt of gratitude for his efforts.

We look forward to a new Chairperson from the 2023 Board of Directors with the same enthusiasm, expertise and commitment that we have enjoyed with the leadership of Jim Abbate.

NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION WITH

SOUND REMEDY DECEMBER 31 7PM

JOIN US FOR A
ROCKIN' NEW
YEAR'S EVE!

DINNER \$55 +,+
FILLET MIGNON
BAKED POTATO
SEASONAL VEGETABLE
GREEN SALAD

GUESTS ARE
WELCOME

HIT THE DANCE
FLOOR WITH
SOUND REMEDY
ROCK
80S
90S
TODAY'S HITS
AND MORE!



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PRESENTED BY **MERCED GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB**



December 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 PRIVATE PARTY	3 PRIVATE PARTY
4	5 Club Closed	6	7 PRIVATE PARTY	8 Women's Christmas Luncheon 11:30am Social 12:30pm Luncheon BRING TOYS FOR TOTS	9 PRIVATE PARTY	10
11	12 Club Closed	13	14 PRIVATE PARTY	15 Members Christmas Dinner 6:30pm	16 PRIVATE PARTY	17 PRO SHOP SALE 7am-5pm
18	19 Club Closed	20 6:00pm MGCC Board MTG	21 PRIVATE PARTY	22 PRIVATE PARTY	23 PRIVATE PARTY	24 Christmas Eve Gates Closed @3:00pm
25 Merry Christmas Club Closed	26 Club Open play	27 Club Closed	28	29	30	31 Club OPEN New Years Eve Party 3:00pm

PRO SHOP HOURS OF OPERATION

NOVEMBER 2022

PRO SHOP Hours of Operation: Tuesday to Sunday 7:00am - 5:00pm

Driving Range Winter Hours: Tuesday 8am - 5:00pm

Wednesday thru Saturday 6am - 5:00pm

Sunday 6:00am - 3:00pm

Golf Carts: Please return golf carts by 5:00pm

As always...

Please check in the Pro Shop before you tee off and
SIGN OUT KEYS FOR GOLF CARTS

REMINDERS: Please follow course rules (especially those announced),
repair your divots and repair your ball mark on the green.



LOOKING AHEAD



January 2023



- Jan 1
- Jan 2 OPEN PLAY
NO Restaurant Service
BAR open for hot dogs and sandwiches
- Jan 3 Club Closed
- Jan 3 9:00am Undecorate Clubhouse
- Jan 7 Senior Dinner
6:30pm
- Jan 11 Men's Stag
12:30pm Shotgun
6:00pm Annual General Meeting
- Jan 16 Martin Luther King Day
Open Play
- Jan 17 Club Closed
- Jan 24 MGCC Board Meeting
6:00pm



Jan 31 9T9ers Golf Kick-off
9:00am Tee Times

Feb 3rd 18 Hole DIV Golf Kick-off



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 mid-thigh.
- 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.



THINK Spring !!!

MEMBERSHIP COUNT

Associate Firm	10
Executive Membership. . .	117
Playing	166
Regular Firm.	7
Social/Proprietary	1
Special Social	26
Leave of Absence	2
Young Executive	17
Total	346