MCC’s Annual Meeting
Will Be Held in the Clubhouse Dining Room
on Thursday, March 29th, 2012, 6:00 p.m.

The meeting will feature the annual report and results of the Board of Director’s election.
Manager’s Report

Spring is around the corner and the club is in full swing. The driving range, aquatic center, tennis courts and clubhouse are a flurry of activity. We welcome Chef Kevin Ables to the Moraga Country Club family who is preparing culinary delights with his farm to table menus. Chef Kevin uses all fresh organic ingredients for everything he prepares and we are searching for a suitable area to plant some herbs and perhaps vegetables. If you have not had a chance to sample Chef Kevin’s dishes please do, we strongly recommend reservations for both lunch and dinners as we have had sell outs.

We encourage everyone to please cast a ballot in the Board election and please do reserve a spot at the Annual Meeting on March 29, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

2012 will be the best year in the history of Moraga Country Club. Please do enjoy the ride.

President’s Message

I hope by now most of you will have experienced the new clubhouse and you are as excited as I am about the feel of the place. As I write this in mid-February, the clubhouse has been open to members for about a week with a few events such as the Super Bowl Party and the Valentine’s Day dinner being held to allow staff to “work the kinks out”. While the reaction from members has been overwhelmingly positive, there are things that need tweaking and we are working diligently to take care of same. We value your feedback, but please remember to include positive comments as well as negative comments. Your positive might be a negative to another member and staff has the unenviable task of balancing the needs of all the members.

It took us 5-1/2 years to get a new clubhouse, so please be patient and give staff a few weeks to get things running smoothly.

We continue to be asked why certain things are the way they are. For example, members have asked why we do not have new patio furniture on the various deck areas, or why didn’t we make the bar/lounge area bigger. The answer to such questions is quite simple. When the membership voted in 2009 to replace the 35-year old clubhouse, the direction was that we spend no more than $9.5 million on the new clubhouse. The initial cost estimate for the new clubhouse came in more than a $1 million in excess of our $9.5 million budget. Accordingly, we had to “value engineer” the plans to cut back on certain things such as patio furniture, shade structures for the pool deck, barbeques, fire-pits, etc. However, these are all amenities that we hope to be able to provide to the membership in the near future.

The Old

The New

Thanks for listening, Don Maddison
**Employee of the Month: Ramiro “Rudy” Rodriguez**

Rudy Rodriguez has been with MCC since 1991 and is a member of the golf course crew. He is a greens keeper and an expert on all of the equipment used for grooming the golf course. Rudy was employed at Royal Vista in San Ramon before coming to MCC 21 years ago. He is described by co-workers as very good at what he does, but also just plain fun to work with!

Rudy commutes from Tracy arriving for work before the sun comes up each day. This dedicated family man is the proud father of three boys and two girls, and is husband to Maria Guadalupe. Most of his extended family live nearby, but his mother and father still reside in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico where Rudy was born.

Rudy likes to play golf, but admits that he spends a lot of his spare time working on his home in Tracy. We asked him about other talents and he admitted that he can cook frijoles and Carne Asada, which he enjoys with an occasional cerveza. He also enjoys dancing to “Banda Musica” as well as watching his favorite team Las Chivas play soccer.

If you spot Rudy around the Club, please join management in congratulating him on a job well done!

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**2012 Board Election**

We are pleased to announce the candidates who have agreed to run for positions on the Board of Directors for the 2012 election.

There are three Owner Member positions that will be vacant in 2012. The eight candidates are Brian Gagan, Steve Le Clair, Dennis Martel, Ron Palmer, Dwight Pedersen, Dan Rego, Bill Reinsberg and Wes Spewak.

There is one Golf Position and that will be vacant in 2012 and the four candidates are Patrick Artiaga, Chuck Healy, Larry Koch and Don Ward.

Members do not have to be nominated in order to run for a seat on the Board. Under the current voting rules, candidates must be in good standing as defined in Bylaws 5.01 and have not been declared of unsound mind by a final order or court or been convicted of a felony. For those who have missed the press deadline, members may still vote for you by placing your name on the ballot in the “write in” space. Ballots have been mailed out on February 27, 2012. The voting period will be from February 28, 2012, until 5:00 p.m. on March 28, 2012. Ballots will be opened and tabulated at an open meeting on March 28, 2012.
BRIAN P. GAGAN
Owner Member Candidate

Why would you like to be a board member?
With my property management experience; asset management and club operations background, I can assist the club in maximizing operations and asset preservation. As a homeowner I am interested in making MCC a great place to live and recreate.

The most important actions the Board of Directors should undertake with respect to the future of Moraga Country Club are:
1. Assure the new clubhouse building is utilized appropriately for the enjoyment of the members and as a way to generate revenue for use to maintain the club assets.
2. Encourage the use of the club by all members.
3. Work to fund the reserves for the preservation of the club and homeowner’s values.

STEVE LE CLAIR
Owner Member Candidate

Why would you like to be a board member?
The uniqueness of our community and membership are evidence of many dedicated individuals who have devoted their time and energy to assure success and long-term stability of the club. As a member of Moraga Country Club Board of Directors, I look to offer my assistance, skills and support to sustain and enhance our progress. Continuing as a member of the Architectural Committee, I look to provide effective communications between the Board of Directors and the Architectural Committee as needed.

The most important actions the Board of Directors should undertake with respect to the future of Moraga Country Club are:
1. Provide guidance to fiscal stability.
2. Fair and balanced stewardship to our membership.
3. Guidance and leadership to overall club membership activities and operations.

DENNIS MARTEL
Owner Member Candidate

Why would you like to be a board member?
It would be an honor and a pleasure to serve on the Moraga Country Club Board of Directors by representing and serving the community that has given my family and I so much pleasure over the years.

The most important actions the Board of Directors should undertake with respect to the future of Moraga Country Club are:
1. I feel the Board needs to work towards building the MCC brand and position MCC as one of the Lamorinda area’s most exclusive places to live and also to enjoy the many abundant attractive recreational facilities and many social opportunities.
2. The new clubhouse will no doubt result in increased overhead and costs to operate. The board needs to work closely with staff to control costs to operate. Offset possible increased costs and potential for dues increases with some outside revenue generating events. Carefully developed policies and guidelines for revenue generating events may be necessary to minimize disruption to normal member use and enjoyment of the new facility.
3. The board and club management need to build on past accomplishments, continue to improve club assets, grounds and infrastructures in order to maintain and enhance property values in these challenging economic times. Quality of life and safety should continue to be a priority for homeowners and members of MCC.
Ron Palmer
Owner Member Candidate

Why would you like to be a board member?
It has been a privilege and a pleasure to have served on the Board for three years. As a long time resident member, I have been able to experience many of the joys as well as the disappointments resulting from actions of the Board and Management of the club. At this point, I want to use my experience and training to contribute in a meaningful way, to our current successes and to advance the quality of our services, while preserving our resources for the benefit of our ever changing membership.

The most important actions the Board of Directors should undertake with respect to the future of Moraga Country Club are:
1. Strongly support and encourage our committee system in order to increase membership participation so this aspect of membership can become the main conduit and source of input to Board decision making.
2. Continue the process of making Board decisions as transparent as possible and searching for ways of increasing effective communication of Board direction to our membership and other interested parties.
3. Raise overall awareness of the fact that each and every Board decision impacts our financial and physical resources, so that the bright future of the Club can be assured. As part of this effort, work to insure that Board considerations clearly reflect the appropriate impact on our resource base.

Dwight Pedersen
Owner Member Candidate

Why would you like to be a board member?
I care about and take great pride in MCC. I enjoy living here as well. I have a very good business background that I feel would be beneficial in a Board position. I am retired and I have all the time necessary to do a good job as a Director.

The most important actions the Board of Directors should undertake with respect to the future of Moraga Country Club are:
1. Make food quality and service in the restaurant the number one priority.
2. Continue to budget for and do maintenance on the tennis courts/lights and golf course to keep them in the great condition they are currently in.
3. Plan for improving the tennis lounge to incorporate it into the style of the new clubhouse.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE SUMMARIES

**Dan Rego**
Owner Member Candidate

Why would you like to be a board member?
I would like to become a Board member to help maintain the high level of services and facilities we enjoy.

The most important actions the Board of Directors should undertake with respect to the future of Moraga Country Club are:
1. Address the problems associated with aging landscape, updating common areas, especially along Augusta Drive and upgrading the exteriors of our homes.
2. Adding “theme nights” to our new clubhouse could be a way of creating closer ties to other members of our association.

**Bill Reinsberg**
Owner Member Candidate

Why would you like to be a board member?
I would like to be a board member because I feel that I have enjoyed many of the benefits that our club offers and would like to give back, now that I have the time to serve. I feel my background in the financial field would allow me to provide assistance and input on a variety of issues that face our club now that it is entering a new phase in its history. As a homeowner, I am committed to seeing that the club provides an optimal environment for all its members.

The most important actions the Board of Directors should undertake with respect to the future of Moraga Country Club are:
1. Increase member participation in events and use of club facilities.
2. Attract new families.
3. Continue to address a feasible solution to the ownership of the land, not currently owned by MCC, but used for our golf course.

**Wes Spewak**
Owner Member Candidate

Why would you like to be a board member?
I have served on the board & would like to return to complete the details of our magnificent new clubhouse. There are other challenges to conquer like the lease on the back nine, the tertiary water situation & the rebuilding of our reserve fund. I feel I bring experience to the table & a desire to improve the experience of living in Moraga Country Club for the entire membership.

The most important actions the Board of Directors should undertake with respect to the future of Moraga Country Club are:
1. Water Management—it has been said that the water will soon overtake oil as a shortened natural resource—tertiary water is the answer.
2. The lease on the “back 9” currently a favorable situation but a prime time to negotiate with the Town.
3. Personnel retention & improvement – we have in place top to bottom the best people in the biz -- and that includes your current Board – therefore it most important to make sure these people stay and continue to improve the “MoragaCC” living experience!!
PATRICK ARTIAGA
Golf Associate Candidate

Why would you like to be a board member?
I welcome opportunities to support my community, and MCC is a community my family enjoys along with the friends we’ve made here. My community experiences outside of MCC can be a benefit to the Board as our club continues to experience a transformation to more families with children in homeowners, golf associates, and swim/tennis. The board has a responsibility to monitor these changes, plan, and act accordingly so that we may continue to optimize our MCC experience now and for future members.

The most important actions the Board of Directors should undertake with respect to the future of Moraga Country Club are:
1. Focus on the transition (financially and operationally) of our new clubhouse.
2. Continue to improve the golf course environment and enjoyment for all members.
3. Monitor the recommendations of the Long Range Planning Committee to compliment our new clubhouse.

CHUCK HEALY
Golf Associate Candidate

Why would you like to be a board member?
I believe that if one is part of an organization that they must contribute to that organization. I also believe that my business experience and the 6 years that I have served on the Finance Committee can be beneficial to the Club.

The most important actions the Board of Directors should undertake with respect to the future of Moraga Country Club are:
1. To address the “back 10” situation. Our lease comes due for renewal soon and we must either purchase the land or prepare ourselves for the cost of the new lease.
2. To create a long range plan that addresses the needs and wants of the membership, protects our assets and is accompanied by a sound financial plan.
3. To insure that the changing demographics of the Club are addressed in regard to the recreational assets of the club.
LARRY KOCH

Golf Associate Candidate

Why would you like to be a board member?
I would like to become a board member to continue the progress the club has made in creating and fostering an environment for our membership in which there is a sense of community and camaraderie.

The most important actions the Board of Directors should undertake with respect to the future of Moraga Country Club are:
1. Invest in the golf course, one of MCC’s major assets – work with the Green Committee to make sure it is maintained and areas refurbished as necessary.
3. Find a balance between managing expenses and investing in the appropriate areas of our facilities.

DON WARD

Golf Associate Candidate

Why would you like to be a board member?
I believe that the more you put into an organization the more you and your community get back in terms of quality of service and opportunities for meeting new and interesting friends/associates.

The most important actions the Board of Directors should undertake with respect to the future of Moraga Country Club are:
1. Seek input from all members of our Association to identify opportunities to continuously improve the services we provide.
2. Rigorously manage our financial condition to ensure adequate funds to cover all on-going expenses, as well as required capital investments.
3. Broaden the social activities and events to create an environment which promotes active participation and greater utilization of our beautiful new facilities.
**EASTER BRUNCH**
**SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH**
10:30 A.M. SEATING AND 1:00 P.M. SEATING

**ADULTS: $39.95++**
**CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER: $15.95++**
**3 AND UNDER: COMPLIMENTARY**

**KID’S EASTER PARTY**
**Saturday, April 7**
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt
Led by the Easter Bunny!!!
Cookies and Punch will be served

$16.00+++ per Child, Under 3 Complimentary

Sign up with Christina French by email: frontdesk@moragacc.com or
call (925) 376-2200

48 - Hour Cancellation Policy Applies To All Club Special Events

_PAPER OR ELECTRONIC?_
We are asking you, our members, to let us know if you would prefer to enjoy your newsletter electronically and discontinue having the paper version delivered to your home each month. By doing so you will help us save paper, time and money as well as the environment by opting out of paper newsletter delivery—Email Christina French at frontdesk@moragacc.com to opt out.
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**Meetings, Social Events & Special Events**

**March 2012**

**Events of Note**

- **Meet the Candidates Night**
  March 1, 6–8p (Dining Room)

- **SMGA March Madness Social**
  March 10, 5–8p (Dining Room)

- **Nike Demo Day**
  March 11, 10a–2p (Driving Range)

- **Directors Cup**
  March 23-24

- **Cobra Demo Day**
  March 25, 11a–3p (Driving Range)

- **Board of Directors Meeting**
  March 28, 6:00–9:00p (North & South Rooms)

- **Annual Meeting**
  March 29, 6–9p (Clubhouse Dining Room)

**April 2012**

**Events of Note**

- **Kid’s Easter Party**
  April 7, 11a

- **Easter Brunch**
  April 8, 10:30a and 1p seating (Dining Room)

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LANDSCAPE NEWS & HAPPENINGS

Science Corner: Nothing But The Facts

What’s Up with That Tree?

Deciduous trees are supposed to drop their leaves in autumn, right? So why are there still lots of brown leaves clinging tenaciously to certain trees in our neighborhoods and natural areas? In a word: marcescence.

Deciduous trees that hold onto their leaves through the winter are described as marcescent (mahr-CES-ent). Some tree species are more likely to show marcescence than others. Marcescence is often a juvenile trait and may disappear as the tree matures.

In autumn, the leaves of most deciduous trees develop an abscission layer where the petiole (leaf stalk) meets the branch. This allows the leaves to fall off without leaving an open wound on the stem. Dry leaves stay on marcescent trees because the leaves didn’t develop the normal abscission layer in autumn.

Tip of the Month

Time to Prune!

The best time to prune trees and shrubs is when they are dormant. Just prior to bud break in March or early April is the ideal time, although it can be done anytime during the dormant season.

Renewal pruning shrubs is one of the best things you can do to your landscape. Many shrubs, such as dogwoods and lilacs, benefit tremendously from regular renewal pruning. Renewal pruning involves selective removal of the oldest, heaviest canes from shrubs at the groundline. This is usually done either with a pruning saw or a scissor-type lopper. In spring, buds break below the cut, renewing the plant. The benefits are well worth it - a slightly smaller, healthier plant which maintains the plant’s architecture.

Pruning and Detail Schedule – March 2012

The pruning and detailing of shrubs and groundcover are routinely done based on the schedule provided below. The crews also apply post emergent to control weed growth and growth regulators to reduce excessive growth.

March 5-11 915-951 Augusta Dr., 1736-1748 & 1926-1938 St. Andrews (even #’s only) 1741-1755 Spyglass Ln & 800-832 Country Club Dr.

March 12-18 501-505 Augusta Dr., 867-915 Augusta Dr., 2-8 Gleneagle, 20-31 Broadmoor, 1701-1731 St. Andrews & 726-798 Country Club Dr.

March 19-25 101-119 Cypress Point (odd #’s only), 102-115 Greenbriar, 2-111 La Quinta, 112-120 Merion & 1710-1724 St. Andrews Dr. (even #’s only),1733-1753, 1913-1933 St. Andrews Dr. (odd #’s only)

March 26-31 2-12 Carnoustie, 112-122 La Quinta, 20-31 Indian Wells, 2-8 Wingfoot, 120-145 Greenbriar & 121-141 Cypress Point (odd #’s only)

Thank you

JON PLOTNICK, VALLEYCREST MAINTENANCE

EVENING DUPLICATE BRIDGE (Every fourth Tuesday of the month)

January 24th (16 players)

1st – Sandy Rulifson and Dwight Pedersen
2nd – Sandy Henry and George Bazgan
3rd tie – Leslie Mortimer and Judy Coy
3rd tie – Susan and Joel White
2nd in Strat B – John Greenblatt and Mike Wilhelm

Next session is Tuesday, March 27th, at 7:00 p.m. in the NEW club house! Fee is $2 per player. If you have not tried duplicate before, give it a try. We work quite hard at making it easy to play duplicate! If you want to play e-mail David Geary at dsgeary@comcast.net, and provide the name of your partner. If you want to play but do not have a partner, let me know and I will try to arrange for a partner. The more time you give me the more likely that I will be able to work it out. Entry deadline is noon on Sunday, March 25th, two days before the game, but the earlier the better as it makes it easier for me.

Regards, David Geary
HOMEOWNERS

TURF TALK

Golf Course Aerification Schedule
- Greens Aerification – April 2, 2012
- Tees and Approaches Aerification – April 3 and 4, 2012
- Rough, Fairway Aerification and Fairway Sand Top Dressing April 9 through May 4, 2012

During the last week of February the golf course department aerified, seeded and sanded the driving range tee and all the target greens out on the landing area. Within the next couples of weeks we will be opening the turf area for practice. Also, I would like to remind everyone to be aware of your divot pattern while practicing.

LUIS BALLESTEROs, GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

COMMUNITY PATROL

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Security receives a lot of phone calls from your fellow neighbors regarding cars in driveways because their garages are being utilized for storage instead of parking vehicles inside the garage.

When MCC staff observes two cars are not able to be parked inside a garage we generate a letter to the property owner indicating our observation and seeking compliance in a timely manner. There are exceptions and grace periods granted. If you only own one car you are good, please let us know. If you are renovating the interior of your house and are storing items in the garage that is OK, please let us know. So, if you receive a letter and there are circumstances just call security at 925.250.7616.

Here are some pertinent sections from the Rules and Regulations:

E2. GARAGES

E2.1 For security and appearance purposes, garage doors are to remain closed except for access or other reasonable uses.

E2.2 Garages must be maintained in a condition that allows two vehicles to be parked inside.

E2.3 Association has the right upon proper 24 hour notice to the resident to request inspection of the garage to ensure compliance of Association regulations in accordance with CC&R 3.02 (z).

E3.2 In the interest of public safety, no parking is allowed on common driveways except in designated parking spaces. Parking in the designated parking spaces is limited to 24 hours.

E3.3 Residents must park their vehicles in their garage to its design capacity at all times in accordance with CC&R 3.02 (q).

Security is striving to minimize the complaints regarding parking and your help will be greatly appreciated.

STUART O. MAHLER, PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR
HAPPY MARCH!
Hopefully you enjoyed the “SUPER BOWL” in your beautiful new Clubhouse. I heard it was a huge success with a great game to boot.

If anyone knows how to do a rain dance let me know. I will volunteer to get a group out and we will rock and roll. On the other hand, we have been able to get our scheduled tennis matches played on time and everyone has been enjoying the great weather.

Come March we will be scheduling matches for our new USTA Adult and Super Senior 60 teams which will be getting underway mid March. Matches will be played on weekends after 11:00 a.m. and week nights starting at 6:30 p.m. Checking your MCC Weekly Update will give you scheduled match times. It makes for better planning.

On February 15 we had another great gathering of our ladies for a morning of tennis and lunch. The morning was damp so tennis didn’t get underway till 10:30 a.m. Valentine was the theme and fun was the plan.

UPCOMING EVENT
Our next “Friday Night Mixed Doubles Event” will be held on March 16. St. Patrick’s Day is the theme and Fun is the plan. Tennis starts at 6:30 p.m. and goes till 8:15 p.m. and snacks and drinks will be waiting for you in the Tennis Lounge. Cost is $12 per person.

Mark has just received new demo rackets from Wilson, Prince and Head. They can be checked out and demoed for the day. Please return rackets when finished. Mark also has several of last year’s demos on sale for you to try. Come by and try them out.

WE LIKE TO REMIND OUR TENNIS MEMBERS OF OUR RULES PERIODICALLY
- A non-member may only play at MCC twice a month as a guest.
- To all new members: Before you start play, please go to the Tennis Lounge and sign-in and you will be assigned a court. If you walk onto a court without registering, you take a chance on losing your court to someone who has signed-in.

COURT CONDUCT:
- Be respectful to partners and opponents
- Don’t be disruptive to others
- Please refrain from profanity
- Live up to high standards of sportsmanship
- Refrain from throwing rackets
- All individuals on a court must be playing tennis. Young children may not walk around while the adults are playing.

LADIES PROGRAM UPDATE
The Ladies Tennis Committee had a meeting on February 7. Here is a wrap up of the meeting.
- Ladies June Luncheon is scheduled for June 4th. Karen Baymiller and Katie Keough need more help, mainly gifts and raffle. Lucy is working on entertainment and Loretta is working on a photo show.
- Next Women’s Tennis Chair Nomination: Kim Hunter and Mayada Innenberg have both been nominated – all nominations should be in by April. It will be an e-mail vote.
- MCC Ladies Team jackets have been ordered – (51)
- Mark informed us that a Web Cam is being set up to check the conditions of the courts. Go on to MCC website and you will see a live picture of the courts.

MARK ORWIG, DIRECTOR OF TENNIS
**Swim News**

The pool has been open about 4 weeks and it has been great! With the unseasonably warm February weather and the shiny new pool and clubhouse, members have been coming out in masses. While the pool has been functioning great there are a few items that we need members help with to make sure everyone has a pleasurable experience when they come to the pool. First I’d like to thank everyone for signing in. It is a great help with managing the pool and scheduling programs. Please continue to remember to sign in guests. Guests take up space in the pool, spas, lounge chairs, etc. It’s unfair to other members if you bring a guest and don’t account for them. The guest fee to bring a non-member to the pool is $7.

Some of the issues we have had so far are regarding kids and where they are allowed. We are in the process of making some discrete signs so we don’t clutter the beautiful space with signs, but a quick chat with your family will go a long way to help ease the concerns that have come up. The Adult Spa is the one closest to the tennis building and it should be used by adults who are 18 and older only. The entire reason for the two different spas was so that kids would have a place to warm up and that adults would have a place to relax in relative peacefulness. Please don’t make the pool staff check ID’s; if you are younger than 18 please use the spa next to the wading pool. The other hot topic has been the adult locker rooms. These locker rooms are for adult members and their guests who are over 18, and children should only be in them when accompanied by an adult. Small signs will be placed to remind members of these rules, but again a quick conversation with your family in the car on the way to the club will go a long way to help.

Spring Swim Clinics are under way and close to 100 different kids have participated so far. These smaller groups and technique focused clinics are a great way to help your swimmers get a jump on the upcoming season. If you are interested in participating just stop by for the appropriate practice.

The first ever Water Polo Clinic started on February 25 and has gotten off to a great start. Everyone participating has been having fun and learning a lot. The new polo goal that is at the pool will be used for this program, but it can also be made available if members want to shoot around and work on their skills. If you are interested in bringing a group to the pool to use the goal please coordinate with Sean Mason to set it up.

Water Aerobics now meets on Monday and Thursday nights at 5:00 p.m.

Masters Swimming has finally started. The Masters group meets on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 am. Masters swimming is open to swimmers of all abilities and the cost will be $5 per practice. The program will not take up the entire pool and there will still be space for members who wish to swim on their own.

Thanks for reading and please help to make everyone’s pool experience safe and enjoyable.

SEAN MASON, AQUATICS DIRECTOR
Golf News

From the Golf Shop

January and February were great months for golf. We had a stretch of unbelievable weather and unlimited sunshine for five to six weeks. It almost feels as if spring is right around the corner. With the thought of good weather please keep in mind the upcoming tournament schedule and block out your calendars.

For the moment I would like to talk about the Golf Update and the Weekly update. The Golf Update is a section under golf on our website. This Golf Update section has daily reminders as well as things to pay attention to on the course. This is an area where we put frost delays, carts on paths, starting holes and even pin positions. This is updated daily by 7:00 a.m. Each week we also put together golf items that we would like everyone to pay attention to under the Weekly Update. With that being said, I’ve put an item under the name of GOLF 101. These are just simple things to keep in mind that are everyday “housekeeping responsibilities” for golfers. For example, fill your divots or fix your pitch marks and any other items that we “need” the membership to read. If all else fails please call the golf shop with any questions that relate to the golf course.

Golf Tidbits

Demo Days!!

Our Demo Days are back! Below are some upcoming vendors that would like to showcase their new product. We have all the latest and greatest equipment at great pricing and you don’t want to miss the opportunity to hit the new technology.

NIKE: Sunday March 11th: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
COBRA: Sunday March 25th: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
CALLAWAY: Sunday April 1st: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

** Vendors encourage signing up for fittings if you want to get fitted. Call the golf shop if you want to get fitted with a time.

Drop Zones!! There’s been a little controversy for the drop zones behind #17. We’ve created a single drop zone for #17 and #18 and it is just beyond the back of the #17 green. It will be much more helpful for the future. You can’t miss it!

MGA News

The 2012 MGA Tournament Season will begin with the Directors Cup on Friday afternoon March 23rd and Saturday morning March 24th. The format is a 2 Man Team “eclectic”. Winners of this tourney will also qualify to play in the 2013 NCGA Two Man competition. For those who are not familiar with the eclectic format - here’s how it works. It is a best ball format in which the 2nd day of competition allows the team to better their score from day one. Lowest net score for both days WIN! There is no entry fee and lots of opportunity to earn St. Andrews Cup points and pro shop credits. Last year’s winners are Dan Lathrope and Dan Murphy. Sign ups are currently available in the golf shop.

Upcoming April tournaments

The Masters will be played on Saturday April 21st. This Invitational Tournament is open to the top 75 point earners from the 2011 MGA Season. A good reason to participate in as many 2012 MGA Tournaments as you can! Last year’s Champion was Edwin Lee.

You can find the 2012 MGA Tournament Schedule on the MCC website – http://www.golffusion.com/moragacc/login. Log in and look for the Golf drop down menu.

Tip of the Month

Belly putters!!! It seems as if everyone is moving toward a belly putter. The question I get asked often is “why are so many golfers using belly putters”? Since putting is the most important part of the game it’s most important to understand why. The belly putter is designed to anchor the putter to the belly creating a much better pendulum motion and reduce the amount of hands in the stroke. If you’re not interested in using a belly putter there is an option to help your putting. “Left hand low or crosshand”! Get the putter and your left arm in a straight line and imagine your putter is an extension of your left arm. Practice putting with just your left arm and putter with no wrist break. This will help reduce face movement of the putter and keep the putter moving down the target line. Remember if you practiced putting as much as you went to the driving range you may actually lower your scores by 6 strokes!

Jason Woodworth, Director of Golf
Well, it is not long before our Senior season will begin. So, gentlemen, start your engines! We will kick the season off with our annual March Madness. This event will start at noon on March 29 and continue until the last man is left standing in the bar that evening- for those that can stay awake for that long. We will begin with some golf tips from our professional golf staff who will be at different skill stations to help you sharpen your game, if at all possible. After that, we will participate in a 9 hole scramble. From there the Petar’s crowd will lead us in the fine points of standing while drinking your 4th Martini and eating while holding two drinks at once. Finger food and your first drink will be included. It is an opportunity to meet your fellow senior members and it promises to be a fun event. Come on down!

For those of you who will reach the age of 50 during 2012 or who have already attained that ripe age, you are eligible to join us. In addition to the previously mentioned March Madness, we have a number of home and home events. The normal format is a foursome where the two best balls count on each hole. We will host and play at such cool venues as Richmond, Contra Costa, Orinda, La Rinconada, Rossmoor, Mira Vista, Bayonet and Crow Canyon. In addition, we have a one day Senior Guest Invitational, as well as a floating guest day. On top of that we have number of events where we compete-low key- against each other in different formats. We are running a senior membership special. For this season only our normal $100 fee has been slashed.... not to $75, oh no...not to $50, good lord...but, get this a bargain basement $35 American. Get your cash, checks, or money orders to Paul Boero, our membership chairman. He can be reached at 253.1282.
MWGA

NEWS FROM THE WGANC REGIONAL MEETING

MWGA was well represented by Pat Brown, Maura Mendoza and Dorothy Maddison at the annual meeting held at the Marin Country Club. The morning started with over 150 WGANC members from the northern and east bay regions who represented 26 clubs coming together for a social gathering for breakfast followed by a program presented by the WGANC Directors. Changes in the Rules of Golf were presented with a slide show which helped to visually clarify some of the recent rule changes. The WGANC Junior Girls program was highlighted. This year Lake Merced will host the US Amateur Junior Girls Golf Tournament July 16-21. This is an exciting time to be hosting this event in Northern California and our members are encouraged to come out and be spectators or volunteers. A portion of our WGANC dues goes to support the Junior Girls Transportation Fund which currently has a surplus. It has been decided to allocate a portion of this amount to offer scholarships to junior girls and possible support to high school girls’ golf teams. WGANC offers membership to girls under the age of 18 at no cost. This is an opportunity for junior girls at MCC to join WGANC, establish a handicap and get involved in amateur junior girls’ golf tournaments. Following the program, members met in breakout sessions for the various special interest programs that make up our ladies golf groups.

IT'S TIME TO COME OUT AND PLAY!

MWGA SPECIAL EVENT 2012 SCHEDULE*

March 7
March 14
March 21
April 4
April 18
April 25
May 2
May 16
May 23
May-July
June 6
June 13 & 15
June 27
July 11 & 13
July 25
August 1
August 15
August 21, 22, 24
August 29
September 5
September 5, 12, 14
September 6
October 31
November 7
November 14

TROPHY DAY
ST. PADDY’S TOURNAMENT
GENERAL MEETING W/SHTOUGUN 7:30
TROPHY DAY & NORTHERN AWARDS
BEAT THE PRO DAY 8:30 SHOTGUN
GUEST DAY
TROPHY DAY & NORTHERN AWARDS
9/18 EXCHANGE
MWGA LADIES INVITATIONAL
MAJOR TOURNAMENT – TEAM MATCH PLAY**
TROPHY DAY & NORTHERN AWARDS
MAJOR TOURNAMENT – HANDICAP TOURNAMENT
GUEST DAY
MAJOR TOURNAMENT – CLASSIC TOURNAMENT
GUEST DAY
TROPHY DAY & NORTHERN AWARDS
GENERAL MEETING W/SHTOUGUN 7:15
MAJOR TOURNAMENT – INDIVIDUAL MATCH PLAY
SOLHEIM CUP
GENERAL MEETING 7:30
MAJOR TOURNAMENT-CHAMPIONSHIP
(Thurs) SMGA/MWGA EXCHANGE
SPECIAL GUEST DAY
TROPHY DAY PLAY OFF TOURNAMENT
TURKEY DAY TOURNAMENT

* Wednesdays not listed above are scheduled as “Play Days” except when we host Diablo Team Play on Aug 8th, East Bay Team Play on Sept. 26th and WGANC Open Day on Oct. 24th at MCC.

** Option for Team Match Play May 30, June 20, July 18, 8:00 (ahead of the field)
**MY FUNNY VALENTINE TOURNAMENT**

Teams of four met the challenge of a Stableford format with 4 holes thrown in with creative challenges keeping the players alert both mentally and physically. This was a great start to the MWGA season thanks to Maura Mendoza, Tournament chairman who orchestrated a fun tournament, lovely snack bags and the treat of having our first group lunch in the fabulous dining room. The winning team, Wisti Nelson, Loretta Schlansky, Helen Sullivan played as a threesome. Thanks to their “blind draw” and a strong back nine, they beat out two other teams they tied with. The “Love” was evident in the “Closest to the Pin” contest when two players were winners on each of two different holes. Congratulations Winners! Get ready for the next event, ST PADDY’S DAY TOURNAMENT Wednesday, March 14th!

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**MCC NINERS’ NEWS**

**NINERS SWEEPS WINNERS**

**FEBRUARY 14**

**FIRST FLIGHT**

1st Sharon Scott

2nd Pam Gough

3rd Nina Andersen Tie

Marguerite Birkenfeld

**SECOND FLIGHT**

1st Maralyn Cantor

2nd Juanita Gilbertson Tie

Joanne Frudden

Sue Harris

**Putts** Maralyn Cantor

**Niners Team Play**

The Niners captains for Team Play 2012 are **Celeste Warner, Joanne Frudden** and **Leslie Mortimer** (pictured to the left).

The season begins on May 17 ending with our final match at home in June.

**Congratulation for Hole in One - Pam Gough**

Pam scored a hole in one at Nayar Golf Course in Nuevo Vallarta on February 7th. It was hole number 9 (103 yards) using her 5 wood.

Corena Green Raffle for March is a luncheon for 8 prepared by Carol Farrior and Juanita Gilbertson.

New members are welcome to join the Niners. Contact Nadine Coburn 376.3552 or one of the Golf staff.
MORAGA COUNTRY CLUB: HOURS OF OPERATION

RESTAURANT
Monday: Closed
Tuesday – Friday
Lunch: 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Friday & Sunday
Dinner: 5:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday:
Brunch: 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Bar open 11:00 a.m. – closing

POOL
Monday – Sunday:
5:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
POOL MAINTENANCE
Mondays: 7:00 – 9:00 a.m.
(Pool Closed)
SATELLITE POOLS
Closed for the season

TENNIS
TENNIS COURTS
Lights out by 9:00 p.m.:
Courts 3, 4, 9 & 10
Lights out by 10:00 p.m.:
Courts 1, 2, 5 – 8, 11 & 12
TEennis Lounge
Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday: 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

GOLF
GOLF SHOP
Monday: Closed
Tuesday – Sunday: 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
(flag removal starts at dusk)
DRIVING RANGE
Tuesday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday: 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.