



Catta Talk

CATTA VERDERA COUNTRY CLUB

OCTOBER 2019



TUNES on the Terrace

Thursdays in Oct ~ 5:00pm to 8:00pm

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.

The final "Tunes on the Terrace" for the year will be our Family Dinner Night on Thursday, October 31. *We encourage you to come dressed up in your best halloween costume and enjoy the night with other Members!*



Yappy Hour

Wednesday, October 23rd

Back by popular demand, join us for Yappy Hour on the Casa Terrace from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Bring man's best friend and come and join the fun. No reservations required and there will be fresh baked treats for the dogs. There is no charge for this, just come have fun with the pups.

CVWG Boo Shoot

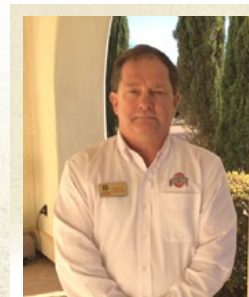
Thursday, October 24th

The Annual Boo Shoot is quickly approaching. There is a great event planned, so sign up soon in the golf shop!

Adult HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday, October 25th ~ 8:00 pm - Midnight

Join us for this year's Adult Only Halloween Party on October 25th at 8:00pm in Quixote's. There will be appetizers and drink specials. Costumes are encouraged! No cover charge and no reservations required. This event is open to all adult members and their guests.



Jim Braden
Director of Food & Beverage

Stag's Leap Wine Dinner Friday, November 15th ~ 7:00 pm

Join us for the exciting Stag's Leap Wine Dinner! This will feature a five

course dinner with a different varietal wine with each course.

Stag's Leap is one of the oldest

wineries in Napa (1893) and recognized with some of the best varietals in the industry. Chef Keelan will create another amazing menu and the dinner is \$75 per person. Reservations can be made at 645-6721 or at jbraden@cattaverdera.com.



The Selection Dinner Event Friday, November 1st ~ 7:00 pm

Are you one of the 32 people who get to attend this exclusive event? For details call Jim at 645-6721. This is the only way to make reservations. Catta Verdera has never done an event of this magnitude. Don't miss out!

Taco & Tequila Tuesday Every Tuesday 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Join us in Quixote's every Tuesday and enjoy our Taco & Tequila Specials! Don't miss out on the amazing Tacos & Tequila at the club! All Specials are for Dine-In only.

MONTHLY GUEST DAYS

2nd Friday 1:00 PM
Men
OCTOBER 11

4th Thursday 8:30 AM
Ladies
OCTOBER 24
BOO SHOOT





Kevin Earl
General Manager

Greeting Catta golfers, at the time of this writing it has been a terrific time for Sacramento Golf!

Sam Sommerhauser (Catta Verdera member) won one of the biggest junior golf events/ tournaments at the historic Pebble Beach golf course over the weekend. A true lifetime of memories for a very nice young man with a really bright future, stay tuned for more big things.



By the way, another great story is our own Sacramento native Cameron Champ (he took lessons here with Phil Dawson) won a PGA Tour event this past weekend. 17 under par for four days is some great golf indeed, against some of the best golfers in the world.

Switching to some club news: We have decided on the cart choice and will be going with Club Car again. They make the best car and they also came in with the best deal. A true win-win for sure. We plan on using these carts for the next eight years. After four years we will re-battery all the carts to get another 4 years of usage. This is a very large investment for the club, and one with a very strong ROI.

Any member in good standing, who is interested, will be sent information within the next month with specifics on how they can order a personal cart, at the same national pricing that we are benefiting from. Stay tuned I believe we will take delivery of the new carts in December.

On the private club side of things, Catta Verdera is still planning on going fully private in the coming year. Projections are to do this in January 2020. This is a very big step for the club.

Another cool story, sorry for the 80's reference is we had a very special guest come to the 2019 - 1st tee fundraiser tournament. Roger Maltby and Mark Soltau provided some fascinating stories about junior golf and the current state of professional golf with stories about Tiger Woods and Arnold Palmer. I wish I had a camcorder...another 80's flashback.



On the course front, we have started the annual (so I am told) cleaning up the random and bothersome wet areas in the fairways. Most of this water comes from off-property meandering underground and soon finds its way to the surface in our maintained playing areas. We hope to get them all taken care of before all the heavy rains come.

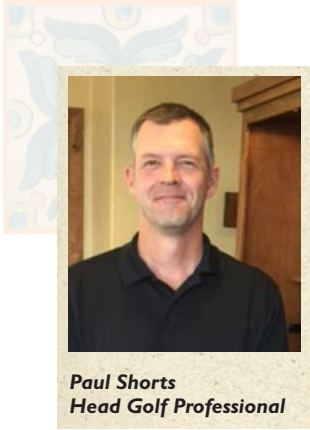
The golf course has received several new pieces of equipment in the last month. A new-ish rough mower along with 8 new people movers or utility carts. Just a point of reference one new mower costs more than 1/2 of the total cost of my first house.

On the restaurant side, and behind the scenes, we have had to replace some old and tired equipment. We had to replace the main kitchen compressor in one of our coolers because it was more like a heater than a cooler. Pun intended!

That all for now, see you in the fairway.

Kevin





FROM THE HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

New Course Ratings!

Back in late spring of this year the NCGA was out to re-rate our golf course. After several months of delay with the USGA rating computer system, we finally have our new course rating.

New			Old		
	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Slope</u>		<u>Rating</u>	<u>Slope</u>
<u>Men</u>			<u>Men</u>		
Black	74.0	139	Black	73.8	142
Orange	72.1	135	Orange	71.9	139
Orange/Purple	70.6	132	Orange/Purple	70.5	135
Purple	69.1	126	Purple	69.1	129
Yellow	65.4	113	Yellow	64.8	119
<u>Women</u>			<u>Women</u>		
Burgundy	74.7	134	Burgundy	74.6	139
Burgundy/Yellow	73.0	128	Burgundy/Yellow	73.0	132
Yellow	69.7	125	Yellow	70.0	129

In case you don't know what these numbers mean to you, here's the 'Readers Digest' version.

The rating is largely determined by yardage with some influence based on hazards and general difficulty of each hole. The rating is what the USGA believes a 'scratch' golfer should shoot from that set of tees.

The slope is a number that tells us how difficult the course is for higher handicap golfers in relation to lower handicap golfers. This is the number that is used to calculate your course handicap for a given round. What does that mean? For this example we will assume male golfers competing from the same tees. If player A has a USGA index of 18.4 and this player is playing a match at Catta Verdera from the Purple tees the course handicap for this match will end up being 21. Course handicap is calculated by multiplying your index by the Slope of your set of tees and then dividing by 113 and rounding up. Why 113 you ask? Because that is the number that the USGA has determined is a completely average and neutral golf course. $(18.4 \times 126) / 113 = 20.516$ or 21.

If our Player A is playing against another male golfer from the same tees that has an index of 2.2 (player B) then the 2.2 calculates to a 2 course handicap, and player A will get 19 strokes from player B in an 18 hole match. Strokes given will fall in order of the course handicap line on the scorecard (more on this later). Now if we were to move this hypothetical match back to the Black tees things change a bit. Our 18.4 now gets a course handicap of 23 while our 2.2 gets a course handicap of 3. The stroke difference in this match is now 20 rather than 19 due to the slope being higher from the more difficult tees.

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FROM THE HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

So just what is the Course Handicap line on the scorecard? If you look at any golf scorecard it has a line listed for Men's Handicap and a separate line listed for Ladies Handicap. Each hole on the course will get a handicap rating between 1 and 18. Many people mistakenly believe that this is the ranking of the holes from most to least difficult (with 1 being the hardest and 18 being the easiest). It could work out like that for some of the holes, but the actual meaning of that number is to tell us the order of holes ranked by how much help the higher handicap player needs from the lower handicap player. Catta Verdera's hole #9 is a prime example of this. Many good players would agree that hole #16 is our most difficult hole to make par or birdy, however it's hole number 9 that gets our #1 handicap rating. Through the use of something called regression analysis, which can be generated in our tournament software because we post scores hole by hole, we are able to determine that hole #9 is a fairly easy par for lower handicap golfers while it is a difficult bogey for higher handicap golfers. That means it has the largest difference in scores between low and high handicap players and therefore is the hole that the higher player most needs a stroke. Hole #16, while being very difficult, is difficult for everyone (low handicap players can easily bogey #16). Therefore it's handicap rating ended up being #10.

There you have it; a condensed version of what all those numbers on your scorecard mean. The good news is even if you're still confused, all you have to do is keep posting what you shoot (adjusted for equitable stroke control of course) and trust what the slope chart says your course handicap is. If you do both those things it all works out beautifully.

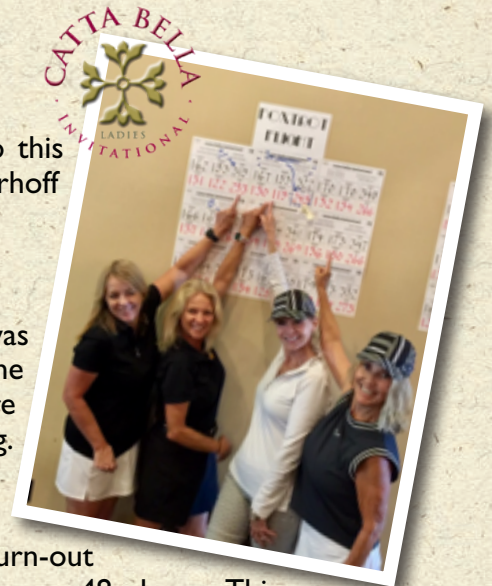
Now that we have received our new course rating, look for the NCGA posting computer to update to the new slope and rating numbers with the October 15th revision. As soon as it does, we will put the new course handicap charts out and put out our new (soon to arrive) scorecards.

Tournament results –

The 2019 Catta Bella was another huge success. Congratulations to this year's Catta Bella Champions! Laura Faber, Cheryl Dibachi, Claudia Doerhoff and Sibyl Myers.

Another staple event in the Ladies Club is their annual Cougars vs. Divas challenge. This year the Divas were able to take the title back from the Cougars after seeing the Cougars hold it for 2 years straight. If you're unsure why it's called Cougars vs Divas, it's exactly what you're thinking.

We also held a Couples Guest Day this past month and had our best turn-out ever for one of these events. Our previous largest couples guest day was 48 players. This September 29th we had a total of 88 players participate! Thank you all for your support. 1st NET went to Steve and Debbie Harvey and their guests Chris and Kim Casimir. 1st Gross went to Brent Petefish and Stephanie McCarthy and their guests Tom and Lisa Day.





Catta Chatter

Holiday Parties at the Club

The time is quickly approaching...the wonderful holiday season where we get to spend time with family and share memories with friends. It is also a great time to share your appreciation for employees and business clients with a fun and memorable holiday party. Start planning now and book your holiday events to get the best dates possible! Our holiday menus are a taste of elegance, unique and extravagant to make the event unforgettable. And remember, as always, members receive a 15% discount. We look forward to helping you host the party of the year! Contact the Events Department today at 645-6721.



Save the Date...

Thanksgiving Dinner To-Go

November 28th ~ These dinners will be available from 11:00 to 3:00pm on Thanksgiving day. It is a complete dinner and all you have to do is stop by and pick it up. No Cooking! Reservations are required and can be made at 645-6721 or at jbraden@cattaverdera.com.

SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

36 Hole Stroke Play
8:00AM Tee times Both Days

Divisions

Senior 55 and Over
Purple Tees – Gross & Net

Super Senior 70 and Over
Purple Tees – Gross & Net

Women 55 and Over
Yellow Tees – Gross & Net

The Senior Club Championship is
back! 36 Holes of medal play.

November 5th & 6th
Entry \$35/person

Entry includes prize fund,
and tee prize.

All players must be at least
55 years old by Nov. 5th,
2019

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH
&
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER
6TH

Entries Close
November 1st



Curtis Landa
Membership Director

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Fall Golf Season is Here!

CattaVerdera Fall Membership offering programs officially kicked off October 1st and will run through December 31st. For the first time Catta Verdera's offering includes 3 Months No Dues for both golf and social membership. Our course is in fantastic shape right now and Ram and his staff have done an exceptional job and need to be recognized. 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, 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.

I've received several inquiries to start October and feel very strongly this program will be very successful with the help of our membership to possible reach 300 membership.

I appreciate everyone efforts in growing Catta Verdera to full membership.



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You're Invited!

TO MEMBERSHIP



3 Months No Dues

Golf Non-Refundable

\$5,000 initiation. No golf dues for 3 months with paid initiation. Family, individual and corporate memberships available.

Golf Refundable

\$10,000 initiation. No golf dues for 3 months with paid initiation. Family, individual and corporate memberships available.

Legacy Membership

ZERO initiation fee – just start paying dues. Must be a family member of a current golf member (father, mother, brother, sister, son or daughter).

Golf Member Sponsor

You will receive 2 months golf dues credit after paid initiation.

Social Plus Membership

\$1,000 initiation. Dues start at \$170/month. Includes all the social benefits and use of the driving range & practice facilities Tuesday through Sunday.

Social Membership

\$1,000 initiation. Dues start at \$95/month. Enjoy a variety of activities, special events, and limited golf privileges.

Come by or call 916.645.7200 for more information.

Expires 12/31/19



Catta Verdera Women Golfers

Catta Verdera Women's Group...Fall is here and so are some of our best events of the year!!

The nominations are in...drum roll please... The proposed 2020 Catta Verdera Women's Group Captain and Co-Captain are Laura Faber and Michelle Helzer. We will have the official vote at the General Meeting immediately following the Turkey Shoot in November. Thank you Laura and Michelle for volunteering! Yay!!

Please see Laura's email regarding open CVWG Board positions. Please reach out to her if you are interested in volunteering. I'll tell you from personal experience that volunteering is so much fun and super rewarding. You get to meet lots of new people and work with some super fabulous ladies. It's been a really great year for me!

Read on to see what the rest of 2019 has in store...

The annual Solheim Cup will take place on October 12th and 13th. Laura's team: Pam, Wil, Lisa, Elaine, Diana N., Arleen, Susan B, Eddy and Riye. Debbie's team: Camie, Linda, Lory, Megan, Michelle, Stacey, Wanda, Lorraine, Kimber and Cheryl. Looking forward to a fun event.

Lory Vasko - Membership

Save the Date Save the Date!!! – Nine and Wine Social – Sunday, October 20th @ 2:45 pm

The Nine and Wine is coming on Sunday, October 20th with a shotgun start at 2:45 pm and potluck social to follow. This is open to all members of Catta Verdera Women's Group as well as those looking to join the Women's Group. The potluck social will be at Lory Vasko's home in Catta Verdera. Check your emails for sign up information. Everyone will bring a dish to share and a bottle of wine!

If you know of anyone interested in joining the CVWG please have them contact me at 916-847-5728 or loryvasko@gmail.com.

Annual Boo Shoot (Guest Day) – Cherie and Camie

The Annual Boo Shoot will be held on Thursday, October 24th. The cost for guests and members not on a cart program is \$60 and \$40 for CVCC members on a cart program. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 am with a shotgun start at 9:00 am. Cherie and Camie have a great event planned for all. Please sign up as soon as possible with the Pro Shop.

Sierra Gold Match Play – Linda Bunker

The final match of the season will be held at Serrano on October 17th. The roster for the match will be put together after the October 15th GHIN revision. Thanks to all who have contacted me already. The team could use a couple more players! Call or text me at 916-508-9518.

Riye D'Ambra will be our Sierra Gold Match Play chair for 2020 and the uniform has already been selected. If you have not ordered your skirts/shirt/jacket please text her today. Her number is 916-826-0950.

Susan Bishop – Handicap Chair

Congratulations to Caron Poole, our Most Improved Golfer in September. Her Index dropped to 17.3 from 20.1. Wow! Way to go Caron.

There is an app for that... posting your scores that is. Look up the NCGA app on your phone and download today. This makes posting your score as easy as 1,2,3.

Thursday Chair – Cami Sylvester

The last Thursday of September we had our game and sweeps Ladies Day with 12 ladies. The game was "Throw Away" where we threw away one bad hole on the front and one bad hole on the back. Winners were Lory Vasko 1st place with a net score of 56, Camie 2nd place net score 61 and third place Caron Poole net score 62.

In October we will have two Ladies Thursday Play days. Thursday, October 3rd the course will be

closed so no Ladies Day this Thursday. October 10th will be Putts and Medallions and a fun game and sweeps on October 31st.

EC Chair – Lisa Pae

One more month to go! You have until October 31st to get your individual EC rounds in for the season. Even if you can't get all 10 rounds in, play and turn in as many as you can. The payouts are based on handicaps and flights so there will be many winners! You also earn Verdera Cup points for participating. Great job thus far with over 320 rounds completed across all 3 tee boxes.

Open Day Chair – Laura Faber

The Open Days for the 2019 golf season are winding down but it's not too late to sign up to play at some amazing courses. Check your latest email blast regarding Open Days and take a chance and sign up for one. There are still several locals Open Days and well as Open Days in the Bay Area and Monterey area as well. Grab a golfing friend and make it a fun girls trip to play in an away Open Day.

WGANC has their Fifties and Sixties Tournament happening November 4th and 5th and that event is still taking signups. Here is the information for this event: Sign directly with the WGANC website.

Online registration only opened September 23, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. (PST) and will close October 7, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. (PST). Entry and the wait list will be determined on a "first come" basis.

Any questions just ask me, Laura Faber at calfabby3@gmail.com

Key Club Dates for Limited Tee Times or Club Closures:

Upcoming Ladies Events:

October 31st– Halloween and the last day to play an individual EC (each is worth 10VC points)

November 9th – Saturday Ladies Play Day

November 21st – Turkey Shoot

December 5th – Ladies Holiday Awards Party @ 5:00 pm – New Location!

Keep in mind the course will be closed or have limited tee times on the following dates: limited tee times on Friday, October 11th for Men's Guest Day; October 18th and 19th for Los Compadres; November 1st and 2nd for Men's Member/Member; November 5th and 6th for Senior Club Championship and closed on October 3rd for an outside tournament. Always check the Events Calendar online for changes and updates.

A Message from Stacey

The year is three quarters of the way over and I have to say it's been my honor being the Captain of our Ladies Group. It's not over yet, but I wanted to say thank you to everyone for all your support!

See you all out on the course!

The Divas came out on top for our Annual Cougars Divas Tournament. Thank you to the 32 ladies for joining in the fun. This was our highest participation yet!



Congratulations again to Laura and Cheryl's team for winning Overall at Catta Bella!! Nicely done ladies. And thank you again to Beth and her committee for a great event.





Ramiro Sena
Course Superintendent

Superintendent Update

We have arrived to another great time of the year... A time to enjoy the game of golf and see the amazing fall colors throughout the natural landscapes. A time where we don't have to withered with the torturous heat, but rather enjoy the beautiful time of the year while playing the course.

Golf is one of the most beautiful sports where you can play the game and yet enjoy the outdoors with the majestic fall colors at this time of the year.

The Fall season is a time when we do the overseeding of the fairways and tee boxes. We basically swap the existing dormant-tan turf by a newly emerging green rye grass. This takes place before the temperatures drop too low which, will enable the ryegrass to germinate. We start the process by vertical cutting the existing Bermuda with a big machine pulled by a tractor. Then we cut down the areas with our fairway units and blow off all the debris or vacuum it off before we drop the seed the fairways and tees. This process is tedious, extraneous and hard work for the turf care department and of course extremely damaging to all of our equipment. We also understand it can be messy, and at times inconveniences you as a golfer, but without this process we will not have green turf for the next six months.

I have to commend you for supporting us through this process. You have always been supportive of our Turf Care operation! We thank you from our hearts.

Great golfing times are yet to come before the rain spoils the fun come out and enjoy the fall colors on your golf course.

Thank you for your support ~Your Turf Care Team



Calendar at a Glance - Club Events

October 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Taco & Tequila Tuesday	2	3 TUNES on the Terrace Ladies Day	4 	5
6	7 Course Closed	8 Taco & Tequila Tuesday	9	10 TUNES on the Terrace Ladies Day	11 Men's Guest Day	12 Solheim Cup
13 Solheim Cup	14 Course Closed	15 Taco & Tequila Tuesday	16	17 TUNES on the Terrace Ladies Day	18 Los Compadres	19 Los Compadres
20 Ladies Wine & Nine	21 Course Closed	22 Taco & Tequila Tuesday	23 Yappy Hour	24 TUNES on the Terrace Boo Shoot	25 Adult Halloween Party Course Closed	26
27	28	29 Taco & Tequila Tuesday	30	31 Family Dinner Night Ladies Day		

Coming in November...

November 4th & 18th
Course Closed

November 7th, 14th & 28th
Ladies Day

November 1st & 2nd
**Men's Club Member/
Member**

Friday, November 1st
The Selection Dinner Event

November 5th & 6th
Senior Club Championship

Saturday, November 9th
Ladies Saturday Play

Friday, November 15th
Men's Guest Day

Friday, November 15th
Stag's Leap Wine Dinner

Thursday, November 21st
CVWG Turkey Shoot

Thursday, November 28th
Thanksgiving Shotgun

Saturday, November 30th
TUFF Day Tournament



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CLUB STAFF

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Ram Sena x215
Golf Course Superintendent
Paul Shorts x202
Head Golf Professional
Jim Braden x205
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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 - 8:00 pm
Wednesday 11:00 am - 8:00 pm
Thursday 11:00 am - 9:00 pm
Friday 11:00 am - 9:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am - 8:00 pm