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NEWS LETTER

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## NOTES from the President

MGCC Members

As June ends, we look forward to warmer weather. The golf course continues to improve. With the removal of the tree stumps (and almost at completion), it is beginning to look like our course again. We will install the new drinking fountains on the course soon, as well as repair the small gazebos that cover them. The ongoing bunker repairs continue to progress, as well as other needed maintenance around our course.

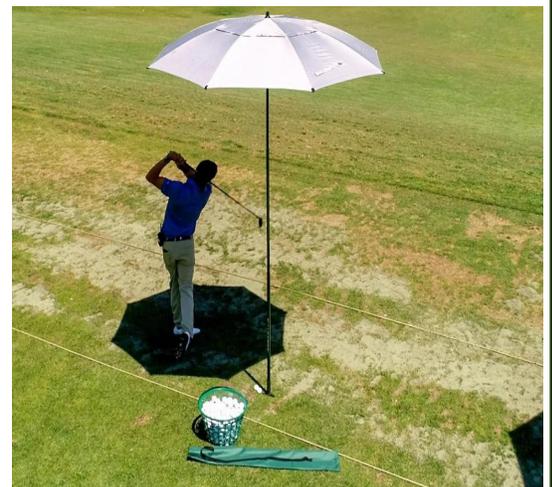
This year's 2023 Men's Invitational was a great success and a good time for our members and their guests. Great job to all who planned it and put in the work, and a huge congratulations to our Overall Champions John Matzenbacher and Chris Howe, and our Gross Champions Richard Marchini and Ian Doss. Great playing!

July will have some new social events to attend. Look for emails and on our Instagram for these events and dates. The Ladies' will host another Swinging in The Evening event this month on July 19th. E-mails will be sent, and flyers posted for details.

In the background of the last few months, the Club has been working on transitioning to a new point of sale system which will improve the efficiency along with having a new website. The website has a nice refreshed look which I hope all will enjoy. Additionally, with this new website we are gaining a new feature where members will be able to be pay their bills online. Stay tuned for when the website goes live.

One last thank you to Berna for all her dedication and hard work she has put into our club. After a 45-year career, her retirement is well deserved. Berna's last day was Friday, the next time we all hope to see her is out at the Club and on the course.

Andrew Curiel III  
MGCC President



Tis' the season for extra HYDRATION  
and SUNSCREEN !!!



## 18-Hole Ladies Division

Captain's Table

By: Mary Jo Knudsen

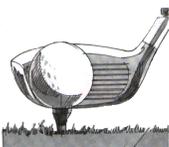
First thing I have to write about is I made a mistake about last month's Grandmothers' Tournament. The winners were Carol Hamm and Michelle Pedretti. So sorry!

June was a busy month for tournaments. Our first Captain's Trophy was won by Ramona Stanford with a 5 under par 67. The second time we had Captain's Trophy Wendy Willis won with a 3 under par 69. Wendy also won the Low Putts with 27 putts.

The Bingo, Bingo, Bungo Tournament was won equally by Eileen Partlow, Pat Jones, Ramona Stanford, Wendy Willis, Anita Goza, and Lydia Southwick.

Our Guest Day had our best participation in years – 36 players! The winners were Lydia Southwick, Sonja Perret, Patty Beach, and the guest Shelley Donnelly. The Ladies' Division is a wonderful example of ambassadors working to bring people to look over our golf course. Everyone always says how much they like the course with a variety of holes and their many challenges. We have the hardest slope in the valley among the courses we play against.

What beautiful weather we are having! I think we are not going to talk about how hot it is until next month. Bring on the sunscreen!



## Senior Division

By: Patrick Dillon

June was an off month for the Traveling Seniors. With many clubs having the Invitational, no matches were scheduled.

By the time you read this, we will have hosted a 4 Way match with Turlock, Ft. Washington, and Madera. Results will be posted next month.

For July, we will be hosting again on the 19th, and travel to Oakdale on the 21st.

That's it for now. Fairways and greens...



## 9t9ers

ARTICLE by: Nancy Slater

Seven Niners traveled to Oakdale for a Home and Home event. The beautiful, cool morning was enjoyed by all - especially Susan Benes who was a part of the winning foursome; Patty Grossman hit the Accuracy Drive, and Nancy Slater's group had the most fun (we were last place).

New Member! Karen Johnson has joined the Nine-Tee-Niners. Karen is a retired teacher and she is cheerful and fun and looking forward to many rounds of golf with us. She was invited to play on a Guest Day in May by Avis Gaffery. Welcome Karen and thank you Avis!

Guest Day on June 13th was well attended with Debi Wilson and Sandy Turgeon playing as guests. The winners of the Scramble format were the foursome of Joanie Tinetti, Maureen Reid, Cindy Souders and Sandy Turgeon and the threesome of Marcia Ferrari, Debi Wilson and Nancy Slater.

Play in the Presidents Cup continues with the final match up of Avis Gaffery and Maureen Reid scheduled for later this month.

The Club Championships began on June 20th and will end on the 27th. Low Gross winner will take home the title and prizes will also be awarded to Low Net winners in two flights. Results to follow.

Coming in July: Shotgun starts will continue at 8:00 am. Niners will play on Friday the 7th due to the July 4th holiday. Guest Day is July 11th. July 25th is Low Net/Low Putts and Meeting day.

It's not easy to step out of your comfort zone. Starting a new sport or coming back to one is never easy. As young working women or mothers, there is rarely enough time for golf. As we retire and the kids grow up we have more time to explore new activities. Take some time for yourself and join the Nine-Tee-Niners for a fun and relaxing morning on the course. Guest Day in July is the 11th starting at 8:00 am. Call me at 209-777-7965.



2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Red, White & Blue Tournament 8:30am Shotgun	4  Club Closed	5	6 18 Hole DIV 8:30 am Shotgun	7 9-T-9ers Front 9 8:30am Shotgun	8 Merced County Amateur Championship  NO LOCAL PLAY
9 Merced County Amateur Championship NO LOCAL PLAY	10 Club Closed	11 9-T-9ers Back 9 8:30am Shotgun	12 Men's Stag 12:30pm Shotgun	13 18 Hole DIV 8:30 am Shotgun	14	15 NCGA Net County Amateur Championship 8:30am T-Times
16	17 Club Closed	18 9-T-9ers Front 9 8:30am Shotgun	19 Seniors Hosting 8:30am shotgun	20 18 Hole DIV 8:30 am Shotgun	21 MGCC Nine & Dine 6:00pm	22
23	24 Club Closed	25 9-T-9ers Back 9 8:30am Shotgun Guest /Mtg. Day Back 9	26	27 18 Hole DIV 8:30 am Shotgun	28 Dinner & Bingo Night 6:00pm	29
30	31 Club Closed	>>>> Junior Camp <<<<  6:00pm MGCC Board MTG				



## PRO SHOP HOURS OF OPERATION

Eff. MARCH 15, 2023

PRO SHOP Hours of Operation: Monday: CLOSED;  
Tuesday to Sunday 7:00am - 6:00pm

Driving Range Hours: Monday: CLOSED; Tuesday 8am - dusk  
Wednesday thru Saturday 6am - dusk  
Sunday 6:00am - 5:00pm

Golf Carts: Please return golf carts by 6:00pm

*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 those announced), repair your divots and repair your ball mark on the green.

# LOOKING AHEAD



## August 2023

- Aug 1 9-T-Niners (Front 9)  
8:30am Shotgun
- Aug 3 18-Hole Ladies Division  
8:00am Shotgun  
General Meeting
- Aug 8 9-T-Niners (Back 9)  
8:30am Shotgun
- Aug 9 Men's Stag
- Aug 10 18-Hole Ladies Division  
8:00am Shotgun  
*MGCC Putting League*
- Aug 15 9-T-Niners (Front 9)  
8:30am Shotgun
- Aug 17 18-Hole Ladies Division  
8:00am Shotgun
- Aug 22 9-T-Niners (Back 9)  
8:30am Shotgun  
6:00 MGCC Board Meeting
- Aug 24 18-Hole Ladies Division  
8:00am Shotgun
- Aug 29 9-T-Niners (Back 9)  
8:30am Shotgun Guest Day
- Aug 30 Seniors Hosting Clubs  
8:30am Shotgun



## 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 . . . . .	3
Executive Membership. . .	113
Playing . . . . .	159
Regular Firm. . . . .	6
Social/Proprietary . . . . .	1
Special Social . . . . .	26
Leave of Absence . . . . .	3
Young Executive. . . . .	19
Young Professional . . . . .	<u>1</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>339</b>