



# Catta Talk



CATTA VERDERA COUNTRY CLUB



NOVEMBER 2021

MONTHLY GUEST DAYS

**2nd** 1:00 PM  
Friday  
Men  
NOVEMBER 12



Kevin Earl  
General Manager

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Greeting Catta Members, Thanksgiving, is right around the corner and hopefully, it finds you, and your nuclear family members... happy and healthy.

Course update: Bad news/ good news. With all the rain, in the last few weeks, we could not get out and mow the fairways on a regular schedule. SOOO, we have taken this time to reshape some of the fairways closer to their original design(s). We are doing this based on sprinkler heads and trying to avoid redundant sprinklers that often overwater parts of the course.

This is a small part of why the fairways are sometimes too wet. Lastly, we intend to add back, a slightly lower intermediate cut of rough that will make the fairways look wider but add a clear definition...and play easier. The bad news, for a short time, is we will have a few slightly narrower fairways. The good news is when we can finish this intermediate

cut, it will look and play much better for all levels of abilities, and hopefully be drier.

One other change, already being implemented, is a much wider collar around the greens to allow a variety of shots around the greens. The feedback so far has been positive so time will tell if keep these changes as time goes by.

Employee Holiday fund: Thank you to all the members who have contributed to the holiday fund for the Catta Verdera staff. We have one more month if you want to contribute still...thankyou you again if you have or intend to contribute.

Finally on the employee front is the introduction of our new Chef Marco Rodriguez. He has a varied culinary background that includes the Cal Club in San Francisco. When you get a chance, please say hello and look for some of his special recipes and favorites.

That's all for now, see you in the fairway, have a wonderful Thanksgiving & healthy thought(s) to everyone!

## Thanksgiving Dinner To-Go Thursday, November 25th

The dinner will include a whole roasted 12-16 pound Turkey, Traditional Dressing, Garlic Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Sweet Potato Casserole with marshmallow topping, Green Bean Casserole, Cranberry Chutney and a whole Pumpkin Pie. The cost of the dinner is \$125 plus tax and they will be available between 11:00am and 3:00pm. Reservations can only be made at [jbraden@cattaverdera.com](mailto:jbraden@cattaverdera.com). When placing your order please say what time you will pick it up.





Paul Shorts  
Head Golf Professional

FROM THE HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

You probably noticed I didn't have an article in Catta Talk last month. And almost didn't this month! It hasn't been for lack of working, in fact the opposite is the case... It was because

we've been wrapping up a fun but insane tournament season stretch that finished with our 54 hole Club Championship, followed by a Men's Friday, followed by 3 days of Catta Bella, followed by a Men's Saturday, followed by 2 days of Solheim Cup, followed by weeks of prep for and then Los Compadres, followed by a 9 and Wine, followed by the Boo Shoot, followed by the Men's Member/Member, followed by the Senior Club Championship, followed by a Men's Friday, followed by a Ladies Saturday, followed by the Turkey Shoot. Then, sometime Thanksgiving week, I'll have a chance to start returning calls and emails that have been building up since late August. It's fast, furious and fun; but the frantic pace we've cranked tournaments out this fall hasn't left time for much else.

I say all that to partially apologize for no article last month, and the short blurb and re-hash this month...

As we head into the winter, there are 2 items of extreme concern for me as we begin planning for 2022...

1. Range Balls – I had been in discussion with our Srixon Rep about which ball we would use for next year. We were looking at an upgrade, but then with supply shortages, it was looking like we'd take what we've been using (Srixon Marathon – a two piece distance ball), and be happy we had anything. This past week the rep let me know they would not be able to deliver any range balls for 2022. That has sent us on a mad search for a new range ball. In 2021 we went through 3,000 dozen range balls. (yes 36,000!!!). I say this not to freak everyone out, but to ask for your understanding if we close the range when it is very wet this winter. The less balls we lose in the ground, the more likely we are to have range balls until next years supply start arriving.

2. Cart Batteries – Our golf cars are about to turn 2 years old. Batteries are warranted for 4 years or the number of 'amp hours' that Club Car and Trojan Battery determine is standard for 4 years of usage. As

we bump up on the two-year mark, our batteries are approaching the 4 year usage threshold. The battery companies were scaring us over the summer saying there might not be batteries for a year. That is starting to sound better, and they will most likely be available in bulk early next year, but there are no guarantees as of yet. I say this only to continue the plea to please pair up when you play. Every little bit helps to extend the battery life and as an added bonus, keep the golf course in a little better condition.

I've included below a study from some years ago when I was at Apple Mountain with regard to pace of play. The numbers in red were actual stop watch numbers that I compiled over several rounds of golf watching golfers do each of the listed things. One of golf's biggest detriments is how long it takes to play. Many of our members are already doing all or almost all of the things on this list; but if you or your group are not, just implementing a few of these things will help you play faster without having to feel like you are rushing.

Another item of concern as we grow is our pace of play. Generally our members do very well to keep at or under our targeted 4:19 pace of play. On busy days this becomes more than a hopeful goal, it becomes critical. Below are a list of real world tested and timed pace of play helps. Be sure to review the list and make sure you and your group of players are doing all you can to help you navigate the course a little faster.

- After hitting a shot, don't immediately clean your club; get back in the cart, and clean your club and put it back in the bag when you get to your next stop. (for a 4 some, this could save around :10-:15 seconds per player per hole. = **12 minutes per round**)
- Exit the green immediately – Mark your score at the next tee while others are hitting. (:10 seconds per hole = **3 minutes per round**)
- Eliminate honors – hit when ready. (up to **5 minutes per round**)
- Limit or eliminate practice swings, never more than 1 or two; and remember if you take a full practice swing, it takes your muscles about :30 seconds to recover enough to make that same swing again. Eliminating 1 practice swing per shot per golfer could save :05 seconds per player per shot, or **11-15 minutes per round**.

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- Take two or three clubs with you to the tee and when you have to walk to your ball in the fairway.
- On the Green - Line up your putt while others are putting. (:15-:30 seconds per player per hole. = up to **(18-30 minutes per round)**)
- On the Green - Be ready to putt while others are putting.
- On the Green - First player to hole out replaces the flagstick. (:10 seconds per hole = **3 minutes per round**)
- Try continuous putting. By not marking your ball after your first [or second] putt, you can save about :15 seconds per hole per player, or up to **18 minutes.**
- On the Green - Player whose ball is closest to the hole attends the flagstick. (Or come to a group consensus before the round that you will all putt with the flag in).
- If you remove your glove to putt or chip, make sure it is off prior to your turn to play. Likewise, make sure you have it back on when it is your turn to tee off. (Glove off or on = :05 seconds per occurrence, or up to **12 minutes per round** if all 4 players are unprepared)
- At the turn – Proceed directly to the 10th tee after picking up your food or beverage. (**5 minutes per round**)
- Watch errant shots carefully so they will be easier to find. Play a provisional from the tee if the ball is in the woods or a native area. And while we won't be using it in tournament play, consider using the new local rule for your daily games - Balls Lost or Out of Bounds: Alternative to Stroke and Distance: A new Local Rule is now be available as of January 2019, permitting committees to allow golfers the option to drop the ball in the vicinity of where the ball is lost or out of bounds (including the nearest fairway area), under a two-stroke penalty. It addresses concerns raised at the club level about the negative impact on pace of play when a player is required to go back under stroke and distance. Again, it is not our plan to use this local rule in any of our guest days or tournaments, but for your regular group your "committee" may decide whether you would like to adopt it or not. (up to **5 minutes per occurrence**)
- On the Tee – Play a realistic set of tees for your ability.
- If you have a head cover that you struggle with getting on or off the club, keep it off during your entire round (if your putter cover takes you and average of :15 seconds to take it off, and another :15 to get it back on = **9 minutes per round.**)
- Your position on the course has nothing to do with



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the group behind you, but rather the group ahead of you. If every group on the course gives just a little extra "courtesy" distance to the group ahead of them, it adds about 3-5 minutes extra time per group. That means that without anyone on the course actually being significantly behind, the 10:00 group could be at a 5 hour pace thanks to all the early morning groups giving the group ahead of them an extra 3-5 minutes of "courtesy" space. Causing 5 hour rounds is the opposite of courteous so PLEASE; always stay in position right behind the group ahead of you to help them and the entire golf course keep pace.

By following the above procedures you will be able to keep pace with any group ahead of you, regardless of ability. Nobody on the golf course outside your group cares how good or bad a player you are. The only thing that really matters is keeping pace so you don't affect the day of numerous other members. Here's your goal... \*Shaving 3 ½ minutes off your groups time for each hole will take 1 hour off your 18 hole round.





# Catta Verdera Women Golfers



## Message from Michelle Helzer, Captain

Welcome new member Kami Kessler!

Congratulations to Whitney Eklund on her Hole In One! Whitney got her ace on Hole 17 on September 23. She hit the ball 133 yards to bounce once and land in the hole. Way to go, Whitney!

We will have the second General Membership meeting following the Turkey Shoot on November 18. Feel free to attend the meeting even if you cannot participate in the tournament. The meeting will take place in Casa Allegria at approximately 2 pm. We will be voting in our captain and co-captain for 2022.

Thirty-eight members have RSVP'd for the Holiday Party on December 2. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by November 15. Tiffany will be setting up a holiday trunk show with her brands GGBLue, SanSoleil, Swing Control and her latest addition, Duca del Cosma golf shoes. She will be showing current lines and some new Spring lines so you won't want to miss it. The holiday party is always a fun event celebrating and awarding our wonderful membership of women golfers. Hope to see you there.

See you on the course!

~Michelle

## New Membership: Riye D'Ambra

Welcome to our newest addition to CVWG Kami Kezler!

Our fall Nine & Wine on 10/17 was fantastic! The

weather cooperated .. we had 40 ladies participate in scramble golf and enjoyed some delectable food & wine at Diana's house afterwards! Many thanks for Diana for opening up her beautiful home and back yard & hosting!

As we near the end of 2021, it is time for 2022 CVWG membership renewal. I will be sending out an email with details on renewing your CVWG membership. I only need a response if you are opting out - but hopefully not we have a fun 2022 calendar of events you won't want to miss!



## Solheim Cup RESULTS

October 2nd & 3rd

CONGRATULATIONS to the RED Team. The final score was RED -190 BLUE- 170! It was a great time...thanks to all who came out and competed and had fun!





## CVWG Cont...

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

The WGANC held its Legacy Hers 'n His Tournament on October 27th & 28th at Sierra View Country Club and Serrano Country Club with a two-day, four-ball stroke play (better ball of partner) format.

I'm proud to say that seven couples from CattaVerdera were eligible to participate in this tournament. Megan Cohill & Adam Sepulveda, Lisa & Kwang Pae, Debbie & Steve Harvey, Linda & Charlie Bunker, Tina Paschke & James Parker (aka Parskey's – thanks Megan!), Lory & Darryl Vasko, and Riye and Steve D'Ambra. It was a great opportunity to play other courses and meet other couples from all over the Northern California area.

Catta Verdera represented well and brought home some wins.

Flight A	Flight B
Megan & Adam – 3rd Gross	Tina & Jim – 3rd Gross
Lisa & Kwang – 2nd Net	Debbie & Steve – 4th Gross
Linda & Charlie – 3rd Net	

It is great to see the participation from our club! Keep it going and sign up for future tournaments and open days.



### Member Spotlight

The CVWG is happy to bring you the 2021 Member Spotlight. Check out our amazing member and her golfing background. If you want to nominate someone to be on our Member Spotlight; please email Editor; Susan Kolb: [susan@susankolbsellshomes.com](mailto:susan@susankolbsellshomes.com)

1. Name: **Deb Clark**
2. How long have you been playing golf? **3 years**
3. How long have you been a member of CV? **3 months**
4. Please list any other athletic sports you currently play or have played? **Pickleball, biking and hot yoga**
5. How often do you play golf? **None right now...hip replacement. Otherwise try for 2-3 days per week.**
6. Are you a social golfer or a more competitive golfer? **Definitely a social golfer.**
7. What are three golf goals that you have for yourself? **Get out of my head, Lower my score and just relax!!**
8. What was your occupation if you are now retired? What is your occupation? **I am retired but used to work for the California highway patrol in the information technology section in Sacramento.**
9. What is the most challenging aspect of playing golf for you? **Relaxing...**
10. Who introduced you the game of golf? **Friends. Everybody was golfing except me so I had to learn.**
11. Do you take skills clinics or lessons or are you self taught? **I've taken clinics and continue to take private lessons.**
12. What is your mindset when you play golf? **Relax!**
13. In competitive golf situations do you get nervous, anxious or are you thinking "Bring it on"? **If I am involved in a competitive situation I decide to just "bring it on". I think that's the best attitude if I have put myself in that position anyway.**
14. Do you have any hobbies? If so what are they? **My grand children, my daughter, puzzles and cocktails!**
15. Who would be in your dream foursome? **Beth Holbit, Dana Mata and Susie Kincaid. These beautiful ladies were so friendly to me in the beginning and I just adore them.**
16. Share anything else you would like people to know about you. **I am just a fun loving little chick looking for some nice friendships and good laughs!**





## CVWG Cont...

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### Individual EC Tournament – Andrea Berry

#### INDIVIDUAL EC TOURNAMENT

PLEASE REMEMBER TO GET ALL INDIVIDUAL EC CARDS BY **NOVEMBER 7TH**.

Winners of both the Partner and Individual EC tournaments will be announced at our Annual Holiday Party on December 2nd.

Information on the 2022 Partner EC tournament will be sent out in January. Keep an eye out in your email box for more information.

Happy Golfing!!

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

#### Thursday Ladies Day!

The Ladies Day Shot Gun start is at 9 am EVERY Thursday! Come on out and play a game, weather permitting!

**Please Call the Pro Shop to sign up!**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:wilhelmina52@att.net).

**EC CARDS:** Any questions? Email Andrea Berry @ [acberr67@gmail.com](mailto:acberr67@gmail.com)

**POSTING YOUR SCORE:** Any questions? Email Susan Bishop @ [bishop2some@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:caronpoole@gmail.com).

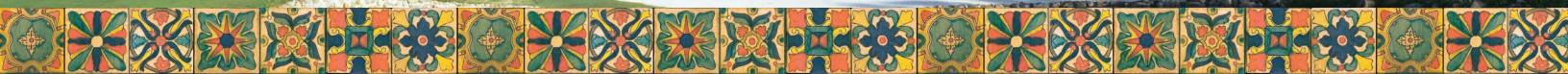
**LADIES!!** Don't forget to join our Catta Verdera Women's Golf Group on **FACEBOOK**. Just click the join button, and we will add you. Always great up-to-date happenings & pictures!

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

Contact:

Michelle Helzer: CVWG Captain

Tina Paschke: CVWG Co-Captain





# Catta Chatter



## Golf Shop Shoe Inventory Reduction

All New Balance, Skechers, Nike, Asics and Cuater shoes - 40% off their original price! Prices subject to supply on hand (no special orders at this price).

**All Footjoy shoes in stock 30% off!**

This is below our usual sip-n-shop prices! Don't miss out!

## Save the date...

### Annual CVCC Tough Day Saturday, December 5th

Get prepared for a tough day on the course. Plan to sign up for this fun & challenging day of golf. You will not want to miss this tough tournament! Watch your email for more details soon!



### Christmas Eve Dinner To-Go Friday, December 24th

Enjoy a relaxing Christmas Eve dinner and have the Club prepare it for you. Chef Keelan will be putting together an amazing dinner that you can order and pick up to-go! Keep an eye out for the menu and ordering times. Spend more time with family and friends, and less time in the kitchen!

## Acers Alert!



Congratulations to Jon Morrissey for making a hole-in-one on November 5th! Jon scored his ace on hole #4 from 143 yards during round 1 of the Member/Member!! Congrats on the ace!

Congratulations to Mark Frederick for his ace on November 5th. Mark hit his tee shot in the hole shortly after Jon Morrissey, on hole #4 from 143 yards. Congratulations!

## November 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 Ladies Day	5 Turner Sparks Comedy Show Men's Member/ Member	6 Men's Member/ Member
7	8	9 Senior Club Championship	10 Senior Club Championship	11 Ladies Day	12 Men's Guest Day	13 Ladies Saturday Play
14	15	16	17	18 Ladies Turkey Shoot	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Dinner To-Go Ladies Day	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## Coming in December...

Saturday, December 4th  
**Tough Day**

Thursday, December 9th  
**Ladies Day**

Thursday, December 16th  
**Ladies Day**

Saturday, December 18th  
**Men's/Ladies Saturday Play**

Thursday, December 23rd  
**Ladies Day**

Friday, December 24th  
**Christmas Eve Dinner To-Go**

Saturday, December 25th  
**Christmas Day - Closed**

Thursday, December 30th  
**Ladies Day**

Friday, December 31st  
**New Year's Eve Party**