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NEWS LETTER

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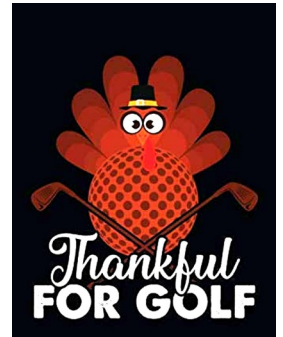
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9-Hole Capt.

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NOTES from the President



MGCC MEMBERS

As winter approaches quickly, the Club has many events coming up. If interested in attending, please sign up early.

The maintenance crew continues to work hard to provide the best possible playing conditions. The bunkers continue to improve and the greens have come back nicely. Maintenance has seeded the tee boxes and will begin seeding the surrounding collars of the greens. There will be many areas roped off. Please stay 30 yards away from the greens to help the grass grow. Thank you.

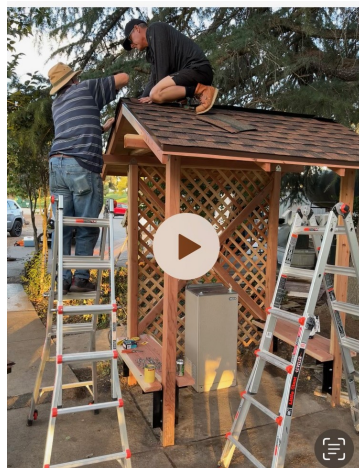
MGCC would like to thank Craig Smith, Mark Via and Board Member Marc Smith for donating and building the arbors around our new drinking fountains. Thank you so much.

The Senior men's group has made a donation towards new windows for the pro shop. Board member Sam Tacke has donated a load of sand. This will help get the bunkers where they need to be. I would like to thank the road crew for their help in patching the entrance road. It is nice to see so many people helping to keep the Club going in the right direction. In addition, I would like to thank the 9-T-9ers and the 18-Hole ladies' group for their generous donations towards our entryway. Thank you all.

The nominating committee is looking for members who would like to run for the Board. This is a great way to help the Club. If interested, please contact a Board member or stop by the office.

Thank you.

Andrew Curiel
President





PRO'S Corner

Andy Aubertin
PGA Club PRO

Wow! October flew by. The 18-hole ladies held their Presidents Cup matches on the 12th, 17th, 19th and 20th with Jenny Russell coming out on top to take the Presidents Cup, Congratulations!!

Oct. 21st the men had the Tournament of Champions. In Flight 1 the Gross Champion was Ron Ewing who carded a 69, and 1st place Net was John Seymour coming in with a 70. In the 2nd Flight the Gross Champion was Jesse Garcia with a 77 and 1st place Net was Larry Russell finishing with a 66.

The NCGA held a Super Senior Championship on the 24th and 25th consisting of 75 players from across the state. Fun fact about this tournament is MGCC hosted the inaugural NCGA Super Senior Championship a number of years ago. Many of these players were very complimentary of our golf course and the challenge it presented. Thank you goes out to Robbie Thompson for continuing to be a catalyst to bring these types of events to our club.

Finishing up the month the 9TNiners hosted a Charity Day Tournament and Luncheon. The day was a success!! Thank you to Nancy Slater for all her hard work! Bring on November!



18-Hole Ladies Division

Captain's Table
By: Mary Jo Knudsen

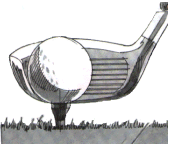
The latest Guest Day once again showed what great ambassadors the ladies are for the Country Club. We had 19 guests. The following day was the Ladies Invitational. The club had beautiful decorations with a "Hello Hollywood" theme. Thank you to Barbara Flores, Veronica Curiel and their committee for making such a successful Invitational.

The Par Three Tournament was won by Linda Lucas (70), 2nd was Ramona Stanford (71), 3rd was Veronica Curiel and Carol Hamm (73), 4th was Pat Jones (75), and 5th was Lydia Southwick and Claudia Eaton (76).

Best Ball of the threesome was won by Eileen Partlow, Carol Hamm and Jenny Russell with a 17 under 55. Wow! Just wow! 2nd was Lydia Southwick, Denise Davis, and Sharon Sanchez (the blind draw) with a 62 who tied with Ramona Stanford, Jill Macha and Mary Jo Knudsen.

In Team Play, our ladies placed third Net and ninth Gross this year. We missed the money by 1.5 points! Quite an accomplishment! Congratulations to all of the hard working members!

This year's Toys for Tots sponsored by Cops and Fire for Kids kicks off November 1st. You will see barrels around the club for your donation of a new unwrapped gift for children in need. Please donate generously. Here come the holidays!!



Senior Division

By: Patrick Dillon

Hello everyone!

First off, let's congratulate our flight winners from the SVSGA Championships that were recently held at Turlock Golf and Country Club, Ben Sanchez and Joe Calzadillas. Others who placed were Gary Southerland, Wes Barkwill, and Phil Hutchins. In late October we went into the hills at Copper Valley. Pacing the winning team was Ross Cruickshanks, while Donnie Benson earned a nice gross skin. (You're welcome!)

As you read this, we will have just completed playing at Ft. Washington in Fresno. Coming up on November 1 and 3 is the Flighted Senior Club Championship. On November 15, we have scheduled a 2-Man Scramble Turkey Shoot. Signup sheet is posted in the locker room.

Thanks to the suggestion of Wes Barkwill, the Seniors have made a donation to help with the club renovations. Our gift is earmarked for replacing the windows in the pro shop.

That's it for now.



9t9ers

ARTICLE by: Nancy Slater

The Nine-Tee-Niners Fall Couples Social was held on Saturday, September 30th. Twenty four members and guests played an Alternate Shots format with partners switched. The winners for the day were Susan and Ed Benes and Kellie and Keith Hunter. An appetizer potluck followed at the home of Diane and David Fuentes, co-hosted by Joanie and Steve Tinetti. It was a great day for golf and for sharing time together. Many thanks to our hosts and everyone who participated.

The Niners would like to thank Dennis Pellissier for refurbishing the birdhouse that stands in the flowerbed near #14 tee box. It looks beautiful. Andy gave us a group lesson on Tuesday, October 10th before golf. We learned a lot about putting and chipping. Thanks so much to our Pro. Charity Day will be held on October 27th with 24 players with a total of 46 for lunch. This year we are raising money for New Beginnings for Merced County Animals, an all volunteer group that provides rescue, medical care and spay and neuter services. Coming in November - Turkey Shoot on Tuesday, November 14th.

Thinking of what I am thankful for this year - my family, my health, and this beautiful golf course and my golf group. You make my week better, every week.





NOVEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 18 Hole DIV 9:00 am Shotgun PRIVATE PARTY	3	4  Nutcracker Tourney 9:00am Shotgun
5	6 Club Closed	7 9-T-9ers Front 9 9:00 am Shotgun	8	9 18 Hole DIV 9:00 am Shotgun	10	11 Veteran's Day  Club closed for Blue Devil Tournament
12 	13 Club Closed	14 9-T-9ers Back 9 9:00 am Shotgun  Turkey Shoot Meeting Day	15 Seniors  Turkey Shoot 9:00 am	16 18 Hole DIV 9:00 am Shotgun MGCC Putting  Turkey Shoot	17 Glo Ball Tournament 6:00pm Shotgun followed by Club Dinner	18 "Friendsgiving" Club Dinner 7:00 p.m.
19	20 Club Closed	21	22 Gates Close at 3:00pm	23  Happy THANKSGIVING Club Closed	24	25
26	27 Club Closed	28  6:00pm MGCC Board MTG	29	30	Call Pro Shop for open play availability especially on Tuesdays & Thursdays	

PRO SHOP HOURS OF OPERATION

eff: NOVEMBER 2023

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 this winter),
repair your divots and repair your ball mark on the green.



LOOKING AHEAD



December 2023

Dec 7 **Women's Christmas Luncheon**

11:30am Social
12:30pm Luncheon



Dec 14 **Members Christmas Dinner** 6:30pm



Dec 17 **PRO Shop Christmas Sale**

Dec 24 Christmas Eve
Gates Closed @3:00pm

Dec 25 **MERRY Christmas**
Club Closed

Dec 26 MGCC Board Meeting
6:00pm

Dec 31 **New Year's 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

Associate Firm	8
Discovery	8
Executive Membership. . .	101
Playing	157
Regular Firm.	6
Social/Proprietary	1
Special Social	26
Leave of Absence	2
Young Executive.	20
Young Professional	2
Total	331