



Catta Talk

CATTA VERDERA COUNTRY CLUB

SEPTEMBER 2020

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER



Kevin Earl
General Manager

Greeting Catta Members,
Before I get to my normal updates and the going-on at the club, I have some important news about our online computer system and member access to their statements.

On Thursday, September 3rd we completed an updating to our software to help clean up many of our old emails or usernames that seem to be “bugging” up the system.

We have been promised that if we go through this process, then members will no longer be random: dropped, forgotten, or deleted from the system. Yes, this has been happening almost daily. Paul and I are getting grayer every day! Technology is great until it does not work.

I also have been asked, by some of our members, to alert our long hitters (You know who you are 😊) so please double check your blind spots on #14 and #18 before you bomb away your drives. These folks know to leave a golf cart up high in the fairway, but they are still getting some close calls. Stay safe everyone!

Tournament update: The club championship was our largest ever! I want to thank the players, volunteers, and the staff, who did a great job anticipating and overcoming so many new challenges. I think we are all looking forward to next month, and having some normalcy returning to our lives. Optimistic but someone needs to be. Again, well done all.

Course update: Some recent talk about how wet the club was leading up to the club championship. I want to spend a little time talking about some techie stuff. We recently upgraded several key parts of the irrigation system that were well past their useful lives. Recently, 3 new pumps, two new computers, and hundreds of new sprinklers were replaced. As you can guess, this changed the whole dynamic of the irrigation system. Our next step is to move our weather station to a more realistic location on the course to help with things like wind, evapotranspiration (grass sweating), and humidity. We have a plan to fix this ongoing problem. We are committed to getting the system right.

Restaurant news: Late Tuesday afternoon the State of California placed Placer County into a category that once again allows indoor dining.

We will be limited to 25% capacity indoors until further notice. This is a welcome change from some of the smoke coming from the nearby fires. Our plan is to set Quixote’s up starting right away to return of indoor dining. Stay tuned for more details.

On a side note...I recently talked to a food insider and he informs me that 1/3 of his accounts have closed for good. This is a small sample size but the process of; close/ open/ modify/ then modify again has taken its toll on the whole food industry, not just Catta.

I can’t wait, as most of you are in the same boat, to “Bring back the fun times.”

I thank you for your patience both going forward and for the last 6 months. It has been tricky for sure!

That is all for now...see you in the fairway!



Rombauer Wine Dinner

Friday, October 2nd ~ 7:00 pm

Join us for dinner with a spectacular menu to be paired with wine varietals from Rombauer Vineyards.

Reservations are required and can be made at 645-6721 or jbraden@cattaverdera.com. \$75 per person.





Paul Shorts
Head Golf Professional

FROM THE HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Club Championship –

We had our largest Club Championship ever this past month. We had so many sign up that we ended up needing 2 waves of tee times each day. What makes the high number of contestants even more impressive is that this was 54 holes of individual medal play...one of the most grueling forms of competition. The course got fast and firm over the 3 days causing putting woes for many of the contenders, but for those able to negotiate the difficult conditions, the reward of finishing, and for some placing in the money is one of the greatest in golf.

Full results can be viewed by clicking [here](#), but special congratulations are merited for our Men's and Ladies Club Champions. Congratulations to Marc Engellenner and Stacey Wiegandt. Marc distanced himself from the field this year shooting an amazing 8 under par 205, securing a 14 shot margin of victory over the runner up Costa Tzikas. Stacey displayed dominance of her own shooting a 251 which amounted to an 8 shot victory over 2nd place finisher Laura Faber.

Again, congratulations to everyone who made it to the finish in these challenging, championship conditions!



Marc Engellenner
2020 Club Champion



Stacey Wiegandt
2020 Club Champion

Upcoming –

The Ladies Invitational has been modified this year into the Baby Bella – This year it will be a full field Member / Member event taking place on Friday September 11th and Saturday September 12th.

In October we will be holding a modified version of the extremely popular Los Compadres Men's Match Play Invitational. The event is being modified this year into a 3 day affair with more matches to be played within each flight. Sign-ups begin on Tuesday September 8th and the field will most likely be full by Wednesday or Thursday that same week. Get your partner and sign up early if you want a spot.

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Tee Times –

Our members have been doing much better with regard to remembering to cancel and or modify tee times that they won't fill or won't be using. Please continue to be diligent about this one. If you book a time and then forget, or simply don't take the time to cancel it at least 24 hours in advance, you are for all intents and purposes stealing from other members. We are still hopeful that our tee sheet will one day allow us to impose booking penalties on those who steal, I mean no-show for their tee times, but in the meantime, please, please, please be courteous and cancel the times you will not be using.

One other tee time note that needs to be mentioned. The turf crew calls it "the problem of 14 and 15". If you have the first time of the day we understand that you most likely want to play fast in order to still have most of your day after your round. Our 1st tee time each day is 7:00 AM; because of noise and light constraints, the turf crew can only start so early in the morning. If the first group plays in around 3 – 3.5 hours they will be able to get around the entire course and get their basic daily maintenance completed. However, when the first group plays at a sub 3 hour pace, or groups sneak off hole number 10 ahead of the 7:00 groups turn to the back 9, the fairway mower seems to always get caught on hole number 14. Each fairway takes between 15 and 25 minutes to mow. Holes 14 and 15 fall in the 25 minute category due to their size. When the first groups catch them there, it takes them about 2 ½ hours to complete holes 14 and 15. That pulls one of Ram's crew away from working on other planned detail projects while he sits on an idle mower and waits for groups to play through so he can make 1 more pass on the fairway. We say all this to simply ask that you be cognoscente of the unintended consequences of blazing around extra fast and catching the turf crew as they do their daily maintenance.

Course Care Reminder –

The usual 'August Crash' has been held off this year, and the course has withstood the summer heat quite well compared to years past. We can all do our part to help keep it even better.

1. Always repair your ball mark and at least 1 more. If you didn't leave a mark, try to find someone else's to fix. Start from the high side of the ball mark and pull it back toward the center. Never lift the center up or twist the turf back into place.
2. Always replace or fill your divots in the fairway. *When to fill vs. Replace? – If your divot flies out with some moist dirt attached to the grass and lands in 1 or 2 pieces it is better to pick it up and replace it. If your divot explodes (common with our summer fairway grass), and there is no moist dirt attached to the turf, you are better to fill it with the divot mixture on your cart. When you fill divots try to keep them level with the ground. Heaping it too full can cause it to be hit by mower blades the next day which can prematurely dull the blades.
3. Keep Carts off par 3's. Hopefully there isn't often reason for you to even think about driving out onto a par 3, but when you do miss the green, we ask that you keep your golf carts on the paths when playing par 3's at Catta Verdera.
4. Keep Carts away from tee boxes and greens. We generally assume that this is known etiquette, but almost daily we have members driving either up to tee boxes, or around behind greens in order to save 10 or 20 steps. Please keep your cart on the path around greens and tee boxes to help us keep those areas in the best shape possible.

Lastly, a huge thank you to some of our groups of members who have taken it upon themselves to 'adopt' a green! Extra care and concern from a few will always make the course better for the many. Always ask yourself if you want to fall into the category of those who care or those who don't care. Some people are selfish and will only ever think of themselves, but if the rest of us who care, take a little extra time we really can overcome and improve the condition of the course.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR



Curtis Landa
Membership Director

Membership Update

Honestly cannot believe it is September, Labor Day weekend, and fall is just around the corner. Membership interest has not slowed down at all during the summer and continue to add new golf members during this time.

CattaVerdera's current initiation of \$5,000 non-refundable & \$10,000 refundable will be increasing in October please stay tune for more details.

If you know anyone interested in joining before the initiation increase and you are a current member, looking to sponsor a new golf member there are different options you can benefit from sponsoring a new member. Contact me directly at 916-645-6734, clanda@cattaverdera.com, provide me with the potential members' information, or simply introduce them to me.

On behalf of Catta Verdera and our entire staff, I would like to offer a warm welcome to the following new members.

Golf

Kevin & Tiffany Wyatt
Abe Emard
Tom & Deb Dunipace
Jack Goodwin- social to golf

Social

Jason & Kristi Harrington
Paul & Susan Bolto

**The ladies group led by Linda Bunker stepped in and gave us their support repairing ball marks in the middle of the heat!
Thank you!!**





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NCGA/WGANC Open Days and Tournaments:

So many Open Days and tournaments have been cancelled this year but a few events are coming back. Going forward it will be your individual responsibility to sign up directly for any Open Day or Tournament event. Click on the link below for the calendar of events: [Click Here](#)

The link below will take you directly to the Open and Tournament Page. This page will guide you through the registration process. <https://ncga.org/wganc-events/>

When playing any of WGANC events you will need to download the Golf Genius app to your phone.

Solheim Cup is Coming: Oct 10-11th

This competition mirrors the actual Solheim Competition golf formats when our USA team plays against the European team every two years. Don't miss out on this two day event. All players will be divided on two teams and will compete against opponents of very similar handicaps. Our captains for this year will be Megan Cohill and Liz Barnard. Sign ups and event details will be forthcoming in the next week or so.

NCGA/WGANC News:

There is a new WGANC Location: As you know WGANC is now under the umbrella of NCGA. The WGANC office in Pleasanton is moving to the NCGA Headquarters. The office in Pleasanton will be closed on August 31, 2020. The staff is always available to answer your questions. See Contact information below.

Contacts:

Office # (925) 737-0963 – Will be forwarded to NCGA until end of the year. Ask for WGANC Staff, Eva, Sue or Vicki

Address: NCGA, 3200 Lopez Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953

Junior Contributions: If you would like to make a donation to the junior programs that WGANC/NCGA support please make checks payable to YOC, memo "Girls Golf", mail to address above.

Handicap: Susan Bishop

Did you ever want to know how close you were to being the Most Improved Golfer for the past month?

Each month I produce a report that shows member rankings for the previous month. This report is posted in the Ladies Locker Room. Some of you may not have a need to visit the Locker Room... some of you may not have noticed it on the bulletin board.

Feel free to email me and I will be happy to provide you with your information.

Social: Wil Schaefer

A card was sent to Karen Anderson for the sudden loss of your brother, Steve.

Lory Vasko welcomed her first grandchild, Noah, into the family.

The **Breast Cancer Tournament** scheduled for Oct. 4th will be rescheduled for October of 2021

Please continue to notify Wil Schaefer regarding various life happenings with any of our members.

Rules:

I know I have highlighted this rule before but it is the most common issue that most of us face during our rounds of golf. Rule of the Month: Fairways and Rough

Most of your shots during a round will be made from the fairway or rough, which are part of an area of the golf course called the "general area." This area includes everywhere on the course except bunkers, penalty areas, and the teeing area and putting green of the hole you are playing. In the general area, you will normally play your ball as it lies, but you get free relief for an embedded ball or interference by an abnormal course condition (including artificial structures, temporary water, and ground under repair). [Click here to learn how to take free relief from abnormal course conditions.](#)

If you can't play your ball as it lies in the general area, you can always take unplayable ball relief. Under this Rule, you can choose between three different relief options that allow you to drop your original ball or





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another ball out of your original lie for one penalty stroke. The three options are: stroke and distance, back-on-the-line between your ball and the hole, or lateral relief within two club-lengths of your ball. [Click here for a short video that will show you how these three relief options work.](#)

You have three minutes to find your ball. If it is not found, it is lost and you must go back to play under stroke and distance.

Remember, if you have any Rules questions or feel stumped, you can [Ask the NCGA Expert.](#)

I loved these skill tips so please take a moment to open the links.

Getting out of Trouble

Back by popular demand, PGA Head Professional Ashley Wood from the Mountain Course at Incline Village, with some helpful instruction on tough lies.

[Getting out of the Rough Bump and Run near the Green](#)

Baby Bella Event --I Will Survive September 11th-12th 2020

We currently have 34 two person teams for the competitive flight, and one non-competitive flight of 4 ready to play this great event. An email just came out requesting your food selections so make sure to submit your food choices as soon as possible. Thanks to Beth Hoblit and Michelle Helzer and Riye D'Ambra or all their collective hours to make sure this a great event for the members.

Saturday Tournaments – Stacey Sommerhauser Save the Date Save the Date!!!

Divas vs. Cougars – Saturday, September 26th 9:00 am. *This is a member only event.*

It's that time again, who's going to have bragging rights this year? Who will be the winner. We will be playing a Par Points format which is a Hole by Hole "net" score. An email with sign-ups has gone out. This is the best Saturday tournament of the year and you do not want to be left out!!

Ladies Thursday Play

The Thursday Play is happening every Thursday. If you have not signed up to be on the Thursday contact list, please let me know so that your name can be added. So so simple - come join the women on Thursdays.

Membership:

Our current CVWG membership is now over 100. Welcome to all of you. We have had so many new members that now I am out of our CVWG Booklets. Luckily, you can find our roster online under the Women's link on the Member Page.

CVWG Webpage:

We have developed our very own CVWG website devoted to the CVWG golfing information. You can currently click on the Women's Club link and hit several tabs for information. From the various tabs, you can access the our CVWG roster which can be downloaded to your phone or look at the By-laws and Standing Rules. New member forms and the CVWG events calendar can also be reviewed. All of you should be able to log into the Catta Verdera webpage but if you are having trouble please let us know. A big thanks of gratitude to Claudia Siegal for leading the charge to complete this mission. We are all extremely grateful for all your hours on behalf of the CVWG members.

CVWG LADIES ECLECTIC TOURNAMENT -Andrea Berry

Many of you have completed your 10 rounds for the Individual EC tournament that ends October 31. There is still plenty of time to sign up for another EC card – either from the same tee box, or challenge yourself to another tee box such as the Combo or Burgundy. .

A quick reminder about the score cards – if you turn in an EC card and it is not signed by you, the scorer, AND attested by someone you played with, I cannot count it as one of your 10 EC rounds. Also, if you are keeping a master card for your group, please indicate which golfers are playing an EC card. If you sign it as the scorer and EC is only listed next to your name, I only count your holes for the round. I hate to be a stickler but I have over 400 scorecards that I'm trying to manage and this leaves nothing up to my interpretation.





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Please let me know if you have any questions, or if you want to sign up for another EC card. I can be reached at acberry67@gmail.com or call at (916)251-6878. Happy Golfing!! Andrea Berry

TEE It UP WEDNESDAYS: Beth Hoblit

This program is a great way to meet other new members, learn some great tips and skills at the clinics and especially have some fun. Almost every Wednesday evenings the group is meeting and playing 9 holes of golf. Sign ups are done through Beth Hoblit. at bzbieg@hotmail.com or 916-793-9373.

Look for her weekly Tee It Up emails for further information.

FABERS' FOOD FORTHOUGHT:

Tips for Beginner/Intermediate Golfers: Each month I will highlight a tip for each of you to read.

Jan/Feb.: Club distances

March: If you get into trouble get out of trouble

April: Pre-shot routine

May: Golf Stress Free Zone

June: Realistic Expectations

July: Practice with a Purpose

August: The Art of Scrambling

September: Purchasing new Equipment

EQUIPMENT

I am not an equipment expert but here are a few tips to be considered when thinking about getting new clubs.

1. What is the purpose for buying new clubs?

If you do not have any clubs then you need golf clubs.

If you do not have access to slightly used clubs then you need to buy some clubs. If your clubs are older than 10 years, then it is probably time to invest in some newer clubs. Technology advances so much that you need to get newer clubs every so many years.

Here are some important tips to follow when buying new clubs.

1. Take another person with you who understands golf clubs when looking for new clubs.

2. Do not let the sales person talk down to you and automatically steer you to the limited selection of women's club .

3. Even though you are a woman that does not mean you have to buy a woman's set. For many women a woman's set of golf clubs is perfect but for other women please consider a Senior Men's club.

4. Do not let another person buy your clubs for you without you first trying the clubs out. It might be a great gesture but it is essential that you hit several brands. A certain brand of club that is ideal for one person may not be the club for you. I can not stress enough how important it is for you to swing and hit balls with various brands of clubs. It is really about the feel and the sound of the ball coming off the club that will help determine what club brand is right for you.

5. If you are serious about buying new clubs then pay the money for a club fitter who is trained to look at all types of swings. Ask your golf friends if they have used a club fitter and would they recommend that person. A good club fitter should know the various brands of clubs and should know what clubs work for various swing speeds. I personally do not think at this stage of your purchase journey that you need to have the fitter hook you up to the Trackman system which is even more costly. The fitter's eyes can tell by watching the flight of your ball what is going on with your swing when using different brands of equipment. Most places will credit the amount of the fee for having a fitter toward the purchase of your new clubs.

Take your time when purchasing new clubs and enjoy the process.

I am going to leave you all with this funny quote by a fellow member who recently stated:

"In order to par hole # 15 which is a par 5 -You have to have 5 good shots."

(Stacey Sommerhauser--very profound LOL)

Have a question, suggestion, or comment?

We'd like to hear from you!

Contact:

Laura Faber: CVWG Captain

Michelle Helzer: CVWG Co-Captain





Ramiro Sena
Course Superintendent

Superintendent's Update

The golf course has never been busier than it is now. Despite all the restrictions we live in and yet the ladies stepped in and helped us! The aerification will be taking place during the week of September 14th.

What an unusual year for everyone 2020 has been. All the distance learning, remote work for many, and on top of that we have to wear a mask wherever we go. All these obstacles play a big role in our lives and what we do on the golf course in order to maintain it. It takes us longer to get certain products that we used to get at a calls notice. Nevertheless, the course is so busy that we have a hard time getting the simple things done without interrupting play. One perfect example is the ball marks on the greens. They looked atrocious during the peak of the Summer. There were so many ball marks the course setter is having a difficult time finding a decent spot for the day. We can only feed the turf so much because the heat is not allowing the plant the metabolize the nutrients. And in order for the ball mark to fully recover it must have the nutrients available.

Nevertheless, the ladies group led by Linda Bunker stepped in and gave us their support repairing ball marks in the middle of the heat. Here is a perfect example of their bravery...helping us at 6:00 A.M on hole number 2 led by Lisa Pae, Debbie Harvey and Lori Vasko. I definitely bow to them for their amazing support. This kindness and support from all those members who helped us is priceless and it definitely makes our job easier.

My staff was enthusiastic and felt responsible for giving it their best. We are having our Fall aerification the week of the 14 of September. We hope to get it done in time for the heat to go down. The great October weather will follow and we can start focusing into some upgrades on the course such as drainage and soil amendments to improve the turf conditions. We hope you enjoy the course and we apologize for any inconvenience. Just please be patient as it is taking us longer to get things done with all the play.

~Your Turf Care Department.

Calendar at a Glance - Club Events

September 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 TUNES on the Terrace	4 Men's Guest Day	5
6	7 Labor Day Club Open	8	9	10 TUNES on the Terrace	11 CVWG Baby Bella Event	12 CVWG Baby Bella Event
13	14 Course Aerification	15 Course Aerification	16	17 TUNES on the Terrace	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 TUNES on the Terrace	25	26 CVWG Divas vs Cougars
27	28	29	30			

Coming in October...

Thursday, October 1st
Tunes on the Terrace

Saturday, October 4th
Couples Guest Day

Thursday, October 8th
Tunes on the Terrace

Friday, October 9th
Men's Guest Day

October 10th & 11th
Ladies Solheim Cup

Thursday, October 15th
Tunes on the Terrace

October 15th, 16th & 17th
Los Compadres Tournament

Saturday, October 18th
Ladies 9 & Wine

Thursday, October 22nd
Tunes on the Terrace

Thursday, October 29th
Ladies Boo Shoot



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CLUB STAFF

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HOURS OF OPERATION

Administrative Office
Tuesday through Friday
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Golf Shop
Tuesday through Sunday
6:00 am - 6:00 pm
First Tee Time: 7:00 am

Range Hours
Tuesday through Sunday
6:30 am - 6:00 pm

Stables Grill
Tuesday through Sunday
10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Quixote's Members' Lounge
Tuesday 11:00 am - 6:00 pm
Wednesday 11:00 am - 8:00 pm
Thursday 11:00 am - 9:00 pm
Friday 11:00 am - 10:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 10:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm