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NEWS LETTER

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NOTES from the President

Our Board of Directors has been acting much like the little Dutch Boy, constantly putting fingers in economic leaks that spring in our financial dike. While proprietary members continue to bear a greater economic burden, the increase in our executive membership numbers has kept our head above water. Unfortunately, each time we lose a proprietary member (with some passing away, some moving), it takes two (2) new executive memberships to keep our nose above the water line. We are running out of fingers to put in the growing number of leaks in our budget.

We weathered the damage to our course from a severe storm not long ago. Huge fallen trees were cleared, new trees planted, and our driving range protective screens replaced after being ripped apart by the winds. Insurance coverage covered most of the cost after our deductible was paid. The following year our insurance premiums increased.

After agreeing to postpone an annual cost of living increase last year, BrightView has increased its monthly charge as allowed by contract. This started last month. Our too old Toro Rough Mower died while on life support and a replacement was acquired by spacing payments over a period of five years. BrightView provided the financing. The compressor of our walk-in freezer for the kitchen stopped cooling after decades of faithful service and had to be replaced. The plumbing in the men's clubhouse bathroom decided not to drain and we had a choice of porta potties or a plumber. One of our main irrigation pumps stopping providing water. Our fairways cannot survive without water, so it was replaced. These things have had the effect of increasing our monthly expenses even when we spread the costs over time. It has been a challenging year.

We have had members step up, time and time again to help. As our clubhouse carpet started developing holes which could expose people to tripping and falling, executive members joined in contributing to a fund to replace the carpet and that has been done without dipping into our capital reserves. Our Seniors and Ladies groups have been there time and time again to maintain our Club which was established Ninety-Two (92) years ago. That is our heritage. It was early members, with gunny sacks in hand, who collected rocks out of the forming fairways to establish the golf course.

Last August we found ourselves in the red over Four Thousand Dollars for the month. That was an early alarm going off. September was worse, we were over Seven Thousand Dollars in the red for the month. We have a dwindling reserve. The obvious answer is a return to the day when we had over Four Hundred members and we continue to work on that. But sometimes the best answer is not one of the choices we are given.

Hoping to acquire voluntary contributions we have prepared a list of four (4) projects that we ask members to contribute to: (1) Cart paths that are in serious need of repair. In addition to volunteer labor we need to purchase some cement, (2) there remain stumps and branches of newly fallen trees that must be removed, (BrightView's contract limits them from tree work above 8 feet), (3) replacement of the aerators for our two ponds before they turn to swamps and (4) installing sand in our bunkers (we have access to donated sand and a member who has volunteered to help transport the sand to the course but the removal and replacement still involves additional costs and labor). Please watch for a poster showing our progress with these fund-raising projects with their projected costs. Every cent will help, every minute contributed is appreciated.



NOTES from the President

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Our Club manager is working on increasing our outside Holiday events. Company holiday parties bring in revenue as do weddings and other functions. But we need member attendance at our events. We have a talented Chef who works with his kitchen staff to prepare quality meals for every function. We are working on holiday events including a Gala New Year's Eve Party with band. Please, ask friends, family and nice strangers to join you in attending our events. I promise an excellent meal, good music and wonderful company.

I am encouraged to see the people who have offered themselves as candidates for our coming Board of Director's election. The challenges are great and the rewards few. Each person who will be placed on the ballot is more than qualified to make the decisions that are necessary to keep us moving in the right direction. The nominees are: Phil Hamm, Larry Thompson, Richard Maher, Layne Fricke, Jerry Corman, Jack Moorehouse, and Mory Kramer.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Rickey Wallace



Notes from:
David Whitby
PGA Club PRO

The weather is finally changing, it's time for warmer clothes! There are a few important dates in November in which you need to plan your golf accordingly....

On the 3rd, we will be having the annual Nutcracker. It's a 9:00am shotgun, lunch to follow golf. The golf course will be set up extremely difficult.

On the 10th, the golf course will be CLOSED due to the Merced Junior College Blue Devil Golf Tournament.

Stag Day will be on the 14th, 12:30 shotgun. And finally, the golf course will be CLOSED again on the 22nd for Thanksgiving.

I would like to wish all of you a happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful start to the holiday season.

Dave Whitby, PGA

Nov 3rd

Men's NUTCRACKER

9:00am
tee times



TURKEY SHOOT

NOV 15th 18-hole DIV

NOV 16th Seniors

NOV 20th 9T9ers





18-Hole Ladies Division

Captain's Table
Nancy Slater
CAPTAIN

Bye bye October! The 18 hole ladies had a great month. Our Team Play group are the winners and they are so excited! We are so proud and we all thank Team Play Captain Sharon Sanchez for her very hard work.

The final tournament for September, 2 BB, was won by the foursome of Caren Brendel, Linda Smith, Suzanne Carpenter, and Betsy Williams. Regular October Thursdays began with a fun game called baseball. The winner was Kara Parle! The 1 BB format on October 11 was won by Nancy Slater, Donna Tetangco and Kara Parle.



Denise Davis, Laurel Mancebo and Jill Macha were the victors in a 3 person scramble. Congratulations to ALL!

Halloween is one of our favorite tournaments of the year. Watch this column next month for some crazy and spooky costumes.

Coming in November:

Stagette Tournament on the 1st,

Guest Day and Stagette Dinner on the 8th, and last, but never least, the Turkey Shoot, Luncheon and awards on November 15th. See you all there !




the 9t9ers

Susan Benes

Jan and RJ Lorenzi generously hosted the Fall Couple's Social at their home after a round of couples' golf.

Low Putt winners were Kelly and Mike Bentz and Jan and Joe Collins. Low Net winners were Jerry Lou Davis and Paul Souza, and Suzanne and Jim Zopolos. A great dinner was catered by Joe on the Go.



October 16th the 9-Tee-9ers competed to Beat the Pro. None of us managed to beat our pro, Dave, but Cindy Souders was the first runner-up.

Sandy Souza announced that Joanie Tinetti was the Most Improved Player of the month. Congratulations, Joanie!



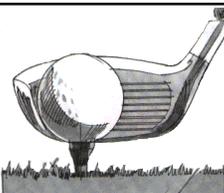
The Senior Men invited the ladies to play with them this month. Thanks for a fun day of golf!

Low Net Winners this month were Patty Beach, 1st place, Anne Willis 2nd place and Cindy Souders, 3rd place. Low Putts ended in a tie between Wendy and Anne Willis. Let's keep it in the family!

Eclectic Winners for the past 3 months were: First Flight- 1st Anne Willis, 2nd Susan Hammon and 3rd Joanie Tinetti Second Flight- 1st Patty Grossman, 2nd Susan Benes, and 3rd Cindy Souders.

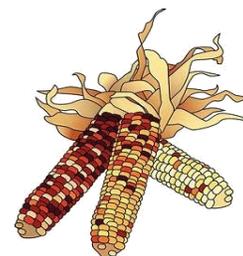
Thanks to Bright View for weeding the flower bed on the 14th hole. It looks great!





Senior Division

President Notes by :
Wes Barkwill



Our 50th year of senior events is rapidly coming to a close. On October 16th four of us traveled to Visalia for a San Joaquin Travel League event. Unfortunately none of us was part of a winning team. Breakfast and lunch were good though. On October 19th the seniors hosted the ladies. Everyone had a great time. On October 26th we held the Senior Association Championship. Mike Brendel shot 68-77 to win low gross. Gary Southerland won low net for the 60-69 flight, Wes Barkwill was low net for the 70-79 flight; and Joe Collins won the 80+ flight. These fellas will join our pro next spring to play in the SJTL Championship.

See the list of events for November below:

November Events

- Nov 6th - Travel to Sunnyside for the season ending match at Sunnyside CC.
- Nov 16th - Annual Turkey Shoot local event.

January 2019 Events

- Jan 4th - Local event
 - Jan 5th - Annual Senior Awards Dinner and Election
- See you on the course!

Stagette Dinner

ATTENTION ALL LADIES AFFILIATED with MGCC

Thursday, November 8, 2018

5:30pm No Host Cocktail 6:30pm Dinner 7:15-10:00pm Blackjack of Bridge

\$20.00 per person

INCLUDES

Dinner with a French Theme
and Homemade Dessert

Bring GUESTS

Please call for reservations @ 722-6268
or sign up at the 18-Hole Ladies Bulletin Board

DESIGNATE

Blackjack or Bridge with your reservation

LET'S HAVE A FUN NIGHT FOR LADIES

BRIDGE

\$5.00 per person
Table fee goes to winners

BLACKJACK

\$1.00 per chip
There will be a grand Prize Winner (valued at \$100.00)
for the player that has the most Chips





Eat, Drink and Give Thanks

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>What are you thankful for?</p>				<p>1 18-hole DIV 9:00am Shotgun</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Men's NUTCRACKER 9:00am Shotgun</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5 Club Closed</p>	<p>6 9T9ers 9:00am Shotgun</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 18-hole DIV 9:00am Shotgun Stagette Dinner</p>	<p>9</p> 	<p>10 Blue Devil's Tournament PRIVATE PARTY</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12  Veterans Day Club Closed</p>	<p>13 9T9ers 9:00am Shotgun PRIVATE PARTY</p>	<p>14 Men's Stag Day 12:30p Shotgun</p>	<p>15  18-hole DIV Turkey Shoot 9:00am Shotgun</p>	<p>16  Seniors Turkey Shoot Wine Tasting 6:30pm-8:00pm</p>	<p>17 PRIVATE PARTY</p>
<p>18 </p>	<p>19 Decorate for Christmas Club Closed</p>	<p>20  9T9ers Turkey Shoot 9:00am Shotgun</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 <i>Thanksgiving</i> DAY Closed Club</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26 Club Closed</p>	<p>27  6:00pm MGCC Board Mtg.</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 PRIVATE PARTY</p>	



Merced Golf and Country Club Fall and Wine Festival



8 - 10 wines, California Classics

November 16th, 2018

6:30 - ?

\$24.95 ++ per person

Wine glass included



Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

Wines to purchase at a discounted rate

Men's Stag Day

NOV. 7, 2017
12:00p.m. Shotgun



*Dinner served after golf. All Players
automatically included for dinner.
Sign-ups in the Pro-Shop*

MENU

Salad Bar
Carved Honey Baked Ham
Mac & Cheese
Baked Beans
Rolls and Butter
Carrot Cake

\$16.95++



Looking Ahead...



Dec 6 18-Hole Ladies Division Christmas Luncheon

11:30am Social
12:30pm Luncheon



Dec 7 Member's Christmas Dinner

6:30 pm Dinner

Dec 12 Men's Stag

12:30pm Shotgun

Dec 15-16 Pro Shop Sale



Dec 16 Demo Day 10-2

Callaway, Titleist & Taylor Made

Dec 16 Breakfast with Santa

9:00am - 12:00pm



Dec 18 6:00pm MGCC

Board Meeting

Dec 24 Christmas Eve

GATES CLOSED 3:00 pm

Dec 25 Merry Christmas

Club Closed



Dec 31 New Year's Eve

New Years Eve Dinner



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 4" above the knee
- 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

Playing	160
Pre-Paid Program	1
Associate Firm	7
Leave of Absence	4
Special Social	25
Honorary	1
Social	1
Social/Proprietary	1
Executive Membership. . .	102
Young Executive	7
Total	309