





## PRO'S Corner

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Hello All!

With the driving range being closed frequently this last month due to wet turf conditions, and possibly being closed intermittently going forward until we get to Spring, now is a good time to sharpen up on one of the most important aspects of the game... PUTTING!

Do all my putting attempts require a thorough thought process? YES! During practice is the time to reinforce good habits and think through your putting process. On the course is another story, and I believe the fewer thoughts going through your head the better while on the course. We should try to be consistent and do the same thing every time you hit a putt or take a swing.

Simply stated, there are a few key things we all should do to produce a successful putting stroke:

- a) Roll the ball on the correct path or line.
- b) Produce the right speed to match the line we have chosen.

Sounds easy enough, but prior to that, here are some suggestions to help you.

1. Position the ball approximately one ball width forward of center.
2. Eye line directly over the ball.
3. Set the club face square to the target.
4. Relax and be comfortable.
5. Use an accelerating stroke.
6. Keep the body motion limited
7. Make solid contact by hitting the ball in the putter's "sweet spot".



## 18-Hole Ladies Division

Captain's Table

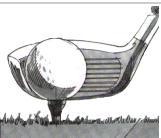
By: Jill Macha

Hello all, our yearly kick off breakfast was well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy getting together with our golf buddies and friends. It was great getting caught up with everyone and sharing laughter and stories. I am looking forward to more get-togethers if we ever get to have a Thursday tournament without rain. My fingers are crossed and am hoping we get to play on the 29th of February.

The course has been wet and muddy but a pretty consistent group of ladies have been out when we can, braving the mud bogs. Unfortunately or perhaps fortunately, we've been working on our shorter game playing from 150 yards in. We lose fewer balls for sure. We're still managing to have fun.

Kay Amesbury wanted to remind everyone that our afternoon putting contest will begin in April and that we have three scheduled events for this year. All are welcome. I'd also like to inform the ladies that Veronica Curiel is scheduling five twilight nine hole tournaments. Those who can't attend our regular weekly tournaments can come out and play with the gang! Last year they were a lot of fun and it was great getting acquainted and to know some of our other golf ladies we don't usually get to play with.

Cheers to green grass, wild flowers and blue skies! By the way we spotted at least a dozen turtles sunning themselves all on one bank by the pond on sixteen and a beaver catching the warmth of the sunshine on the fairway of eleven!



## Senior Division

By: Patrick Dillon

Good morning! The start of the Senior Travel season is just a month away, with the first event scheduled for April 3 at Turlock Golf & Country Club. Signup sheets are posted in the locker room for the April and May events, so get yourself signed up. We have over 20 events scheduled for the year.

The southern group is back! Some of our venues this year include: Ft. Washington, Visalia, Belmont, Kings River, Stockton, Spring Creek, Brookside, Discovery Bay, Oakdale, Woodbridge, and Pine Mountain Lake.

Don't miss out. Sign up now. \$60 charge for every event includes breakfast, lunch, golf, cart, range balls, and a prize fund. \$45 dues to join covers your dinner at the end of the year party.

That's it for now.



## 9t9ers

ARTICLE by: Nancy Slater

The MGCC Nine-T-Niners started 2024 with a beautiful day and a large group of happy golfers. We played a scramble from the gold tees with carts required to be on the path only. Conditions were quite muddy and the round was longer than anticipated. Despite the challenge, the intrepid foursome of Marcia Ferrari, Karen Johnson, Lexy Shankland, and Marilyn Tinetti were the big winners of the day. Many congratulations.

Our first round of February was rained out so we set up a nine hole putting and chipping course in the dining room. Twelve players competed in the match play format. The big winner of the morning was Kellie Hunter! Congratulations to everyone who came to play and a big thank you to Andy and Caitlin. A special thanks goes to Avis Gaffery for her help with the details.

More creative golfing ideas were needed for our February 13th play day due to continuing muddy fairways. Thanks to Andy and Jestin we played the back nine with each tee box 100 yards out. The players enjoyed the challenge and everyone appreciated the chance to practice their short game.





The Niners also played Bunco on President's Day at the home of Susan Benes. Yvette Cederlind taught us how to play and we had such fun on a blustery day.

Looking forward to March: Our first of nine Guest Days in 2024 is March 5th. Let's invite friends, family and prospective members to join us. The Club will be closed on the 25th and 26th for aeration of the greens so we will play on Wednesday, March 27th with our Low Net/Low Putts competition followed by Meeting Day.

Dealing with cold, wet weather is hard for all of us as golfers and as humans! The Niners are taking advantage of any dry playing time we can get. When we can't be on the course we are trying to be resourceful to keep us excited and together. When we work together, it all seems to work out.



# MARCH 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2  Frenchmen's Night 6:00pm
3	4 <i>Club Closed</i>	5 <b>9-T-9ers</b> Front 9 9:00am Shotgun	6	7 <b>Ladies' 18-hole DIV</b> 9:00am Shotgun	8	9
10	11 <i>Club Closed</i>	12 <b>9-T-9ers</b> Back 9 9:00am Shotgun	13	14 <b>Ladies' 18-hole DIV</b> 9:00am Shotgun General Meeting	15	16  <b>St. Patrick's Dinner</b> 6:00pm
17  <b>St. Patrick's Day</b>	18 <i>Club Closed</i>	19 <b>9-T-9ers</b> Front 9 9:00am Shotgun	20	21 <b>Ladies' 18-hole DIV</b> 9:00am Shotgun	22 <b>NCGA Super Seniors Tournament</b> Open Day-Ladies Tournament	23 <b>NCGA Zone</b> 9:00am T-Times
24 <b>NCGA Zone</b> 9:00am T-Times	25	26	27 <b>9-T-9ers</b> Back 9 9:00am Shotgun Meeting Day	28 <b>Ladies' 18-hole DIV</b> 9:00am Shotgun	29 Course Closed for <b>CAL FIRE</b> Charity Golf Tournament. 11:00am Shotgun	30
31 <b>EASTER BRUNCH</b>	<i>Club Closed - Aerate Greens</i>		6:00pm MGCC Board MTG 	Private Party		



## PRO SHOP HOURS OF OPERATION

eff: NOVEMBER 2023

PRO SHOP: Mondays - Closed  
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



- Apr 2 9-T-Niners (Front 9)  
9:00am Shotgun
- Apr 4 18-Hole Ladies Division  
9:00am Shotgun
- Apr 6 *NCGA 4-ball Tournament*  
8:30am Tee Times
- Apr 9 9-T-Niners (Back 9)  
9:00am Shotgun
- Apr 11 18-Hole Ladies Division  
9:00am Shotgun
- Apr 16 9-T-Niners (Back 9)  
9:00am Shotgun  
*President's Cup RND 1*  
9:00am T-Times
- Apr 18 18-Hole Ladies Division  
*President's Cup RND 2*  
9:00am T-Times
- Apr 23 9-T-Niners (Front 9)  
9:00am Shotgun  
18-Hole Ladies Division  
*President's Cup RND 3*  
9:00 T-Times  
6:00pm MGCC Board Meeting
- Apr 25 18-Hole Ladies Division  
*President's Cup*  
*FINALs & Celebration*
- Apr 30 9-T-Niners (Front 9)  
9:00am Shotgun Meeting Day



## MERCED GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB CLUBHOUSE & DINING ROOM DRESS CODE

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 . . . . .	11
Executive Membership. . . . .	97
Playing . . . . .	154
Regular Firm. . . . .	7
Social/Proprietary . . . . .	1
Special Social . . . . .	29
Leave of Absence . . . . .	6
Young Executive . . . . .	19
Young Professional . . . . .	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>338</b>

# Merced Golf and Country Club

## St. Patrick's Dinner

**March 16, 2024**

6:00pm

RSVP by: March 13, 2024



## EASTER BRUNCH

AND

**Easter Egg Hunt (10:00am)**

**March 31, 2024**

9:00am - 1:00pm

RSVP by: March 27, 2024



RSVP to: [foodandbev@mercedgcc.com](mailto:foodandbev@mercedgcc.com) or Call (209) 722-6268

## MERCED GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB LADIES INVITATIONAL

SAVE THE DATE

### TAKE A DIVE – “UNDER THE SEA”

Friday, September 13 to  
Saturday, September 14, 2024

2 Members + 2 guests

1 member + 3 guests

Guest foursomes are welcome