



# Catta Talk

CATTA VERDERA COUNTRY CLUB

JULY 2021



Kevin Earl  
General Manager

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Greeting Catta Members,  
The good news is we seem to be getting back to normal. We hope! When I walk around it sure is nice to not have to wear a mask, and try to guess who the members

are...behind theirs!

Course update: At the time of this writing, we have made an offer to a very qualified superintendent to replace our friend/Superintendent Ramiro Sena. Ram has moved on full-time to a mountain course. Ram often said he did not like the 110-degree challenges here in Sacramento so.... If you are ever in the neighborhood of Tahoe Donner, stop in a say hi! We wish him well. :)

On the topic of a new superintendent, we have extended an offer and it was accepted by Jogi Choung. His private club background is extensive: 9 at Cameron Park and 20 years at Granite Bay.

Jogi will be starting at Catta on or near the 15th of July. In the interim, the course will be getting some TLC until Jogi comes on board. We are trying to recover from the recent heatwave that brought us 109-degree temps and the degradation of the cool-season grasses, especially in the fairways. The turf world still has not come up with a turf that thrives in 20 degrees all the way up to 109+ degrees.

Hopefully, you are witnessing some additional punching of the fairways. Yes, you will have to hit some fairways :) to help with water penetration and a new round of overseeding.

In a little over a week, we are seeing these areas bounce back a little, so please be patient as we move into full summer mode and the Bermuda grasses fills in like it should. The golf world calls this a transition period. It is a very stressful time for the turf as well as turf care professionals.

Membership front: We have 40+ names on the waiting list to join

Project front: We know we have to wrap the bunker project by replacing the tan sand with the white sand but that project is still on hold... until the golf course slows down a little.

Our plan will include some level of interruption, maybe by shortening the hole or closing it altogether. The time is just not right...to do this now???? Stay tuned.

That's all for now...See you at the fairway

MONTHLY GUEST DAYS  
**2nd** Friday  
Men  
1:00 PM  
JULY 16

## 4th Annual Luau Night

August 27th ~ 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Come enjoy the 4th annual CVCC Luau Night, which will be a Hawaiian Buffet, Music, Polynesian dancers and a fire dancer. This is a family event so bring the children. Reservations are required and can only be made at [jbraden@cattaverdera.com](mailto:jbraden@cattaverdera.com). The price is \$25 for children 12 years or younger and \$35 for adults. Sign up early!!





# Catta Chatter



## TUNES

on the Terrace

Thursdays in July  
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.

### New Restaurant Hours

Quixote's will be open on Tuesdays for beverages but NO food from 11:00 am - 8:00 pm. Quixote's will close at 4:00 pm on Sundays. We appreciate your support and understanding!



### Acer's Alert!

Congratulations to **Duane Kellogg** for making a hole in one on June 13th! He scored his ace on hole #6 from 169 yards!! Congrats on the ace!

Congratulations to **Marc Engellenner** for his ace on June 19th. Marc used his 8 iron, hitting the ball right into the hole on #13 from 160 yards. Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Nancy Parker** for her ace on June 26th. Nancy used her 8 iron, hitting the ball right into the hole on #4 from 92 yards. Congratulations on the memorable shot!



### Troubadour Senior Men's Invitational

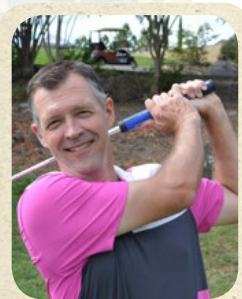
After a 1 year hiatus (thanks Covid!) The Troubadour was back this year with nearly double the field that we've ever had before. 104 was the temperature and the number of players that competed for the title of Troubadour Champion.

**Congratulations to this year's net Champions Clyde Colley and Greg Larson and this year's gross Champions Mark Bates and Spencer Page!**

### Golf Carts

Thank you all for your cooperation as we go back to double occupancy in our golf carts. The golf course (I'm talking the actual turf) thanks you!





Paul Shorts  
Head Golf Professional

FROM THE HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

## How Handicaps Work

(or should work if everyone follows the rules)

One of the amazing things about this game we play is the handicapping system. This allows golfers of all different abilities to compete against each other. The golf handicapping system is truly amazing and when applied correctly by golfers, it is amazingly accurate.

How the mechanics work – The USGA (through the use of their associations like the NCGA) have rated all the golf courses in the country, and other golf associations around the world have rated theirs as well, with all ratings being united in 2019 under the World Handicap System. The ‘Slope’ and ‘Rating’ of a set of tees is where it all begins. – To radically simplify the course Rating - it is the estimate of what a zero handicap golfer should shoot from that set of tees. Just because a course has a par of 72 doesn’t necessarily mean it plays as a par 72 for a scratch golfer. The USGA has determined that the Purple men’s tees at Catta Verdera rate at 69.1 while our Black tees rate at 74.0. Both have a par of 71. The rating is driven primarily by yardage with a few other factors figured in such as forced layups and things like that.

The same simplification of Slope would go like this. Slope represents how much higher handicap players are likely to need strokes from lower handicap players. The average slope has been determined to be 113. At 113 a player’s course handicap used to be identical to their index. In 2019 par for the tees being played in relation to the rating became part of the calculation as well. Here is the actual formula for any interested nerds is as follows  $(\text{index} \times \text{Slope}) \div 113 + (\text{course rating} - \text{par}) = \text{playing handicap}$  (always rounded to a whole number. To use our Purple tees with a slope of 126 and a rating of 69.1 as an example, our 12.2 player would end up with a playing handicap of 12.  $(12.2 \times 126 / 113 = 13.60$  plus  $(69.1 - 71) = -1.9$   $13.6 - 1.9 = 11.7$  which rounds up to 12.

That’s where your playing handicap comes from, but

let’s backtrack to your index or handicap index as it was renamed under the WHS. An index is usually the number a player gives when somebody asks ‘what’s your handicap?’, since you can’t give a playing handicap without knowing the slope and rating of the course that will be played. Here is the basic explanation from the USGA Handicap Manual.

A Handicap Index is calculated from the lowest Score Differentials in the scoring record. If a scoring record contains at least 20 Score Differentials, the procedure for calculating a Handicap Index is:

- Average the lowest 8 of the most recent 20 Score Differentials (which include any adjustments for exceptional scores and/or a Committee review) and round to the nearest tenth.
- Compute the difference between the average of the lowest 8 Score Differentials and the Low Handicap Index.
- If the difference is greater than 3, the soft cap calculation is applied.
- If the difference is greater than 5 after application of the soft cap, then the hard cap is applied.

The soft and hard caps were instituted when we went to the World Handicap System. These are intended to limit rapid upward movement in someone’s index. This was primarily instituted to prevent one of the more common index manipulation techniques. However, just because you have a soft or hard cap on your index, it certainly does not mean the USGA thinks you were trying to cheat. It just means you moved upward quicker than their actuary tables said you should.

For the nerds wanting to know where your Differential for a round comes from... Your score minus the course rating times 113 divided by the slope = your differential. Our purple tee example would be as follows;  $A \text{ player shoots an } 89.89 - 69.1 = 19.9 \times 113 = 2,248.7 \div 126 = 17.846$  differential which rounds to the differential that will show on your handicap record of 17.9. The average of your best 8 out of your most recent 20 differentials gives you your index.

**The player's responsibility** part of the USGA handicap manual states in section 1.3 that the player is expected to:

- Act with integrity by following the Rules of Handicapping and to refrain from using, or circumventing, the Rules of Handicapping for the purpose of gaining an unfair advantage,
- Attempt to make the best score possible at each hole,
- Submit acceptable scores for handicap purposes as soon as possible after the round is completed and before midnight local time,
- Submit acceptable scores to provide reasonable evidence of their demonstrated ability,
- Play by the Rules of Golf, and
- Certify the scores of fellow players.

If every player is doing all the items listed above the handicap system is incredibly accurate, almost to the point of 'how in the world did they do that' accuracy! Every item on the above list is fairly simple to verify with the exception of item 2. Attempt to make the best score possible at each hole. – This one is rife with grey area. Golf is hard, and trying to always make the best score you can on every hole (also known as grinding) is mentally and physically exhausting. We all play this game for fun and the idea of exhausting myself every time I tee it up makes me not want to play at all. But here's the deal... If you're not trying your hardest during your ordinary rounds of golf, and then you do try your hardest when playing in a tournament; according to the player's responsibility section of the handicap manual, you are not holding up your end of the bargain. Focus will obviously leave you and mistakes and bad decisions will be made in both tournament and non-tournament rounds, but if you're ever letting these things happen on purpose during your regular rounds you could potentially be manipulating your handicap to a number higher than it should be.

**Tournament golf** – In a gross tournament we would expect to see the same players names appear near the top of the leader board every time. They

are better players and the only system that can change those outcomes is for the rest of us to get better at golf. Net tournaments on the other hand are a different animal. Again, remember that the handicap system when properly applied by all players involved will, with all other things being equal, level the playing field. In a perfect world we shouldn't see the same people winning all the time, however we are all wired differently, we all play for different reasons, and we will therefore all perform differently depending on the setting and mindset.

Personal example – I lead the money list at Mickie Grove back in the 1990's several years in a row. I always posted what I shot, and never intentionally set out to make my handicap anything other than what it naturally was. In fact it was always my goal back then to get it to the plus side of zero. That said, one of my favorite parts about golf is the chance to take a risk. I think every good golf course offers you several opportunities to be a 'hero', and you can't have a hero opportunity without there being a chance of disaster. I would tell you to this day that I always played the same during regular rounds as I did during tournament rounds, but when I look at my tournament scores back then, they never or almost never had the 'big' number that my regular rounds often had. Most of this is weeded out by taking the best 8 of your most recent 20, but please be aware as you play that if you always use a different decision matrix for 'fun' rounds than you use for tournament rounds, you might be guilty of unknowingly manipulating the system.

I'm confident most of our members have no conscious desire to do this, but I know from personal experience that it can occasionally happen even with no ill-intent. Golf is hard; and sometimes it's hard or not even fun to give every shot your full attention, but if everyone makes an honest effort to always give it their best, the beautiful handicap system will truly shine.

See you at the Club,

~ Paul



# 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 (increase due to golf fees increasing)

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. [Sign up here!!!!](#)





# Catta Verdera Women Golfers

## Message from Michelle Helzer, Captain

Welcome new member, Debra!

It was sad and disheartening to lose Ram this month. As our course Superintendent, he kept good care of our course and our members. Stacey W. suggested getting a Catta Flag with members signatures to show our appreciation. We will also be working in conjunction with the Men's Group to gather donations to purchase a Garwood's gift card and one to Truckee Ace Hardware for his new home. We want to make this swift and easy, so please Venmo to @Michelle-Helzer or leave an envelope in the golf shop to my attention by July 10 if you would like to contribute.

There are a lot of fun events coming up. Looking forward to seeing you all on the course!

~Michelle

## SATURDAY PLAY DAY: Stacey Sommerhauser

Thank you to all who came out for the June Saturday Ladies Day. We had 39 ladies and here were the winners:

**1st** - Linda Bunker, Susan Bishop, Beth Hoblit, Kathy Chaffee

**2nd** - Dana Mata, Jeanne Wolfe, Riye D'Ambra, Shannon Zajec

**3rd** - Amy Correale, Michelle Inouye, Julie Storer, Mary Russo

**4th** - Stacey Sommerhauser, Wilhelmina Schaefer, Nancy Parker, Dena Lumbirt

**Up next is our famous Cougars vs. Divas tournament on Saturday July 31st. Look out for a sign up link the week of July 5th. This is a don't miss tournament.**

## Women's Invitational - Catta Bella - Stacey Sommerhauser Committee Chair

The sign-up for the best women's invitational in town opened on June 29th and within 24 hours we signed up 26 teams. As of the moment I'm typing this, we have room for 6 more teams so sign up now! We

expect this event to sell out. Questions please feel free to text me at 916-869-8287.

We are also looking for sponsors for this tournament. Please see Julie Domenick or Shannon Zajec.

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

### Upcoming WGANC Tournaments & Open Days:

The WGANC is excited to announce that Petaluma Golf and Country Club has agreed to host a clinic for junior girls - age 8-12 on August 9, 2021 from 9:00AM - 1:00 PM. This "pilot" is being launched to introduce girls to golf at an early age with the hopes that they will love the game, learn some life skills and most of all have some fun! Girls with or without golf experience are encouraged to apply.

The clinic is posted on the WGANC site and registration opened on Monday- June 28th at 9:00 AM. The cost is \$25.00 per participant and will cover lunch, a tee prize and fun activities (chipping, putting, a four hole scramble etc.). Registration and payment of the fee can be done by logging onto Golf Genius (similar to Open Day registration).

If you have questions about this event you can reach out to Audrey Cormier, WGANC/NCGA East Bay and Junior Girls Coordinator at [audreycormierwganc@gmail.com](mailto:audreycormierwganc@gmail.com) or (510) 418-7530 or to Vicki Wilson on the WGANC/NCGA staff at [vwilson@ncga.org](mailto:vwilson@ncga.org) or (831) 622-8276.

Thanks and let's all work to make this a successful and fun event for our girls. [Click Here](#) is the link to the flyer!!

## 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)

## CVWG Cont...



### **PARTNER ECLECTIC TOURNAMENT: Andrea Berry**

#### Individual EC Tournament

The Individual EC Tournament kicked off May 1st and will run through October 31st. You can sign up anytime for any tee box now through October, so it's not too late. We need a minimum of 5 participants within each tee flight. We currently have 2 ladies interested in the Burgundy tees - just need at least a few more to have all 3 tee boxes represented.

Here's how it works:

1. Pay \$10 per tee box (you can sign up for multiple tee boxes)
2. You have until October 31st to get in 10 rounds of golf per tee box
3. You must play with another CVWG member and declare you are playing an EC card BEFORE the round.
4. Putt completely out to establish your 1st round. All subsequent rounds, you only need to putt out when improving on a particular hole.
5. Sign your card and have it attested by the CVWG member you played with at the end of the round.
6. Turn in the attested scorecard to the plastic tub below the computer/printer in the lobby of Quixote's.
7. Your lowest score on each hole will be used for the overall Eclectic score.
8. **YOU MUST TURN IN ALL CARDS BY NOVEMBER 7TH, 2021, ONE WEEK AFTER TOURNAMENT ENDS IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED.**

You can either Venmo the \$10 per card to @Andrea-Berry-16, or you can drop off cash at the pro shop. Master EC cards will be left in the pro shop so that you can keep track of your progress. **IF YOU HAVE ALREADY SIGNED UP FOR INDIVIDUAL EC AND HAVE NOT PICKED UP YOUR MASTER EC CARD, PLEASE DO SO ASAP.** The pro shop has a stack of envelopes they are holding and I'm sure they could use the extra drawer space! Feel free to contact me at [acberry67@gmail.com](mailto:acberry67@gmail.com) or (916)251-6878 with any questions. ***Have fun, stay cool and score low!***





## CVWG Cont...

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### **Tournaments: Laura Faber**

#### **Saturday Match Play League: June 26 results:**

Congratulations to the Catta Ladies in their narrow victory over the Cold Springs CC team 36.5 to 35.5. Currently, our Catta Verdera team is in solo First Place with two matches left in the season. Congratulations again to the entire team for the win as it was truly a team effort on a very difficult course. The team consisted of the following players:

Laura Faber  
Liz Barnard  
Debbie Harvey  
Kathy Latini  
Eddy Nanchy  
Amelya Stevenson  
Paula McNally  
Stephanie McCarthy

***Our next match will be July 17th against Lake of the Pines at LOP.***

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

Welcome to Debra DeRosier, our June addition to the CVWG!!

As a reminder, for those of you that were members of Catta Verdera Women's Golfers in 2020, at the May Nine & Wine, we gave out a special membership gift (head cover) from the overage of funds due to COVID canceling out many events.

If you were not in attendance, the head covers are up in the women's locker room by alpha last name, available for pick up.

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

#### Tee It Up Wednesday!

Come on out and join us for our next Clinic, July 7th, given by Paul Shorts. The Clinic will address Fairway Clubs. Start time for the Clinic is 5:00 pm with a 5:30 pm Shot gun.

July Schedule will be out soon and includes a Boutique by Tiffani and a Couples Tournament.

### Thursday Ladies Day!

Come join our Ladies Day every Thursday. We have a Shot Gun start at 8:30 am. Work on your game, play with friends, and finish an EC Card.

**See you out on the Course!**

### **REMINDERS:**

#### **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 attention from our group or are moving away; please reach out to our Social Charity Board Member, Wilhelmina Schaefer, on her email: wilhelmina52@att.net.

**EC CARDS:** Any questions? Email Andrea Berry @ acberry67@gmail.com

**POSTING YOUR SCORE:** Any questions? Email Susan Bishop @ bishop2some@gmail.com

#### **BIRDIES - CHIP-INS - EAGLES - RECORD SCORES:**

Did you know that CVWG awards prizes for these monumental shots and scores? When you achieve any of these during a CVWG or Club event, please remember to record it in the binder located in the entry to Quixote's. Questions can be directed to Caron at caronpoole@gmail.com.

Have a question, suggestion, or comment?  
We'd like to hear from you!

Contact:

Michelle Helzer: CVWG Captain  
Tina Paschke: CVWG Co-Captain



## Catta Bella - Sponsorship Committee – Shannon Zajec and Julie Domenick

We are excited to plan our upcoming 2021 Catta Bella!

This is our annual Ladies Invitational Golf Tournament, held September 9th – 11th. Our event is known as the premier Ladies Invitational in the area and we expect to sell out again this year! Please join us as sponsor and promote your company or services to a group of over 150 ladies who are very loyal to our sponsors!

We have new benefits and opportunities this year for our sponsors!



<u>Type of Sponsorship</u>	<u>Cost</u>
<b>Big Kahuna Tournament Sponsors (4)</b> .....	\$1500
<b>Tiki Tee Prize Sponsors</b> .....	\$1000
<b>PuPu Pig Sponsor (2)</b> .....	\$600
<b>Cowabunga Title Sponsors</b> .....	\$500
<b>Paradise Lunch Sponsors</b> .....	\$300
<b>MoBettah Closest to the Pin &amp; Road to Hana Longest Drive</b> .....	\$250
<b>Pineapple Express Practice Range Sponsors</b> .....	\$200
<b>Royal Hawaiian Hole Sponsors</b> .....	\$200

### Sponsorship includes

Premier Parking Space in Roundabout; Large sign prominently placed at event; One Catta Bella registration fee include; Full page in program; One Hole Sign

Company Logo on Tee Prizes; Full page in program; One Hole Sign; Aloha Luau and

Company Logo at Luau and Pig area

Full page in program; One Hole Sign

Name/Logo on centerpieces; One Hole Sign; Name in Program

Sign on Closest to the Pin and Long drive hole; Name in Program and mentioned during awards

One Sign on Practice Area; Name in Program

One Hole Sign; Name in Program

To become a sponsor, please email [jdomenick@allstate.com](mailto:jdomenick@allstate.com) or [shannon@eselectins.com](mailto:shannon@eselectins.com) and we'll reach out to discuss your sponsorship level and benefits. A huge thank you to all of our past sponsors for making this event so amazing!



## July 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 TUNES on the Terrace Ladies Day	2	3
4	5 Open in observance of 4th of July	6	7	8 TUNES on the Terrace Ladies Day	9	10 Ryder Cup
11 Ryder Cup	12	13	14	15 TUNES on the Terrace Ladies Day	16 Men's Guest Day	17
18	19	20	21 Course Closed	22 TUNES on the Terrace Ladies Day	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 TUNES on the Terrace Ladies Day	30	31 Divas vs Cougars

### Coming in August...

- Thursdays in August
- Tunes on the Terrace**
- Thursday, August 5th  
**Ladies Day**
- Friday, August 6th  
**Course Closed**
- Thursday, August 12th  
**Ladies Guest Day**
- Thursday, August 19th  
**Ladies Day**
- Friday, August 20th  
**Men's Guest Day**
- Tuesday, August 24th  
**Sierra Gold Match Play**
- Thursday, August 26th  
**Ladies Day**
- Friday, August 27th  
**Club Championship**
- Friday, September 3rd  
**Men's Guest Day**