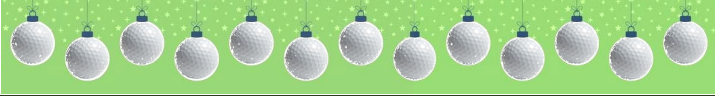




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NOTES from the President

MG&CC Members:

As we move into December, it is pretty nice to be able to play golf in this weather. The course is looking good, and the greens continue to be awesome. Please be mindful of the roped-off areas and the collars of the greens as the maintenance crew has over-seeded to bring those areas up to where they should be. Please continue to repair your divots and one more. Please remember the two-rider rule per cart; see Pro Shop for single-rider fee.

There are a few events coming up, beginning with Christmas dinner on December 14th and our annual New Year's Eve party with a live band on December 31st. Please sign up early so that we can make these events successful. Other things to look forward to are Breakfast with Santa (December 10th) and the Pro Shop Sale (December 16th). Be on the lookout for emails with details for these events. You will also find in your email in-box, daily breakfast and lunch specials that can be enjoyed with or without a cocktail.

The nominating committee has been working very hard to get candidates in place for the election of board members needed for next year. Make sure to watch for the ballots to be sent out soon to voting members.

MG&CC would like to thank all of the volunteers from the 9-T-9ers and the 18-hole Ladies Division for taking on the task of decorating the entryway, bar, dining room and ladies lounge. It really gives the club a festive look. Thank you all for doing this.

Even with all our needed repairs this year, we are still in good financial standing and will continue to work towards this for 2024. Please attend the general meeting on January 10, 2024 for the updated financials and meeting the new Board members. Also, due to the holidays, the December Board meeting will be held on December 19, 2023.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Andrew Curiel
President





PRO'S CORNER

Andy Aubertin
PGA Club PRO

Wow, another month has flown by! I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! This month was full of fun events from our groups: 18 Hole Ladies had their Turkey Shoot, the Senior Men held a "Wild" Turkey Shoot ... We also had our annual Nutcracker Tournament that was well attended. Finishing the month off with the Gobble Gaggle game the day after Thanksgiving. A big thank you goes out to Keith Fletcher for putting that together.

Coming up this month on December 16 we will have our Christmas sale taking place from 7 AM to 5 PM. We encourage everyone to use your their remaining shop credit! We will also be offering complimentary gift wrapping for any purchases in the Pro Shop this month.

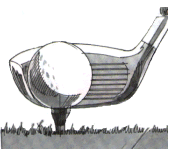
To finish off, I just want to touch on a couple issues that have been coming up lately. We are encouraging everyone to continue to be efficient with our cart usage by doubling up with a partner in your group when possible. This helps to lessen the wear and tear on the golf carts and reduce the impact to the golf course. Also related to this, while using the carts, please adhere to the course signage when approaching the greens. The signs are placed approximately 30 yards from the green to reduce traffic in some of these areas. Thank you.

Merry Christmas everyone!



Dec 16th
7 AM to 5 PM

CHRISTMAS PRO SHOP SALE



Senior Division

By: Patrick Dillon

The Senior Travel League is winding down with one final event scheduled for December 7 at Kings River Country Club. Early in the month, 6 of us made the 100 mile drive to the beautiful Visalia Country Club. Two players managed to place: Ted Pedrozo was on the winning team and Chris Whiteley was on the runners up. Locally, we had a Wild Turkey Shoot on November 15. The winners of the 2 Man Scramble were Ed Benes and Ben Sanchez. Each player received a liter of Wild Turkey 101 proof for winning. Feedback for the event was very positive. As of today there are 27 people signed up for the January 20th Seniors' dinner. Sign up sheets are in the locker room. That's it for now. Enjoy the Holidays!



18-Hole Ladies Division

Captain's Table
By: Mary Jo Knudsen

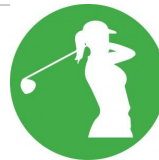
I hope you have noticed the beautiful new water gazebos we have on the 6th and 14th holes. I witnessed Craig Smith and Mark Via sweating away on that hot day beautifying our course. How much we appreciate our volunteers Thank you gentlemen! They look terrific!

A special "thank you" goes to the house committee that designed the new entryway and freshened up the dining room and bar area. The ladies' representative was Veronica Curiel. Thank you Veronica! We now look like a Country Club.

The last major tournament of the year was the Match Play President's Cup. This year's winners were: 1st Jenny Russell, 2nd: Ramona Stanford, 3rd: Jill Macha, 4th: Denise Davis, 5th: Mary Jo Knudsen and 6th: Raju Malhi.

The Turkey Shoot was a fun tournament for us! Thank You Kara Parle, Linda Smith, and Suzanne Carpenter for organizing a great Day of celebration!

Merry Christmas to everyone! I hope Santa brings you what you need for a great golf game in 2024!!!



9t9ers

ARTICLE by: Nancy Slater

The Nine-Tee-Niners Annual Charity Day was a HUGE SUCCESS! Featuring 24 players and 50 for lunch. This amazingly generous group raised over \$6000 to support New Beginnings for Merced County Animals. Thanks to the committee - Marcia Ferrari, Kellie Hunter, Jeanne McAuley, Suzanne Zopolos, Karen Johnson, Avis Gaffery and Nancy Slater. Golf was fun and well organized with help from our Pro Andy. Lunch was delicious thanks to Chef Gil, Manager Meg and their staffs. Low Net/Low Putts competition for October was won by Nancy Slater with Avis Gaffery right behind her.

The Annual Turkey Shoot is always fun and this year was no exception. Jan Lorenzi organized an entertaining format with "Pumpkin Putting." Winners were Low Gross Nancy Slater and Low Net Karen Johnson.

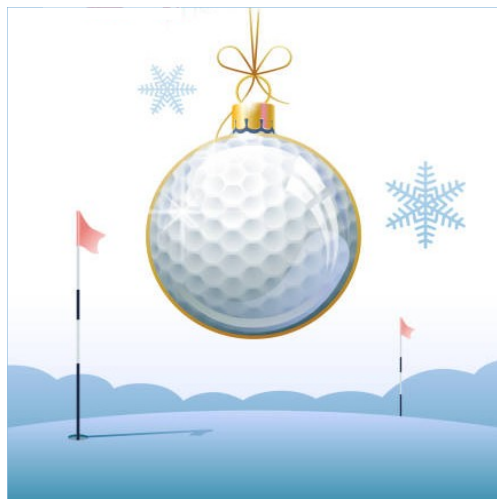
The final meeting of the year was held and the Niners elected 2024 Officers: Captain - Nancy Slater, Co-Captain - Jan Lorenzi, Secretary - Jeanne McAuley, Treasurer - Avis Gaffery, Low Net/Low Putts - Suzanne Zopolos, Guest Days - Nancy Slater, Pairings - Kellie Hunter, Handicapper - Mia Quaglia, Hospitality/Trophies - Maureen Reid, Green Committee - Joanie Tinetti, Showcase Board - Karen Johnson.

Awards were presented for the 2023 Season: Most Birdies - Jeanne McAuley, Maureen Reid, Susan Benes and Avis Gaffery. Most Pars - Avis Gaffery. Most Chip Ins - Maureen Reid and Avis Gaffery. Low Net - Maureen Reid. Low Putts - Avis Gaffery. Most Improved Golfer - Karen Johnson. Many congratulations to all. That's it for the Niners 2023 season. It was memorable and lots of fun. 2024 Kick-Off is Tuesday, January 30th. The Merriest of Christmas to all!!!



December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
					PRIVATE PARTY	PRIVATE PARTY
3	4 Club Closed	5	6	7 Women's Christmas Luncheon 11:30am Social 12:30pm Luncheon 	8 PRIVATE PARTY	9 PRIVATE PARTY
10 Breakfast WITH SANTA 9:00am - 11:00am 	11 Club Closed	12	13 PRIVATE LUNCHEON PARTY	14 Members Christmas Dinner 6:00pm 	15 PRIVATE PARTY	16 PRO Shop Christmas Sale PRIVATE PARTY
17 PRIVATE PARTY	18 Club Closed	19 6:00pm MGCC Board MTG 	20	21 PRIVATE PARTY	22 PRIVATE LUNCHEON PARTY	23
24 Gates Closed @3:00pm	25 MERRY Christmas Club Closed	26 Club Closed	27	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve Party						PRIVATE PARTY



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



- Jan 1 **HAPPY NEW YEAR**
Club Closed
- Jan 2 Club Closed
9:00am Un-decorate Clubhouse
- Jan 10 5:00pm Dinner
6:00pm Annual General Meeting
- Jan 15 Martin Luther King Day
Open Play
- Jan 16 Club Closed
- Jan 20 Senior Dinner
5:00pm Cocktails
6:00pm Dinner
- Jan 23 MGCC Board Meeting
6:00pm
- Jan 26 MGCC Dinner and Bingo Night
6:00pm
- Jan 30 9T9ers Golf Kick-off
9:00am Tee Times
Hosted Brunch
- Feb 1st 18 Hole DIV. Golf Kick-off
8:00am breakfast
9:00am Tee Time

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. . .	99
Playing	157
Regular Firm.	6
Social/Proprietary	1
Special Social	26
Leave of Absence	2
Young Executive.	20
Young Professional	2
Total	329





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We are pleased to announce MGCC is showcasing
Art in the Dining Room and Bar Area
from two local Artists:

Susan Regert and Jackie Anderson

Susan's art is in the Dining Room and Jackie's is in the Bar.
Any of these paintings may be purchased.
The list of each piece along with its price
is on the bulletin board in the locker rooms.
You may also inquire directly with the Artist.