



# Catta Talk

CATTA VERDERA COUNTRY CLUB

JANUARY 2020

## Wise Villa Wine Tasting

Friday, January 24th ~ 6:00 - 8:00pm



Enjoy an evening of wine tasting with Wise Villa Winery in Quixote's. Come and sample some of this local winery's product. This event is open to all members and is a free event.

## Martin Luther King Jr Day

Monday, January 20th

Martin Luther King Jr Day is coming up and the club will be open. Take some time off work and have some fun on the course. Make you tee times early!

## Family Dinner Night

Thursday, January 30th

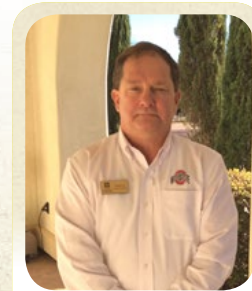
Join us for the "All-you-can-eat" Family Dinner Night from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm! This is Chef Keelan's famous Prime Rib with all the fixings. Reservations are not required, so just show up and enjoy dinner with family and friends.



## Valentine's Day Tournament

Saturday, February 8th

Don't forget to sign-up for the Valentine's Day Couples tournament, scheduled for Saturday, February 8th, the cost for this event is \$30/couple, format will be couples shamble. This is going to be a great kick-off event for 2020, sign up by February 3rd.



Jim Braden  
Director of Food & Beverage

## Frank Family Wine Dinner

Friday, January 31st ~ 7:00 pm

Join us for the 9th annual dinner with this acclaimed

winery. Chef Keelan will do a 5-course dinner paired with different varietals from Frank Family Vineyards. The cost is \$75 per person and reservations are required. Reservations can be made at 645-6721 or [jbraden@cattaverdera.com](mailto:jbraden@cattaverdera.com).



This event sells out every year so make reservations early!

## Valentine's Day Dinner

Friday, February 14th

Treat your sweetheart to an elegant and romantic dinner at the club this Valentine's Day. Chef Keelan will design a fabulous 5 course menu that will offer different selections for each. Further details and full menu coming soon. Seating is limited and this event always sells out so make your reservations early. Reservations are required and can be made at 645-6721 or at [jbraden@cattaverdera.com](mailto:jbraden@cattaverdera.com)





Kevin Earl  
General Manager

# State of the Club

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Greetings Catta Members,

Thank you for your commitment, and hopefully continued fun, at Catta Verdera. Without you, it would literally be a big building with lots of pretty grass. It is the people that make up the culture of the club and supports its tangible sense of community. As most of you know we have decided to go fully private starting January 1st. Thank you to all the charter members, who by my count is 34, who are still here. Thank you, and take some pride, please! Just a side note we have 52 members who have been here for 10 years... another pretty cool statistic.

***Before I forget, please mark your calendar(s) for January 15th for the all membership meeting from 5:30pm till 7:00ish. This will be an interactive meeting!***

## **Reflection on some of our completed projects:**

- ◆ New Golf Carts – \$430K for 80 new carts with many upgrades
- ◆ Tee boxes – Several forward tees were reconstructed and leveled
- ◆ Tree Trimming – As the course matures, we need to manage sunlight and shady areas
- ◆ New (9) utility carts – new people movers to get around the property
- ◆ New rough mower – \$30K to replace our old and tired one
- ◆ Kitchen equipment – New compressors in each of the coolers
- ◆ Sealed and stiped parking lot – This adds years to the life of the existing asphalt
- ◆ Infrastructure – boring stuff but sediment ponds and irrigation pumps (\$20K) were cleaned up and replaced respectively.

## **A short bit on future ones:**

- ◆ Bridge on #18 needs the boards replaced
- ◆ Ceiling tiles (noise suppression) in Quixote's.
- ◆ On Course bathroom need to be upgraded
- ◆ Fairway Bunkers need to be updated/ renovated

This list is by no means exhaustive, it is just an idea of what we have in store!

## **Membership Update**

We have seen a steady stream of new members joining the Club recently with 35 (and counting) new members since October. Welcome indeed! In the next couple of weeks, we plan on having a meet and greet day that involves golf and a social hour afterward.

We are currently at 302 golf members and 108 social members. The folks that have been joining have been a mixture of junior executives, social members, and full golf members. Again, welcome folks!

We will continue to be optimistic about membership for 2020. When I was hired in July, I mentioned to the owners that if we get 30 new members, it was going to be really fun and exciting around here. Well, we are there! A side note is we have a cap at 450 golf members. Most private clubs because of the economics, and good ole supply and demand, are around 325 members.

We will continue with the following strategies to keep growing memberships in 2020 with a new goal of getting to 325.

1. Renewed membership focused on social media. It will complement our catering and event strategies.
2. Word of mouth with strong member referral incentives.
3. Family legacy with no initiation fees.
4. Create a sense of urgency since we now can start the conversation of moving the invitation to \$7,500 in the future.

We know that the best marketing is word of mouth. We also know that members love to talk about their club when things are going well. To find out how well we are doing, a member satisfaction survey is currently ongoing. We sent out an email link using our new email server in late December. You have until Jan 12th to complete one. You can also find the survey under golf happenings in the member portal. So far, we have 134 responses. These results will be presented and discussed at the membership meeting on Jan 15th. I find the irony thick because we are asking about our technology proficiency using our technology!

Thank you to all that have contributed to the survey and please tell your fellow members!

### **Golf Operations**

Paul Shorts has clearly defined his 2020 golf operations goals. A quick highlight of these areas for 2020 is: the outside service needs to make strides towards being fully engaged and attentive to three areas. 1) That all fleet carts going out are up to a new standard(s)... each and every time. 2) Keeping the driving range clean and prepped every 45 minutes. 3) The golf shop staff raise their standards through some interpersonal and customer service training. We are a fully private club now so members and guests should feel welcomed...and are greeted like no other golf operation in the area!

A tall order but Paul and his staff are ready for the new year! As a side note, please welcome Sean Glynn as our new golf professional. He comes to us with some great experience. The past facilities that he has worked are The Meadow Club in Marin County and most recently Cameron Park CC. We are confident that Paul and Sean will continue to make improvements in the overall operations, and work hard towards making your golfing experience a great one.

### **Turf Care**

Ram and his team did an admirable job with the challenge of having a 200-acre office. Maintaining a golf course is especially tough in this region of the country. One of the biggest challenges we face are temperatures that move from the low teens, in the winter months, to low the hundreds in the summer. No turf school has developed a grass that thrives in both of these climates. As a purposeful strategy, to keep the course playable all year round, is to oversee and cultivate both cool and warm weather grasses throughout the course.

Our focus for 2020, and beyond, will be to feed the soil with what it needs. Soil analysis and other advanced tools are being used to help feed the plant more aggressively this year. This will hopefully keep the turf healthy and consistent long into the fall. The strategy of punching, sanding and adding amendments, like gypsum, peat moss and growth regulators, will help keep the course in peak playing condition throughout the seasons.

Just a side note...many courses in this region will have three personalities though the year. Summer, Winter, and Transition. The goal is to have great playing conditions in the summer & fall while limiting the transition time to the winter playing conditions. The fall transition was especially tough this year. We had a perfect storm of no rain for long stretches, and our irrigation water source was shut off for repairs.



## **Food and Beverage**

In 2020 we will be focused on more service staff when it is needed and speeding up the deliverables in Quixote's. We are committed to providing more service levels during busy times. Predicting these busy times is part science and part intuition. We won't be perfect but our promise to be "on it" more in the future.

The staff is committed to keeping the same social calendar so new and veteran members can continue to enjoy the club. Tunes on the Terrace has been a huge success and we will be continuing beginning in mid-May and will go through October.

We will also continue to host six wine dinners in 2020. At the time of this writing, the schedule is not finalized yet so check the website or call the course for more information.

## **Dues**

This is always the sticky part of writing a State of the Club letter. As you have heard and most likely experienced, the minimum wage is going up again on January 1st. This will have a ripple effect on the club since so many of our employees are at minimum wage, or just above the old minimum wage level. The increase in minimum wage will continue to affect our operating costs, due to many of our vendors taking price increases to cover their own costs.

Operationally, we have received increases to minimum wage, workers comp, health care, general liability insurance, and property taxes. It is expensive to live and work in California for sure. We take any price increase very seriously and will continue to stay very competitive in the club marketplace. With all that said, we will be taking our base dues and some F & B prices up to help cover those costs. Memberships will receive a 4% per month increase while F & B will average 3.5 %.

No ancillary items (like cart programs, trail fees, member packages, or locker storage) will be affected. We will be taking similar price increases with all of our outside events which include tournaments, weddings, private events.

We are however looking at guest fess but do not want to price it too high.

A comparison (the best information we have) of other local clubs and their monthly membership fees. You can see that Catta Verdera is priced extremely competitive.

	<i>Family</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>Social</i>
Granite Bay	\$728.00	\$ N/A	\$127.00
Sierra View	\$600.00	\$475.00	\$105.00
Serrano	\$690.00	\$ N/A	\$262.00
Del Paso	\$720.00	\$ N/A	\$205.00
North Ridge	\$655.00	\$ N/A	\$145.00
Cameron Park	\$567.00	\$417.00	\$161.00
Winchester	\$600.00	\$475.00	\$135.00
Catta Verdera	\$605.00	\$515.00	\$100.00

## **Advisory Committee**

The Advisory Committee is a group of member volunteers who meet monthly to discuss issues at Catta Verdera as well as help set Club policies. They represent the eyes, ears and the voice of members. I would like to recognize and thank our Advisory Committee for their time and hard work in 2019.

**Stacey Sommerhauser**  
**Adam Ruggles**  
**Beth Hoblit**

**Steve Hansen**  
**Brian Peters**  
**Doug DeMartini**

**Steve Harvey**

Thank you all!



## **Code of Conduct**

Our Code of Conduct is a working document that is in place to help promote a family-friendly environment for all members and their guests. Having a standard in place should allow all members and guests to have fun and harmonious experience while enjoying the Club's facilities and while attending events. We ask that you adhere to these standards at all times. Please take the time to review them. You will also see below an updated dress code for your review.

## **Dress Code**

Members are responsible and must advise their guests regarding the Dress Code at Catta Verdera Country Club. Please do not make enforcement solely dependent on the staff, since we are here to serve and make people happy, not be adversarial. The following dress code has been set forth by the Catta Verdera Country Club Advisory Committee and applies to all members and their guests.

## **Golf Course and Driving Range**

Gentlemen:

- Slacks and walking shorts are permitted.
- Golf or sports shirts with sleeves and a collar, either plain in nature or recognized golf trademark.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.

Ladies:

- Golf shirts, shorts, skirts, dresses, and slacks are permitted.
- Blouses with or without collars are permitted and may be untucked.

Children:

- Guidelines are the same as adults.

## **Clubhouse/Quixote's**

Gentlemen:

- When golfing, guidelines are as stated above for members.
- For social and dining events, golf members, social members, and guests must adhere to walking shorts, slacks, appropriate denim. Collared shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- Tommy Bahama style shirts may be worn untucked.
- Hats may be worn in Quixote's, but it is preferred hats to be removed.

Ladies:

- When golfing, guidelines are as stated above for members.
- For social and dining events, golf members, social members, and guests must adhere to slacks, shirts, blouses, appropriate length skirts and dresses, and appropriate denim.

Children:

- Guidelines are the same as adults.

## **Short Version of Etiquette for folks like myself that want the cliff notes version!**

- Dress like golfers, T-shirts and sweatpants are of bad taste, and are not allowed!
- Play quickly, this means you just have to keep up with the group in front and play around 4 hours!
- Show mutual respect to other members, guests, and staff!
- Have Fun while you're here!



## Holiday Fund

Lastly, thank you to all the members, for your generosity, that gave to the Employee Holiday Fund. Non-salaried employees truly appreciate your contribution and it certainly helps with their Christmas budget.

Lastly, if you are interested in serving on a committee now or in the future, or if you have an issue that you think needs to be addressed, please talk to one of the existing committee members or myself.

Thank you for making myself and family feel so welcome at the club. It is a special place in the community. The staff and I are dedicated to keep up the fun, improve the overall experience and keep the club growing!

Sincerely,

Kevin Earl  
General Manager

Steve Harvey  
Advisory Committee Chair



## **Employee of the Month**

Congratulations to Ryan Gonzalez. Our December Employee of the Month. Ryan works in our Outside Service department and has been with us for about 6 months. Ryan is a consistent performer who is always eager to learn more about the job and take on any task that is assigned. If you see Ryan outside, be sure to congratulate him on being our December Employee of the Month.



## **Acer's Alert!**

Congratulations to **Marlene Sanborn** on making our last Hole In One of 2019. Marlene used her 8 iron to ace our 17th from 127 yards on December 27th.

And while we're at it... Congratulations to **Debbie Harvey** for making our 1st Hole in One of 2020. Debbie scored her new year's day ace on #17; knocking it in from 133 yards with a 6 hybrid!

Great job ladies showing us how it's done!





Paul Shorts  
Head Golf Professional

### ***New for 2020...***

#### **Catta Verdera is Fully Private!**

- After a long and challenging road, we are finally fully private. We hope you are as excited as us to have finally reach this milestone.

- Along with the elimination of our 'public play days' come a couple of reminders...

Each guest may play as a guest 1 time per 30 days. In the past we didn't track Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 9:00 and 3:00. Guest play tracking during those times is now activated so please keep this in mind when inviting your guests to help us avoid any uncomfortable situations. It's not that we don't want the guest revenue; we just need to protect the integrity of the membership by not allowing 'coat-tail' members to repeatedly play just like they were a golf member. If you want to bring the same guest more than once every 30 days, be sure to play in one of our Men's or Ladies Guest days held monthly starting in March. Guest Days are not used for tracking purposes.

#### **Brand New Golf Cars!**

- Our shiny new fleet of golf cars has arrived! Please be sure to take care of them as you're out enjoying your round so they can stay new for as long as possible.

- Along with the new golf cars comes the reminder that our cart fees and monthly cart program covers 1 seat in a golf cart. Please, be sure to pair up whenever possible. This not only reduces the wear and tear on the golf cars and their batteries, but also on the golf course. If everyone rode single, we would double the turf compaction and nearly double the cart wear and tear. Plus, golf is always more fun with a friend!

#### **World Handicap System**

- As many of you probably have noticed by now, the handicap system is down from January 1st – January 5th. The new World Handicap System will come online January 6th. This new system is going to be a learning curve for all of us, but will unify handicapping techniques globally, and allow for what if believed to be more accurate indexes and playing handicaps. We're all learning this new system together, but as we continue to better understand it, we'll try our best to answer any questions you may have, or if we can't answer them immediately, find the answer for you. [Here's the USGA's link to a plethora of World Handicap info.](#)

#### **Goodbye to Kyle**

- Many of you have probably heard or noticed by now that Kyle Verle is no longer with us. Kyle has been an integral part of my team for the past 2 years and a huge asset for me with his knowledge and skill using the USGA's tournament software Golf Genius. Kyle has moved on from the golf industry and we wish him nothing but the best in his new endeavor.

#### **Welcome Sean**

- With Kyle's departure, I'd like to welcome Sean Glynn on board. Sean comes to us with some great private club experience at some of Northern California's finest private clubs including 8 years at The Meadow Club. Sean is a PGA member and has been teaching players of all skill levels for over 20 years. He is a certified club fitter as well and uses his Trackman 4 Doppler Radar Launch monitor to aid in the fitting process as well as a supplement to instruction. If you see Sean in the shop or around the property be sure to say 'hello' and welcome him to Catta Verdera.



Curtis Landa  
Membership Director

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

## Happy New Year 2020!

Catta Verdera Fall Membership offering programs officially ended December 31st. For the first time Catta Verdera's offering includes 3 Months No Dues for both golf and social membership. The program was successful enough for Catta Verdera to continue offering the \$5,000 initiation fee, 3 months no golf dues, January, February, & March for the Non-Refundable Golf Membership. If you know anyone interested in joining and you're a current member looking to sponsor a new golf member our program for Golf Member Sponsor You will receive 2 months golf dues credit after paid initiation. There are different options, you can accomplish sponsoring a new member. Contact me directly 916-645-6734, email me at [clanda@cattaverdera.com](mailto:clanda@cattaverdera.com), provide me with the potential members information, or simply introduce them to me. Please make sure if the potential member contacts me directly they give me your information before or during the process not afterwards. Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions or ideas.

On behalf of Catta Verdera and our entire staff, It's my pleasure to welcome the following new golf & social members.

### **Golf Members**

Marc Engellenner & Elizabeth Martin  
Mike Lowe  
Stephen Colombo  
Shuan Winter  
Troy Ford  
Ryan Fogarty  
Brandon Montalvo  
Nick Cejka  
Bill Hopper  
Bill & Margaret Walsh  
Kurt & Sheri Lewis  
Jack Smittle  
Indro Chakrabarti  
John Jaramillo  
Todd Bollenbach  
Torry Osborne  
Cory Harrigan  
Joshua Walker  
Eric Morgan  
Eric Ellis  
KJ Stephens

Billy Auger  
Daniel Gentry  
Mark & Terra Blackburn  
John Spencer  
Paul Marino  
Ian & Suni Robertson  
Michael Maupin & Lela DeBaptiste  
Matt Evans  
Dave Robertson  
Lyle & Rosa Innocent  
Duane & Kimmie Kellogg  
Kirk Moffitt  
Spencer & Karen Malysiak  
Frank & Paula McNally

### **Social Members**

Gregory & Jacqueline Nelson  
Bill Kurnett  
Charlie & Jamie Robben  
Kimberly & Dustin Ogden  
Richard & Elizabeth Gootee  
Dayna & Brad Summers

I appreciate everyone's efforts in growing Catta Verdera to full membership!



# Catta Verdera Women Golfers

## Happy New Year CVWG Members

I would like to take this moment to express my appreciation and gratitude to Stacey Sommerhauser for her tenure as the CVWG Captain this past year. She was a positive and inclusive leader always guiding her Board with a smile.

Thank you for everything that you did behind the scenes to make sure every event went smoothly so that our members would have positive and fun golfing experiences.

## WELCOME 2020

### What's new for CVWG in 2020

1. Saturday Guest Day - April 18th This event will be the first Guest Day on a Saturday as to allow for working women to take part in a guest day. Hopefully this new event will be very successful.
2. Saturday Match League - I am still working out the details but I am hoping this becomes a reality. Currently I have 4 teams that will be in this league. Having a Match Play League on Saturdays will allow all our CVWG working women to participate in a match play format representing Catta Verdera.
3. The Pro Shop will now be handling Ladies Thursday Play
4. The World Handicap System will now be used by all golfers in the USA.
5. The groundbreaking WGANC founded in 1908, is now under the umbrella of the NCGA. Merger parameters are now in place and thanks to some very hard working WGANC Board Members over the last 3 years. WGANC is now a Sub-Committee of the NCGA.

### What's new for Catta Verdera in 2020

1. Catta Verdera is going totally private starting Jan 1, 2020
2. A whole new fleet of golf carts were bought and are now in use. They look so fantastic and I heard

from everyone that they are awesome to drive.

3. Kyle Verle is leaving the Club -thanks to Kyle for all that he did for our Club.

4. The World Handicap System will be used starting Jan. 1, 2020

### Thursday Ladies Day

1. Starts Jan 2nd at 9am.
2. Every Thursday, tee times will be set aside for the Ladies to come out, perhaps meet some new players, have fun and play 18 holes.
3. Thursdays will not be a shotgun start unless there are at least 16 players. For Thursdays under 16 players, regular tee times will be the format.
4. Every Thursday there will be a game and sweeps for \$5.00. Remember buying into sweeps is always optional.
5. The Pro Shop will determine pairings and game formats.
6. Signup deadline for Thursday Play is the preceding Wednesday at 12 noon. If you choose to play an EC card you can still play on Thursdays but it may not be possible to play both an EC card and the Thursday game. It is up to you to determine the possibility of playing both.

### Winter EC Tournament

Starting Feb. 1 - April 30th (several weeks of bad weather could extend the final ending date).

Chair: Andrea Berry ---she will be sending out more details later this week

#### Key Elements for Winter EC:

1. A fun competition with a partner of your choice
2. Play 5 round each on count the lowest score per hole between the both of you for a fantastic team hole score.
3. You can choose to play multiple EC Cards with different players. You can play from the Yellow, Combo or Burgundy tee boxes.



## CVWG Cont...

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

Contact:

Laura Faber: CVWG Captain

Michelle Helzer: CVWG Co-Captain

### Verdera Cup starts in January

What is the Verdera Cup?? The Verdera Cup rewards members to participate in CVWG and club sponsored events throughout the year. Every time you participate in these events you earn points toward the Verdera Cup. You will also earn points when you place 1st, 2nd or 3rd in certain events. Points are collected throughout the year from January 1st – 1st Thursday in November. The top five members with the highest point totals at the end of the year will be awarded a Verdera Cup gift. The player with the most points will be the Overall Verdera Cup Winner. All awards be given out at the December Awards and Recognition Event..

### Low Putts starts in January

What is Low Putts?? The first Thursday of each month (January through November) and designated Saturday days are deemed Putt Days. There may be date adjustments in any given month due to club or outside tournament.s A CVWG member is only allowed to participate in one Putt Day per month. If a member plays a Thursday Putt Day she may not play a Saturday Putt Day in the same month. She must declare BEFORE the round if she is competing in the Putt Day. \*CVWG members must play in at least three Thursday or Saturday Putt Days to be eligible to win the Putting Championship. \*The player with the 3 lowest combined putting rounds will be the winner of the Putting Championship.

### Saturday Play Date: Jan/Feb/March Play Dates:

Stacey Sommerhauser Chair

Date: January 25th - Read her email blast and sign up to play!

Date: February 22nd

Date: March 21st

### CVWG 2020 Excutive Board

Captain: Laura Faber

Co-Captain: Michelle Helzer

Secretary: Eddie Nanchy

Treasurer: Shannon Zajec

Thursday Ladies Play: The Pro Shop

Tournament Saturdays: Stacey Sommerhauser

Membership: Pat Zimmerman  
Handicap/Rules: Susan Bishop  
Social/Charity: Wilhelmina Schaefer  
Advisor: Stacey Sommerhauser

### Committee and Special Event Chairs:

Eclectic Tournaments: Andrea Berry

Verdera Cup: Megan Cohill

Birdies/Chip-Ins/Eagles/Breaking Score Book: Caron Poole

Solheim Cup: TBD

Team Play Captain: Riye D'Ambra

Mini Invitational: Beth Hoblit and Pam Palmieri

Catta Bella: Beth Hoblit

Guest Day Coordinator: Kimber Tzikas  
April, June and August.

Boo Shoot Guest Day: Jeanne Zaslove

Turkey Trot: Jana Mendes

Member-Member Championship: Laura Faber

Tee It Up Wednesdays: Beth Hoblit

### FABER FOLLIES

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

### CLUB DISTANCE

1. How Far Does Each of your Clubs Go????

That sounds simple and perhaps a little silly but it's so important.

2. Go to the driving range and hit 20 to 30 balls per club. Do not record the few hits that go the farthest or the few hits that go the shortest. Record your average distance. Say you hit 20 balls with your 7 iron. Most of your shots land about 125 yards, then 125 yards is the distance for your 7 iron. Do this with all your clubs. You may want to go to the Driving Range a few times before finishing this assignment. Do your wedges one time, your other irons or hybrids at another session at the driving ranged followed by your Driver and fairway metals. Good luck and I guarantee , you will be a more accurate golfer.

I look forward to another great and fun year for the CVWG. You are all so fantastic and fun and it will be a pleasure working and golfing with so many of you during the new decade.





## 2020 Handicap Rule Changes

1. The handicaps will no longer update on the 1st and 15th of each month. Now the handicaps will update overnight. This means that you should post your scores as soon as you can after you play. For Tournament play Catta Verdera will establish a cutoff day (usually the day prior to the tournament) which will be used for determining tournament handicaps.

2. The number of scores that count towards your handicap will also change. Previously your handicap would have been the average of the lowest 10 differentials of your last 20 scores multiplied by 0.96. To simplify this the handicap will now be calculated using the average of your lowest 8 differentials with no additional multiplier.

3. The method of calculating the course adjusted handicap will now take the course rating and par into account. Previously the course adjusted handicap was  $\text{Handicap} \times \text{Course Slope} / 113$  rounded up or down. The new calculation is now  $\text{Handicap} \times \text{Course Slope} / 113 + (\text{Course Rating} - \text{Par})$  rounded up or down. This will better take into account players playing from different tees. Note that your course adjusted handicap can now be less than your handicap index due to the addition of course rating and par.

4. This item applies to post round adjustments after all scoring has been done. Previously depending on your handicap you could only post double par, an 8, a 7, or double bogey depending on your handicap. Under the new system the maximum score that can be posted on each hole is Double Bogey Plus =  $\text{Par} + 2 + \text{any handicap strokes you are entitled to on the hole}$ . For example if you have a handicap index of 15.4 and your course adjusted handicap is 18 then the maximum score you can post on each hole is triple bogey ( $\text{par} + 2 + 1$  (one stroke for each hole)). If your handicap index is 6 and your course adjusted handicap is 7 then on hardest 7 handicap holes you cannot post more than triple bogey ( $\text{par} + 2 + 1$  (one stroke for each hole)) and on the remaining handicap holes you cannot post more than a double bogey ( $\text{par} + 2 + \text{no net adjustment}$ ).

HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT	HCP	NET	ADJ
Black 74.0/139	432	388	430	201	390	214	356	597	406	3414	391	488	363	182	471	571	403	211	434	3514	6928			
Orange 72.1/135	405	365	408	170	358	200	338	562	385	3191	355	463	340	164	446	549	391	187	412	3307	6498			
Purple 69.1/126	369	335	402	143	312	169	309	521	350	2910	321	438	306	136	404	514 477	373 347	155	378 345	2929	5839			
Yellow 65.4/113	291	297	301	92	270	133	277	420	320	2401	284	395	274	111	441	404	317	133	248	2607	5008			
Par	4	4	4	3	4	3	4	5	4	35	4	5	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	36	71			
Men's HDCP	11	9	3	17	7	15	13	5	1		12	4	14	18	6	2	10	16	8					
Burgundy 74.7/134	369	335	408	143	312	169	309	521	350	2916	321	438	306	136	441	477	347	155	345	2966	5882			
Yellow 69.7/125	291	297	301	92	270	133	277	420	320	2401	284	395	274	111	441	404	317	133	248	2607	5008			
Ladies' Par	4	4	4/5	3	4	3	4	5	4	35/36	4	5	4	3	5	5	4	3	4	37	72			
Ladies' HDCP	13	3	7	17	9	15	11	1	5		4	6	14	18	12	2	10	16	8					
Scorer:											COMBO (O/P) 6,234 YARDS (M) 70.6/132 COMBO (B/Y) 5,523 YARDS (L) 73.0/128										Attest:	Date:		



## 2020 Handicap Rule Changes

5. Still confused? If you are playing Catta Verdera's Orange Tees and current Handicap index is 10.5 the first step is to calculate your Handicap for that course and those tees:  $(10.5 * 135 / 113) + (72.1 - 71) = 14$

So this means on the hardest 14 holes, men's handicap 1-14 (holes 9, 15, 3, 11, 8, 14, 5, 18, 2, 16, 1, 10, 7 and 12) you can't post more than par + 2 + 1. On the remaining holes, men's handicap 10-18, you can't post more than par + 2. In other words a net double bogey on any given hole is the max score that can be posted.

\*\*\*\*\*During all Catta Verdera tournaments you will still keep track of all strokes taken and the scoring program will automatically calculate the maximum score to post\*\*\*\*\*

6. There is an addition of the "playing conditions calculation" (PCC) that adjusts how your score impacts your Index depending on the average of all scores posted at that course that day. Say 20 mile-per-hour winds cause you to shoot in the high 80s when you normally post 78s and 79s. The World Handicap System algorithm accounts for this to keep the score from negatively affecting your Index, particularly if all scores that day were high. This only kicks in when an inordinate number of scores for the day fall above, or below the expected scoring range for the players handicap.

7. The Low Handicap Index is a reference point that establishes once 20 posted scores are entered and is based on the last 365 days from the most recent post. Once a low handicap index has been established there will be two caps to protect upward movements of handicaps over time.

**Soft Cap:** The soft cap is triggered when the difference between a player's newly calculated Handicap Index and the established Low Handicap Index is greater than 3 strokes. When a calculated Handicap Index is greater than 3 strokes, the value above 3 strokes is restricted to 50% of the increase.

**Hard Cap:** The hard cap is triggers to restrict the amount by which a player's Handicap Index can increase, after application of the soft cap, to no more than 5 strokes above their Low Handicap Index.

8. To help eliminate sandbagging there will be an automatic rule in place for exceptional scores. If the score differential is lower than the current Handicap Index by 7.0-9.9 then the score differential of all previous 20 scores will be reduced by 1.0. If the score differential is lower than the current Handicap Index by 10.0 or more then the previous 20 will be reduced by 2.0. The reduction can be applied based on one single score. The reduction of multiple exceptional scores are applied cumulatively.





**Ramiro Sena**  
Course Superintendent

## Superintendent Update

With the holidays behind us and a whole new year ahead, brings excitement for the unknown to come. The staff have been working on making the course safer for all of the members. We are chipping all fallen branches and trees that the heavy winds bring down during this time of the year.

It is also the time of the year that we take advantage of the soft soils and the irrigation team goes out and levels some of the uneven sprinklers and valves throughout the course. This will ensure us the system will operate correctly for the year to come. This can happen in the middle of the fairway or right in your playing area. Please, use caution as we do not always see every golf shot.

Also, the mechanics team led by Brett has been working diligently on the mowing equipment and tractors so they are in 100% working order. Our goal is to be fully equipped in order to be effective throughout the year.

Feel free to stop by our department to voice any concerns on the golf course.

Thank you for your support! ~Your Turf Care Team



## Calendar at a Glance - Club Events

### January 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Ladies Day	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Ladies Day	10	11
12	13	14	15 All Membership Meeting 5:30pm	16 Ladies Day	17	18
19	20 Martin Luther King Jr Day Club Open	21 Club Closed	22	23 Ladies Day	24 Wise Villa Wine Tasting	25 Ladies Saturday Play
26	27	28	29	30 Family Dinner Night	31 Frank Family Wine Dinner	

### Coming in February...

Thursday, February 6th  
**Ladies Day**

Saturday, February 8th  
**Valentine's Day Couples Tournament**

Thursday, February 13th  
**Ladies Day**

Friday, February 14th  
**Valentine's Day Dinner**

Monday, February 17th  
**President's Day Club Open**

Thursday, February 20th  
**Ladies Day**

Saturday, February 22nd  
**Ladies Saturday Play**

Thursday, February 27th  
**Family Dinner Night**

Thursday, February 27th  
**Ladies Day**

#### CLUB STAFF

- Kevin Earl x226**  
General Manager
- Ram Sena x215**  
Golf Course Superintendent
- Paul Shorts x202**  
Head Golf Professional
- Jim Braden x205**  
Director of Food & Beverage
- Keelan Glenn x207**  
Executive Chef
- Yanti Jensen x206**  
Controller
- Curtis Landa x213**  
Membership Director/Tournament Sales

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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



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