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NEWS LETTER

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NOTES from the President



MGCC Members,

I would like to invite all members out to a “Happy Hour” November 17th , we are hosting in Berna’s honor. This event will be held from 5:30pm-7:00pm. The club will be hosting select beer, select wine, well drinks, and light appetizers. Berna has given so much to MGCC over her 45 years we could never repay her for her dedication and all she has put into the Club. Please put the date on your calendar and come out and have a cocktail in her honor. Hope to see you all there.

Golf Course news: We have had some wild pigs on our course. The Department of Fish and Game has come and set a trap in effort to catch them. We will continue to follow the necessary steps to rid our course of them.

The greens are healing quickly. Please repair your divots to keep our greens healthy. Also, as winter approaches please adhere to the “H” pattern when driving your golf carts and stay at least 30 yards away from the greens and tee boxes unless on the cart paths as we begin our winter over seeding. This also applies to our Handicap Members.

Congratulations to our Women’s Division for winning net their team play. Great Job representing MGCC.

Upcoming events, this month we have our Members Nutcracker Golf Tournament November 5th and Glow Ball November 18th, see the calendar for more details and sign up in the pro shop. In addition, we are hosting an outside event November 12th the Merced College Blue Devil Tournament the course will be closed to all Member play. Do plan your golf accordingly.

As we continue to upgrade our club house we will be making some improvements to our banquet room. We will be installing new shades for the windows that will happen this month. In addition, a TV has been donated and we would like to thank Ruben Malhi owner of Action Computers - IT Merced for his generous donation.

MGCC President
Andrew Curiel III





PRO'S CORNER

DAVID WHITBY
PGA Club PRO

We have a few more exciting golf events before the year is over so clear your schedule and join us! PLEASE note the changes in our hours of operation and golf activities in the November calendar.

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS . . .

November 5th- The Nutcracker 9am Shotgun

The golf course will be set up as difficult as possible and all players will play from the blue tees. The format will be individual stroke play. What Fun!

Stag Day Sponsorship

If you would like to sponsor a Stag Day in 2023. Members will be able to select dates based on seniority by years of continuous sponsorship.

If you have any interest, please contact . . .
David Whitby @ drwhitby11@yahoo.com.

November 1st-March 31st- Denim clothing will be permitted on the golf course, on the practice range and practice green.

Sincerely,

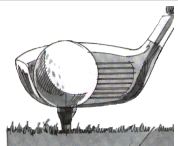
David Whitby, PGA
Head Golf Professional

WELCOME
new members

JIM ABBATE
Membership Chair

The latest Young Executive Member is Evan Stillhan the son of our member Jerry Stillhan. Evan is the Director of Marketing for local company Centurion and Supreme Boats. A golfer since he was a young boy, Evan looks forward to many rounds with Keith Hunter, Keith Fletcher, Jim Sofranek, Carlos Diaz, Tim Arnsberg, Andrew Curiel Sr. & son, Corbett Browning, Matt Sebastian and many more including his dad. Welcome Evan!

Our members are our greatest asset when it comes to new member recruitment. Please keep up the good work of encouraging your golfing friends to join. Also consider purchasing memberships and rounds of golf as gifts this holiday season.



Senior Division

By: **PATRICK DILLON**



The traveling seniors had their final road-trip of the year to Madera early in October. Kevin Carter again helped his team to the win. Contributing to the runners up were Donnie Benson and Joe Calzadillas.

The Senior Club Championship is set for November 2nd & 4th. Hoping to get enough golfers for 3 flights. We are working on the 2023 calendar and we have a couple of surprises already lined up!

Happy Thanksgiving to all !!



18-Hole Ladies Division

Captain's Table by:
LINDA LUCAS

The Merced Women's Division had a very successful Team Play Season. Out of nine teams, Merced Ladies finished FIRST PLACE in low net! Our hard work and consistent grinding paid off. We are all very excited.

The 2022 President's Cup Champion is Sharon Sanchez. Sharon defeated Linda Lucas on the 17th hole to win the title. Others winners are: 3rd place, Veronica Curiel, 4th place, Mary Jo Knudsen, consolation first, Carol Llamas and consolation second, Claudia Eaton.

Finally, our last event for October was Thursday golf and Halloween dress-up. We had a great laugh and a better understanding of bedroom furniture thanks to: Kara, Eileen, Linda S and Caren. We have some very talented and creative members!



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by: **NANCY SLATER**

Niners meeting day on September 27th featured a Low Net/Low Putts contest. Patty Beach won low net with Marcia Ferrari and Nancy Slater sharing low putts.

October was a great month for the Nine-Tee-Niners. We held our Charity Day on October 11th to benefit the Merced County Food Bank. With the help of our guests, our members and a group of 18 Hole Ladies, we raised over \$3600! The generosity of these women is astonishing. We had a wonderful time playing a scramble and the winners were the foursome of Veronica Curiel, Jill Macha, Linda Pellissier and Lydia Southwick. The putting contest winner was Carol Hamm. Congratulations to all. Many thanks to Joanie Tinetti, Jan Lorenzi and Suzanne Zopolos for staging such a terrific day. Thank you to Jeanne McAuley for lovely centerpieces that she donated to the cause. Our annual Fall Couples Social was a big success. The alternate shots format was fun with Kellie and Keith Hunter coming out on top. We all moved along to the fabulous home of Sabra and Jim Abbate for a chipping contest and lovely dinner. A total of 24 participants enjoyed an evening of great food and friendship. Many thanks to the Abbates and committee members Mia Quaglia and Patty Beach.

Coming in November - Turkey Shoot will be held on November 15th. Meeting Day, Low Net/Low Putts on November 22nd. End of season awards will be presented.

Holiday decorating will be done on November 21st starting at 9:00 am. The MGCC Ladies Holiday luncheon will be held on December 8th - the Niners will have two beautiful seasonal raffle items available with the purchase of tickets at 6 for \$5. Bring your cash!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

RETIREMENT PARTY

IN HONOR OF

BERNA LUCAS

AND HER 45 YEARS OF SERVICE

Thursday, November 17, 2022

5:30 to 7:00 pm

Merced Golf & Country Club

Hosted Bar & Light Hors D'oeuvres

No Gifts/Cards Only Please

A Basket will be provided for Cards, Thank you

November 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9T9ers Front 9 9:00am Shotgun	2 PRIVATE PARTY	3 18-hole DIV 9:00am Shotgun	4	5  Nutcracker Tournaments 9:00am Shotgun
6	7 <i>Club Closed</i>	8 9T9ers Back 9 9:00am Shotgun	9 Men's Stag 12:30pm Shotgun	10 18-hole DIV 9:00am Shotgun	11 Veteran's Day	12 Blue Devil Golf Tournament 10am Shotgun (GOLF COURSE IS CLOSED to non-participants) PRIVATE PARTY
13	14 <i>Club Closed</i>	15  9T9ers Front 9 9:00am Shotgun <i>Turkey Shoot</i>	16	17  18-hole DIV 9:00am Shotgun <i>Turkey Shoot</i> Berna's Retirement Party 5:30-7:00pm	18  Glo Ball Tournament 6:00pm Shotgun	19
20	21 <i>Club Closed</i> Decorate for Christmas 9:00am	22  6:00pm MGCC Board MTG	23 Gates Close at 3:00pm	24  Happy Thanksgiving <i>Club Closed</i>	25	26
27	28 <i>Club Closed</i>	29	30			



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



Dec 8 *Women's Christmas Luncheon*
 11:30am Social 12:30pm Luncheon
 Dec 11 Breakfast with Santa
 Dec 14 Men's Stag 12:30pm Shotgun



Dec 15 *Members Christmas Dinner*
 6:30pm

Dec 17 **PRO SHOP SALE**

Dec 24 Christmas Eve
 Gates Closed @3:00pm



Dec 25
Merry Christmas

Dec 27 *MGCC Board Meeting*
 6:00pm

Dec 31 New Years Eve Party
 Club OPEN



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.

MEMBERSHIP COUNT

Playing	168
Associate Firm	10
Leave of Absence	2
Special Social	29
Honorary	0
Social	0
Social/Proprietary	1
Executive Membership. . .	118
Young Executive	17
Total	345