



# Catta Talk

CATTA VERDERA COUNTRY CLUB

JUNE 2021



Kevin Earl  
General Manager

## FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Greeting Catta Members, Finally, the world is going or getting back to normal...albeit slowly!

On June 15th the state of California is lifting many of

the restrictions so people and businesses can get back to normal operations. If you want to research this further you can find information at...

<https://covid19.ca.gov/vax-for-the-win/>

There is a countdown clock similar to New Year's eve... and below is a cutout from the state website...

Capacity and distancing restrictions will be lifted for most businesses and activities...

What does this mean for golf at Catta?

For the benefit of the course, all golfers will be asked/ required to pair up in fleet carts, the course was not built for 80,000 equivalent cart rounds.

More rakes will be distributed in the bunkers so we hope normal golf etiquette will return and people will go back to raking the sand when they leave.

Removing the flagstick will be Ok to do (I never got used to putting this way anyway?).

Ball washers have been slowly returning to many of the tee boxes and we will get them all back soon.

Lastly, when we get staffing levels back to normal, we will expand other services like shoe service and our food options i.e., breakfast. Our challenge, along with every

other restaurant in the state was a huge percentage of workers, who used to be in the food industry, were forced to leave and find other sources of income. Some co-workers have left food service permanently.

My big picture hope is to return to normal conversations about what are we doing to make the membership better, the course better, and provide club-level services safely. We spent 18 + months shrinking and consolidating. It will take time to get back to the service levels and hours of operation that are usual and customary for a club like Catta Verdera.

Our desire and commitment are to get back to normal...as soon as possible.

That's all for now...see you in the fairway.

## 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!

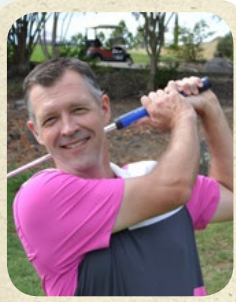


MONTHLY GUEST DAYS

**2nd** 1:00 PM  
Friday  
Men  
JUNE 11

**3rd** 8:30 AM  
Thursday  
Ladies  
JUNE 17





Paul Shorts  
Head Golf Professional

## Golf Cart Pairing Up

The time has come to begin sharing golf carts again. We've spent the past 15 months, in every aspect of our lives, doing a number of strange things, most of them miserable, in order to prevent the spread

of Covid. We're now at a point where Covid, while not completely behind us, is not the threat it posed a year ago (vaccinations, herd immunity, etc.); and science has now shown that certain activities, for example sharing a golf cart, were never a threat in the first place since golf carts are low occupancy, well ventilated, outdoor areas...

That being said, we understand that many of you have grown accustomed to, and even enjoy having your own golf cart. The problem there is the fee structure which is designed to help cover the cost of cart maintenance and replacement is based on double occupancy. The even greater issue is wear and tear on the golf course. Catta has always

averaged around 28,000 – 30,000 rounds. Last year we did 40,000 but had a golf cart equivalent to nearly 80,000 rounds. Golf cart traffic does more damage to turf conditions than almost anything, and going from 29,000 to 80,000 of the most damaging thing we do to the course takes its toll; some of which won't be seen until this summer. The sooner we can at least stop the trend in that direction, the better.

Therefore as stated in the opening salvo; it is time... Beginning on June 15th (the magical reopening date), we will begin requiring golfers to pair up in golf carts. Players refusing to pair up will be charged an extra \$20 rider fee for the extra cart being taken. By working together toward this, we can all ensure that our golf carts and golf course remain in the best condition possible.

Golf is a great social game, and sharing a cart for the round with an old friend or new acquaintance is a part of this institution to which we need to return.

Thank you all for your cooperation and understanding,

~ Paul



## Acer's Alert!

Congratulations to **Dominic Russo** for making a hole in one on May 13th during the first round of the Cabrillo! He scored his ace on hole #6 from 169 yards!! Congrats on the ace!

Congratulations to **Clyde Colley** for his ace on May 19th. Clyde used his brand new 7 iron, hitting the ball right into the hole on #13 from 150 yards. Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Bill Ralphs** on his ace on May 29th! He scored his ace on hole #17, using his 7 iron from 164 yards. Congrats on your hole-in-one!

Congratulations to **Michael Zaslove** for his hole-in-one during the Men's Club Over/Under Tournament on June 5th! Michael scored the ace on hole #17 from 155 yards. Congrats on the memorable shot!



# Catta Chatter



**Aloha Bella**  
CVWG Catta Bella Member-Guest Golf Event

*Save the Date*  
**September 9th, 10th & 11th**

Sign-ups will open June 29th if you are a two-member/two-guest team

Sign-ups will open July 2nd if you are one member inviting three guests

*Don't miss out on our Premier Ladies Golf Event*

## Here are a few details for Catta Bella 2021

September 9th - 2:00 pm check-in and Par 3 Challenge at 3:00 pm - Drinks and Appetizers to follow

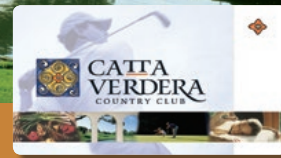
September 10th - 7:00 am (exact time TBD) Breakfast followed by a shotgun start at 9:00 am with lunch, horserace and a fun activity to follow

September 11th - 7:00 am (exact time TBD) Breakfast followed by a shotgun start at 9:00 am with lunch and more fun to follow

Price per player - \$285.00

Guests are able to play a practice round 2 weeks prior (on or after August 25th) to event. Members may schedule a practice round to play with their guest Monday through Friday and after 12:00 pm on weekends. The fee for the guest will be a cart fee (\$25.00) only for the practice round.

This is going to be a don't miss event and anticipate we will sell out. Mark your calendar to sign up your team on June 29th.



Get Dad what he really wants for Father's Day... a gift card for anything Golf!



Jim Braden  
Director of F&B

## F&B Update

Effective June 15th:

Due to the ongoing labor shortage, Quixote's restaurant will be closed on Tuesdays. The bar will be open for drinks but only Stables will be available for food. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.

## TUNES on the Terrace

Thursdays in June ~ 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Join us on the Terrace every Thursday and enjoy a different band and buffet each week, no reservations required. This is a fun night and a great way to meet new members, so come on down and join the fun.

**Restaurant Specials** - Remember to keep an eye out for Chef Keelan's specials periodically. We send out emails with the special that Chef has created for the day or week. We hope you enjoy these special creations!





# Catta Verdera Women Golfers



## Message from Michelle Helzer, Captain

Welcome new member Clara!

May held some milestones for CVWG. We got our shot guns back for Thursday Ladies Play Days and record participation for Lads & Lassies, Nine & Wine and our Mini Invitational. We even got post celebrations in Casa Alegria! A special thank you to Beth, Stacey S., Riye, Linda, Megan, Laura, Paula for making these events so special.

The first General Membership Meeting was held at the Nine & Wine. If you were not in attendance, there were 2 announcements. First, the Advisory Board has asked Megan and I to walk the course and provide feedback on course maintenance from a women's golfers perspective. Please feel free to email me directly if you have recommendations. Second, we dedicated carry over 2020 funds from the CVWG budget to provide Catta Verdera Women's Golfers fairway wood covers to all 2020 members. The branded covers display the pride of our group as we head out to other invitationals, WGANC events and Match Play. Please see Riye's message below for more information.

See you on the course!

~ Michelle

## SATURDAY PLAY DAY: Stacey Sommerhauser

June Ladies Saturday Play Day is June 26th with split tee times beginning at 8:30 am. Prizes are sponsored by our CVWG. Golfers of all levels are welcome. Sign ups are only via the link in the email sent this

past Sunday. Deadline to sign up is Friday, June 18th at noon.

Upcoming weekend tournaments on the horizon: Saturday July 31st for Divas vs. Cougars (Divas will be defending their title!), Catta Bella – September 9th-11th (sign up will be end of June), Solheim Cup – October 2nd – 3rd, Saturday, November 13th – Ladies Play and Saturday, December 18th – Ladies Play.

## Co-Captain/Open Day Chairperson - Tina Paschke

### Upcoming WGANC Tournaments & Open Days:

Can you believe we are almost half way through the year already? Time flies when you play golf!! In the past few newsletters, I have been sharing all the wonderful WGANC Tournament and Open Days events that are available for play. But, did you know that three of our very own members volunteer their time to support the WGANC? Pat Zimmerman is currently an Advisor and served as Chair in 2020. Both Lisa Pae and Laura Faber are currently serving in the roles of Open Day and North Valley Coordinators. They work with a team of women who handle all of the logistics for WGANC Legacy Tournaments as well as Open Days. They spend a lot of their time before, during, and after an event assisting clubs who are hosting the event, assisting members with registration, setting up, taking photos during the event, tracking mobile scoring, and ensuring pace of play. If you take advantage of golfing in any of these events, I guarantee you will see them hard at work. It is nice to see a familiar face when you attend these events!! A big thank you to Pat, Lisa, and Laura for their time and effort in making a women's golf experience warm and welcoming!

With that, I want to share that Linda Bunker, Riye D'Ambra, Wil Schaefer, Andrea Berry, Julie Domenick and Tina Paschke recently participated in the two-day WGANC Legacy 2-Person Scramble held at Cold Springs Country Club and Cameron Park Country Club (see pic below). The Catta Verdera Women's Group players represented the group well and brought home a few wins.



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·Linda and Riye played solidly and took 1st place (gross) in Flight B!

·Wil and Andrea fought hard and took 6th place (gross) in Flight B.

·Julie and Tina held in there on the first day, but came out fighting on the 2nd day and took 2nd place (gross) in Flight C.

It was a fun two days getting to know ladies from other clubs and playing courses that we have never played before. I continue to encourage you all to sign up for WGANC events as it is a great opportunity to get out there and represent our club, meet some wonderful ladies, and play some great courses.

Below you will find events for play in June, July, and August with registration either currently underway or opening in June. 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 fast, so don't delay in registering!

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

**WGANC Legacy Swingin' Seniors** (70 and above) – August 3 and 4 – Discovery Bay Country Club and Oakhurst Country Club. Registration opens June 21 and closes July 5.

### **WGANC Open Days**

**The Club at Pasadera** (Monterey) – June 21. Registration opened May 24 and closes on June 11.

**San Jose Country Club** – June 24 – Registration opened 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 me. Also, if you do participate in any of these events, please let me know and send any photos from that day.

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

In addition, here are the results from Saturday Match Play League:



Ladies, fantastic job. We are so proud of all of you for having such a great day on the course.

**Line 1: Debbie Harvey and Kimber Tzikas**

**Line 2: Kathy Latini and Eddy Nanchy**

**Line 3: Andrea Berry and Shannon Zajec**

**Catta Verdera 32.0; Timber Creek 22.0**

Next match will be June 26th at Cold Springs. Good luck to our traveling team.

### **Rules: Megan Cohill**

You may have noticed during the Member-Member tournament, we implemented the optional Local Rule for stroke and distance in order to improve pace of play. This rule provides an alternative to stroke and distance relief. If it is in effect, for two penalty strokes, you can estimate the spot where your ball is lost or went out of bounds and then find the nearest fairway edge that is not nearer to the hole than the estimated spot. You can drop a ball in the fairway within two club-lengths of that fairway edge point, or anywhere between there and the estimated spot where your ball is lost or went out of bounds. To see this visually and learn more about how this optional Local Rule works, click here or copy and paste this

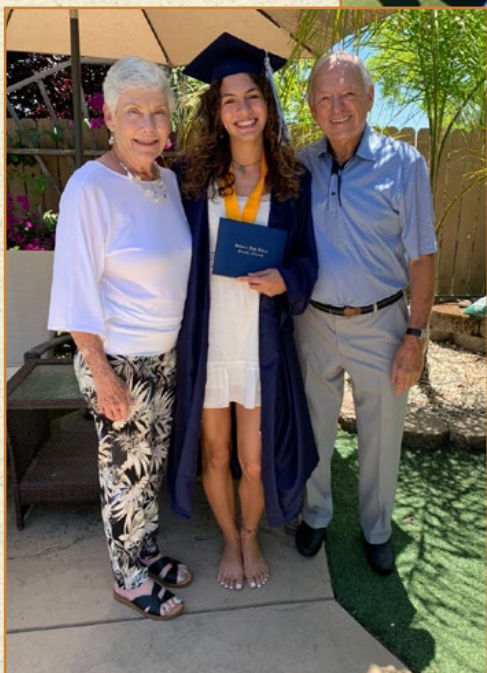
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link into your browser: <https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules-hub/rules-modernization/major-changes/golfs-new-rules-stroke-and-distance.html>

Please share your feedback with the Board, myself or Tournament Committee Chairs if you think we should adopt this rule more often!

### 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](mailto:susan@susankolbsellshomes.com)



### PARTNER ECLECTIC TOURNAMENT: ~Andrea Berry

#### Partner Eclectic Tournament

ALL PARTNER EC 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.

#### Individual Eclectic Tournament

Many of you have signed up for the Individual EC tournament, but if you haven't, it's not too late. The tournament runs May 1 through October 31st. You can sign up any time during this 6 month window.

#### **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).
- PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE WRITE OUT YOUR FULL FIRST NAME. I have a card with just the first initial and I cannot make out the signature of the golfer. I want to make sure all of your effort on the golf course to improve your score does not go to waste. Managing hundreds of scorecards, it's difficult for me to try and track down the owner of these cards.
- 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 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



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- 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!

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

#### Thursday Ladies Play Day

Great news! We are now back to our Shot Gun Start Time. Thursday Ladies Play Day will be Thursday's at 8:30 am for the Summer Heat! 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 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!

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.

### **Here is the June Schedule!**

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

- June 2nd - 4:30 Putting Clinic with Paul Shorts
- 5:00 Shot Gun Start
- June 9th - 4:30 Practice
- June 16th 5:00 Shot Gun Start
- June 23rd

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. 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.

### **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Riye D'Ambra**

A very warm welcome to Clara Ellis - our May addition!

We had record breaking participation for the Nine & Wine - 56 golfers and 64 total at the potluck! And WOW - the food was AMAZING!

Thank you to all who participated and special thanks to Linda Bunker for hosting, and Megan for her extra help with set up!

It was wonderful to see all the new and some long time members mingling and sharing some laughs - absolutely fabulous to see how much our group has grown!

We distributed our member gift for those who were CVWG members in 2020 - a beautiful embroidered head cover! For those that were not in attendance, they will be available in the locker room June 1st - they are labeled with your name on it. If you joined CVWG in 2021 - we have a few extras available for purchase for \$25. Please contact me if you would like one.

Congrats to the winners of the 9 hole scramble:

1st place - Lory, Jan, Lorraine, Dena

2nd place - Liz, Julie D., Shannon, Dana M.

3rd place - Jeanne W., Amy, Michelle H., Pam S.

4th place - Debbie H., Valerie, Whitney, Clara

5th place - Wil, Sandy, Deb D., Jo

**Here are some group shots of the Nine & Wine!**  
**Photo credit to Karen Anderson: (next page)**



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## Mini Invitational Results: Laura Faber

Thanks to all who came out and participated in the Mini Invitational and Congratulations to the Winners!!

Mini Invitational		Fly Webb Flight	
Faber, Laura Dunlap, April McCarthy, Stephanie dibachi, cheryl	89 <sup>4th</sup>	Davis, Nancy Nagle, Liz Blaylock, Tiffanie Arts, Dee	73
Koegel, Lauren Grabitsch, Julie Barnard, Elizabeth Erickson, Lisa	88	Wissenback, Jan Matthews, Yvonne Furgurson, Betty Furgurson, Allie	95 <sup>1st</sup>
Schaefer, Wilhelmina Sposeto, Jan Stevenson, Amelya Bruce, Tari	83	Palmieri, Pam Berger, Lesley Prindiville, Maureen Blind, Draw 1	79
Green, Valerie Marich, Pamela McNally, Paula Mecklai, Mary	88	Anderson, Karen Culbertson, Debbie Domenick, Julie Allen, Jody	87
Nanchy, Eriselda Kleemann, Leslie Tzikas, Kimber Micheli, Cindy	84	Cohill, Megan Mason, Karen White, Dana Cashen, Susan	88
Dunipace, Deborah Wold, Gay Combs, Tammy Watson, Jody	90 <sup>3rd</sup>	Vasko, Lory Sylvester, Camille Harvey, Debbie Jrkovich, Beth	91 <sup>2nd</sup>

Mini Invitational		Calli Spacaker Flight	
Hoblit, Beth Lewis, Mary Toohey, Terri Meister, Brenda	82	Pae, Lisa Kwan, Mary Bishop, Susan Miyagi, Carina	94 <sup>2nd</sup>
D'ambra, Riye Wright, Nadine Helzer, Michelle Kelley, Mary Jane	78	Ruggles, Sandy Taylor, Judy Thornton, Jo Myers, Sibyl	81
Christensen, Lorraine Perry Smith, Sue Harvis, Trudy Roznowski, Babette	87 <sup>4th</sup>	Paschke, Tina Rosdall, Kelli Berry, Andrea LaDue, Cheri	94 <sup>1st</sup>
Inouye, Michelle Mathews, Brenda Nyman, Diana Marsh, Paula	87	Kincaid, Susan ARGENT, Marilyn Lumbert, Dena Anderson, Maggie	75
Wong, Arleen Parke, Sandra Ahlstrom, Deborah House, Joyce	80	Latini, Katherine Keaney, Mary Correale, Amy Davis, Barb	76
Gandy, Cheri Sweeney, Gigi Crisologo, Violeta Aton, Patricia	78	Bunker, Linda Taylor, Jane Owsley, Evelyn Leal, Jeanette	92 <sup>3rd</sup>



# Save the Date...

## Luau Night at Catta Verdera

August 27th

We are continuing the Annual Luau night at the club! Past years have been a fun time for everyone, so we are excited to bring it back this year. We are planning for a fun night of entertainment, so expect to see hula dancers & music, along with some amazing Hawaiian Luau cuisine.



Keep an eye out for additional details coming soon.

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



## June 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 <b>TUNES</b> on the Terrace Ladies Day	4	5 Men's Saturday Play
6	7	8	9	10 <b>TUNES</b> on the Terrace Ladies Day	11 Men's Guest Day	12
13	14	15	16	17 <b>TUNES</b> on the Terrace Ladies' Guest Day	18	19
20	21	22	23 Course Closed	24 <b>TUNES</b> on the Terrace Ladies Day	25	26 Saturday Ladies Play
27	28	29 Troubadour Senior Invitational	30 Troubadour Senior Invitational			

### Coming in July...

- Thursdays in July
- Tunes on the Terrace**
- Thursday, July 1st  
**Ladies Day**
- Thursday, July 8th  
**Ladies Day**
- July 10th & 11th  
**Ryder Cup**
- Thursday, July 15th  
**Ladies Day**
- Friday, July 16th  
**Men's Guest Day**
- Thursday, July 22nd  
**Ladies Day**
- Saturday, July 29th  
**Ladies Day**
- Saturday, July 31st  
**Divas vs Cougars**
- Friday, August 6th  
**Course Closed**



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