“Yes, Virginia, there is snow in Moraga”
MANAGER’S REPORT

As we embark on a new decade confidence is high here at Moraga Country Club. Change is certain even though at times hard to accept. We will be faced with many challenges and opportunities for success in the years to come. The key to success is meeting those challenges head on with a vision for the future. The future is bright for Moraga Country Club and its membership. 2010 will be the year that our dear old clubhouse comes down and construction of the new clubhouse begins. Our club will continue to operate during construction out of temporary buildings; more information will be provided on this once all necessary approvals are received.

In 2009, 33 golf memberships were sold, six more than in 2008. Ten tennis families moved to golf memberships in 2009. We had 17 new families join us as tennis and swim members in 2009 as compared to 43 tennis and swim memberships sold in 2008. There were 18 homes that conveyed in 2009 as compared to 25 home conveyances in 2008.

There has been a reorganization in our Food and Beverage Department for 2010. We have combined the Food and Beverage Manager position and Chef position into one position; Brett Hurst will serve as Chef/ Food and Beverage Manager and Kori Campbell will continue as Banquet and Catering Manager.

I would like to recognize and give a sincere thank you to Victor Alaniz our past Food and Beverage Manager who will be moving on to bigger and better things.

Happy New Year to all.

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I hope you all have enjoyed the holiday season and that you are looking forward to 2010.

On the new Clubhouse front we continue to make measured progress. It is expected that by the time you are reading this newsletter, we will have a General Contractor under contract, thus completing the team of professionals needed for the project. Please see the following section for more details.

By now you will have received a copy of the updated Moraga Country Club’s Rules and Regulations for your review. I strongly encourage you to carefully read through the document and provide your input. One of the responsibilities we all take on when we become members of Moraga Country Club is to agree to abide by the governing Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs), Bylaws and Rules and Regulations. As most of you are aware, our on-street parking is very limited and it is becoming more limited by the day as more and more families move into the Club. I would like to draw your attention to the following sections of the
As of this writing, and as mentioned in the President’s column, we are very near to selecting a construction contractor for the new Clubhouse. As discussed in prior updates, the Committee and our Project Manager thought it would be wise to bring a contractor on board early so they could help identify potential issues with the building plans based on their experience with similar buildings and systems. Clearly, good, solid plans that are informed by experience will save a lot of headaches and dollars down the road. We have some excellent contractor candidates and we are excited to be taking this important step.

Will bringing the contractor on now cause us to lose the advantages of competitive bidding? The short answer is “no.” The long answer is below.

In addition to our efforts with contractor selection, we have been working to refine the floor plan based on member input. The New Clubhouse plan is now pretty well solidified and we believe it is quite good. You can view it on-line after logging on to the MCC website, under the New Clubhouse tab.

Regarding the schedule, we will be in front of the Moraga Planning Commission sometime in January (we are hoping early January) and the Design Review Board in February. If all goes well we could have our approvals by the annual meeting in March, but that is a big “if” because things often bog down in design review. Let’s keep our fingers crossed. We are still projecting a grand opening of the new clubhouse in the early part of 2012, but it could be earlier if we are successful with the Town.

Many of you have asked to see the floor plan and building architecture. As mentioned the floor plan is now on the website. As for the architecture it is being developed as we speak. You will have two chances to hear a full presentation on the new clubhouse, and view the proposed architecture, one at our regular Board Meeting on January 21, 2010 and the other at the Annual Meeting on March 25, 2010. We hope all of you will attend.

In the interest of space and brevity, just one question this month:

**Question:** I understand you are bringing a contractor on board now. Won’t we lose the advantages of competitive bidding if we do that, especially in this market where contractors are very hungry?

**Answer:** Good question, but no, we actually get the best of both worlds, the early and valuable input of the contractor and the cost savings of competitive bidding. Here is why: We are requiring our contractor to competitively bid all the subcontract work including even trades that they would otherwise “self perform”. In other words, if our contractor has finish carpenters on their staff we are nevertheless requiring them to bid the finish carpentry work. They can put in their own bid in too but we still get the advantage of the competition.

More Q&A next month. As always, please feel free to contact me or any member of the Committee if you have any questions.

--Tom Engberg, Chair

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SWIM NEWS

- Pool Hours: 5:30 am – 10pm
- Satellite Pools CLOSED for winter
- Would you like to be a lifeguard for Spring & Summer 2010?
  Please e-mail Christina at: aquatics@moragacc.com

New and Improved Mini Waves Learn to Swim Program 2010, stay tuned for enrollment information!!

Program Director and Staff
Christina Risso has been teaching kids and adults to swim for the past 20 years. She is the Aquatics Director here at Moraga Country Club and former Co-Head Coach of the swim team. The Mini Waves coaching staff is comprised of high school and college aged instructors, all of whom are athletes and competitive MCC Swimmers. The staff is a group of loving individuals who enjoy teaching kids to swim with a positive attitude. Please e-mail aquatics@moragacc.com for program information.

The Philosophy
Teach swimmers to be safe in the water and learn to swim while enjoying the experience. The staff motivates through positive and constructive instruction. We believe strongly in a respectful relationship between swimmers and coaches. There are a few guidelines our swimmers need to follow. “Hands on the wall” and “Heads above water” while you wait your turn. Swimmers practice following directions and paying attention daily. If a child chooses not to follow the guidelines, we will enforce “time outs” on deck to help swimmers remember.

Safety
To maintain a safe environment for our swimmers and a program that is efficiently supervised by our teachers, we only allow registered Mini Wave swimmers in the pool during Mini Waves. (This includes younger or older siblings).

Mini Wave Workout Schedule
Spring
Monday May 24th – Thursday June 10th 3:30pm-4pm
Summer
Monday June 14th – Thursday July 29th 12:15pm-12:45pm
*Please note that due to club events, some pool closures occur during the swim season. Pool closures and notifications will be posted on mccwaves.com website, sent via constant contact and written on the white board at the sign-in podium.

Welcome New Members
January 2010
Homeowners:
Kapelke, Erik & Susan
Elliott, William & Nancy

Golf Associates:
Chan, Steve & Beth
Katie (6) & Dylan (5)
Philipot, Jim & Lynn
Ramazetti, David & Tiffany: Talia (11), Alyssa (8), & Nicholas (4)
Sintchak, Ken & Sharon: Kyle (7) & Ryan (5)

Tennis & Swim Associates:
Becker, Robert & Mindy: David (12), Emily (9), & Lucy (7)
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday season as we gear up for another great year at MCC. The tennis staff would like to extend a big "Thank you" for our Staff Appreciation gift. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and hope we can contribute to making 2010 a memorable year for you and your families.

Junior clinics are starting up in January. If you want to get your children involved in this program, or need to make a change, call the tennis lounge (376-1314). The Junior Clinics will be continuing from where they left off in December. If you would like more information, contact Mark Orwig, at Mark@moragacc.com.

News in brief:

The Holiday Toy and Food Drive was so much fun! Thanks to many of our members who made it all come together. Just to mention a few names: Susie Reams, Pam Bishop, Lili Smith, Lisa Geary, Laura Finnerty, Jody Johnson, Jackie LoPresti, Belinda Kimura, Lee Griffith, Cindy Raleigh, Stevie Mann, Lynn Philpot and Linda Ostman – we thank you for taking that extra step. This was a club effort and each contributor made a difference. We were able to sell $1,038 worth of tickets, of which half went to the Food Bank and half went to toys for the less fortunate children. Belinda, Jody and Jackie were kind enough to go shopping and fill their car with $400 worth of food for the Food Bank, which was picked up on December 18.

The remainder was used for toys, which Stevie Mann and Rica Chudler bought and distributed to an area in Richmond that was very grateful for your generosity. 

Winners of the baskets were:

- Golf Basket - Jackie LoPresti
- Tennis Basket - Nilla Rittenhouse
- Italian Basket - Lili Smith
- Money Basket - Joyce Shao
- Ruth’s Chris Steakhouse Basket - Kristin Rosenbaum
- Spa Basket - Cathy Barbagallo
- Hair and Manicure Basket - Martha Warbritton
- Reflexology Studio Basket - Mel Haas

Many adults and children enjoyed a better holiday because of your efforts.

The Ladies 5.5 USTA Combo Team traveled to Fresno December 4, 5, and 6 to play in the District playoffs. The team was comprised of captains Jennifer Glass and Ann Huchingson and team members: Karen Baymiller, Heather Biles, Lana Fitzpatrick, Bernardita Fong, Karin Heil, Kelly Hodgkinson, Shari Jones, Belinda Kimura, Leslee Larner, Alecia Larson, Petra Lemelin, Jackie LoPresti, Vicki Martin, Jody Parker, Molly Porter, Susan Sanders, and Suzanne Young. They played three matches, winning the first match but losing the next two. Congratulations to all the gals who made it such a successful season.

Congratulations to the Ladies A2 FALL Team, which had a 9 – 0 season and earned a commemorative plaque for coming in 1st place. The team captains were Jan Absher and Mary Johnson, and team members were: Denise Acker, Suzanne Alexander, Cori Bertucio, Pam Bishop, Christie Booth, Rica Chudler, Carrie Dern, Marsha Donner, Sunun Faulkner, Erica Gregory, Judy Johnson, Yvette Lardge, Hilary Leuteneker, Esther Matheus, Ingrid Meniktas, Christie Miller, Kristin Rosenbaum, Terri Rubenstein, Melanie Simcoff, Helena Singelstad, Lili Smith, Chiaki Suzuki, Martha Warbritton and Sheri Wedlake.

Another 1st Place goes to the B2 FALL Team captained by Laura Finnerty with an 8 – 1 season. The ladies who made up the team were: Karen Baymiller, Kirsten Buckley, Leah Bullen, Laura Finnerty, April French, Jennifer Glass, Vee Hoff, Kim Hunter, Petra Lemelin, Kym Leserman, Ingrid Miller, Astrid
Munroe, Shelley Neustrom, Karen Orwig, Tara Rochlin, Ann Strelau, Jenny Taylor, Kathi Wahed, Suzanne Young, Liby Zachariah, and Sandra Zusman. In addition to the win, the captain, Laura Finnerty, was mentioned as being the top player in the B2 Division with the highest winning percentage of all the players in that level.

Jennifer Oyoung and Helena Singelstad organized a Ladies Tennis and Luncheon on December 10. Unfortunately the tennis was rained out but the ladies gathered for lunch and had a great time chatting and enjoying the food. Helena gathered a few white elephant items and made a few of the ladies extra happy.

Come January, the Adult and Super Senior 65 USTA registration will go into effect. Team registration for the Adult Leagues will end February 15. Super Senior registration ends February 28. If you are interested in joining a team or being a captain for either the Adult or Super Senior teams, please sign-up in the Tennis Lounge.

Adult League Team registration is January 11 – February 15. The season is March 15 – July 11. Super Senior Team registration is January 11 – February 28. Team play is April 5 – July 11.

Our new USTA teams starting in January are:
6.0 Mixed Doubles
Captain: Bernardita Fong
7.0 Mixed Doubles
Captains: Mayada Innenberg / Peter Singelstad
8.0 Mixed Doubles
Captain: Helena Singelstad

USTA Score Update:
Ladies Senior 3.5
Ann Marie McGee/Tracy Per Lee 1 - 5
Men’s Senior 3.5
Ray Force / Peter Singelstad 4 - 4

Ladies Leagues Update
A Senior B.A.L.L.
Yvette Lardge 2 - 1
B1 Sr. B.A.L.L.
Ann Marie McGee/Tracy Per Lee 1 - 2
A2 B.A.L.L.
Marsha Donner/Cori Bertucio 2 - 1
B1 B.A.L.L.
Helen Sullivan/Loretta Schiansky 5 - 2
B2 B.A.L.L.
Kim Hunter / Karen Baymiller 2 – 5

Our Spring Teams for 2010 are as follows:
A1 Spring Team
Captains: Sunun Faulkner / Sheri Wedlake
B1 Spring Team
Captains: Barbara Jordan / Mayada Innenberg
B2 Spring Team
Captains: Kathi Wahed / Laura Finnerty
B3 Spring Team
Captain: Karin Hein

From The Restaurant:
Welcome to a brand new year at Moraga Country Club!

Once again, as a time for new beginnings, the New Year brings exciting changes to the Food & Beverage department and the entire MCC community.

The first few weeks of January will be used to address some minor maintenance concerns and refresh the Dining Room for its final run. Starting January 20th we will offer beverage service in the Lounge Wednesday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Dining Room and Lounge will resume full service February 2nd complete with a brand new menu.

I have been back at the Club a little over two years now, and I’m still concerned to hear members tell me that there remains a perception by other members who have not come in for years because of their past experience that our food is inadequate. I strongly encourage those skeptics to give us another try! We have made dramatic improvements to our cuisine and in the overall dining experience! Receiving comments about your most recent experience can only better our service.

Membership patronage and feedback are essential to our past and future success. Please join us for dinner or one of our upcoming events and allow us the opportunity to satisfy you.

Happy New Year
-Brett Hurst, Executive Chef & Food & Beverage Director

Evening Party Bridge:
November 18th (16 playing)
1 – Barbara Hanson & Conrad Robertson
2 – Leslie Engler & Ethan Bortman
3 – Kay Costa & Eleanor Hansen

Next session is Tuesday, January 19th, in the restaurant lounge. Newcomers are welcome. Fee is $1 per player.

Phone the country club office (376-2200) or e-mail David Geary at dsgeary@comcast.net by noon on Monday, January 18th, if you want to play.

Evening Duplicate Bridge:
November 25th (8 playing)
1 – Winnie Jasper & Jerry Chamberlain
2 – Barbara Hanson & Conrad Robertson
3 – John Greenblatt & Mike Wilhelm

Next session is Tuesday, January 26th, at 7:00 p.m., in the restaurant lounge. Newcomers are welcome. Fee is $1 per player.

Phone the country club office (376-2200) or e-mail David Geary at dsgeary@comcast.net by noon on Monday, January 25th, if you want to play.
CONGRATULATIONS
To Our 2009 Employees Of The Year:
Salomé Torres and Alfonso Muñoz

The club’s management staff was recently asked to vote for the Employee of the Year from among those staff that were recognized as Employees of the Month during 2009. The 15 managers decided that two staff members were deserving of the honor: Salomé Torres (the April Employee of the Month) who is the Head of Outside Services, and Alfonso Muñoz (the October Employee of the Month), who is our Irrigation Technician.

The two were honored at the Employee Holiday Party in December and given an extra bonus in recognition for their outstanding performance. Congratulations Salomé and Alfonso!!

MCC HOMEOWNERS!!

Gutter Cleaning Schedule For January 2010
Augusta Drive – First through third weeks of January
Gleneagle – Third week of January
Greenbriar – Third and fourth weeks of January
Spyglass – Second and third weeks in January
Tamarisk - Third week of January

Holiday Lights & Decorations
Exterior lighted or unlighted lights and related décor may be displayed November 15th – January 31st. While the Association encourages holiday spirit, we also encourage good taste and respect for your neighbors. If you are adding lights to your home or landscape, please keep in mind the rules of the Association. (Rules and Regulations E5.5)

Happy New Year!

2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION:
Owner Members and Golf Associate Members are welcome to run for a seat on the Board of Directors. At the upcoming election there will be three Owner Member positions vacated and one Golf Associate position.
If you wish to be a candidate and have your name printed on the ballot, please let us know no later than February 7, 2010. We will print candidate statements and distribute them to the membership with the ballots. The printed ballots will also include a space for “write in” candidates who have not formally placed their name in nomination.
A ‘Meet The Candidates Night’ will be hosted by the Association on February 25, 2010, and all candidates are invited to attend.
Ballots and voting materials will be sent to all voting members on February 22, 2010. Voting will take place between February 23, 2010 through March 24, 2010.
If you have any questions, please call Kathe Foster at 631-1902.
RESTAURANT

Closed For Food Service During January,
Limited Beverage Service Only
Sat. 2  6:00p Private Event
Tue. 5  9:30a Pinochle
    10:00a Private Bridge
Thur. 7  10:30a Private Bridge
Mon. 11  1:00p Moraga Men’s Duplicate Bridge
Wed. 13  9:30a Pinochle
    1:00p Dominoes
Tue. 19  7:00p Evening Party Bridge
Wed. 20  9:30a Pinochle
Tue. 26  10:30a Private Bridge
    7:00p Evening Duplicate Bridge
Wed. 27  9:30a Pinochle

Moms Swim Clinic
Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30a
Fri. 1 No Moms Swim Clinic

POOL

TENNIS

Tue. 5  12:15p Ladies’ Tennis Committee
Wed. 6  7:15p Tennis Committee Meeting
Fri. 8  9:30a Ladies A1 Spring Match
Sat. 9  1:00p Men’s USTA Sr. 3.5 Match
Sun. 10 1:00p Ladies USTA Sr. 3.5 Match
Wed. 13  9:30a Ladies B2 B.A.L.L. Match
Wed. 20  9:30a Ladies B2 Spring Match
Thur. 21  9:30a Ladies B3 Spring Match
Wed. 26  9:30a Ladies B1 B.A.L.L. Match
Wed. 27  9:30a Ladies B2 Spring Match
Thur. 28  9:30a Ladies A2 B.A.L.L. Match

Every Thursday: SMGA@ 8:30a
Tue. 5   2:00p MWGA Board Meeting
Wed. 6   9:00a MWGA Fun Game
Tue. 12  8:30a SMGA Meeting
Wed. 13  8:00a MWGA General Meeting/ Shotgun
Thur. 14  6:00p MGA Board Meeting
Wed. 20  9:00a MWGA Medal Play
Wed. 27  9:00a MWGA Medal Play
    5:30p Golf Committee Meeting

MEETINGS

Tue. 12  5:00p Green Committee
    5:00p ARC Meeting
Wed. 13  3:00p Public Safety & Compliance Meeting
Thur. 14  4:00p Landscape Committee Meeting
Tue. 19  3:00p Clubhouse Steering Committee
Wed. 20  5:00p Budget & Finance Committee
Thur. 21  3:30p Board of Directors Meeting
Thur. 28  4:00p House Committee Meeting
RESTAURANT

Every Wednesday, Friday & Sunday Dinner Starts @ 5pm

Wed. 10 9:30a Pinochle
Wed. 10 1:00p Dominoes
Sun. 14 5:00p Valentines Day Dinner
Tues. 16 7:00p Evening Party Bridge
Wed. 17 9:30a Pinochle
Sun. 21 5:00p Father / Daughter Dance
Tues. 23 10:30a Bridge
Tues. 23 7:00p Evening Duplicate Bridge
Wed. 24 9:30a Pinochle

POOL

Moms Swim Clinics Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:30a

GOLF

Every Thursday: SMGA @ 8:30a
Tues. 2 8:00a Niner’s Meeting
Wed. 3 9:00a MWGA Trophy Day
Tues 9 8:30a Senior Men’s Meeting
Tues 9 2:00p MWGA Board Meeting
Wed. 10 9:00a MWGA Valentines Day Tournament
Thurs. 11 6:00p MGA Board Meeting
Wed. 17 9:00a MWGA Medal Play
Tues. 23 8:00a Niner’s Trophy Day
Wed. 24 9:00a MWGA Medal Play

MEETINGS

Tues. 9 5:00p Green Committee Meeting
Tues. 9 5:00p ARC Meeting
Wed. 10 3:00p Public Safety & Compliance Meeting
Thurs. 11 4:00p Landscape Committee Meeting
Tues. 16 3:00p Clubhouse Steering Committee Mtg.
Wed. 17 5:00p Budget & Finance Committee Mtg.
Thurs. 18 3:30p Board of Directors Meeting
Thurs. 25 4:00p House Committee Meeting
Fri. 26 4:00p Pool & Rec Meeting

TENNIS

Tues. 2 12:15p Ladies Tennis Committee Meeting
Wed. 3 7:15p Tennis Committee Meeting
Sun. 7 9:00a Tennis Mixed Doubles

FROM THE GOLF SHOP

As we get “knee deep” into winter weather, it’s important for us to set our goals for the upcoming golfing season. Some people spend time focusing on weight loss, some focus on a new hobby, and golfers decide what cutting-edge club will give them that New Year’s boost. Although it’s not recommended practice, buying a new piece of equipment can help kick start your golf season. Buy a new putter, wedge, driver, or set of irons and re-commit to your game. Outside of a new purchase, more importantly, is deciding on the amount of effort you devote to your golf game this year. Do you want to lower your handicap or work on your driver? Do you know what all of your wedges do with regard to distance? These are all valuable questions, but my job is to try to get all of you to commit to “practice” this year. To improve in golf you must practice. But the quality of your practice is more important than the quantity. In order to understand how to practice, one must first understand that there are two different ways to think during practice. There’s the training mentality and the trusting mentality (Bob Rotella). The training mentality focuses on technique and the analysis of each and every swing. In a nutshell the training mentality is critiquing your mechanics on the range. The trusting mentality feels more like reckless abandon. In the trusting mentality the golfer simply accepts the way his or her swing is and just tries to let things happen naturally. Neither is good or bad, just different ways to think when we practice. Both the training and trusting mentality have their place in a golfer’s practice sessions. The key difference between the two is that when we want to play we need to focus on the trusting mentality on the range. If we focus on technique and mechanics prior to playing we end up getting in that mode on the course, leading inevitably to disaster. In order to improve and play at a higher level we need to trust our decisions and trust our swing regardless of mechanics on the course. If we want to focus on swing and technique then we need to be in the training mentality versus the trusting mentality. However, if we want to transfer trust onto the course then we need to practice in the trusting mentality. That would be focusing on pre-shot routine, patience, visualization of target and letting go of mechanical thoughts, just to name a few. Simply put, if you want to be able to trust your swing on the golf course, one has to spend time doing it on the practice tee. So the next time you practice decide which way you want to think. Do I want to focus on mechanics and swing technique or do I want to let go and trust my swing? Just remember that the trusting mentality is essential for getting ready to play and improve your game while the training is simply what its name implies, training!!

MWGA News

The 18 Holers celebrated another successful year of golf and fun with a festive luncheon and awards presentation. Many thanks to Ginny Everist for all her efforts in putting together such a wonderful party. Many awards were given for achievements over the past year, with special mention of a few:

Most Improved Golfers:
1st Place, Cheryl Johns
2nd Place Diana Davison
Most Birdies: Darlene Martel
2009 Club Champion: Julie Wirth (below on right)

Outgoing captain, Dorothy Maddison, thanked all those who helped with activities during the year and introduced the incoming board members:

New Board: Pat Brown, Treasurer, Valerie Robertson, Captain, Denise Acker, Secretary, & Fran Gentry, NCGA Rep.

Play in the new year, weather permitting, is scheduled to start Wednesday, January 6, 2010. Sign up in the ladies locker room.

**SMGA News**

The end of the seniors’ golf season has descended and we are now looking forward to next season. All men who will be 55 during 2010 are now eligible to join. There is no interview, letters of recommendation, or vetting necessary -- just $30 of American money and you too can be on the senior circuit. You will have the opportunity to play such fine courses as Bayonet in Monterey, Contra Costa Country Club, Richmond Country Club, and Rossmoor, just to name a few. It is a fun group (for mature people) with characters and leaders of industry, both famous and infamous. The membership is currently over 100 people strong, and you're bound to find someone who takes a liking to you besides your wife, children and dog. Give it a go. 100 people cannot be wrong!

We want to thank Jerry Hunter and Jim Drennan as co-presidents for a fine job. Someone always has to step forward and these gentlemen were golden. Dennis Martel (the next president) also needs to be acknowledged for an outstanding job as tournament chairman during this past season. He certainly brought new energy and ideas to the senior season and it was much appreciated. Our first event for next season will be our March Madness, which consists of some elements of instruction as well as a nine-hole scramble. We look forward to seeing you all there.

**Niners News**

The Moraga Niners celebrated the season’s end at their festive Holiday Luncheon with recognition of many of the Niners. Captain Leslie Mortimer ended her 2 years as Captain of the Niners by winning the Niners Championship Flight Winner. Congratulations Leslie! Our Mary B. Fash Memorial Trophy was presented to Leslie honoring her win also as Trophy Day Winner. Thanks Leslie for all of your many contributions to the Niners.

Leslie Mortimer(left) awarded the Captain’s Choice Award to Marguerite Birkenfeld for her many contributions to the Niners.

Other Special Awards:

Most Improved: Carol Farrior, in red, presented by Mary Miller

100 Rounders: Sharon Scott (150 rounds) presented by Leslie Mortimer

Hole In One: Briana Lin presented by Mary Miller
Moraga’s Men’s Golf Association

In preparation for 2010, the MGA Advisory Board has established an exciting and event-filled season. Take a look at the upcoming events and make sure to “Save Those Dates” on your calendar. The MGA fee is $120 per season and includes entry in all seven (7) MGA Member Events plus Two Free Guest Days. In addition, the MGA organized optional tournaments that will have a fee to cover additional expenses such as food and prizes. Additional announcements via the website, email, and Pro Shop will be sent weeks in advance notifying you when it’s time to sign up. So as long as your email is up-to-date, you’ll be hearing from us and we hope to see you on the course.

2010 MGA Advisory Board Members:

The MCC Moraga Men’s Golf Association (MGA) is a volunteer organization to assist in the promotion and organization of golf events for its members. All MGA meetings are open to members to attend and VOLUNTEER!

President        Larry Koch
Treasurer  Bob Latham
Secretary  David Geary
Liaison with the MCC Board  Ron Mayes
Liaison with the Golf Committee  Bret Brodowy
Liaison with the Green Committee  Bob Latham
Ex officio  Jason Woodworth

Not a MGA Member?

If you wish to participate in any of the MGA organized events, please fill out the form below and drop it off at the Pro Shop. The MGA is a great value. The fee alone covers the two free Guest Days which can be used at any time.

NAME  ___________________________  DATE  ___________________________

MCC MEMBERSHIP #  ___________________________  GHIN NUMBER  ___________________________

Complete form and return to Prop Shop
2010 MGA Tournament Season

March 19: MGA ‘Tee Off’ Party in the Clubhouse/Pool to review the 2010 golf season and introduce the MCC Players Championship point system. An MGA sponsored event. All MGA members invited.

**MGA MEMBER POINT SERIES EVENTS (No add’l Fees)**

**EVENT #1 — THE FOUR-MAN**
**DATE:** MARCH 20th **TIME:** FRI. TT @ NOON SAT. TT @ 8:00AM
**FORMAT:** 2 BEST NET BALLS OF 4 PERSON TEAM
**NCGA QUALIFYING EVENT**
**DEFENDING CHAMPIONS:** TAP SITISERI, BERNIE SMIT, TOM TYSON, & DAN SANGUINETTI

**EVENT #2 — THE DIRECTOR’S CUP**
**DATE:** APRIL 16 & 17 **TIME:** FRI. TT @ NOON SAT. TT @ 8:00AM
**FORMAT:** 2 DAY ECLECTIC BETTER BALL
**NCGA QUALIFYING EVENT**
**DEFENDING CHAMPIONS:** BART PENFOLD & GARY MARTIN

**EVENT #3 — THE MORAGA CUP/SENIOR CLUB CHAMP.**
**DATE:** MAY 14 & 15 **TIME:** FRI. TT @ NOON
**FORMAT:** 36 HOLE INDIVIDUAL STROKE PLAY
**NCGA QUALIFYING EVENT**
**DEFENDING CHAMPION:** DEAN OKAMURA

**EVENT #4 — THE MEMBER-MEMBER**
**DATE:** JULY 16, 17 & 18 **TIME:** FRI TT @ NOON, SAT. TT @ 8:00AM, SUN. TT @ 8:00AM
**FORMAT:** (5) 9 HOLE MATCHES. BEST BALL PARTNER MATCH PLAY. FLIGHTS DETERMINED BY COMBINED PLAYER HANDICAPS.
**DEFENDING CHAMPIONS:** JERRY JONSON & PATRICK ARTIAGA

**EVENT #5 — THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**
**DATE:** SEPT. 11, 12 & 13 **TIME:** FRI. TT @ NOON, SAT & SUN TT @ 8:00AM
**FORMAT:** MATCH PLAY. TOP 16 HANDICAPS FORM THE CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT [BLUE TEES GROSS DIVISION], THE NEXT REMAINING FLIGHTS ALL NET WHITE TEES.
**DEFENDING CHAMPION:** DEAN OKAMURA

**EVENT #6 — 3-CLUB TOURNAMENT**
**DATE:** OCTOBER 2 **TIME:** TT @ 8:00
**FORMAT:** 2 PERSON SCRAMBLE/3-CLUBS PER PLAYER
**DEFENDING CHAMPIONS:** JEFF WALKER & FRANK ANGELO

**EVENT #7 — THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP & POST PARTY!!**
**DATE:** OCTOBER 30 **TIME:** SHOTGUN @ 8:30AM
**HOW TO QUALIFY:** PLAY IN AT LEAST 3 OUT OF 6 EVENTS OR EARN AT LEAST 45 POINTS
**FORMAT:** ONE MAN SCRAMBLE **DEFENDING CHAMPION:** DEAN OKAMURA

October 30th: The Players Championship Post Party to award the Moraga Players Champion as well as the Player of the Year/Top season points winner [St. Andrews Cup]. An MGA sponsored event. All MGA members invited.

**MGA OPTIONAL TOURNAMENTS / INVITATIONALS**

**THE MASTERS**
**DATE:** APRIL 10th **TIME:** SHOTGUN @ 11:00AM
**FORMAT:** INDIVIDUAL STROKE PLAY INVITATIONAL. TOP 75 PLAYERS FROM PREVIOUS SEASON
**ENTRY FEE:** NO ENTRY FEE. MUST BE TOP 75.
**DEFENDING CHAMPION:** DAN SANGUINETTI

**THE SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (COMBINED WITH MORAGA CUP)**
**DATE:** MAY 14 & 15 **TIME:** FRI. TT @ NOON SAT. TT @ 8:00AM
**FORMAT:** 36-HOLE INDIVIDUAL STROKE PLAY
**FLIGHTS BASED ON AGE: 50-59, 60-69, AND 70 AND UP. OVERALL GROSS WINNER IS SENIOR CLUB CHAMPION, GROSS AND NET WINNERS IN EACH FLIGHT**
**DEFENDING CHAMPION:** JIM ELLIS

**THE CHALLENGE (MEN’S INVITATIONAL)**
**DATE:** JUNE 3, 4 & 5 **TIME:** TBD
**FORMAT:** TBD
**ENTRY FEE:** TBD PER TEAM

**THE WHISKY CHALLENGE**
**DATE:** AUGUST 14 & 15 **TIME:** TBD
**FORMAT:** (5) 9 HOLE MATCHES. TRUE “SCOTCH” ALTERNATING SHOT.
**ENTRY FEE:** PRICE TBD; INCLUDES FOOD AND PRIZES. GUESTS ARE WELCOME!

2009 PLAYER OF THE YEAR AND TOP 5 POINT WINNERS!
**FIRST PLACE:** JEFF WALKER [ST. ANDREWS CUP WINNER]
**SECOND PLACE:** RANDY COLOMBO
**THIRD PLACE:** DEAN OKAMURA
**FOURTH PLACE:** DAN SANGUINETTI
**FIFTH PLACE:** JOE MARTELLO
Niners Club Champions were presented:
Winner: Leslie Mortimer
1st Flight Winner: Nadine Coburn
Runner up: Pam Gough
2nd Flight Winner: JoAnne Frudden
Runner up: Jean Schommer
3rd Flight Winner: Sue Harris
Runner up: Briana Lin
Trophy Day Monthly Winners for 2009: Leslie Mortimer was the winner of our Mary B. Fash Trophy.

** Eclectic Winners will be announced next month**

The Niners will resume season play in February 2010 with Julie Wright as our new captain. During January there is a sign up sheet for informal play.

New members are welcome to join the Niners. We play on Tuesday mornings February through November. Call JoAnne Frudden (376.0690) for Membership information. The 1st meeting will be the first Tuesday in February.
While residents and members have access to the Club’s Rules and Regulations, Bylaws and CC&R’s, I also understand that these documents may not be the highest priority on your holiday reading lists. Accordingly I thought I would take this opportunity to point out a few of the common monthly complaints security receives from the membership.

- Trash bins are not to be in the street or visible from the street prior to 4PM on Tuesday.
- Trash bins are to be removed from the street and stored out of view by Wednesday evening at midnight.
- 12 hour guest parking signs: these are designated parking spaces for guests for up to 12 hours at a time. They are not for resident long-term parking.
- No parking signs: Do not park on the side of the street where the no parking signs are located.
- 72 hour parking: Vehicles need to be moved every 72 hours. Parking spaces and on-street parking is not meant for long term parking for weeks at a time.
- Dogs are to be on-leash at all times when out of the house or back yard. This is also a Contra Costa County Ordinance.
- Dogs are to be on-leash when on the golf course (when the course is closed to golfers). They are not permitted to run off-leash.
- When the golf course is open for golfers it is closed to walkers for safety reasons.
- Your garage space is meant for vehicles, not for general storage. Abiding by this will minimize on-street parking.

-Stuart Mahler, Security

Understanding Frost Delays

As winter starts to give way to spring-like temperatures, the desire to hit the golf course intensifies. It also signals a change in golf course management activities.

During winter we occasionally face frost (or on that even rarer occasion, snow) delays; pushing back starting tee times. When the ground is frost covered, it is necessary to delay play until the frost melts. This is to prevent damage that affects the quality of the playing surface.

Frost is basically frozen dew that has crystallized on the grass, making it hard and brittle. A grass blade is actually 90% water; therefore it also freezes. Walking on frost covered turf causes the plant to break thereby losing its ability to function normally, much like an egg that cannot be put back together.

Accordingly, please bear with us during the remaining winter months.

Sincerely,
Luis Ballesteros &
The Golf Course Maintenance Department

THANK YOU

The MCC Staff wishes to express sincere appreciation to the membership for their contributions to the Employee Holiday Fund. Because of your generosity, each staff member was invited to a holiday dinner celebration as well as receiving a monetary gift. The recognition is appreciated by one and all!!
Moraga Country Club: Hours of Operation

**RESTAURANT**
Main Dining Room
Mon. Closed
Tue./Thur.
Lunch: 11:30a-2:30p
Dinner: Closed
Bar/Lounge - 11:30a-6:00p
Wed./Fri.
Lunch: 11:30a-3:30p
Dinner: 5:00p-9:00p
Bar/Lounge - 11:30a-9:00p
Saturday
Lunch: 11:30a-3:30p
Dinner: Closed
Bar/Lounge - 11:30a-6:00p
Sunday
Brunch: 11:30a-2:30p
Dinner: 5:00p-8:00p
Bar/Lounge - 11:30a-8:00p

**MAIN POOL, WADING POOL & SPA**
Mon.-Sun. 5:30a-10:00p
(closed Mondays 7-9a for maintenance)

**SATELLITE POOLS**
Closed For Season

**TENNIS COURTS**
Lights Out By 10:00p

**TENNIS LOUNGE**
Mon.-Fri. 8:30a-8:00p
Sat./Sun. 8:00-7:00p

**GOLF SHOP**
Closed Mondays
Tue.-Sun. 6:30a-5:30p

**DRIVING RANGE**
Tue.-Sun. 7:00a-5:30p
(weather permitting)

**GOLF COURSE**
Tue.-Sun. 7:00a-Sundown
(flag removal starts @ 5:45p)
Closed Mondays