



Catta Chatter



Titleist Buy 3 Get 1 Free!!!

Titleist Loyalty rewards are back. This is their annual buy 3 get 1 free special offer. Pro V's have gone up in price again this year, so this is your chance to reduce your per dozen cost a bit by getting the free dozen.

AVAILABLE STOCK OR PERSONALIZED WITH PRO VI*, PRO Vix*, PRO Vix* LEFT DASH, AND AVX*.



PROGRAM WINDOW MARCH 18 - APRIL 18

Here's what we need to place your order...

- Which ball do you want – ProVI, ProVIX, AVX.
- What color ball do you want – White, Yellow, Pink (Pro VI only).
- What play numbers – 1-4, 5-8, Same number 1-4, Same number 00-99) see the order form for details.
- What custom text – up to 17 characters per line. Up to 3 lines.
- What color of text – Black, Blue, Red, Green, Pink, Crimson, Orange, Purple.

[Click here](#) for the order form & complete details. To ensure complete accuracy, fill out the form and return it to the shop or attach it to an email and send it to chill@cattaverdera.com



Acer's Alert!

Congratulations to **Thomas Burton** for making a hole-in-one on February 28th! Thomas hit an 8 iron from the orange tees on hole #13. From 176 yards, his shot ended up in the hole! Congrats on that amazing shot!



CABRILLO CLASSIC

MENS INVITATIONAL

2021

SAVE THE DATE!

May 13-15

Registration will begin the week of March 16th.
Registration details to come.

The Cabrillo is a go for this year!

The field is limited and it will sell out quickly so pay attention to future emails with more registration info.





Paul Shorts
Head Golf Professional

Some words on Cart Path Only days.

We've been questioned fairly frequently as of late about why we might be cart paths only on a given day. There are several reasons for carts to be restricted to paths; let's look at two of those...

Reason 1 - The course is too wet. Sometimes enough rain comes down that the weight of a cart will actually damage the fairways or rough. Either through lasting depressions or exorbitant amounts of mud being squished up through the surface to lay on the grass. Either one is bad and should be avoided at all costs. Another reason excessive rain could cause carts to be restricted to paths is safety. We don't have too many places here where that is a factor, but certainly holes 12 and 14 come to mind. Driving on those when it is wet and slippery could cause injury to the player as well as damage to the course.

Reason 2 - Compaction. For grass to survive it needs to pull its nutrients, water and some air in through its roots. Soil which becomes excessively compacted prohibits the plant from receiving adequate amounts of any of these. On a typical year at Catta Verdera we do around 26,000 - 29,000 rounds of golf and most cart rounds are with 2 riders in a cart. In 2020 we did 40,000 rounds with nearly all the golf cart rounds having a single rider. What does that mean for soil compaction and the plant's ability to get what it needs? The impact to the golf course last year was closer to an equivalent of 70,000 rounds as far as wear and tear goes. Back in 1996 when Twelve Bridges was built, it was constructed with the mindset that it would always be a cart path-only golf course. Many holes have limited fairway access thus pushing all the traffic to one or just a couple of places to get on and off the fairway. Those areas get tremendous wear, and with the 70,000 golf cart round equivalent last year, some of those areas will have no chance to survive or for those that have already faded, have no chance to come back when the actual golfing season hits.

Because of reason #2 we probably should be restricting golf carts to paths much more than we have been doing. This is not a punishment, but simple science required to allow the soil to de-compact and let the plant get the nutrients it needs. The reason this is more critical when it is wet is because soil is easier to compact when it is wet. If you don't believe me take a bucket of loose soil and fill it to the top and tamp it down. Then get it wet. It will compact even more whether you tamp it down or not.

Of course the other big compaction issue is all the single rider carts. Once Placer County moves us from Covid level Purple back to Red or better, we plan to go back to

requiring the sharing of golf carts. This in and of itself will do as much to help make the course ready for the hot summer months as any occasional restrictions we could implement.

Other Care of the course - Cigarette butts, Skoal bandits, trash, divots, ball marks, not following cart rules... These are some of the things that make our course less than pristine. One of our members has been so disturbed by the number of cigarette butts he has been picking up (yes we have one member to thank that the course is not becoming someone's giant ashtray) that he purchased 8 cup holder ashtrays and would like us to give them to any cigarette smokers that would like one... if they promise to use them. Also, if you're chewing Skoal Bandits, or some similar tobacco pouch, please spit them out in the trash cans and not right on the ground. Not only is it disgusting, it can potentially harm wildlife that might ingest it out of curiosity.

New in the shop and ready for you to hit - **Ping G425** drivers, Fairway, hybrid and irons. New from **Callaway - Epic Speed!** The Mavrik was amazing, but somehow they improved upon it.



One other thought on clubs...

If you're thinking about new clubs, don't go somewhere and hit them into a net and then take their word that you need a \$300 upgraded shaft. Hit them on Sean's trackman out here and get actual ball flight data. Plus Sean doesn't work on commission so he's just going to tell you which club is best for you. One other club fitting item of note... If your club head speed is under 90MPH and someone tells you, you need whatever the latest greatest \$300 upcharge 'supershaft' is; you really are getting a super shaft. Just walk away and come check out some real numbers with Sean on his Trackman.





Catta Verdera Women Golfers



Message from Michelle Helzer, Captain

Welcome to new member, Dena!

Our ongoing mission is to enhance the member experience. In February, we had well attended and super fun Thursday and Saturday Ladies Play Days. Thank you to Beth and Stacey for your coordination.

The revised By-Laws and Standing Policies were approved and can be found on the newly renovated bulletin boards in the Ladies Locker Room. If you do not have a code to the locker room, please see Curtis as all members of Catta Verdera should have access to use the facilities. We will also be posting the 2021 approved budget on the board so you can view where our funds are allocated for this year. Speaking of funds, a few of us attended the virtual NCGA meeting last week and one significant takeaway was that over \$60,000 was raised last year for Junior Golf. CVWG has always been a strong advocate for fostering and supporting Girl's Junior golf. The Lads & Lassies tournament is one of our charitable events. As you are building your teams, please consider your teams contribution to the raffle so we can make 2021 our biggest contribution year to date.

Congratulations to the roster photo contributors for February! Deb Dunipace, Holly Harrigan and Riyè D'Ambra. Please pick up your Image Home Facial Kits located in the red gift bags on the table in the locker room.

See you on the course!

~ Michelle

Catta Bella 2021 - Ladies Invitational Chair - Stacey Sommerhauser

SAVE THE DATE !!! Catta Bella 2021 will be held on September 9th, 10th and 11th. Please be on the lookout for a survey regarding this year's event. I'd love your input!

A message from your Saturday Play Day Chair Stacey Sommerhauser

Thank you to everyone who came out to our cold and windy February Play Day. Here are the results:

1st - Wilhelmina Schaefer, Jan Wissenback, Stacey Sommerhauser, Michelle Helzer

2nd - Kimber Tzikas, Kathi Almassy, Shannon Zajec, Laurinda Stoodly

3rd - Lisa Pae, Eddy Nanchy, Lauren Koegel, Louise Woods

4th - Liz Barnard, Susan Bishop, Kristen Baker, and blind draw

Our next Saturday Play is the ever famous Mojo Tournament on March 20th. We will have tee times beginning at 9:00 (split tees going off 1 and 10). If you haven't signed up yet, please do so soon. And if you don't have a team no worries, text me and I'll help you find one. We are forming one team of four for a "fun flight" where no handicap is required. Please let me know if you are interested.

Upcoming fun days:

- Lads and Lassies - May 1
- June Saturday Play Day - June 26th
- Divas Cougars - July 31st

Handicap: Susan Bishop

Another Tip - Figuring Out Your Score to Post Hopefully, each of you are now using an app (I use the USGA GHIN app) to post your scores. There are so many benefits to doing this but the one I like the best is knowing that I can just post my gross score for each hole.....and the app will figure out what I'm allowed based on my handicap.

If you haven't already, please post your next round using the app and choose Post Score - Hole by Hole. Happy Posting!

CVWG Cont...

Membership Update: Riye D'Ambra

We had a new member join our ladies group in February!

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

Our spring Nine and Wine Social event is May 23rd (check in 2pm; hopefully a shotgun at 3pm) ... save the date! It is one of our most popular and FUN scramble 4 person team format (we put the teams together so all you need to do is sign up) for late afternoon nine holes of golf! Directly after, we will all gather at Linda Bunker's house (thank you for graciously offering your home to host) - for potluck and WINE! Stay tuned for additional information.

Thursday Ladies Play Day: Beth Hoblit

THURSDAY LADIES DAY:

Our next Thursday Ladies Day is March 4th. The game will be Throw out 5 and PUTTS. We are again combining games for added fun! Throw out the 5 worst scores after the round. Best Net Score is counted after throwing out the 5 worst scores. EASY PEASY.

We have a block of tee times for Thursday from 9 to 9:40 am. Here's the change to pay attention to! You MUST call the Pro Shop 48 hours before the tee times. That means you will have to call the Pro Shop by 12 noon Tuesday, March 2nd. No Exceptions!

All levels of players are Welcome! We hope to see you out on the course!

TEE IT UP WEDNESDAY! :

TEE IT UP will be back again April 7th. Information will be sent out soon! If you have any questions please ask myself for Eddy Nanchy! We have lots of great things planned for you.

Partner EC Tournament - Andrea Berry

Ladies, we are off to a great start to the Partner EC tournament. You all are taking advantage of this nice weather and have logged lots of EC rounds.

Just a few reminders about the scorecards:

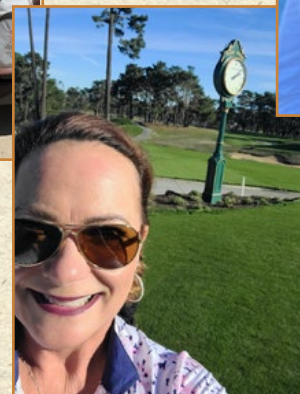
*Once you have played your first round with a partner, you DO NOT need to putt everything out. If a CVWG member that you are playing with tells you a putt is "good", and you can't improve the score on your EC card (assuming you declared you are playing one at the beginning of the round), thank her kindly and pick up your ball, adding that last stroke to your total score for the hole. And if you have reached your max score on hole but can't improve your EC score, just mark your card with an X for that hole and pick up. This will also help with pace of play.

*If you have more than one partner for EC, please make sure you write that partner's name on your scorecard. YOUR EC CARD CANNOT BE ATTESTED BY YOUR PARTNER.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to reach out at acberry67@gmail.com, or (916)251-6878.

Member Spotlight

The CVWG is happy to bring you the 2021 Member Spotlight. Click on each picture to find out more about our amazing member and her golfing background. Enjoy!





Ramiro Sena
Course Superintendent

FROM THE COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

It has been a magnificent week with perfect golfing weather conditions on the course this week.

It is the time of the year when all the stressed and bare spots fill in with either weeds or seedlings from the overseeding. Of course there is always a possibility they might not

grow as they always do by this time of the year. I can think of two very obvious and unprecedented reason of the lack of growth and lush vegetation.

The first one is the lack of rain we have had in our area this season which has been much under normal circumstances with only 50% of normal. Unlike other years when we typically get an amount of 15-17 inches of rainfall, it has definitely delayed the plants' growth maturity.

The second reason on the turf side. It has definitely been a challenging and uphill battle trying to germinate or get the turf's response we normally get due to the cart traffic and compaction. I am extremely concerned for the Summer's conditions at the rate we are abusing the soils. I can not wait to have **TWO PLAYERS PER**

CART, otherwise we will have to be forced to keep carts on paths a couple days a week rain or shine.

We strive to give you country club conditions and we desperately need your support. Always follow the cart rules and by the way parking on top of tee boxes or behind the greens. For example, what's happening on 16 (see picture) is not helping us at all.

We can achieve the conditions we strive for only if **EVERYONE** is on the same page.

Thank you for your support and understanding. As always, I welcome any questions you may have.

~ Ram



March 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 Ladies Day	5	6 Men's Opening Day
7	8	9	10	11 Ladies Day	12 Men's Guest Day	13
14 Couples Guest Day	15	16	17	18 Ladies Day	19	20 CVWG Mojo Tournament
21	22	23	24	25 Ladies Day	26 Frank Family Wine Dinner	27
28	29	30	31			

Coming in April...

Thursday, April 1st
Ladies Day

Saturday, April 2nd
Men's Guest Day

April 5th & 6th
Course Aerification

Thursday, April 8th
Ladies Day

Thursday, April 15th
Ladies Guest Day

April 24th & 25th
CVWG Member/Member

Thursday, April 22nd
Ladies Day

Thursday, April 29th
Course Closed