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NEWS LETTER

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NOTES from the President

MGCC Members

As we are in the middle of the summer, the Central Valley heat has been good for the grass in the fairways. The course is holding up well. Unfortunately, the heat has taken a toll on some of our aging equipment.

The Board continues to attempt to save money where possible. We will begin the process of finding our nominating committee for next year's Board. Yes, this time will be upon us quickly and we would like to have this in place early. We also continue to look for a Board Secretary. These are great ways to be involved with our Club. If you are interested in any position, please leave your name and contact information in the office or Pro Shop.

As the summer months begin to wind down, our Social Director will again start up events, such as Friday Night Dining and Bingo nights; please sign up early. Other events, such as Swinging in the Evening and the Junior Camp were well attended. Look for flyers and emails for these types of events. On August 17th the Women's 18-hole division will host their Team Play tournament. There will be approximately 70 players; look for delayed tee times during that day.

Again, we thank you for your continued patience and understanding during the transition from old software to new. Please note that statements likely will not be sent out exactly on August 1st. And our new website should be available around August 8th . Watch for an email with the new information, including online payment options.

Please continue to enjoy the Club. Our capable staff is willing to assist with any needs.

Andrew Curiel





PRO'S CORNER

Andy Aubertin
PGA Club PRO

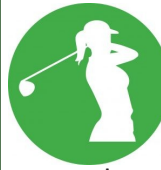
Wow! July went by fast! The first event of the month went well with our annual Merced County Amateur Tournament. The winner of the Member flight this year was one of our newer members, Emanuelle Ochoa. If you see Emanuelle around congratulate him as he played a great second round to win!

Next up, the NCGA Net Amateur took place on 7/15. Our two qualifiers moving on to play at Poppy Ridge are Rudy Flores and Joseph Rodriguez.

Finishing up the month was our Annual Summer Junior Clinic. We got lucky with the heat as it cooled off to 95-100 degrees. We had 27 kids attend, ranging in ages from 6-12. We covered most of the basics, as well as some golf etiquette, fixing ball marks, raking bunkers and sanding divots. Thank you to Caitlin for helping wrangle the kiddos and thank you to the Food and Beverage Staff for preparing lunch all 3 days.

Lastly, just a couple of housekeeping items to note: The Pro Shop Staff will be pulling all the cart keys from used carts that have come off of the course in an effort to better monitor and control the cart use. We kindly ask that when you are done using your cart, you return the key to the Pro Shop. If you forget, no problem, we will be removing the keys as the carts come in. Please repair any ball marks you may see on the green during the course of your round, even if you may not have caused a mark. Every little bit helps.

Stay cool!



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ARTICLE by: Nancy Slater

The President's Cup is finally complete! The tournament began on May 16th and almost two months later we have a winner. Avis Gaffery edged out a win by one hole over Maureen Reid. These great friends and golfers played on a very hot morning and finished up with smiles and hugs. Avis has worked hard on improving her game and it has paid off. Congratulations to Avis.

The 2023 Nine-Tee-Niners Club Champion is Nancy Slater. Following a two-day competition, she achieved the lowest gross score of the field. Low Net winner in First Flight was awarded to Avis Gaffery and the Second Flight honors went to Maureen Reid. We had a festive picnic party to celebrate, topped off with DIY ice cream sundaes. Congratulations to all of the winners and to everyone who participated. Guest Day on the 12th was very well attended with 13 players. The Scramble format was full of fun, laughter and growing friendships. Winners for the day were the foursome of Mia Quaglia and her guest Jen Myrtue and Joanie Tinetti and her guest Tara Grever. Way to go team!

Date changes: Beat the Pro will be held on Tuesday, September 19th. Fall Couples Social has been moved to Saturday, September 23rd. Charity Day is rescheduled to Tuesday, October 24th.

Coming in August: Guest Day - August 15th. Meeting Day and Low Net/Low Putts - August 29th.

Golf is a game that keeps us humble and learning. Following a good round with a not-so-good round is all too common. Playing as often as possible is helpful as are professional lessons. Our PGA Pro, Andy Aubertin, is ready and able to provide the help needed for you to up your game. Call Andy to schedule a lesson 209-722-3357 or 209-216-9425.



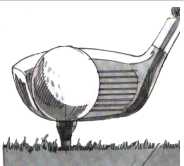
18-Hole Ladies Division

Captain's Table
By: Mary Jo Knudsen

Did Mother Nature heat up or what? I was hoping we would miss the 100s this year. Our sizzling players have done the following: We had a 2 Best Ball out of a threesome. The winners were: Claudia Eaton, Anita Goza and Linda Smith, who were 7 under with a 137. Runners-up were Pat Jones, Lydia Southwick and Mary Jo Knudsen with a 1 under 143. Denise Davis had the only birdie of the day.

The next big tournament was the annual Red, White and Blue tournament on July 4th. First Flight

winners with a 9 under 135 were Denise Davis, Linda Smith, Caren Brendel and Kara Parle. Second Flight winners with a 5 under 139 were Pat Jones, Jill Macha and Ramona Stanford. Linda Smith had the only birdie on 17. At another Captain's Trophy, Linda Smith won with a blistering 65 net. Runner-up were: Mary Jo Knudsen (69), Wendy Willis (73), Sharon Sanchez (76) and Sonja Perret (77). Low putts was won by Wendy Willis with 26 putts. Hopefully September starts our cool down. Don't you agree?



Senior Division

By: Patrick Dillon

The Traveling Seniors had a successful July. On the 19th, we hosted Turlock, La Contenta, Twain Harte, and Copper Valley. Eight of 13 local golfers cashed, with Brian Parker on the winning team and Donnie Benson on the runners-up. Others in the money were: Pat Dillon, Wes Barkwill, Pope Lawrence, John Laughlin, Gary Southerland, and Paul Hogue.

On July 21st we were treated to a great day by the folks from Oakdale GCC. 13 golfers played again with 9 earning some cash. John Laughlin was on the winning team and also had a net eagle skin. Dan Holmes also cashed with the final team spot and also netted a skin. Others finishing in the money were Bill Bain, Wes Barkwill, Joe Calzadillas, Ross Cruickshanks, RJ Lorenzi, Pat Dillon, and Paul Chang.

Looking ahead to August, we visit Turlock on Friday, the 18th. We will also host again on the 30th. Participating clubs include Spring Creek, Brookside, Pine Mountain Lake, Del Rio, Woodbridge, Stockton, and Oakdale.

That's it for now !



MEMBERSHIP COUNT

Associate Firm	8
Discovery	3
Executive Membership. . .	113
Playing	159
Regular Firm.	6
Social/Proprietary	1
Special Social	26
Leave of Absence	3
Young Executive.	19
Young Professional.	1

Total 339

LOOKING AHEAD

September 2023



- Sep 4 *Labor Day*
Open Play
- Sep 5 Club Closed
- Sep 7 18-Hole Ladies Division
8:30am Shotgun
- Sep 8 9-T-Niners (Front 9)
8:30 t-times
- Sep 12 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
8:30am Shotgun
Charity Day
- Sep 13 Men's Stag
12:30am Shotgun
- Sep 14 18-Hole Ladies Division
8:30am Shotgun
Guest Day
MGCC Putting League
- Sep 15-16 *Ladies Invitational*
- Sep 19 9-T-Niners (Front 9)
8:30 t-times
Beat the PRO
- Sep 21 18-Hole Ladies Division
8:30am Shotgun
- Sep 22 MGCC Nine and Dine
6:00pm
- Sep 23 Fall Couple's Social
- Sep 23-24 *Member-Member Tournament*
- Sep 26 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
8:30am Shotgun
6:00 MGCC Board Meeting
- Sep 28 18-Hole Ladies Division
8:30am Shotgun





SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 9-T-9ers Back 9 8:00 Shotgun	2	3 18 Hole DIV 8:00am Shotgun General Meeting.	4	5 PRIVATE PARTY
6	7 Club Closed	8 9-T-9ers Front 9 8:00 Shotgun	9 Men's Stag 12:30pm Shotgun	10 18 Hole DIV 8:00am Shotgun MGCC Putting League	11	12 MEN'S Club Championship 8:00am T-Times
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20	21 Club Closed	22 9-T-9ers Front 9 8:00 Shotgun 6:00pm MGCC Board MTG	23	24 18 Hole DIV 8:00am Shotgun	25 Dinner & Bingo Night 6:00pm	26
27	28 Club Closed	29 9-T-9ers Back 9 8:00 Shotgun General Meeting.	30 Seniors Hosting Clubs 8:30am Shotgun	31 18 Hole DIV 8:00am Shotgun		



PRO SHOP HOURS OF OPERATION

Eff. MARCH 15, 2023

PRO SHOP Hours of Operation: Monday: CLOSED;
Tuesday to Sunday 7:00am - 6:00pm

Driving Range Hours: Monday: CLOSED; Tuesday 8am - dusk
Wednesday thru Saturday 6am - dusk
Sunday 6:00am - 5:00pm

Golf Carts: Please return golf carts by 6:00pm

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.