



Catta Talk



CATTA VERDERA COUNTRY CLUB



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Kevin Earl
General Manager

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Greeting Catta Members,

Often I re-read some of my past articles, so I don't repeat something that has already been written over and over. Well,

in these times of uncertainty, I find myself saying some of the same things in a hope that it will be the last time!

I look at the county website, every morning, hoping that it changes for the better. Better in the # of incidents going down, or ICU beds numbers going up. I think we all want to get back to the "new" normal. The good news is the business landscape, and overall moods of authorities are shifting towards re-opening both small and large businesses.

As I wrote back in June, the world seems different now. The folks that were on the fence, as if this was a hoax or something made up, are certainly over the wall now. COVID has affected us all, to some degree or another. Inside dining is still closed for the time being. Large gatherings are certainly discouraged, and travel is to the local grocery store and back. This is the best we got for the near future.

The good news for golf, taking a macro view, is it has not been this popular since Tiger first joined the PGA tour in the late '90s. That timeframe helped make golf mainstream and spawned both a course-building boom and a whole new generation of golfers.

What is different now...? People are turning to golf because there are very few safe things to do in the world right now. We hope this trend will be a long one this time...the world certainly is different now.

Our tee sheet and rounds of golf certainly bear this out. When the rains stopped recently, I witnessed: a tee sheet full of golfers, a driving range full of members, and lots of junior golfers around the putting green. My guess is this is temporary for many of us since... some of us are off work temporarily, or not in school, or the lucky ones who finally retired and will let life find its new balance point.

One final note: Please watch for our upcoming events. Yes, we are trying to stay positive in that the County and the State of California will allow us to proceed with inside events soon. Stay tuned, we are trying to plan as much as possible without getting ahead of ourselves! We at the club are trying our best...to be a sanctuary of good news for the members and their friends. I for one, have had all the bad news I can take...and it's only February! :)

See you in the fairway!

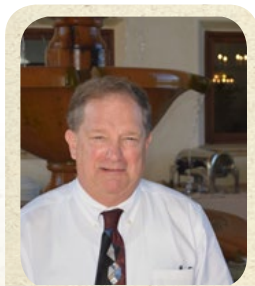
Presidents Day

The club will be open on Monday, February 15th. Take a day off and spend it on the course with some friends!





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Jim Braden
Director of F&B



Valentine's Day Dinner To-Go

In Food & Beverage, we are still in a hold pattern but we do have the Valentine's Day Dinners to go on the 14th. The dinners are available between 3:00pm and 7:00pm and the cost is \$50 per person. Reservations are required and can be made at 645-6721 or jbraden@cattaverdera.com. When making the reservation you will need to let us know what time and which entrée you would like.

MENU:

Appetizer: Baked Brie for 2; Baked Brie in a puff pastry with assorted compotes, almonds, breads and crackers.

Salads: Roasted Beet Salad with winter greens, chevre, pistachio and citrus vinaigrette OR Classic Caesar OR Mixed Greens with balsamic vinaigrette.

Entrees: Surf n Turf: A petit filet with a Shrimp scampi skewer, potato Dauphinoise, roasted vegetables and blue cheese fondue.

OR Lobster Spaghetti Pomodoro: Lobster tail, red onion, basil, tarragon, tomato, chili flakes and spaghetti with grilled garlic toast.

OR Miso Baked Chicken Breast with jade rice, green onion confit, Mizuna greens, citrus and Asian pear.

Dessert: Chocolate Hazelnut "Kube" with coulis
OR Quartet of Tarts: Dark chocolate & orange, White chocolate & Raspberry, Coconut & Pineapple, Lemon Curd.



New in the golf shop

Ping G425 demos have arrived.

Callaway Epic Speed along with their new irons are here.

(Schedule a free TrackMan fitting with Sean to see if these new clubs could be the boost your game needs).



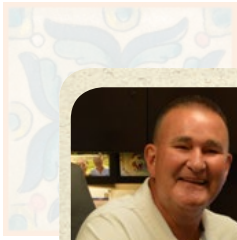
New to the shop... Footjoy Slacks, Travis Matthew Slacks and a new very nice price point pant from Greg Norman at a \$51 member price.

Jawku impact massagers now in stock. They make a full size as well as a mini that fits easily in your golf bag and still packs a significant punch. Member price for the full size is \$221 and Member price for the mini that will fit in your golf bag is just \$119.



Acer's Alert!

Congratulations to **John Stafford** for making a hole-in-one on January 23rd! John made his shot on hole #4 from 139 yards using his 8-iron! Congrats on that amazing shot!



Curtis Landa
Membership Director

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Membership waiting list to start 2021

Catta Verdera's increased its Golf initiation to \$7,500 non-refundable & \$15,000 refundable effective January 1st, 2021.

Effective January 12th Management decided to pause selling golf memberships and start a waiting list for potential members. We listen to you regarding the tee time crunch, during this unprecedented tee time crunch and demand for golf, and the growth of members in 2020.

Waiting list is designed to place interested new members on a list according to date requested. Catta Verdera has no plans to go backwards only to maintain the amount of current golf members. If a member resigns, I will contact the first name on the list for membership. I have received several calls, emails, and text messages regarding potential members. Please provide name, phone number, and email address.

Looking to sponsor a new golf member, know someone interested in putting their name on our waiting list, there are different options you can sponsoring a new member. Contact me directly at 916-645-6734, clanda@cattaverdera.com, provide me with the potential members information, name, phone number, email, simply introduce them to me or have them let me know you will be sponsoring them, so you receive credit. Sponsoring members will receive one month dues credit for the Golf category they join Individual or Family.

I would like to take this time to thank the following members who sponsored a new member.

Sponsor

Garrett Vanneman
Matt Weil
Nathan Bloxsom
Todd Weygandt

On behalf of Catta Verdera and our entire staff, I would like to offer a warm welcome to the following new members.

Golf

Raymond Olmo
Patrick O' Flaherty
Eric & Dena Lumbirt-Social to Golf
Justin & Sophia Fanslau
Jason & Sasha Macktinger





Catta Verdera Women Golfers



Message from Michelle Helzer, Captain

Welcome to our newest member, Sasha!

Thank you to Beth and Stacey for our successful January Thursday and Saturday Ladies Play Days. The participation was impressive. To keep the momentum, the 2021 CVWG Event Calendar is now online and the single page calendar can be viewed on any device.

Important: Due to the 2021 requirement that both the Men's & Women's Club get one Saturday per month, some events have been moved.

Teams are already forming for some of these events. Feel free to contact me or the Event Chair if you need help getting a group together. Each event contact can be found online under Committee Chairs. More information and sign ups will follow on each of these tournaments as the dates draw near.

Contest: 3 names will be drawn on February 28 from the pool of members who submit their photo to Claudia for our online roster. Text your photo to 916-217-0805 or email Claudia.siegel@gmail.com for a chance to win something really cool. Also, it would be good time to make sure we have all your update contact information.

A reminder that February 17 is the last day to vote on the CVWG By-Laws, so please cast your vote.

See you on the course! ~ Michelle

Handicap: Susan Bishop

As your Handicap Chair for 2021 I am ready to assist you in all things related to your handicap. Don't have one? I can remedy that. Need guidance on how to post your score? I can help. Made a mistake posting your score? Yep, I can help with that as well. Just have a question or want to learn more? Email me/ text me/call me. I love to chat. I will also announce

each month the Most Improved Golfer for the previous month as well as the coveted award of Most Improved Golfer for 2021 announced in December.

Team Match Play - Stacey Wiegandt

Sierra Gold Match Play Dates have been set - Let's hope we can get back to competing!

Match Dates are:

Tuesday, April 13th - TBD - Granite Bay Hosts

Thursday, May 6th - at North Ridge

Thursday, June 24th - at Serrano

Monday, July 26th - at Winchester

Tuesday, Aug 24th - Catta Hosts - (Does not play)

Please mark your calendars...I will send out a separate email about Sierra Gold Match Play soon!

Co-Captain and Open Days Chairperson: Tina Paschke

WGANC Open Days Registration

February is the start of registration for Open Days play in March 2021. There are some great courses listed in March for play including Catta Verdera! What a great way to show off our club to WGANC members.

If you are interested in playing other courses, go to the WGANC webpage at <https://ncga.org/wganc-events/> and click on the button Register for Tournaments and Open Days. That will bring you to a new page that lists the WGANC Tournaments. Go to the top of that page and click on Open Days by Month. There you will find the list of golf courses holding Open Days along with the date the registration opens. Click on the View button to the left of each course listed as that provides all the information regarding the format, cost, etc. for that club.

The WGANC webpage is updated regularly so continue to check back as often as you like and then mark your calendar for the registration date



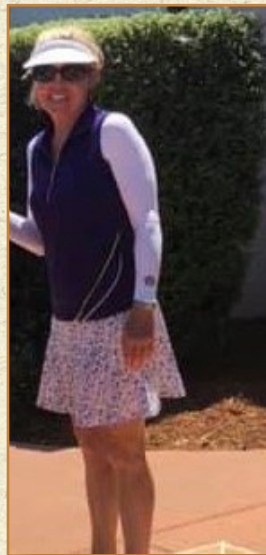
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to remind yourself to grab your friends and sign up! You will need to have your profile established in Golf Genius before you can register. If you need help with establishing your profile or signing up, please contact me for assistance.

Now, get out there and enjoy play on some wonderful golf courses!!

Member Spotlight

The CVWG is happy to bring you the 2021 Member Spotlight. Here are our first four highlighted members. Click on each picture to find out her name and her golfing background.



Partner EC Tournament 2021: Andrea Berry

February 1 marks the kick off to the 2021 Partner Eclectic Tournament. We currently have 49 teams signed up, covering all three tee boxes – this is 17 more teams than last year!!!, Sign ups will continue throughout the tournament which runs from February 1st through May 31st. If I have not given you the Master EC cards for you to keep track of your progress throughout the tournament, they will be in the pro shop. Prior to teeing off, you must declare that you are playing an EC card, which tee box you are playing from and which partner (some players have multiple partners) your EC card is being applied to. Make sure you have another CVWG member attest your score before turning it in. There will be a box under the printer at the Quixote's entrance to turn in your signed EC cards after the round. Feel free to contact Andrea Berry at (916)251-6878 or acberry67@gmail.com with any questions or comments

Membership Update: Riye D'Ambra

We have a new member in our ladies group - making our total 110 - hooray!

Please join me in welcoming Sasha Macktinger. She has been added to the online roster, so her contact information is available there.

If there are any Catta members that you know or have met on course, that hasn't joined CVWG yet, please forward me her information, or better yet help me recruit her - you all know how much we have! There are so many ways to participate at all levels of golf!

Additional request, please log onto our website and check the online roster to make sure that your contact information is correct. If any updates need to be made, please email Claudia (claudia.siegel@gmail.com) and Riye (riyedambra@gmail.com). Also, check out Michelle's article above to find out about the contest you can enter just by adding your photo to the Roster. Thank you for your attention to this crucial matter to keep our information accurate!





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Thursday Ladies Play Day: Beth Hoblit

Thursday Ladies Day had a great start in January. We played our very first Putts Day and the winners are:

1st Place - Wilhelmina Schaefer
2nd Place - Lisa Pae
3rd Place - Jan Wissenback
4th Place - Amelya Stevenson

Congratulations Ladies!

14 very brave ladies joined us for a very foggy and cold day! Thank you so much for the support of our Ladies Day. It is greatly appreciated!

Our next play date is Thursday, February 4th. The game will be a 2 Person Best Ball and Putts. We have tee times between 9:00 to 9:40. Call the Pro Shop for a time slot. Please make sure to sign up by Tuesday, February 2nd, 12 Noon. This is a procedure change that will remain for the rest of the year. You can sign up as a 2 person team or we will pair you! The Best Ball game will be announced the week of play.

All are working hard to bring back our regular weekly Thursday Play Days! We should be back to normal by April. Next Play Date is March 4th!

ALL LEVELS OF GOLFER ARE WELCOME! All you need is a handicap! If you don't have a handicap come on down and play stroke play until one is established. ANY one of the CVWG Members are here to help! Just ask!

Saturday Tournament: Stacey Sommerhauser

Thank you to the 50 ladies that came out for our Saturday Play Day on Saturday, January 23rd. What a great turnout on this cold day. Congratulations to our winners!

Winning Teams

1st - Elaine Wilson, Cheri Gandy, Steph McCarthy, Lauren Koegel
2nd - Riye D'Ambra, Michelle Inouye, Eddy Nanchy
3rd - Stacey Wiegandt, Paula McNally, Jo Thorton
4th - Betty Furgurson, Robyn Heryford, Andrea Berry, Ev Owsley

February Saturday Ladies Day will be on Saturday, February 27th with tee times beginning at 10:00 am. Signups will be via the link in the email that was sent out last week. Please do not call the Pro Shop and sign up, your name will not be added to the official list. We will be playing a four-person game and Putts/Medallions. Sign ups will be individual and pairings will be made based on handicap. Deadline to sign up is February 19th at noon.

Save the date for our Annual Mojo Tournament on Saturday, March 20th. This is a four-person team event and signups will be as a team versus individual. You must have an established handicap to play this event and we will play to a maximum of 36. If you are new to the format, it will be sent out in the beginning of March.

Looking forward to many fun events in 2021!

REMINDERS:

TEE IT UP WEDNESDAY!

The Tee It Up Wednesday afternoon group will start up in April. Beth Hoblit and Eddy Nanchy are working with Paul to make this an exciting year. More to come!

KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OUR CVWG??

Please have them reach out to Riye D'Ambra, on her email: riyedambra@gmail.com.

SOCIAL/CHARITY

If you are aware of someone who needs some extra love or attention from our group; please reach out to our Social Charity Board Member, Wilhelmina Schaefer, on her email: wilhelmina52@att.net.

RULES

Per Megan C, Rules Chairperson, after receiving feedback that the CVWG needs a consistent application of Winter Rules (aka lift, clean and place), a committee has been formed to establish a definition of Winter Rules for our group. Look out for details over email and a posting in the locker room!





Ramiro Sena
Course Superintendent

FROM THE COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

I would like to share an article written by James T Snow about carts and fairways. It is a great article and very informative. As there are lots of question and discussions around this topic, I hope this is a helpful and interesting read. As always, if you have questions about our course practices, we are happy to answer.

Thank you for being supportive of our team!

~ Ram Sena and the turf care team

Should Carts Ride the Fairways?

by James T. Snow

Director, Northeastern Region, USGA Green Section

MANY QUESTIONS about golf course management simply cannot be answered in a forth-right manner. A simple “yes” or “no” will not always work, and frequently no statement of fact from an expert can put the question to rest. A person knowledgeable about a subject must often respond by saying, “It depends.”

Such a response would certainly be appropriate to the question of whether golf carts should be allowed on fairways. Because of the continuing increase in the use of golf carts, this has become one of the most frequently asked and controversial questions we must deal with. The use of golf carts has a direct impact on the maintenance of the turf, the revenues at the club, and the golfers’ enjoyment of the game. As a result, the golf course superintendent, the golf professional, the club manager, and all the golfers have a direct stake in cart policy. No wonder this is such a controversial matter.

It is the golf course superintendent’s job to provide a course for golfers to enjoy. It is also his duty to take the necessary steps to maintain consistently healthy turf throughout the season, even if this means placing restrictions on the golfers from time to time. Therein lies the problem. Golfers would naturally like to drive their carts anywhere on the course at any time. At the same time, golf course superintendents know carts must be restricted for the sake of the turf under certain conditions. Golfers generally feel that superintendents are too conservative in their philosophy about restricting cart use, thereby detracting from the enjoyment of their rounds on many occasions. On the other hand, superintendents tend to feel they are too conciliatory when it comes to allowing carts on fairways.

There is no doubt that under certain circumstances golf cart traffic can have a very negative impact on the short- and long-term condition of turf. Coming up with a reasonable policy, however, is not easy. Cart traffic can damage turf in several ways, the most obvious through wear and abrasion. If traffic is heavy enough or weather

conditions bad enough, carts can cause turf to wilt to the point of no return, leaving thin, weak areas open to encroachment from *Poa annua* or other weeds. Even lighter traffic loads may require fairways to be watered or syringed frequently to pre-vent wilt. Under certain circumstances, traffic can predispose the turf to increased disease activity, or it can cause disease to spread from one part of a fairway to another.

A more subtle form of fairway injury, but one that may be more debilitating in the long run, is the effect of cart traffic on soil structure. Persistent traffic on certain soils, especially when wet, can result in compaction problems that inhibit good water infiltration, reduce oxygen content, and restrict root growth. Ultimately, if corrective measures are not taken, the turf will become weak and thin and subject to disease and weed encroachment.

The direct effects of wear and abrasion and the more subtle effects of soil com-paction are cumulative. It is possible that heavy traffic on fairways, especially when soil or weather conditions are unfavorable, can lead to a slow decline in the health and playability of the turf. It is difficult to convince golfers that the use of carts directly contributed to the poor condition of the fairways.

Factors to Consider

Naturally, everyone would benefit from a cart policy that would not only allow golfers to use carts, but at the same time would avoid short- or long-term injury to the turf. Golfers like to remind us that “The Let-Ern-Run Country Club down the street allows carts to roam the fairways at all times. Why can’t we?” The superintendent usually has legitimate reasons for restrict-ing carts at certain times that may not necessarily reflect the conditions at Let-Em-Run Country Club. For example:

Standards for Quality - There’s no question that cart traffic will hurt fair-ways. Clubs that consistently want the best fairway turf usually place restric-tions on carts whenever conditions warrant.

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Soil Type - Heavier soils, those with greater amounts of silt and clay, tend to be wetter soils, and are more prone to compaction effects. Take care to avoid heavy cart traffic on these soils during periods of wet weather.

Drainage - Turf on golf courses with poor drainage suffers more from cart traffic. Installing drainage tile on such courses can significantly extend periods when carts can be used with relative safety.

Grass Species - The greater the amount of *Poa annua*, the more likely fairways will sustain damage from cart traffic. Predominately bentgrass, perennial ryegrass, or Kentucky bluegrass fairways can tolerate much more traffic than *Poa annua* turf.

Irrigation System - A properly designed automatic irrigation system can provide a greater margin of safety for cart use during a wider range of weather conditions. Such a system permits fairways to be syringed more quickly and efficiently than a manual system, thus reducing or eliminating turf injury caused by wilting.

Amount of Traffic Expected - Naturally a golf course with a large number of golf cart rounds can expect greater damage than one with little traffic. If golfers wonder why their club may have changed cart policies in the last five or 10 years, they might consider that the use of carts has increased dramatically over that period.

Terrain - Carts on hilly terrain usually cause more damage than they do on flat ground. Thus, cart restrictions often have to be applied more frequently on hilly golf courses.

Cultural Maintenance Practices - Courses that can afford increased maintenance programs to compensate for damage from carts (i.e., regular aerification, spray programs, overseeding, etc.) have more flexibility to allow carts on fairways. On the other hand, courses that can't afford these programs would probably keep a closer check on their carts.

Availability of Paths or Wide Roughs - Courses are more likely to restrict carts from fairways if they have a good cart path system or wide, open roughs that allow traffic to be more widely dispersed.

Potential Effects of Traffic on Roughs - Many courses have established a cart policy that minimizes cart traffic on fairways, only to find that restricting carts to the rough areas leads to an unacceptable amount of damage there. In anticipating such damage, several factors in addition to

those above should be taken into account: 1. the width of the roughs relative to the tree line, 2. the effects of tree root competition on the vigor of the rough turf (root pruning could be done to relieve these effects), 3. the wear tolerance of the grass species in roughs, 4. whether or not the fairways are contoured (roughs bordering straight-line fairways tend to take more of a beating), and 5. whether or not the roughs are irrigated to any extent. Unirrigated roughs will not handle traffic well during periods of dry weather.

Alternatives

After giving consideration to all of these factors, the actual cart use policy should be established next. Although every golf course seems to take a slightly different approach, most clubs tend to choose among the following possibilities for the framework of their policy, even if it has to be changed from season to season:

- Allow carts to roam anywhere they please almost any time.
- Allow carts on fairways during spring and fall, but not in summer.
- Allow carts on fairways during summer, not winter (bermudagrass)
- Allow carts on fairways when the weather is not too wet or too hot.
- Allow carts to cross fairways at right angles, weather permitting.
- Never allow carts on fairways, only on path or in roughs
- Keep carts off all turf areas at all times; stay on paths.
- Get rid of the carts altogether; use caddies or carry your own bag.

Some courses try to be as flexible as possible with cart policy by changing the rules during the course of the year as conditions change. Unfortunately, this runs the risk of making the system so complicated the golfers become confused and the rules become unenforceable. For the sake of simplicity, other courses decide on a single policy and try to stay with it under all kinds of conditions.

Regardless of the decision, cart use policy will remain a hot political topic at many golf courses for as long as carts are present. By using common sense and taking into account the above factors, it should be possible to develop a sound policy based on facts and reason. For the sake of the turf on your golf course, let's hope so.





Paul Shorts
Head Golf Professional

It's been a heck of a year so far. We finally got some rain, but with the great winter weather we've been having, we're on pace to smash play numbers again. Everyone is intrinsically aware of the increase in play not just at Catta Verdera, but throughout the golf world. Covid has strangely been great for golf, but the boom it has brought on is not

without its challenges. Catta Verdera has typically been approximately a 30,000 round per year golf course. In 2020 we did 40,000 round. That increase has more to do with the amount everyone is currently playing than the overall number of members. What else is there to do in this crazy world? Golf is one of the last things that brings us a sense of normalcy!

The impact of those increased rounds is actually even greater than the 30% increase we've seen. Because of most players riding single in the golf carts the impact on the golf course has been equivalent to going from 30,000 rounds to close to 80,000 rounds. Turf compaction and wear on the carts is basically the same whether there is one rider or two.

We plan to correspond going back to shared golf carts as soon as we're given the 'ok' to begin indoor dining again. A golf cart is the very essence of a low occupancy

well-ventilated space, making it an extremely unlikely place for Covid transmission. More on that to come, but the untenability of our current cart usage and the wear and tear on both golf course and golf cart needs to be corrected as soon as it is safe to do so.

Course maintenance reminders... When we are cart paths only, remember to take your sand bottle out to your golf ball. If you forget the sand bottle, go old-school and pick your divot up and put it back. When the turf is moist and temperatures are not hot, a replaced divot will almost always re-root and start growing again.

One other item of note with regard to course care. When you are hitting on the driving range, please follow the divot pattern shown in the photo below. Straight paths of divots slightly separated allows for the sand and seed mixture to stay contained and germinate as quickly as possible and tears up the least amount of turf.



February 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Men's Saturday Play
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Valentine's Day Dinner To Go	15 Presidents Day Club Open	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Ladies Saturday Play
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Coming in March...

- Thursday, March 4th
Ladies Day
- Saturday, March 6th
Men's Opening Day
- Thursday, March 11th
Ladies Day
- Friday, March 12th
Men's Guest Day
- Thursday, March 18th
Ladies Day
- Saturday, March 20th
CVWG Mojo Tournament
- Thursday, March 25th
Ladies Day
- Friday, March 26th
Frank Family Wine Dinner