



The Mulligan



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Presidents Message – Tom Hazlett

As 2019 comes to a close I am reflecting back on a very eventful year for our club. General Manager Kevin Earl resigned to take a position at Catta Verdera in Lincoln in June. A search for his replacement was immediately undertaken and we successfully completed the process by hiring the extremely qualified Chris Mitchell to assume this role. At this time I would like to thank Kevin for his contributions to our club and look forward to seeing Chris guide us into the future.

In addition, we requested and received the support of the membership to raise the dues effective Jan. 1.

The Board of Directors will be putting significant focus on selling memberships in 2020. We have already received a number of different options/ideas to address this important issue. The board will be recommending some changes to the Bylaws to allow more flexibility in offering differing membership categories to attract new members. Look for more information regarding these proposals along with our marketing plans at the March regular board meeting, which will be open to the membership.

Last, the board has had a number of discussions about how difficult it is for proprietary members to leave the club. The Buy-Out option is not available because we fell below the 325-membership threshold specified in the Bylaws.

The “waiting to sell” list is also substantial enough that it takes a considerable amount of time to sell a membership. This has created difficult situations for members who have to leave for health reasons or because they are moving out of the area.

When potential new members learn this they become reluctant to purchase a membership they may not be able to sell should the need arise. We are looking for suggestions on how to address this. Members wishing to propose suggestions or discuss the problem are encouraged to do so.

Happy New Year to everyone.

News - Worthy - Stuff

Attention:

We will be holding our annual “Meet the Candidates Forum,” Thursday, Jan. 16, from 6:30 until 8 p.m.

There six candidates vying for three open positions: Charles Caldwell, Bob Hendrix, Ed Kronk, Lynda Vernon, Chris Whitaker and Mike Worley. The candidates will start by introducing themselves and then address questions submitted by the members.

G.M.’s Message – Chris Mitchell

Another year and another holiday season has come and gone. I hope your holidays were filled with joy and peace. Hard to believe that we are in 2020! Time seems to go by so quickly.

We’ve had numerous events at the club over the last couple of months; I hope you had the time to attend one or all of the events.

I would like to thank all our member “elves” for the beautiful seasonal decorations in the clubhouse. They provided a festive feel for the many parties we hosted in December.

As we move into the New Year we have a very comprehensive member event calendar that is planned from now through the end of 2020. Please mark your calendar for those events you would like to attend.

We are currently planning our Valentines Dinner at the club and ask that you make your reservations early as we are limiting the dinner to 75. The menu Jen has prepared will be one to remember. This is also a great event to bring a guest or family member to enjoy our club.

I would also like to take this opportunity to personally thank all the members who contributed to the 2019 employee holiday fund. Through your generosity, we were able to make our employees’ holiday season much brighter.

I can’t wait for the 2020 season to start, and I look forward to seeing all of you at Cold Springs soon.

Board of Directors:

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Lady Niners

Heidi Caldwell
18 Hole Ladies

Conrad Dizon
Men's TOC

Wendy Fain
Ladies Tournaments

The 9ers – Kathy Wynn

Capping off a wonderful year of golf, good friends and great times, the Lady Niners enjoyed our annual Christmas party at the club on Dec. 12.

Our fabulous dinner, which was expertly prepared by Chef Mike along with libations from Jen, was followed by a gift exchange (and grab!). Linda Robbins emceed the event and was quite entertaining.

Thank you so much Becky Hansen for organizing everything and to Diane Bagdonas, Dee Russo, Linda Robbins and all the Niners who helped and participated. A special thank you to Chris Mitchell for supporting the Lady Niners and contributing to the festive atmosphere. It really was a wonderful evening!

Our Niners' award meeting will be held Jan. 7. We will also install our new Board of Directors.

We hope everyone had a great holiday season. We are looking forward to

From the Bar & Kitchen - *Jen Bement*

Happy New Year!

We had a successful New Year's Eve celebration here at the club. Thank you to all who joined us in welcoming the year 2020. A special thank you to Dr. Barley for providing the entertainment!

There is not much going on here for the month of January. We are working on a menu for Valentine's Day dinner, details to follow later in the month. For now, bundle up and try to stay warm out there!



Ladies Saturday Tournaments

To all ladies of Cold Springs — we invite you to come on out and join us for the next Ladies Saturday Tournament! We encourage everyone with an 18-hole handicap, no matter your ability to play. The object of the Ladies Saturday events is to have fun and meet fellow golfers. Look on the bulletin board by the side door of the Pro Shop for the sign-up sheet.

Ladies Angel Ball Dec. 14, 2019

Place	Name	Score	Prize
1 st	Linda Robbins, Lynda Vernon Jeanne Perry, Pat Worley	121	\$100/\$25 each
2 nd	Heidi Caldwell, Michele Bailey Heidi Matlack, Helen Glenn	133	\$66/\$16.50 each

Closest to the Pin		
Linda Robbins	8-8	\$10

Next Event: Hope to see YOU on the course!

Saturday, Jan 11, 2020
6/6/6

Best Ball/Scramble/Chapman

Pairings: Make your own twosome or foursome

Format: 2 person team competition

100 percent of individual handicap

Shotgun

Tees: Forward

Senior Men – Gary Baldock

Senior Men's Tournament Results

Dec. 12, 2019

First Place

Score: 199 Paid \$21

Marnell Smith, Steve Curtin,
John Nicheus

Second Place

Score: 214 Paid \$14

Jim Suhoza, Phil Boydstun,
Ron Wermes

Third Place

Score: 219 Paid \$7

Don Schedler, Jim La Berge,
Al Green, Doug Bush

Senior of the Month (Low Net) Paid \$20

Gross Score: 100 Handicap: 27 Net: 73

Steve Curtin

Senior of the Month (Low Gross) Paid \$20

Score: 91

Tom Sartoris

Closest to the Pin Paid \$10

Distance: 9-4 Hole No. 17

Tom Sartoris

Number of Participants: 16

Pro-Shots – *Brian Fuentes*

World Handicap System - Effective Jan. 1, 2020

What is the World Handicap System (WHS) all about?

Golf already has a single set of playing Rules, a single set of equipment Rules and a single set of Rules of Amateur Status. Yet, today there are six different handicap systems used around the world. Each is well developed and successfully provides equity for play locally, but each of the different systems produces slightly differing results.

How will it impact my handicap?

I see that my Handicap Index may change under the World Handicap System. Why?

Your new Handicap Index in 2020 will be based on the modernized Rules of Handicapping and more responsive to good scores by averaging your eight best scores out of your most recent 20 (currently, it's 10 out of 20 with a .96 multiplier). So, if you notice that your Handicap Index is different in January despite not having played, this is why!

I read that there is a new Course Handicap calculation that includes Course Rating and Par. What does that mean for me?

Now that Course Handicap is tied to Course Rating and par (historically, it has represented the number of strokes needed to play to the Course Rating), your Course Handicap will vary more from tee to tee than it did in the past. For you to play to your handicap, your target score for the day will be par plus Course Handicap.

Let's say I have a Course Handicap of 9 and the second-ranked Stroke Index hole is a par 4. I hit my drive out of bounds and continued to struggle on the hole so I picked up. Will I be able to post a score for handicap purposes?

Whenever the format of play allows, you are encouraged to pick up once you've reached your maximum hole score for handicap purposes – which is a *Net Double Bogey*.

Net Double Bogey = Double Bogey + any handicap strokes received on a hole.

Sometimes I submit a score when the course was playing really tough due to weather conditions or placement of hole locations. I don't feel that the score I posted is an accurate reflection of how I played. Will the Rules of Handicapping address this?

Yes! Golf is an outdoor game, and sometimes playing conditions (weather or course setup) can cause scores to be abnormally high or low on a given day. For example, a score of 80 on a rainy, windy day or when the course setup is difficult may be more impressive than a 79 on a calm day with normal course conditions.

Under the Rules of Handicapping, a *Playing Conditions Calculation* will account for this and adjust players' Score Differentials to better reflect their actual performance. This calculation is driven by scores posted at a golf course on a given day. Any adjustment will be clearly identified in the player's scoring record for transparency.

I was only able to play 12 holes before darkness prevented me from playing the rest of the round. Can I still post a score for handicap purposes if I don't play a full 9-hole or 18-hole round?

In that situation, you would disregard the scores made on holes 10 through 12 and submit a nine-hole score. For a nine-hole score to be acceptable, you must play at least seven holes. To submit an 18-hole score, you must play a minimum of 14 holes.

There's a golfer in my league who always tends to play well during net competitions and wins often. Are there provisions in place to ensure that everyone is playing on a fair level?

Under the Rules of Handicapping, there are several new safeguards to ensure the integrity of a player's Handicap Index.

A *Soft Cap* and *Hard Cap* limit the extreme upward movement of a Handicap Index over a rolling 12-month timeframe, and an *Exceptional Score Reduction* reduces a player's Handicap Index each time they submit a score that produces a Score Differential at least 7.0 strokes below their Handicap Index.

A club's Handicap Committee will also have access to reporting tools that provide additional oversight. In addition, the committee in charge of a competition can protect the field by modifying a player's Playing Handicap before or between rounds when appropriate.

For more information regarding the World Handicap System please visit www.usga.com or the link below for more frequently asked questions.

<https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/handicapping/world-handicap-system/world-handicap-system-usga-golf-faqs.html>

Talkin Turf - Doug Jeffrey

We transitioned out of the dry, windy conditions into rainy weather at the end of November and into December. We are getting back to some average season rainfall totals for the season. The course was dry enough to soak up the rain from the first several storms. But now that we have received some consistent rainfall the course drains slower and it will take longer to get off "cart paths-only" and drive on the course.

Keeping up with mowing has not been too hard so far. The colder conditions slow turf growth so we don't get too far behind. As soon as it drains down enough we can get back out and mow the course ... especially the fairways and rough where it is more difficult to get to in wet conditions.

We have been working on keeping up with the remainder of leaf debris and cleaning up some dead trees that were contracted to take down. We are still on the list for P.G. & E.'s tree crews to come out and take down some other trees.

Outside of keeping up with general maintenance, cleaning up storm debris and bunker wash-outs, we have started on some tree trimming work when we can.

Welcome our new friends (& best wishes to our departing ones)

New Members

Kevin Arnett

Departing Members

Arnie Sotelo (Senior)

James Greene

Address and Phone Numbers are available in the Membership Roster

This is my first article for the Mulligan as captain of the 18 hole ladies group. We had a great year in 2019 and there are lots of fun things in store for us in 2020.

I would first like to extend my thanks to all of our outgoing officers: captain, Liz Kane; co-captain, Gloria Gaetano; secretary, Kathy Goldman; treasurer, Linda Babcock; tournament, Heidi Matlack; and past captain, Cathie Dyer.

Liz served for two years as captain - thank you Liz! I have some big shoes to fill. Linda has graciously agreed to be treasurer for another year. Heidi Matlack stepped in and single-handedly took over the tournaments after Leslie Davis moved to North Carolina. No small task.

Our hard-working committee chairs also deserve recognition and thanks: handicap-Heidi Matlack; rules-Jerri Arens. spring and fall eclectics-Adrienne Ligon and Susie Hendrix; draw days-Debbie Koski; new member advisor-Helen Glenn; invitational-Cathie Dyer; historian-Rosemary Authier; pro points and putts-Ellen Page; birdies and chip-ins-Rosemary Authier; roster-Elaine Boggess; and Christmas luncheon-Carol Yates. What a hard working group of ladies! Thank you for all of your efforts.

Our incoming officers include: co-captain, Patty Mitchell; secretary, Carol Yates; treasurer, Linda Babcock; and tournaments, Heidi Matlack. Thank you all for being willing to serve.

Our holiday luncheon was held Dec. 10 with awards aplenty. There were smiles all around for winners in our year-long competitions. Most notable was the winner of the Lois Brown Eclectic tournament ... Bolet Salvador. Incidentally, Bolet will be out of commission for a while recovering from back surgery. Get well soon, Bolet!
The Most Improved golfer for the year was Gloria Gaetano. Congratulations to both!

We did not have any organized golf during the month of December, but many of our ladies could be found playing every day of the week in all kinds of weather. Before you know it, spring will be here.

By the time you read this, there will be some significant changes in the world of golf. The World Handicap System went into effect at midnight Dec. 31 and the GHIN platform will have a whole new approach and look. There will be no ability to post scores until the new system goes "live" Jan. 6. The computer in the hallway between the locker rooms will be down during this time.

The World Handicap system is designed to have all handicaps calculated the same way everywhere the game of golf is played. The USGA website has some wonderful teaching tools, so please, if you haven't already done so, familiarize yourself with how this new system works.

Calendar for January: 10 a.m. shotgun unless noted otherwise—but call the frost line first!! The number is 622-5330. **Please check in for draw day between 9:15 and 9:30 a.m. ... no later.**

Jan. 7: Ace of the Year. Draw day. Sweeps: Nothing but Putts.

Jan. 14: Draw day: Ace of the Month, pro points & putts, stroke play. General meeting, roster distribution, 9 a.m.

Jan. 21: Casual Guest Day; 10 a.m., no sweeps

Jan. 28: MYO4-Bingo, Bango, Bongo

Green's Committee – Patrick Flynn

Now that we are in the midst of winter, most turf grasses are dormant and recover very slowly. Consequently, sanding divots and repairing pitch marks is even more critical this time of year. The greens are in great shape and everyone's efforts will keep them that way.

We all are in a hurry to complete our rounds in a timely fashion and unfortunately this leading to significant wear around the cart paths. This is particularly evident at the turn-arounds near the tees. So please make an effort to avoid cutting across corners of the paths and onto the grass. If you see an area along a path that is showing excess wear, try to avoid it so it can recover.

Drop zones have been located on holes Nos.15 and 17. There has been significant confusion about where a ball that entered the penalty area on 15 should be dropped and played. There are several different options that can be used.

1. A ball can be hit again from the tee box on a tee (hitting 3).
2. A ball can be dropped at the drop zone (hitting 3).
3. A ball can be dropped two club lengths from where it first crossed the boundary of the penalty area, or it can be dropped as far back from this spot as desired. However it must be dropped in line with the flag (hitting 3).

Happy New Year!

Good of the Order

Our Condolences with the passing of some our former and current members:

Karen Beckman

Lori Sturgeon

No Article this month, check back next month.

January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day	2 Men's Guest Day	3 Bridge	4
5	6	7 9ers Awards	8 Kiwanis	9 Senior Men	10	11 Men's & Ladies Tournament
12	13	14	15 Kiwanis	16 Ladies Guest Day Newcomers	17 Bridge Newcomers	18 Kennel Club
19 Sunday Couples	20 Martin Luther King Jr.	21	22 Kiwanis	23 Chamber Dinner	24	25
26	27	28 9ers Guest Day	29 Kiwanis	30	31	