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NEWSLETTER

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NOTES from the President

Dear Members,

Welcome to May. Hopefully that means longer, warmer days and more grass in the fairways. As the greens heal and the bunkers dry out from the rainy winter, the course will look and play better for all of us. I'm sure you have noticed water returning to the canal that runs through the property.

We have an arrangement with MID this year. The intent is to keep control of the flow in the canal so that the course doesn't flood along the canal as it has the last couple of years. No more hooking your tee shot on 12 into a water hazard - I hope! We will also add sand as needed to the bunkers to try and keep them playable as well as easier to maintain.

On the house side, please welcome our new chef Richard Cowan, if you haven't already. He is hard at work making changes to our food service. The lunch menu has changed, including the addition of freshly-baked bread. Please come out and give it a try.

Sam Tacke
President





PRO'S CORNER

David Whitby
PGA Club PRO

It's been a busy April so far and it's great seeing everyone playing golf!

I would like to congratulate Dr. Mark Via and RJ Lorenzi for qualifying for the NCGA 4-ball Tournament. They will travel to Sunnyside CC in Fresno for their next stage of qualifying. Good luck, gentlemen!

Upcoming Demo Days!

TaylorMade, Saturday, May 18th from 10am-2pm

We have some exciting events in May for our Ladies...

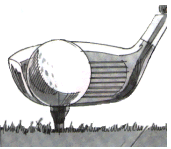
May 15th-Ladies Swinging in the Evening 5:30pm shotgun. Please contact the Pro Shop to sign up.

May 22nd-Ladies Wine & Wedges with Dave 5:30pm-6:30pm. Please contact Dave to sign up @ drwhitby11@yahoo.com.

DEMO DAY



May 18th, 2024
10:00am - 2:00pm



Senior Division

By: Patrick Dillon

The season kicked off on April 3 with 11 Merced golfers traveling to Turlock Golf and Country Club. Course was in great shape and the hosts served a great breakfast and lunch. Not a great day for Merced golfers. Only the Brothers Johnson, Bobby (6th) and Dave (8th), managed to place in the money.

For May, we have 4 events lined up; at Pine Mountain Lake CC, at Brookside CC, and at Stockton CC, before we host the teams in Merced on May 29.

The signups for the away matches are already full. If you did sign up, make sure you are going. We have golfers on the waiting lists who can play. We have room for players on our hosted match and welcome new members to join. That's it for now.



18-Hole Ladies Division

Captain's Table
By: Jill Macha

April showers bring May flowers and winners of The President's Cup. It was decided to have two brackets this year. In Bracket One, after three days of intense competition, Linda Lucas came out on top. Wendy Willis was close behind, taking the runner-up position. In Bracket Two, Raju Malhi took first place and Caren Brendel was runner-up. The consolation round was won easily by Patty Beach with a net 64. A big shout-out to all the winners, woo hoo, way to go and congratulations ladies!

The Grandmothers' Tournament was another fun event. Not to disappoint, our winners from last year did a lovely job decorating and organizing a little Granny trivia-type game. Another change-up was to have us bring pictures of our Grandmothers. It was fun trying to figure out who belonged to whom. Thanks Carol Hamm and Michelle Pedretti for all your hard work and planning. And this year's winner was Ramona Stanford and lucky Michelle Pedretti taking second. They get to plan next year's event.

May also brings the Ladies 18-Hole Club Championship competition. So girls, start fine-tuning your game - maybe you'll be our next Champion and have the coveted tiara placed on your head. Get signed up as soon as possible, so our tournament chair has time to start planning. Quoting Nancy Lopez, "Do your best, one shot at a time and then move on..."



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ARTICLE by: Nancy Slater

The Niners played the monthly Low Net/Low Putts competition on March 26th. Winners for the day were Mia Quaglia with the lowest Net score and Avis Gaffery with the fewest Putts. Way to go Mia and Avis!

My thanks to Co-Captain Jan Lorenzi for chairing the monthly meeting in my absence. April 2nd Guest Day was beautiful and sunny with much improvement in the mud level. The foursome of Susan Benes, Lexy Shankland, Mia Quaglia and her guest Jennifer Myrtue were the winners of the Step-Aside Scramble format. Excellent!

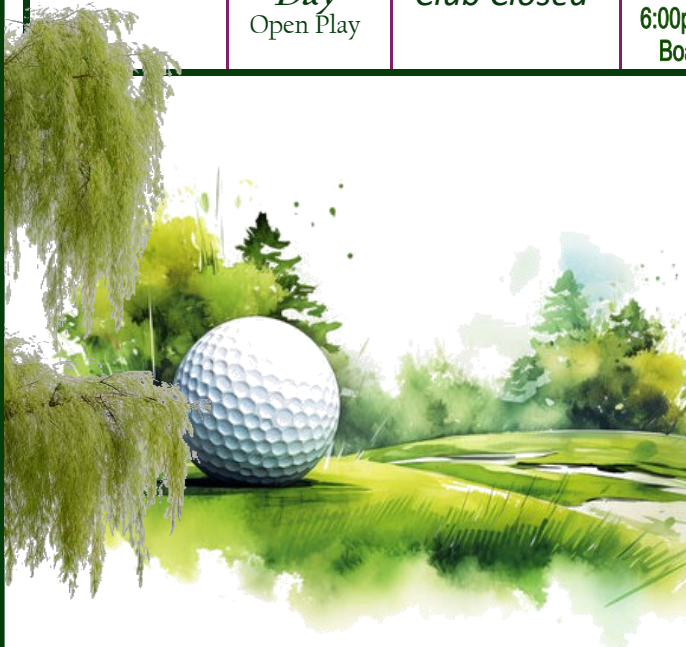
The 9ers played on Friday the 12th beginning with a chipping lesson orchestrated by our Club Pro David. It was a great morning with great friends. Looking forward to May: Shotgun starts move to 8:30 am. Guest Day is Tuesday, May 7th. Spring Couples Social is Saturday, May 18th. Meeting Day with Low Net/Low Putts is Tuesday, May 21st.

Like Baloo sings in The Jungle Book, "Look for the bare necessities, the simple bare necessities, Forget about your worries and your strife" . . . Just play golf with friends - it's that simple.



May 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Ladies' 18-hole DIV 8:30am Shotgun Charity Day	3 Friday Night Dining Cinco de Mayo 	4
5	6 Club Closed	7 9-T-9ers 8:30am Shotgun Back 9 Guest Day	8	9 Ladies' 18-hole DIV 8:30am Shotgun General Meeting	10 Men's Horse Race 5:30pm	11
12  Mother's Day Brunch 9:00am - 1:00 pm	13 Club Closed	14 9-T-9ers 8:30am Shotgun Front 9 Ladies' 18-hole DIV RND 1 Club Championship 8:30am Shotgun PRIVATE PARTY	15 Swinging in the Evening 5:30pm	16 Ladies' 18-hole DIV 8:30am Shotgun RND 2 Club Championship	17 Ladies' 18-hole DIV 8:30am Shotgun Final RND Club Championship with Celebration	18 Golf Demo Day  10:00am-2:00pm Couples' Spring Social 3:30pm Shotgun
19	20 Club Closed	21 9-T-9ers 8:30am Shotgun Back 9 Meeting Day	22 Whitby's Wedges & Wine 5:30 to 6:30 pm	23 Ladies' 18-hole DIV 8:30am Shotgun MGCC Putting League	24	25
26	27  Memorial Day Open Play	28 Club Closed	29 Seniors At Home 10:00am Shotgun 6:00pm MGCC Board MTG	30 Ladies' 18-hole DIV 8:30am Shotgun Guest Day 	31 9-T-9ers Back 9 8:30am Shotgun Bingo Nite 6:00pm with dinner	



PRO SHOP HOURS OF OPERATION

Eff. May 1, 2024

PRO SHOP Hours : Monday: CLOSED;

Tuesday to Sunday 7:00am - 7:00pm

Driving Range Hours: Monday: CLOSED; Tuesday 7:00am - dusk

Wednesday thru Saturday 6am - dusk

Sunday 6:00am - 5:00pm

Golf Carts: Please return golf carts by 7:30pm

As always . . .

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

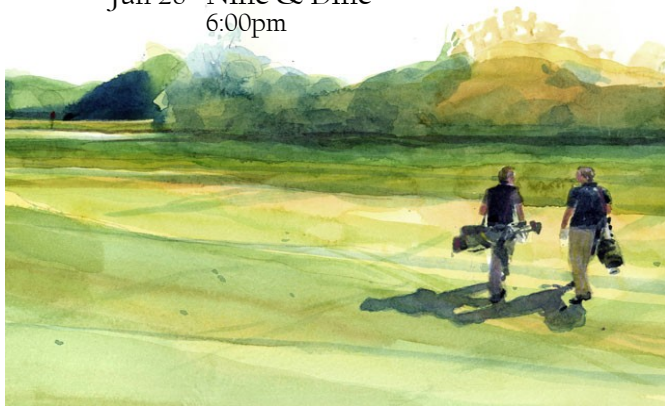
REMINDERS: Please follow course rules (especially those announced),
repair your divots and repair your ball mark on the green.

LOOKING AHEAD



JUNE 2024

- Jun 1 *NCGA Senior 4-ball Tournament*
8:30am T-times
- Jun 3 Outside Tournament
- Jun 4 9-T-Niners (Front 9)
8:00am Shotgun Guest Day
- Jun 6 18-Hole Ladies Division
8:30am Shotgun
Spring Luncheon
- Jun 7 MGCC Stag Day
Sponsored by Jim Sofranek
1:00pm Shotgun
- Jun 10 Outside Tournament
- Jun 11 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
8:00am Shotgun
- Jun 12 Whitby's Wedges & Wine
5:30pm
- Jun 13 18-Hole Ladies Division
8:30am Shotgun
- Jun 14 Men's Horse Race
5:30pm
- Jun 15 *Father's Day Tournament*
8:30am Shotgun
- Jun 16 *Father's Day Breakfast*
- Jun 18 9-T-Niners (Front 9)
Club Championship RND 1
8:00 t-times
- Jun 20 18-Hole Ladies Division
7:30am Shotgun
Men's Invitational
1:00pm Practice Round
- Jun 21-22 *Men's Invitational*
10:00am Shotgun
—NO MENU SERVICE—
- Jun 25 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
Club Championship Final RND
8:00am Shotgun
6:00 MGCC Board Meeting
- Jun 27 18-Hole Ladies Division
8:30am Shotgun
- Jun 28 Nine & Dine
6:00pm



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	10
Discovery	16
Executive Membership.	98
Playing	153
Regular Firm.	7
Social/Proprietary	1
Special Social	31
Leave of Absence	2
Young Executive	22
Young Professional	5
Total	345



Ladies

Swinging in the Evening

15

May
5:30PM

Price:
\$7
per person



Format:

Blind Partner Alternate Shot
All Holes Par 3's

One Drink Included!

Sign up:

Call Pro Shop:

(209)722-3357 ext.3

or

Email Veronica Curiel:

vscurie@yahoo.com

Deadline to Sign up:
May 14th at 5pm

MERCED GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB PRESENTS:

MOTHERS' DAY BRUNCH

SUNDAY, MAY 12TH

SEATINGS AT 9, 10, 11, 12 & 1

FEATURING MENU ITEMS CREATED BY OUR NEW CHEF:

BLT BENEDICT WITH COUNTRY POTATOES \$20

DEEP-FRIED FRENCH TOAST \$15

DEEP-FRIED SPECIAL \$17

FRUIT FRENCH TOAST COMBO
WITH BANANAS, STRAWBERRIES,

2 EGGS, 2 MEATS \$19

STRAWBERRY FARMER'S CHICKEN SALAD

\$8 HALF, \$16 FULL

BONE-IN HAM STEAK COMBO \$21

RIBEYE COMBO \$26

CHICKEN SPINACH WRAP \$16

FRESHLY-BAKED CINNAMON ROLL \$6

KIDS' MENU:

HALF WAFFLE, 1 EGG, 1 MEAT \$10

HALF FRENCH TOAST, 1 EGG, 1 MEAT \$10

1 PANCAKE, 1 MEAT, 1 EGG \$10

PLEASE RSVP (WITH YOUR PREFERRED SEATING TIME
AND NUMBER OF KIDS & ADULTS) TO:

foodandbev@mercedgcc.com or (209) 722-6268, xtn 1

