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NEWS LETTER

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NOTES from the President

MGCC MEMBERS:

As August comes to an end, our summer months have flown by. In an effort to have better fairways for winter, maintenance has aerated the fairways; this will promote a thicker playing surface. Please remember to stay at least 30 yards away from the greens and tee boxes, as these are sensitive areas. Please remember to repair your ball mark and one other on the greens. Thank you.

The dining room is really starting to come around. MGCC would like to thank the House Committee, led by Christine (Zopolos) Michael who arranged for us to display the beautiful artwork which is showcased by Merced Multicultural Art Center and available for purchase. Christine is also lending her decorating and interior design talents to make our facility something we can all be proud of.

The House Committee will continue to work on improving the look of the interior of the Club. Painting of the entryway to match the dining room will begin at the end of September. The House Committee will also work to replace outdated lighting, furniture and accessories. This is all being done thanks to generous donations from Club members. As the committee continues to move forward, they will continue to accept donations and have a few fundraising events planned for the near future. If you would like to help with any of these events or make a donation, you may contact the committee chairs, Christine Michael or Veronica Curiel. Please reach out to the office for their contact information. Also, we would like to thank Andrew Garcia for supplying and installing the vanity in the employee restroom.

September will be a very busy month for us. The 18-Hole Ladies Invitational will be held on September 15 and 16. The following weekend, September 22, 23, and 24, will be the men's Member-Member Annual Tournament. Please look for emails with details on course tee time cut-offs and limited dining and bar availability during these events. As a reminder, we will be open on Monday, September 4th and closed Tuesday, September 5th.

The Club would also like to thank Russell Marks for stepping in as the interim Food and Beverage Manager. He has done an excellent job, and we look forward to when we hire a full-time Food and Beverage Manager. Please look for new beverage options that will be arriving soon.

Andrew Curiel
MGCC President

Model Local Rule E-4

"If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole":

(a) Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole the player may take relief again under this Local Rule.

(b) Ball on Putting Green. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d. But interference does not exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player's stance or, on the putting green, on the player's line of play.





PRO'S CORNER

Andy Aubertin
PGA Club PRO

Happy September!!

The second weekend of August we had our annual Men's Club Championship. The winners of their respective flights are: Championship Flight - Chris Cuttone. Dechambeau Flight - David Flores. Koepka Flight - John Seymour. Mickelson Flight - Jesse Garcia. Johnson Flight - R.J. Lorenzi. Spieth Flight - James Mendoza. Congratulations to all!!!

The 18-Hole Ladies group hosted 80 Ladies from several other clubs for Team Play. This is an annual event and a lot of preparation goes into this tournament. The Pro shop staff would like to thank Mary Jo Knudsen, Linda Lucas, Sharon Sanchez as well as many others for their hard work leading up to and during this tournament. Your attention to detail and dedication is greatly appreciated!!

The last week of August you will have noticed the fairways were "aerated" or "plugged". This practice is common and needed to help the health of our fairways. While playing, if your ball comes to rest in a "plug" hole, the USGA allows us to use the following local rule:

Model Local Rule E-4 (see on front page)

Lastly, let's all do what we can to continue to fix as many ball marks on the greens as possible and sand fill divots in the fairways and rough. I believe if we take care of the golf course, sometimes the golf course will take care of us by giving us a lucky bounce every once in a while!



18-Hole Ladies Division

Captain's Table
By: Mary Jo Knudsen

The annual Pro Cup tournament (two rounds of low net) was won by Veronica Curiel with a sizzling 68 net the final day for a total of 144 even par. Second place was Linda Lucas with a 6 over 150. Third place was Denise Davis with a 7 over 151. Carla Freel was fourth with a 10 over 154.

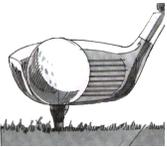
Sharon Sanchez volunteered to run a two week eclectic tournament. First round leaders were Denise Davis with a great 3 under 169, Veronica Curiel with a 1 under 71, Wendy Willis with a 5 over 77, and Sharon Sanchez with a 7 over 79. Second round produced these winners: Sharon Sanchez with a 71, Linda Smith with a 72, Sonja Perret with a 73, Ramona Stanford with a 76, and Carla Freel with a 77. The overall winners of the two-day tournament were Denise Davis 64, Linda Smith 66, and Carla Freel 70.

The ladies are always in Team Play mode, so we kicked the season off with a Pink versus Blue Tournament to practice Team Play matches. The Pink Team won with the team players of Linda Lucas, Sharon Sanchez, Wendy Willis, Denise Davis, Caren Brendel, Jill Macha, Anita Goza, and Kara Parle. Blue won Gross by one point and Pink won Net by three points. Blue Team has to provide desserts at the November Turkey Shoot. Hope the Blue husbands are looking for tasting dessert recipes!

I want to thank the men who helped us kick off Merced's Team Play by getting the 80 visiting ladies' bags all put on their carts in record time. Thank you Phil Hamm, Mike Bentz, Scott Lucas, Pierre Perret, Craig Smith, Ross Cruikshanks and Pat Dillon. We could not have done the tournament without you

Stay tuned to see how our Team Play season progresses!

P. S. Thank you for the cooler mornings!



Senior Division

By: Patrick Dillon

The Traveling Seniors had a light schedule for August. On the 18th, we played at Turlock GCC with 3 other clubs. Cashing in for Merced were John Laughlin (1st), Rickey Wallace (2nd), Joe Calzadillas (3rd), Ed Benes (4th)-with 2 second CTP's, Brian Parker (5th), Pat Dillon (6th), and Jeff Kaufman with a CTP.

On the 30th we will be hosting Spring Creek, Oakdale, Del Rio, Brookside, Stockton, Woodbridge, and PML. Results will be posted in the next newsletter.

Looking forward to September, we will play at Greenhorn on the 6th, and we will visit Woodbridge (Lodi area) for the first time on the 13th.



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ARTICLE by: Nancy Slater

The Niners Low Net/Low Putts event for July was swept by Maureen Reid on Tuesday, July 25th. She played well throughout the round and came out on top. Atta Girl!

During our monthly meeting the group chose New Beginnings for Merced County Animals as our target for Charity Day to be held on Friday, October 27th. Please mark your calendar for this fun and worthwhile event. You can play golf and enjoy a great lunch while supporting this totally volunteer organization. More info to come.

The Niners monthly Guest Day was held on August 15th. Nancy invited Barbara Angel as her guest for the Scramble Format. The winners for the round were Avis

Gaffery, Patty Grossman and Cindy Souders. The three some prevailed on a very hot and humid morning. Way to go!

Please check the calendar for September events.

Authenticity is a popular topic in self-help circles. "I've gotta be me." Rather than act as we are expected to, we want to be our authentic selves and ignore our filters. Think about this: To be happy we all have to live together in our world, our country, our town, our neighborhood and our club. In order for everyone to feel comfortable, members must try to get along. There is always a bit of compromise needed. We make tee times so we don't crowd others on the course and our group leaders do advanced planning so that events don't overlap. On a personal level we are courteous and respectful on the course and in the clubhouse. As a good friend of mine used to say, "If you can't get along, then just get along."



September 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4  Labor Day Open Play	5 Club Closed In observance of Labor Day	6	7 18 Hole DIV 8:30 am Shotgun	8 9-T-9ers Front 9 8:30 am Shotgun	9
10	11 Club Closed	12 9-T-9ers Back 9 8:30 am Shotgun Guest Day	13	14 18 Hole DIV 8:30 am Shotgun MGCC Putting League	15	16  Ladies Invitational Kick-off 3:00pm 9:00am Shotgun
17	18 Club Closed	19 9-T-9ers Front 9 8:30 am Shotgun Beat the PRO	20 Calendar Meeting 9:00am	21 18 Hole DIV 8:30 am Shotgun	22 Member-Member Tournament Tee times	23 Member-Member Tournament Tee times
24  Member-Member Tournament Tee times	25 Club Closed	26 9-T-9ers Back 9 8:30 am Shotgun Meeting Day 6:00pm MGCC Board MTG 	27	28 18 Hole DIV 8:30 am Shotgun	29	30  9-T-Niners Couples Social 3:pm Shotgun PRIVATE PARTY



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

October 2023

- Oct 3 9-T-Niners (Back 9)
9:00 shotgun
- Oct 5 18-Hole Ladies Division
9:00am Shotgun
- Oct 7 *Tournament of Champions*
9:00am T-Times
- Oct 10 9-T-Niners (Front 9)
9:00am Shotgun
- Oct 12 18-Hole Ladies Division
Presidents Cup RND 1
9:00 Shotgun
MGCC Putting League
- Oct 17 9-T-Niners Guest Day (Back 9)
9:00am Shotgun Guest Day
18-Hole Ladies Division T-Times
Presidents Cup RND 2
- Oct 19 18-Hole Ladies Division T-Times
Presidents Cup RND 3
- Oct 20 18-Hole Ladies Division T-Times
Presidents Cup Finals & Consolation RND
- Oct 24 9-T-Niners (Front 9)
9:00am Shotgun
6:00pm MGCC Board Meeting
- Oct 24-25 *NCGA Super Senior Event*
- Oct 26 18-Hole Ladies Division
9:00am Shotgun
(Wear Halloween Costume)
- Oct 31 Happy Halloween
9-T-Niners (Back 9)
9:00am Shotgun
Meeting Day

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.	9
Executive Membership. . .	104
Playing	161
Regular Firm.	6
Social/Proprietary	1
Special Social	26
Leave of Absence	3
Young Executive	<u>21</u>
Total	331





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Jackie Anderson
Fine Artist

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.