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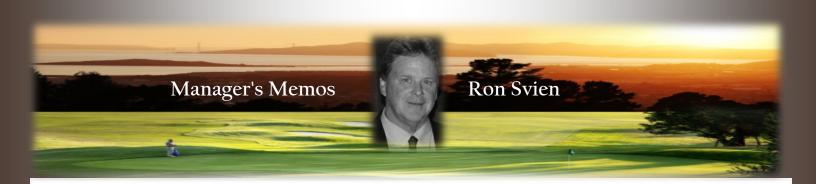
Monday – Closed Tuesday – 11:00 AM -3:00 PM Wednesday – 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM Thursday – 11:00 AM-3:00 PM Friday – 11:00 AM-7:00 PM Saturday – 6:30 AM – 7:00 PM Sunday – 6:30 AM – 7:00 PM

9-Down Cafe

Monday – Closed Tuesday – Sunday 9 AM - 4 PM

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Signage amendments from Mira Vista G&CC to Berkeley CC are well underway. By late June all amendments will be finalized. Also, we will be initiating the Berkeley Country Club marketing and promotion campaign very soon. The Board and I are meeting with CBIGG during the first week of June to finalize. We will keep you posted. As reported last month the clubhouse carpeting project is in the works. The carpeting has been ordered, however, we do not an exact delivery date but we will keep you updated.

We are starting to see the arrival of the new golf course maintenance equipment. The Procore Aerator just arrived and Scott will be using this machine for course aeration right away. The Seeder is scheduled for delivery the first week of June, and the various other equipment pieces will follow shortly. When it comes to irrigation...Scott was hard at it during the month of May repairing, modifying and replacing various irrigation segments, and just in time for the warmer weather.

The start date for the concrete cart path project (Holes 1-9 & #18) has been scheduled for July 19th. When completed, this will be a tremendous course improvement feature.

Our heartfelt sympathies are expressed to the Smith and Barsamian families for their recent loss. Both families were long-time members of the Club and will be dearly missed!



IN MEMORIAM

Jim Smith
October 25, 1925

May 1, 2017



IN MEMORIAM Anne Barsamian October 20, 1923 May 13, 2017



Volunteerism

My regular tagline to FORE articles has long read "Until next time remember to repair your divots, rake the bunkers and fix your ball marks". Many of us simply forget or leave it up to someone else to tidy up in our wake. Add to such member indifference the number of outside tournaments hosted at the club and, inevitably, course conditions suffer. Scott and his maintenance team try to address the problem but can only do so much.

Fortunately, a few years ago a group of very special members stepped up, without fanfare, and decided to take the initiative. Their plan was simple. Why not get together on Mondays when the course is closed to repair divots, pull weeds and kikuyu, and do other hands-on maintenance around the course? Thus, the "Divotbusters", as they were so aptly self-styled, came into existence. Naturally the prospect of ham-fisted good samaritans operating heavy equipment or handling sharp implements gave everyone pause. No, it was agreed the heavy lifting was best left to the professionals (covered by Workman's Comp Insurance!). After all, an amateur golfer learns to accept his or her limitations and there was plenty of light hand-work to do without risking life or limb. So week after week, weather permitting, the Divotbusters, are out there working. Most show up regularly, others when time, schedules, and aching backs permit, but come they do. Who are these volunteers? I could name them but that's not the point. They do what they do out of dedication, commitment and a sense of pride, not for personal recognition or acclaim. That's what volunteerism is all about.

What about the rest of us? Sure, not everyone can or wants to pull weeds in their spare time, nor should they. Others help by joining committees, serving on the Board, attending club functions, sponsoring new members or tipping our wait staff generously over and above the set Service Charge.

Some contribute by pulling our their checkbook. With dues the lowest of any private club in the area, finding the resources to do the little extra things is an ongoing challenge. The Equity (and our Senior) members have, and will continue, to shoulder the bulk of the club's capital requirements such as the cart path extension project slated for this July. The other classes of membership pay reduced dues which go exclusively to day-to-day operations and maintenance. Cart paths, course equipment, golf carts, new fixtures and fittings on the course and in the clubhouse are funded by a combination of capital dues paid by Equity (and Senior) members and, if necessary, periodic calls for voluntary contributions from all members.

In 2105 we raised approximately \$46,000 in individual voluntary contributions ranging from \$200 to, in one case, \$1,000 for our turf project. The balance of approximately \$86,000 was funded by the Equity membership. There are other, albeit smaller, capital projects in the offing this year that may be coming before the full membership for funding. Whether we are successful will be dictated by the generosity of the donor pool. Should a project arise voluntary contributions from each of us, especially those who enjoy the full benefits of membership at a low dues point, will be sought and gratefully appreciated.

This is our club and our collective future. Let's do what is necessary to make it work for us all. Oh, and by the way, don't forget about those divots, bunkers and ball marks.





CBIGG Member Sponsor Championship

October 26-29, 2017 at Moon Valley Country Club & Pointe Hilton Tapatio in Phoenix, Arizona
Top Four Member Sponsors from October, 2016 - September 15, 2017

Berkeley Country Club Top Sponsor Leaders

Tom Carman, 4 Points
Blair Allison & Jena McGuffie, 2.5 Points
John Twomey, 2 Points
Bob Mintz, 2 Points
Jim Koniuto, 2 Points
Andy & Kelly Vamis, 2 Points
Ryan & Courtney Wells, 2 Points

*There was an error in the April edition of FORE - Jack & Carol Freethy had sponsored a Social Member and only received 1 point total during the double point days.

This is an all-expense paid trip for the Top Four Sponsors of the club. You can earn one point for each Full Golf Member sponsored and half a point for each Social Member Sponsored. Please contact Director of Membership, Ali White to host prospective Members. All Sponsored Members in June will earn you \$500 in club credit to use on golf car rental fees, guest fees, and F&B.

Welcome Back

Neville Duvall, Vista Marla Stephenson, Vista

Welcome to Membership

Amy Bunreongsri, Social

David Reifsnyder & Jeri Beltman, Vista David: Retired from Genentech, Jeri: Clovis Pharmaceutical

Ben, Maly, Mora (22), and Veeliam (18) Ouneklap, Vista Owner, Bangkok Express

> **Jonas Vass**, Vista Kilroy Realty, Sr. VP of Development

Warren Chiang, Julie Chin, and Clifton (9), Vista Warren: GMO Financial Services

Joe Clifford, Justine Lewis, Holden (6), and Jackson (2), V_{ista}

Joe: Oceanview Publishing, Novelist

Bob (Jr.) & Kendyl Ryan, Junior Executive Bob: Acelity, Territory Manager Kendyl: Gap Inc., Sr. Merchandiser

Tony, Katie, Hannah (13) and Natalie (13) Elenteny, Vista Tony: Owner, E&F Construction Katie: Owner, Point of View Salon

Zak Forrest & Hana Nielsen-Kneisler, Junior Executive Zak: Zak Forrest, LMFT, Psychotherapist Hana: Napa State Hospital, Psychologist



It has been a great month here at Mira Vista/Berkeley Country Club and we hope to have that change over finalized by the time you read my next article. Currently on order are new scorecards, pencils, bag tags, divot tools, towels, hats as well as men's and women's apparel! It has been a hectic but fun transition and I am very much looking forward to all of you seeing the new products, and your help to usher in a new era. These are happy times and although transitions can be tough, I hope we all can join together as a membership and enjoy the bright future we have here. So with that said, we look ahead and to the past to continue the traditions we hold here regardless of the name of our Club.

Pace of Play: In tournaments and on regular days of golf all groups are held to a 4 hour and 4 minute 18 hole round time pace. We all understand there will be times when your pace is slowed down for unforeseen reasons, we just ask that you let faster groups behind you play through. It will certainly make a more enjoyable experience for all.

Dress Code: On the golf course and at the golf practice facilities, traditional golf attire is required. The following dress code requirements apply:

Gentlemen:

Collared shirts with mid-thigh shorts (or trousers) and golf shoes or rubber soles approved by the Golf Shop. A nice sweater without a collar is permitted.

Women:

Blouses (with or without sleeves) or collared shirts with slacks, mid-thigh length shorts, skirts, or culottes and golf shoes (or rubber soles approved by the Golf Shop) are acceptable. Denim, cotton sweats, tank tops, and clothing with logos in poor taste are not acceptable. Billed caps and hats are to be worn in the intended manner (not backwards). Non-metal spikes are required for golf shoes. Metal spikes are prohibited.

2017 Directors Cup!

Congratulations are certainly in order for the Champions of the 2017 Directors Cup Mr. Bill Painter & Mr. Stephen Haines! They were able to battle through 2 days of golf with four 9-hole formats, and finally a 4 hole horserace outlasting 7 other teams to take the Championship! Many of these lasting memories can be found on our Facebook page, so please take the time to 'friend' us and join in on the conversations. Congratulations to all of our winners and thank you to everyone who participated.

Directors Cup Champions

Bill Painter and Stephen Haines

Boss of the Moss
Gabe Block

Team Putting Champions
Lanny Clark and Eric Johnson

Vista Cup and POY Standings:

Only 7 pts separate 1st from 3rd with well over half of our 2017 Tournament Schedule complete!

1st Place - Glenn Taylor (296 pts)

2nd Place – George Bakkenta (291 pts)

3rd Place - Chad Jorgensen (289 pts)

4th Place – Rich Pon (281 pts)

5th Place – Dave Mahr (270 pts)

Upcoming Events

Saturday & Sunday, June 10th and 11th

Men's Medal Play Championship
Double Vista Cup Points available
Sign up on ForeTees now or call the Golf Shop

Friday, June 16th
Complimentary PXG Demo/Fitting Day
10am – 3pm
Please call for appointments





Nachos for Two
w/salsa, guacamole, jalapeños & cheddar cheese
14 add steak 3
Kobe Sliders
4 sliders w/ house aioli and fries
12
Bacon Fried Rice

Bacon Fried Rice stir-fried jasmine rice w/bacon, onions, eggs & cilantro 12 Add chicken or beef 14

Friday, June 23
Pizza Night &
Salad Bar
5 PM

All You Can Eat for 8,99

Draft Beers



Friday, June 30 Mexican Buffet 5 PM \$19 ++ res

Special Drinks \$5 \$19 ++ reservations required
Margarita Station / Corona Beer / Tequila Shooters 510.233.7550...1302

Menu
Tostada Salad
Chicken & Beef Fajitas
Quesadillas
Tacos
Cheese Enchiladas
Chips, Salsa, Guacamole
Churros
Ice Cream

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Senior season is underway! We have played 6 events so far in April and May, and June will be even busier. Here are the dates lined up for the next 2 months:

Wed. June 7 hosting Claremont/Sequoyah/Blackhawk

Wed. June 14 hosting Green Valley/Marin/Richmond

Wed. June 21 @ Marin

Wed. June 28 @ Green Valley

Wed. July 5 @ Round Hill

Tue. July 11 @ Stonetree

Wed. July 26 hosting Contra Costa/Oakhurst/Stonetree

Get signed up early because there may be limits on the numbers of players we can bring to the "away" events. Also, be aware that I cannot sign you up – you have to do that yourself, either on-line through ForeTees, or by calling the Pro Shop.

If you are new to the Club, or are just turning 50 this year, the Senior Men's Association is a GREAT way to meet other members of our club as well as other private club members from around the Bay Area. We play reciprocal events throughout the year with many of the other private clubs in the East &North Bay – you can see the full year schedule in the locker room, or online in the ForeTees sub-menu. In these events, you will paired up with a host club member and other visiting club members, competing against all the other foursomes for prizes (usually shop credits).

Most events are in the morning, but we have a couple of afternoon dates mixed into the schedule. These events typically include breakfast, lunch, a round of golf with cart, and a chance to win prizes for a price (in the \$50 range) that is significantly less than the Guest Fee you would pay to play just a round of golf at those clubs. It's a bargain! We also have a season-long "points race" whereby you earn participation points for each event you play in – and even MORE points if you finish "in the money." The top guys in points at the end of the year qualify to compete against Richmond C.C. Seniors in a two-day home-and-home competition.

All of this comes to you by simply signing up with the Pro Shop and paying the annual Senior dues (\$80 billed one-time through your monthly club statement). When you sign up, don't forget to give the Pro Shop your standard shirt size – that annual dues amount includes a logo Seniors golf shirt! Should you have any questions about the Senior Association, our events, or anything at all, please ask me, Paul Weir, or George Bakkenta. We'll be happy to talk with you about our fun organization. If you can't locate us, you can also ask our golf professionals.

Remember: Life is uncertain – so play golf as often as possible!





Congratulations to William Painter and Stephen Haines for winning this year's Directors Cup Tournament. A great time was had by all. The weather was outstanding and the Horserace was very exciting. For the very first time, the Calcutta and Horserace race winners were the same team. This year's Boss of the Moss title go to the team of Eric Johnson and Lance Clark. Think about it, the winners came from Flight 5 and the Boss of the Moss winners were from Flight 6. Just goes to show, there is hope for everyone.

The Calder Cup matches should have been completed by May 28th, with round three matches scheduled for completion by July 2nd. See ForeTees for the complete Calder Cup Matches completion schedule.

Upcoming Men's Tournaments include June 10 and 11th, Medal Play Club Championship rounds 1 and 2. Signup is available through ForeTees until June 8th. July will see the start of the Men's Match Play Club Championship to be played over two weekends, starting July 8th and concluding on July 16th with the 4th and final round. Please do not signup if you cannot commit to playing both weekends. Happy golfing everyone!

Update on Posting Scores at the Club

In April, members posted 83% of their rounds, a significant improvement from the March 75% rate and the year low 54% posting rate in February. The Handicap Committee is seriously considering a proposal to have members post their non-tournament golf scores all the time. The Pro Shop would post only tournament scores for all tournament players. In this way, the pro shop's limited staff can focus better on its core duties. Per the USGA, the player is always responsible for their scores. In today's electronic era, it is actually faster and more reliable to post your score on a Smartphone or other mobile device (My NCGA app). If you have an opinion on this topic, please send an email to the Handicap committee at MVHCAP@gmail.com by June 13, the date of the next Handicap committee meeting.

What is a USGA Course Rating, Slope Rating, and Bogey Rating?

The terms "course rating" and "slope" are often thrown around golfing circles. However, many golfers at Berkley Country Club, particularly those new to golf, are unsure of what these terms mean and how they impact the game. Fortunately, this explanation is rather simple.

Course Rating defines the USGA® mark indicating the evaluation of the playing difficulty of a course *for scratch golfers* under normal course and weather conditions. It is expressed as strokes taken to one decimal place, and is based on yardage and other obstacles to the extent that they affect the scoring ability of a scratch golfer. Course Rating is equivalent to the better half average of a scratch golfer's scores under normal playing conditions.

Bogey Rating is the evaluation of the playing difficulty of a course *for the bogey golfer* under normal course and weather conditions. It is based on yardage, effective playing length and other obstacles to the extent that they affect the scoring ability of the bogey golfer. Bogey rating is equivalent to the better half average of a bogey golfer's scores under normal playing conditions.

Slope Rating defines the USGA mark indicating the measurement of the relative difficulty of a course *for non-scratch golfers compared to the Course Rating*.

Slope Rating is computed by the following formula: Bogey rating minus Course Rating multiplied by (5.381 men, 4.24 women) equals Slope Rating.

The USGA Handicap Department has a <u>National Course Rating and Slope Database</u> consisting of ratings for all courses in the United States.



May SWEEPS results are as follows.....CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Gross: 1st - Carol Light; 2nd - Jan Bridges; 3rd - Lori Hager

Net: 1st - Ruby Chen; 2nd - Audrey Yamaguchi; 3rd - Eileen McDavid

HANDICAP TOURNAMENT Update: The "Final Four" will play off by May 31st. Janet Tsukahira vs Nancy Rakela and Roz Seltzer vs Sandra Lee. The winner of these two matches will play in the Championship round. Good luck to all players!!

WOMEN's GOLF DAY, JUNE 6th...this is an outreach event to women/girls interested in starting golf or those who just haven't had a chance to come out to play. You may sign up for the 9 Hole/Par 3 golf or the Putting Contest. Please contact our Pro Shop. Appetizers will be served 6:30pm. Cost is \$15 for members and female guests are free (max. 2 guests per member).

GO WARRIORS!!!!



May was an active month for the Nine Holers. On May 2 we had the **Fourth Annual Spring Classic**. Thirty golfers, the Nine Holers and 18 Holer guests, participated on a beautiful day and enjoyed a great tournament. The winners were: First Place: Ikuko Boyland, Robin Mori, Gloria Noda and Diane Yasuda, with a team score of 56. Second Place: Wendy Bakkenta, Carole Freethy, Martha Staskawicz, and Diane Williams, with 58. Third Place: Marsha Conwill, Sally Haapala, Suzie Lundeen, and Kelly Vamis with 59. All winners were awarded shop credit. Closest to the pin on number two was Marsha Conwill, 13 feet. The Nine Holer Low Net Score was Diane Williams, net 31.

18 Holer Low Net Score was Marsha Conwill, net 33. Congratulations to all the winners. We very much appreciate the hard work Sara in the pro shop put in to make this tournament a success.

The Nine Holers also participated in a first ever, history making "mixer" on May 4, playing along with the 18 holers in a three person shamble tournament. It was a great day and a good showing on the part of the Nine Holers, some of whom were on winning teams!

The May Charm Champ was Jan Straus. Congratulations, Jan!

The Nine Hole Group welcomes all women golfers to join us as guests on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:30AM. Please arrive and check into the pro shop by 9:15AM, then check in with one of the co-captains. Questions about the Nine Hole Group can be directed to Wendy Bakkenta at wendersb@aol.com. We are working on some VERY EXCITING summertime golfing experiences that you'll only get with THE NINE HOLE GROUP.



There are many different grasses found on golf courses around the world. Usually the grass type found on golf courses is grown because that specific grass is best suited for that climate. Hawaii, Arizona and the southern half of the US is where warm season grasses such as Bermuda grow best. In the cooler climates such as coastal and northern regions, cool season grasses such as Rye, Fescue and Bentgrasses are grown. The one grass that grows in all regions and is found all over the world is the ever hated Poa plant. Poa has even been found on Antarctica. Poa is a cool season annual grass. Its common name is Annual Bluegrass but it was coined "Poa" by golf television commentators, who shortened its full botanical name from Poa annua. It is an annual plant meaning that it puts out seed, dies and then germinates on a yearly basis. This is the reason it is such a hated grass. Most plants and grasses grow best during the warmer months, when root growth is most prevalent. During the winter months plants' and grasses' roots shorten and they either go into dormancy or growth is slowed dramatically. Poa is the exact opposite. It grows best during the winter months and thrives in wet conditions. During the spring as it gets warmer, Poa goes to seed and its roots shorten to almost nothing.

If you are trying to keep Poa during the summer months then it requires more water because the roots are near the soil surface. The surface is the first to dry out, usually resulting in dead Poa. Wet and warm conditions on turfgrass cause disease, so the more you water it, the more Poa dies from disease. During the fall is when all of the Poa seed from the spring starts to germinate and millions of new Poa plants start to grow, getting ready to thrive during the winter and then the cycle starts all over again. This is what occurred on the golf course during this past winter. Last year, water

to the fairways was turned off. Soon after the first rains, the golf course started to turn green again. This was a direct result of Poa germinating and taking over as the primary grass on the fairways. Now that summer is approaching, much of the Poa is already starting to die.

The plan going forward is to first break up the compaction in the fairways from the drought by using a deep tine aerifier. This machine is slow and very violent because of the depth that the tines go into the soil. This process will allow oxygen and better penetration of water into the soil. After we are finished with the



aerification process, we will begin to incorporate Perennial Ryegrass into the fairways using our new slit-seeding machine. Ryegrass does not die on a yearly basis like Poa annua does.

It has a deeper root system making it more drought tolerant and it is less susceptible to disease. One mature Ryegrass plant typically grows to be about 3"- 4" in diameter, so if we continue to seed Ryegrass several times a year then the Ryegrass will fill in the areas that are thin. The more Rye we incorporate into the fairways, the harder it is for the dreaded Poa plant to take hold.



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