



Catta Chatter



Please join us for Lads and Lassies 2021 on Saturday, May 1st!

The day is here and the best tournament of the year is near! This is a four-person game so grab your guy, not your significant other, and team up with another lady member and guy for your perfect foursome. Sign up link: www.golfgenius.com/ggid/msrdnm/register (Sign up your entire team at one time.)

Titleist Buy 3 Get 1 Free!!!

A few days remaining... 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.

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 (ProVI 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 **Jeff Anderson** for making a hole in one on hole #4 on March 13th! He hit a 7 iron from the purple tees (155 yards) which ended up in the hole!! Congrats on the amazing shot!

Congratulations to Adam Ruggles for his ace on hole #6, also on March 13th! Adam's shot was from 196 yards using his 4 hybrid.

Two aces in one day...Catta Verdera really is the place to be!! :)





Paul Shorts
Head Golf Professional

Golf Season Has Begun

All my golfing life, I've considered Masters Week the beginning of "golf season". If you're a real golfer, The Masters excites you! The ridiculous, over-the-top pomp and circumstance that surround the entire event would seem silly

if it accompanied any other tournament. At The Masters, however, it all somehow feels appropriate as Jim Nance welcomes us with his customary 'hello friends', and then talks about a golf tournament in tones so reverent you would expect to only hear them in the most holy of religious ceremonies.

This year defending champion Dustin Johnson has only held the title 'Masters Champion' for about 5 months. Not really fair, but it does serve as an apropos reminder of what a mess last year was, and how thankful we can be that we're finally (at least we can all hope) on the other side of this Covid mess. This doesn't mean it can't still spread and we should just act stupidly, but it does mean we can finally begin moving back toward, or at least imagining what, our normal lives were like before this microscopic villain took so much from us.

Things returning to normal immediately or soon...

Pool Noodles out of the cups. Plastic bags off the ball washers. 2 riders per cart (this one is huge since it not only saves our golf carts, but more importantly our golf course). I'm also hopeful the day will come when I run to the store without thinking to myself 'good thing I stashed some extra masks in my car'. We communicate so many things visually that have been lost this past year... I'm looking forward to the day when I can meet some of our new members and actually see who I'm meeting. But alas, we're not quite there yet, so as I said earlier, let's not let our guard down completely and risk this thing making any sort of resurgence in our community.

On to golf – Depending on the vernacular you use, our greens have just been 'punched' or 'sanded' or most accurately 'aerified'. We do this aggressively a couple times per year in order to break up the thatch, get air and water down to the roots, and ease compaction on the greens. A couple questions I get asked almost every aerification are, 'I shouldn't post when playing on aerified greens, should I?' and 'we should just take automatic 2 putts on everything, shouldn't we?'

The answer to both those questions is 'NO'. The USGA Handicap manual is very clear about reasons that a round of golf should not be posted, and the greens being aerified is not one of those reasons. Aerified greens are a strange thing. It seems like they would severely impact your score

negatively; the ball bounces around, they are much slower, they break much less: but here's the thing - most golfers don't play enough break and they putt everything cautiously when the greens are fast. Aerified greens allow you to take a rip at every putt. Exceptional putters may notice a stroke or 2 higher when putting on aerified greens, but decent to average to poor putters will end up scoring the same or better when the greens are slow and bumpy verses fast and smooth.

Another way to think about the should I post my score or not question – Playing on a day with 20 mph wind will impact your score much more negatively than slow, bumpy greens. Scores posted on a windy day are still valid. If you haven't gotten the gist yet, what I'm trying to say here is keep posting your scores. If you do, it will all work out and keep things fair and competitive between golfers of different skill levels.

Golf Happenings – The Troubadour Senior Men's Invitational has been rescheduled from Mid April to the last week of June. Look for the entry form to come out for this later in April. We just had our first Demo day of the year (Callaway Golf was here on April 2nd). We've got a second demo day scheduled with Taylor Made on May 28th from 10:00 – 2:00. Be on the lookout for more information about this coming via email soon.

Our Net Match Play Championship is slated to start on May 11th. As with last year we will set the period starting April 20th to May 2nd where players interested in playing in the Match Play Championship can play a qualifying round. For the Net Match Play Championship, a qualifying round is a round of golf played with other members where you follow the rules of golf, playing it down and putting it out. When you play your qualifying round you must let the golf shop know in advance, and we will give you an official qualifier scorecard. Once you decide you are playing the qualifying round, you don't get to reschedule it for another day (for example you go out and double bogey the first 3 holes and then let us know after the round you decided not to do it today... sorry, you're out.) Qualifying round cards will be dated and must be turned in on the same day. The top 64 net scores for men will get into the match play bracket and the top 32 net scores for women will get into the women's bracket (note – women's bracket will be expanded if there are more entries).

In conclusion let me leave you with some sage golf advice. I don't recall who said this; it might have been Bobby Jones or Byron Nelson, or perhaps I heard it from Bagger Vance or Tin Cup... When asked what his secret was for such exceptional play whoever it was responded – 'I just keep hitting it toward the hole until I get close enough to hit it into the hole'. As you play golf this season keep hitting it toward the hole and keep having fun!



Catta Verdera Women Golfers



Message from Michelle Helzer, Captain

Welcome new members Leslie and Whitney!

The board held its third meeting last week and we are actively working on the following items:

1. Streamlining our online communications
2. Posting Verdera Cup points online
3. The shot gun start for Thursday Ladies Play Day
3. Scheduling a general membership meeting

See you on the course!

Michelle

SATURDAY PLAY DAY: Stacey Sommerhauser

Lads and Lassie – Saturday, May 1st

Please see the email message from Stacey Sommerhauser for details and the link to sign up. This event will sell out so please don't wait!

More Info from your Saturday Play Day Chair - Stacey Sommerhauser:

Thank you to everyone who came out to our fun Mojo Tournament. We had a record 60 ladies participate! Here are the results:

MOJO Ball:

- 1st: Nancy Davis, Valerie Green, Kathi Latini, Amy Correale
2nd: Laura Faber, Mary Russo, Lois Anderson, Susan Kolb

Scramble:

- 1st: Liz Barnard, Debbie Harvey, Lory Vasko, Kimber Tzikas

- 2nd: Jan Wissenback, Jana Mendes, Step McCarthy, Jo Thorton

Fun Flight:

- 1st: Louise Woods, Jeanne Zaslove, Dana Mata, Dena Lumbirt

8 teams made it to the end with their Mojo ball – Congrats!!

Future Tournament Days:

- Member/Member 24th/25th;
Lads and Lassies - May 1st;
June Saturday Play Day - June 26th;
Divas Cougars – July 31st;
Catta Bella – September 9th – 11th;
Solheim – October 2nd and 3rd;
November Saturday Play Day – November 13th;
December Saturday Play Day – December 18th.

Tina Paschke: Co-Captain/Open Day Chairperson

Upcoming WGANC Tournaments & Open Days:

Spring is here...that means beautiful weather and more daylight to get out there and golf!! This is a reminder of all of the wonderful events happening this year through the WGANC. These events give you the opportunity to go play other courses that you normally wouldn't have a chance to play and meet new friends from other clubs.

WGANC Legacy Tournaments

2-person Team Match Play being held on May 3 & 4 at Fort Washington Golf & Country Club (Fresno, CA). Registration opened March 22 and closes on April 5.

2-Person Scramble to be held at Cold Springs Golf & Country Club (Placerville) and Cameron Park Country Club (Cameron Park) on May 24 & 25. Registration opens on April 12 and closes on April 26.

WGANC Open Days

Woodbridge Golf and Country Club - April 27. Registration opened March 30 and closes April 17.



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Kings River Golf and Country Club - April 28. Registration opened March 31 and closes April 18.

Stockton Golf and Country Club - April 29. Registration opens on April 1 and closes on April 19.

Crow Canyon Country Club - May 4. Registration opens on April 6 and closes on April 24.

Tierra Oaks Golf Club - May 11. Registration opens April 13. There are no details at this time on registration closure date.

Valley Hi Country Club - May 11. Registration opens April 13 and closes on May 1.

Riverview Golf and Country Club - May 12. Registration opens April 14. There are no details at this time on registration closure date.

I encourage you to visit the WGANC website @ <https://ncga.org/wganc-events/> for further details as information is updated regularly. If you have any questions or need assistance with registration, please contact Tina Paschke, Co-Captain/Open Day Chairperson.

Pick an event, grab a friend, register, and go represent Catta Verdera Women Golfers proudly!!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Riye D'Ambra

We had 2 new members join our ladies group in March!

Please join me in welcoming Leslie Gandy and Whitney Eklund!

They have been added to the online roster.

Our spring Nine & Wine Social event is May 23rd (check in 2pm shotgun 3pm) - so please save the date on your calendar! One of our most popular FUN, scramble 4 person team format (we put the teams together so all you need to do is sign up!) Directly after, we will gather at Linda Bunker's - for potluck and WINE! Sign up email will be coming out mid-April.

This is a perfect opportunity for new & social members, ladies new to golf, and existing members to meet each other in casual fun social format!

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! If you want to nominate someone to be on our Member Spotlight; please email Editor; Susan Kolb @ susan@susankolbsellshomes.com





CVWG Cont...

Thursday Ladies Play Day: Beth Hoblit

April starts our season with Medallions and Putts Day. This happens the First Thursday of the month. Come on out and get your points for Verdera Cup as well as Medallions and Putts.

What is Medallions? Each CVWG Member qualifies! Play at least 3 Medallion Days throughout the season! We will take your 3 best Net Scores for the year. She who has the lowest Net Scores WINS! Same for PUTTS Day! The lowest 3 scores for the WIN! Winners are announced at the end of the year!

We have a block of Tee Times for Thursday,

ALL LEVELS OF GOLFERS ARE WELCOME! All you need is a handicap! If you don't have a handicap play stroke play until one is established. All the CVWG Ladies are here to help! Just ask!

Please ask a new member to come play with us.

TEE IT UP WEDNESDAY!

Get Ready Ladies! Tee It UP Wednesday is starting up April 7th.

TEE IT UP IS FOR YOU IF:

- » If you are thinking of joining Catta Verdera Women's Golf (CVWG).
- » If you ever wanted to play golf but don't know how to get started.
- » If you are just beginning to play golf.
- » If you are a high handicap golfer.
- » If you are a low handicap golfer.
- » If you just want to meet some nice ladies to play golf with.

CVWG welcomes all levels of golfers to join Tee It UP Wednesdays. Our goal is to provide all Catta Verdera Ladies the opportunity to play golf and learn in a fun environment. No pressure, learn at your own pace, and meet other women from the club!

Tee It Up starts April 7th and will go until the first of October. Each month will feature clinics from our own CVWG Ladies Board and our Pros from the Pro Shop. Clinics will cover everything from Rules, Handicap, and Etiquette to putting, chipping, fairway clubs, to driving the ball. A monthly schedule will go out to announce each month's clinics as well as dates of play.

Clinics are at 4:30 pm at the practice range. Shot gun start at 5:00 pm. The game format is a nine hole scramble. Front and Back Nine will be used on different

Wednesday's and will be announced on the monthly schedule.

Golf Clothing Boutiques, Nine Hole Scramble Tournament, and a Couple's Nine Hole

Scramble Tournament are part of a few things we are excited about. We may even have a few more surprises!

New to Tee It UP is the Golf Buddy Program. If you are new to golf or new to the club, you can be paired with a CVWG member to play golf. Play will be catered to your ability and an opportunity to learn the game, the course, make some new friends, and have fun. Just ask Beth Hoblit or Eddy Nanchy and we will get you paired up!

Here is the April Schedule:

Please be sure to come on time to sign in and get your name badge.

April 7th - 4:15 pm Welcome from our Captain, Michelle Helzer and Paul the Golf Pro's Putting Clinic - How to putt on an Aerified Green.

5:00 Shot Gun Start ~ Front Nine

Boutique by Tiffani after game. Boutique located in Breezeway.

April 14th - 4:30 pm - Rules Clinic given by our own CVWG Board Member Megan Cohill

5:00 Shot Gun Start ~ Front Nine

April 21st - 4:30 pm - Handicap Clinic given by our own CVWG Board Member Susan Bishop

5:00 Shot Gun Start ~ Front Nine

April 28th - 4:30 pm - Practice at the Range


5:00 Shot Gun Start ~ Front Nine

It is going to be exciting to learn from our Golf Pros and our Board Members. Golf is a game of constantly learning about golf and yourself!

Golf Cart Fees will apply. \$20 for Social Members and \$10 for members who do not participate in the golf cart program. Fees will be charged to your account on the day you play.

Please sign up by April 5th. Sign Ups must go through Beth Hoblit, bzbieg@hotmail.com, or Eddy Nanchy, enanchy@gmail.com. Teams are put together to help enhance learning and mentoring. The Pro Shop is helping but not running the program.

Looking forward to seeing all of you on the course!





Ramiro Sena
Course Superintendent

FROM THE COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

We could not have asked for better weather at this time of the year.

The weather is as good for playing golf, as it is for the aerification of the greens. The aerification was scheduled at the perfect time.

The temperatures are in the 70s with cooler nights which is perfect

for aerification recovery.

But who in the right mind would destroy a perfectly good putting surface? And to make it even worse we chose the best weather for golfing to do it!!!

Well, chose the best temperature in order for a quicker turf recovery, and we try not to schedule it during rainy periods because it will not allow us to get the job done. Also, we disrupt the surface because it's the only time we can amend soil. Why do we do such thing? We take soil samples of the primary areas and look to fix any deficiencies that may have occurred in the root zone. Therefore, the plant will grow more vigorously and will have better chances of withstanding the summer heat.

On the other hand, the putting surface will be extremely soft and susceptible to all kinds of ball marks. Please, do not forget to repair them. help us maintain the greens better "repair your ball marks"

The weather with phenomenal temperatures is on our side , And the greens will be back to normal soon.

Thank you for your support.

~ Ram

PLEASE REPAIR BALL MARKS!
Only YOU can prevent ball mark damage!

RIGHT!

- 1) Close the gap/hole with putter by patting down the ball mark.
- 2) Insert *Green-Save* tool on the high side behind ball mark and push the back toward the center.
- 3) Do not pull up, twist or lift with the tool.
- 4) Push both sides of the ball mark into the center.
- 5) Gently tap the surface down with putter.
- 6) Never use loosened turf for repair.



WRONG!

Pulling up or lifting on the center or the sides will tear the roots and result in brown spots taking weeks for the surface to heal.

Do not pull up or twist with tool. This will only bring sand to the surface and tear the root system



RIGHT!

Insert tool and push back and sides forward to center. No damage to root system. Healing starts immediately.



April 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Ladies Day	2 Men's Guest Day	3
4	5 Course Aerification	6 Course Aerification	7	8 Ladies Day	9 Pruett Wine Dinner	10
11	12	13	14	15 Ladies Guest Day	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Ladies Day	23 CVWG Member/Member	24 CVWG Member/Member
25	26	27	28	29 Course Closed	30	

Coming in May...

- Saturday, May 1st
Lads' n Lassies Tournament
- Thursday, May 6th
Ladies Day
- Sunday, May 9th
Mother's Day
- May 13th, 14th & 15
Cabrillo Classic Invitational
- Thursday, May 20th
Ladies Mini Invitational
- Sunday, May 23rd
Ladies 9 & Wine
- Thursday, May 27th
Course Closed
- Thursday, May 27th
Tunes on the Terrace
- Saturday, June 5th
Men's Saturday Play