



Catta Talk

CATTA VERDERA COUNTRY CLUB

MAY 2021



Kevin Earl
General Manager

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Greeting Catta Members,

First off, a big thank you to all, for your patience - as we navigate our COVID economy and its ever-changing world. At

the risk of being redundant, many of our decisions have been based on the State of California website: <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/#county-status>

As noted, just below the state map, there is a statement worth emphasizing.

“On June 15, California will fully reopen its economy across the state if...”

- There is enough vaccine supply for Californians 16 years and older to be vaccinated
- Hospitalizations rates remain stable and low, especially among fully vaccinated Californians

This statement will hopefully clear up some of the questions I hear from members....” When are we going to open back up?” XYZ down the street is doing this, or that, so why aren’t we fully open?

Nothing would be more fun, for the staff & the members, than to hit the “EASY” button and jump back into a normal flow. I/ we ask for your patience as we hopefully forge through these last few step(s) safely

and quickly.... the trend is good, but it is not a sure thing.

Course update: The semi-annual punching of the greens went well. The warm weather grasses are filling in nicely with the warmer nights...and full sunshine days. Bring on the tournament season! That all for now and see you in the fairway!

May 19th Tee Times!

The Men’s Invitational sold out instantly this year, and there were many members who weren’t able to get in. Because of that we are taking the Men’s Wednesday blocks on May 19th and using them for a Cabrillo Overflow day. There are spots for 120 players (60 members and their guests) between 9:00AM and 2:00PM. The slots will be filled first by members and their guests who did not play in the Cabrillo. Then those who participated in the Cabrillo will backfill any remaining openings. Sign up Here.

Reminder:

In order to play in a Club event, you must have an established handicap. Now is a great time to sign up so you are ready for the upcoming events. See the Golf Shop for details.

Tunes on the Terrace Returns this Month!

Looking forward to some of the normal fun that we so much enjoy around the club? Tunes on the Terrace will be returning for the season beginning May 27th, 6:00 - 9:00 pm! We look forward to a good year of music & food to enjoy with others at the club!





Catta Chatter

The Troubadour Senior Member Guest Invitational June 29th & 30th

The 36 hole Senior Invitational is coming soon and sign-ups are open. We look forward to a great event this year for the two day tournament. Eligibility is open to all Men Golf Members and their guests who are 55 years or older. With Golf being such a highlight this year, we anticipate the event may fill up, so get your registration completed early. Entry forms can be found [here](#). We look forward to a fun event!



Taylor Made Demo & Fitting Day

Taylor Made Golf will be on our driving range Friday, May 28th from 10A - 2P. This is a demo / fitting day experience. Follow the link below to secure one of their fitting slots. Even if you don't lock down a fitting slot, all our members are welcome to stop by and try out the new Taylor Made product. [Sign up here](#).

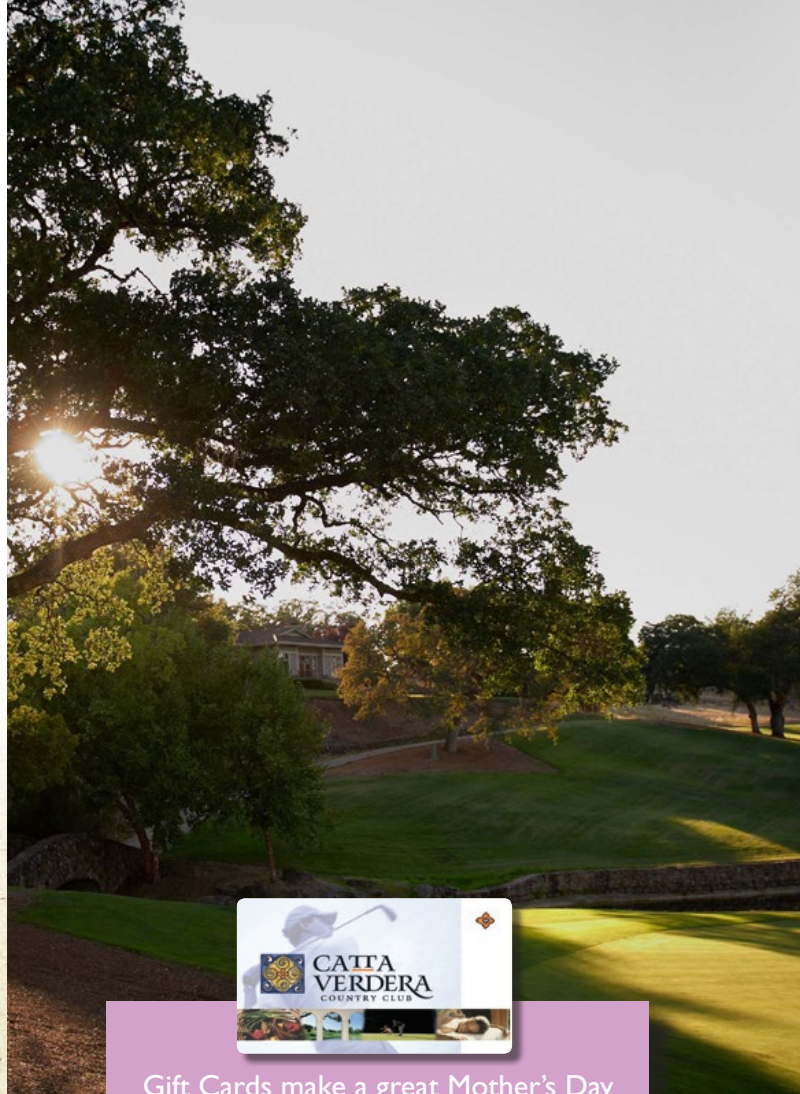


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Reserve your time at taylormadegolf.com/myFittingExp or ask your PRO for more details

TaylorMade myFittingExp

DATE: Friday May 28th, 2021	TIME: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
LOCATION: Catta Verdera Driving Range	



Gift Cards make a great Mother's Day Gift. Pick one up for the Golf Shop so Mom can buy to her hearts content!

Gorge on Par-worthy treats!

CVWG Guest Day Tailgate Party

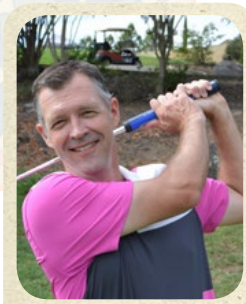
Have some golf-day grub!

June 17, 2021 | 8:30 AM Shotgun
\$65 Guests
\$45 Member with cart or cart program

**2 Players per Cart
Teams of 4 With 3 Guests or
Hook Up With Another
Member Guest**

**Sign Up With Golf Genius or
Call the Golf Shop**
Hosted by Linda bunker



Paul Shorts
Head Golf Professional

Wow! This year has gone from just getting started to full speed ahead in rather fast order. On the golf side I'm trying to hire up and keep up with the frantic pace at which everything is currently moving.

With all the crazy golf crunch happening right now there are a couple things we could really use your help with.

1. Please begin pairing up in golf cars when you play. A golf car is by definition a well ventilated, low occupancy space, and therefore at the extreme low end on the Covid transmission risk scale. Once Placer County enters level Orange (which includes 50% indoor dining), we will begin requiring player to pair up in our golf cars or face an extra rider fee for taking out the extra cart. Between golf cart wear and tear, and even more importantly golf course wear and tear, we need to take this step and start sharing again.
2. Please continue to get us the names of your entire group 48 hours in advance. We will continue to delete slots that are held without a player's name.
3. Please refrain from bringing guests prior to noon on Friday – Sunday. We want to keep these prime times set aside for our members. There have been several guests on the sheet during these member only times the past few months, and we're always hesitant to tell someone who may have just driven a long way that they can't play. Guests still are not supposed to play before noon on Friday – Sunday, but we will now couple that prohibition with a new weekend morning guest rate of \$100. This rate will remain the Friday – Sunday morning guest rate until the tee sheet begins to open up to a point where available times are no longer such a scarcity. To be clear this is not a guest rate increase! This temporary rate only applies to those who bring guests during a prohibited time.
4. Please abide by our cart rules. When some members feel the rules don't apply to them, it ruins the experience for the rest of the members who actually care about course conditions and follow the rules to help maintain them. For anyone who needs a refresher... Keep carts on paths on all par 3's. Keep carts on path anywhere near the greens or as soon as

you see signage asking you to return to the path.

5. The course is looking great right as we come into the season! Please do your part to keep it that way by filling or replacing your divots in the fairways and rough and repairing your ball mark and any others you can find on the greens.

Events

The annual Lads n Lassies tournament was held the first weekend in May and it was almost a back to normal feel! Shotgun start, scoreboard, banquet and awards after... Congratulations to our overall winners! Gross Champions – Riye D'Ambra, Michelle Helzer, Costa Tzikas and Reid Scarff.

Net Champions – Donna Hodgson, Holly Daley, Roy Fernandez and Michael Lincoln.

The Cabrillo Men's Invitational is back! After losing out last year due to all things Covid, the Cabrillo is back and set to be held Thursday, May 13th – Saturday May 15th. The Cabrillo is an all hands on deck event for our staff. The golf course and practice facilities will be closed to all non-participants all 3 days of the event.

Taylor Made demo day – Friday May 28th we will be having a Taylor Made Demo Day at our driving range from 10AM – 2PM. Look for a sign-up email if you haven't already received it at the time of this printing.

Golf Thought for the month. – Take complete control of your set up; the things you do before swinging. Once all that is in place, swing the club freely and without guilt or fear and let the shot happen. If it's not exactly what you wanted make some adjustments to your physical or mental setup on the next shot, and then swing freely again with confidence and character.



Acer's Alert!

Congratulations to **Steve Geogorian** for making a hole in one on hole #13 on April 17th! He hit a 4 hybrid from 161 yards which ended up in the hole!! Congrats on the ace!



Jim Braden
Director of Food & Beverage

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF FOOD AND BEVERAGE

I would like to thank all of you who have been supporting the restaurant and allowing us to attain record sales. With that being said, we are still under COVID restrictions that currently only allow us to be at 25% capacity indoors and do not allow for multiple touch situations. For that reason, we can not bring back the pillows yet, we still have to use disposable menus, we cannot add more tables and we can not do our usual Mother's Day Brunch. In addition to the restrictions, as you have no doubt seen on the news; because of the impact that COVID has had on the restaurant industry getting staff especially in the kitchen is extremely difficult. There was no work for many of our former staff for almost a year so most of them left the industry and are no longer available. We were fortunate that we retained about 60% of our staff and that has allowed us to keep going.

Throughout the pandemic, golf has been one thing that people can do and as a result we have added more than 100 new members. That is great for the health of the club but has presented some challenges that most of us are aware of. One of those challenges is that any event that the club does (Wine Dinners) sells out immediately. Because of the new circumstances, we are going to make the wine dinners for members only moving forward. It is a good problem to have but I think members deserve priority over guests. We take great pride in these wine dinners and the quality of the food and we have apparently done a good job because the dinners sell out before we even post the menu. Both Chef Keelan and I want these events to be quality not quantity, so for that reason we will not be using a second room.

In closing, I know that most of us are done with COVID but unfortunately it is not done with

us! I know that you come here because it is one place that is pretty much back to normal, but it isn't completely back. Please understand that we are frustrated with the restrictions just as you are. (Try wearing a mask while you are working in a busy kitchen.) We need to follow the guidelines as much as possible because we do have members who have called the county on us on more than one occasion including one very recently. It is my hope that the June 15th date that the state has set as a goal to return to our new "normal" comes to fruition. In the meantime, we do appreciate all the nice comments that we receive from many of our members. Thank you and Be Safe!



CABRILLO CLASSIC

MENS INVITATIONAL

Next week (Thursday, May 13 - Saturday, May 15) is our Men's Invitational - 'The Cabrillo Classic'. During the duration of this signature member event, the golf course, as well as the practice facility, will be closed to non-participants for all 3 days.

Quixote's will be closed Thursday and Friday as well and will be re-opening at 4:00 PM on Saturday.

Thank you for your understanding as we seek to make this year's Invitational the best we possibly can for all the competitors.





Catta Verdera Women Golfers



Message from Michelle Helzer, Captain

Welcome new members Mary, Stephanie, Colleen, Stacey, Tiffany and Jeanne!

With our ever growing Women's Group, we continue to have excellent events with outstanding participation. Our Lads & Lassies Tournament was a huge success with 29 teams on the field and \$1665 raised for Girl's Junior Golf - our group's selected charity. We will be donating the funds through NCGA's program that matches our contribution and also supporting our local Lincoln High Schools Girl's Golf programs. A special thank you to Stacey S. for organizing this awesome tournament and Pat Z. And Susan B. for collecting the charitable contributions.

Verdera Cup points are now online and you may track your points monthly. There is a Verdera Cup tab online under Women's Golf. Thank you to Eddy for managing our points and Claudia for getting it online.

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Finally, we are extending the qualifying round for Ladies Match Play to May 9. We are looking to increase participation. For those that have not played, give it a try. I was a little anxious about competing with my friends but gave it a go for the first time last year. It's a lot of fun, not as stressful as I thought and I played with a couple new friends. Simply call the Golf Shop, announce your qualifying round and they will provide you a scorecard to be attested and turned in.

See you on the course!

~Michelle

SATURDAY PLAY DAY: Stacey Sommerhauser

Thank you to everyone who came out for our annual Lads and Lassies tournament. We had 116 players, which was our biggest group ever. We also raised over \$1,600 for girls junior golf programs, local and statewide. Thank you to Pat Zimmerman and Susan Bishop for spearheading our charity collections. Stay tuned for more information from Michelle on where our collections will go.

Here are the winners:

Best Dressed: Kimber Tzikas, Krista Baker, Sean Harrigan and Kwang Pae

Overall 1st Gross: Riye D'Ambra, Michelle Helzer, Costa Tzikas, Reid Scarff

Overall 1st Net: Holly Daley, Donna Hodgson, Mike Lincoln, Roy Fernandez

Royal Dornach Flight

1st Place – Valerie Green, Mary Hynes, Jeff Cotton, Jeff Sousa

2nd Place – Dana White, Liz Barnard, Richard Nanchy, Adam Sepulveda

3rd Place – Eddy Nanchy, Lauren Koegel, Chad Roy, Phil Benegas

St. Andrews Flight

1st Place – Krista Baker, Kimber Tzikas, Sean Harrigan, Kwang Pae

2nd Place – Linda Bunker, Susan Kincaid, Fred Grinder, Clyde Colley

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3rd Place – Arleen Wong, Deb Ahlstrom,
Charlie Bunker, Jeff Ogden

Carnoustie Flight

1st Place – Dana Mata, Beth Hoblit,
Richard Meister, Wes Owsley

2nd Place – Pam Starsky, Kathy Chaffee,
Hunter Heryford, Jon Baker

3rd Place – Holly Harrigan, Robyn Heryford,
Jeff Starsky, Brent Chaffee

By the looks of the winners, it didn't seem to matter that pairings weren't with spouses. Sorry to those of you who couldn't make it, but this fabulous tournament only comes around once a year.

Thanks to Paul and his team for all their preparation and efforts.

Here are a couple weekend tournaments on the horizon:

- Saturday, June 26th – Ladies Play
- Saturday July 31st for Divas vs. Cougars (Divas will be defending their title!)
- Catta Bella – September 9th-11th
- Solheim Cup – October 2nd – 3rd
- Saturday, November 13th – Ladies Play
- Saturday, December 18th – Ladies Play

Tina Paschke: Co-Captain/Open Day Chairperson

Upcoming WGANC Tournaments & Open Days:

Happy Spring Ladies! I hope you all have been outside taking advantage of this beautiful weather whether it's been golfing, gardening, hiking, or walking your dogs. With more wonderful weather on its way, this is a great time to take advantage of golfing at other courses which you can do by participating in the WGANC Tournaments and Open Days.

Below are events where registration opens in May. If you find something that you are interested in, mark your calendar for the registration open date and time. Some of these events fill up in one day, so don't delay in registering!

WGANC Legacy Tournaments WGANC Legacy Stroke Play Championship – June 15 & 16 – Contra Costa Country Club & Sequoyah Country Club. Registration opens May 3 and closes on May 17.

WGANC Legacy Team Challenge Tournament - July 14 and 15 – Marin Country Club & Bay Club Stone Tree Golf Club. Registration opens on May 24 and closes on June 14.

WGANC Open Days:

- Berkeley Country Club – June 10. Registration opens May 13 and closes May 31.
- The Club at Pasadera (Monterey) – June 21. Registration opens May 24 and closes on June 11.
- San Jose Country Club – June 24 – Registration opens May 27 and closes June 14.

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.



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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.



PARTNER ECLECTIC TOURNAMENT: Andrea Berry

The Winter Partner Eclectic Tournament is winding down. You have until May 31st to complete all of the rounds you are applying to your overall Partner Scorecard. CARDS MUST BE TURNED IN NO LATER THAN JUNE 6TH IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED. We will be using your May 31st Handicap Index to determine the winners (there will be multiple flights), and winners will be announced at the CVWG Holiday Celebration in December. Please note, if you are unable to complete all 5 rounds per Partner EC Card, no worries. As long as you and your partner complete at least 1 card each, you are still in the competition.

If you would like to know how many cards you have submitted and/or your overall best score to date, please reach out to me, Andrea Berry at acberry67@gmail.com and I can provide you with that information.

Individual Eclectic Tournament-

The Individual Eclectic Tournament is similar to the Partner Eclectic Tournament, the difference is you are responsible for all 10 scorecards. You don't have a partner to help you out. The tournament runs May 1 through October 31st. You can sign up any time during this 6 month window - you just can't play your first round until May 1st. Keep in mind, if you are currently participating in the Partner EC Tournament which ends on May 31st, you CAN still sign up for the Individual Tournament. Here's how it works:

- Pay \$10 per tee box (you can sign up for multiple tee boxes' keep in mind that you will only earn 10 Verdera Points per tee box)
- You have until October 31st to get in 10 rounds of golf
- You must play with another CVWG member and declare you are playing an EC card BEFORE the round. (Because the Partner EC is still going on through May 31, make sure you declare and identify on your scorecard if you are playing Individual or Partner EC).
- Putt completely out to establish your 1st round. All subsequent rounds, you only need to putt out when improving on a particular hole, unless it is a CVWG sponsored event. If you have maxed out your strokes on the hole after your first round, just put an X on the card and move on to the next hole.
- Sign and date your card AND have it attested by the CVWG member you played with at the end of the





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round. IF A SCORECARD IS TURNED IN AND NOT ATTESTED BY YOUR PLAYING PARTNER, THE CARD WILL NOT COUNT.

· Turn in the attested scorecard to the plastic tub below the computer/printer in the lobby of Quixote's.

· Your lowest score on each hole will be used for the overall Eclectic score, and your index from October 31st will be used for determining the winners in each flight. These winners will be announced at the annual holiday celebration in December.

· YOU MUST TURN IN ALL CARDS BY NOVEMBER 7TH, 2021, ONE WEEK AFTER TOURNAMENT ENDS IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED.

The preferred method of payment is to Venmo the \$10 to Andrea-Berry-16. I understand this is not feasible for everyone so please contact me directly at acberry67@gmail.com or (916)251-6878 to make other arrangements. Also, please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Have fun, stay well and score low!

Member-Member Results: Laura Faber

Congratulations to the Flight Winners of the 2021 Member Member Tournament. Please pick up your gift card if you have not already done so. Well done ladies!!!

Flight 1

1st Place: Diana Nyman and Lory Vasko

2nd Place: Linda Bunker and Mary Russo

3rd Place: Kelsey Blaylock and Lauren Koegel

Flight 2

1st Place: Stacey Sommerhauser and Kimber Tzikas

2nd Place: Betty Furgurson and Stephanie McCarthy

3rd Place: Amelya Stevenson and Jan Wissenback

Flight 3

1st Place: Lois Anderson and Susan Bishop

2nd Place: Riye D'ambra and Michelle Helzer

3rd Place: Eddy Nanchy and Dana White

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Riye D'Ambra

It as been a VERY busy exciting spring with 6 members coming on board in April!

A warm CVWG welcome to:

Mary Teichert

Stephanie Sikich

Colleen Rekers

Stacy Lugo

Tiffany Wyatt

Jeanne Wolfe

Reminder our Spring Nine & Wine is May 23rd! One of our most popular events with FUN 4 person scramble 9 holes followed by fabulous potluck and drinks post round!! This is a perfect opportunity for new, social, ladies new to golf and existing members to meet each other in casual fun format!

2:15pm Check-In 2:45pm Shotgun start

If you haven't signed up yet, please do so via email to riyedambra@gmail.com.

Deadline for sign up is May 15th - sign up as individual and we will create the 4-somes.

Thursday Ladies Play Day & Tee It Up Wednesday: Beth Hoblit

THURSDAY LADIES DAY:

Great news! We are now back to our 9 am Shot Gun Start Time. Thursday Ladies Play Day will be Thursday's at 9 am. Come on out and play with the CVWG Ladies! Please contact the Pro Shop by 12 Noon every Tuesday to sign up. Pick up your card at the pro shop for your assigned Tee Placement. Games will be announced each week. This is a great time to meet our new members and catch up with friends!

TEE IT UP WEDNESDAY! :

Tee It Up Wednesday's started April 7th with over 30 women attending the clinic, 9 hole scramble, and boutique afterwards. We had 2 other clinics from our wonderful CVWG Board members Megan Cohill and Susan Bishop.

This May promises great weather and a fun golf month. Paul Shorts and his staff will hold a Putting Clinic May 5th.

Our Dates for May:

- May 5th - Putting Clinic at 4:30, Shot Gun 5 pm.
- May 19th - 4:30 at the Practice Range, Shot Gun 5pm
- May 26th - 4:30 at the Practice Range, Shot Gun 5pm

Plans for the summer include a Chipping Clinic, Fairway Woods Clinic, How to Handle a Driver Clinic, more Boutiques by Tiffanie, a 9 Hole Scramble Tournament, and a Fall Couples Tournament. Please arrive at 4:15 to get a name tag and participate in the Clinic.





Ramiro Sena
Course Superintendent

FROM THE COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

It's been an incredible spring for any outdoor activity, and absolutely marvelous weather for golf. We are happy to see our members enjoying the course, although it is challenging for my staff to get stuff done. With over 200 rounds a day, we are faced with a limited amount of time to perform our necessary duties. I ask for you to wave the staff on if the sound of the mower does not bother you while you are playing. I understand that it may be distracting to some, but please understand that they are trying to get their job done everyday. Please only wave them on if they are not in the direct line of play though.

Help us out on the golf course when possible, and don't forget golfing etiquette. Please follow the 90 degree rule, leave your cart in the fairway, fill your divots, replace your balk marks, and wipe off your shoe when coming out of the green side bunker. To those with friends and family, we ask you to travel in pairs when driving in the golf carts. This is to minimize the compaction of the turf and maintain it to country club conditions.

We are very busy on the course with the Invitational coming up...And any volunteers are welcome!

We hope to see you all on the golf course while we have this amazing weather.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

~ Ram Sena & Your Turf Care staff.



May 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2	3	4	5	6 Ladies Day	7 Silver Oak Wine Dinner	8
9	10	11	12	13 CABRILLO CLASSIC MEME INVITATIONAL	14 CABRILLO CLASSIC MEME INVITATIONAL	15 CABRILLO CLASSIC MEME INVITATIONAL
16	17	18	19	20 Ladies Mini Invitational	21	22
23 Ladies 9 & Wine	24	25	26	27 TUNES on the Terrace	28 Taylor Made Demo Day	29
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Coming in June...

- Thursdays in June
- Tunes on the Terrace**
- Saturday, June 5th
- Men's Saturday Play**
- Thursday, June 3rd
- Ladies Day**
- Friday, June 11th
- Men's Guest Day**
- Thursday, June 10th
- Ladies Day**
- Thursday, June 17th
- Ladies Guest Day**
- Saturday, June 26th
- Saturday Ladies Play**
- Thursday, June 23rd
- Course Closed**
- Thursday, June 24th
- Ladies Day**
- June 29th - 30th
- Senior Invitational**



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