



The Mulligan



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Presidents Message – Tom Goldie

I am hopeful that this message finds you and your family safe and healthy. As May comes to a close, I hope that you have had an opportunity to be at the club and play our wonderfully-conditioned course.

Many thanks to our outstanding course superintendent, Doug Jeffrey, and his awesome crew. When you are on our course it is hard to believe that there is a worldwide pandemic ongoing. Playing golf in this special valley certainly helps tune out the rest of the world.

It is important that all of us remember that while we are a private club, our cash flow must remain steady. The club understands that some of our members may operate as a business. Our main revenue stream remains member dues. If our monthly dues are not paid - or paid in a late manner, it negatively impacts the way we conduct our business.

It can critically affect the health of the club if our members are experiencing cash flow problems themselves during this current health crisis. If you find yourself in this situation, please contact General Manager Chris Mitchell and he will be happy to assist you.

Non-payment of dues will lead to restrictions on members' use and possibly suspension. Please do your part to support your club. Thank you.

The board and staff are excited to see an increase in people seeking information about purchasing memberships. As I have mentioned before, the board would like to work with the members to make some changes in the club's bylaws to help us respond to this and develop a fair and equitable exit strategy for those folks seeking to leave the club.

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The board had scheduled a meeting that was postponed due to the current virus situation. The board wanted to talk with members and solicit input, affirm changes and conduct a vote. At our meeting last month, the board agreed to reschedule this meeting for July. Further information will be forthcoming.

In the meantime, enjoy your club and some great golf.

G.M.'s Message – Chris Mitchell

We have had several challenges in the last few months, but I hope this newsletter finds you well and able to cope with these ever-changing times. As a club we have managed our way through the Covid- 19 disruptions and June brings us some positive news.

I would like to assure you that the management team meets continuously putting processes in place to provide the safest possible environment for both our members and our staff. The club is strong ... and we will survive this and we thank you for your continued support.

Starting in June you will be able to bring guest to the club for a round of golf and to enjoy our patio and bar area for some relaxing food and drink after your round. I would like to thank all the members who have been instrumental in bringing new members to the club. Please let me know ahead of time if you have someone interested in a membership. I will show them the club and follow up with an orientation once they join.

The weather is warming up and the golf course is getting busy. Please make sure you check with the golf shop for tee times. Also as a reminder, it's the perfect time to take a lesson and start your summer plan to improve your golf game. Dan and Tyler are available to help you, so give them a call and book a lesson.

I would like to thank Dan Awe for his dedication to our instructional program. He teaches so many of our juniors and continues to mentor them. Remember, junior golf is what grows our game.

As guidelines continue to rapidly change, I will be sending out regular updates to keep everyone as informed as possible. Please continue to follow the recommended guidelines and hopefully we can move into Phase 3 soon.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the Club.

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The 9ers – Kathy Wynn

The Niners are ready to resume regular play on June 2nd with an 8:00 check-in and 8:30 shotgun. We will be meeting on the patio outside and practice self-distancing and other safety measures recommended by Cold Springs management. Linda Leake will be rescheduling the Niner of the Month tournaments that were missed in April and May.

In other good news, Connie Oetinger successfully completed the testing and certification process to be an authorized handicapper for the new NCGA Handicap System, which she was able to accomplish even through this pandemic. Congratulations, Connie!

Let's play!

From the Bar & Kitchen

Nothing this month, check back in July.

Senior Men – Gary Baldock

As we are working our way through these very challenging times, we are fortunate to still be able to participate in our favorite (?) sport. Though we haven't been able to play in our customary tournament format, we were able to institute a new plan for April and May that allowed us to fill the low gross and low net slots for our end of the year tournament in September.

Hopefully we will be able to return to our regular format in June, but if not, we will use the same format as last month. We will do our very best to keep you posted. As a reminder here are the winners so far for the low gross and low net positions for the September tournament (date to be determined). June, July, August and September's winners still need to be determined.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Low Gross</u>	<u>Low Net</u>
October	Jeff O'Donnell 82	Russell Anders 86-24=62
November	Terry Scranton 80	John Neiheus 86-18=68
December	Tom Sortoris 91	Marnell Smith 96-27=69
January	Pat Flynn 82	Doug Bush 88-15=73
February	Gary Logan 75	Bob Hendrix 103-32=71
March	Phil Boydston 87	Bob Powell 91-23=68
April	Bob Durand 87	Don Schedler 93-23=70
May	Jim Suhoza 84	Bill Amos 87-22=65
June	?	?
July	?	?
August	?	?
September	?	?

Remember, if you are not a member of the Senior Men's Club, just put \$10 in an envelope with your name on it, drop it in the Senior Locker (14B) in the men's locker room and you will be eligible to compete for one of these coveted positions. See you on the tee.

Pro-Shots - Tyler Brown

Driving Range

First of all, a big thank you to Jeff O'Donnell for his sponsorship with our range program. Members can expect to see a new look with our practice balls being used on the driving range and short game area. The reason for the message is to let our membership know that we will be integrating a new golf ball into the mix.

These balls will not have stripes and do not say "PRACTICE" on them but do have the O'Donnell Insurance logo. These are a Srixon Marathon ball and will include a number. As tempting as it may be, PLEASE DO NOT take these onto the golf course. The supply of golf balls on the range is hard enough to keep and we hope to not make matters worse with the new stock. Thank you for your support with this matter. Just to provide an idea of what all this looks like, we have pictures of the new range balls below.

(Pro Shots Continued...)



Guest and Weekly play days Resume in June!

As part of our Phase 2 re-opening plan we will be getting back to our weekly play schedules effective immediately. What does this mean?

TUESDAY is LADIES DAY – Ladies ONLY prior to 12 p.m.

WEDNESDAY is MEN'S DAY – Men ONLY prior to 12 p.m.

Guests are welcome to play once again but restricted to after 12 p.m. The reason for restricting outside play in the morning is to provide our members with enough tee times and carts. For now, we will continue to leave the safety measures in place on the course and requiring SINGLE riders in carts.

While we have not finalized our club tournament schedule just yet, we are planning to host a variety of fun, club-hosted events beginning again in July and extending through the fall months. Stay tuned for more from the Tournament Committees!

Green's Committee – Patrick Flynn

By now most everyone has noticed that the tree in front of the No. 16 green has been removed by PG&E so the hole has a completely different look. Some may feel that it eliminated something that added a degree of difficulty to the hole, while others may be glad that it is gone. In reality, it is probably a good thing since this particular tree was a potential safety hazard with weak branches.

In addition, trees located in fairways and in close proximity to greens fight with turf for water and nutrients, thus stressing the turf. There should be a significant improvement in the turf in this area, which will also improve playability. The committee, along with Chris and Doug, are looking at alternative designs in this location that will add significant interest and challenge to the hole. Hopefully this can be completed in the near future. For now the area will be marked as “ground under repair” for play.

As we continue to implement the cart policy you will see areas delineated with painted white lines 25 yards from the green. Hopefully this will give golfers an idea of where the limit of approach is to the green. Again, please keep carts on the paths near tees and greens since this will improve the playability and appearance of our course.

The “broken record” says remember to repair pitch marks and divots and take a bottle of sand to the tees on par 3's.

Stay healthy and enjoy our beautiful course!

Talkin Turf - *Doug Jeffrey*

May weather brought a little bit of everything to the course ... some cool, frosty mornings, breezy afternoons, a little rain and then some hot days. Those will soon be here on a regular basis and getting through them will be our primary focus.

The golf course is in fairly good shape this spring. It is always our goal to be at our best going into late spring and invitational time. Each year we push to be further ahead of things than the last. Sometimes weather dictates that like it did last year. We came out of this winter and early spring in good shape - not having to battle too much with snow mold on the greens and not inundated by late season rains. The warm-season grasses have filled out from dormancy quickly with the spring fertilizing, while the cool-season grasses are enjoying the spring weather before the summer stress sets in.

Gratefully, we have been able to keep working and keep up with flush of spring growth, the persistent weeds and the weekly detail maintenance work. With all that is going on we did have some employees out for a few days until they felt it was okay and safe enough to come back.

We have also had to deal with some extensive equipment repair issues that knocked both our large rough mower, as well as our smaller detail rough mower, out of service for a while. That did not help us keep up with all the turf growth. We have not had too many issues with the irrigation system except for dealing with some unplanned pump shutdowns through the night. The surge of pressure when we recharge the system blows the “o” rings out of the swing joints, which causes them to leak.

Unfortunately, we did have some trees that had to come down around the power lines. I just wanted say after the contractors initial hiccup in knocking out one of our irrigation controllers last fall, the three crews did a great job of maneuvering around the course, bringing the trees down and cleaning up with the least amount of effect on the course.

I would also say “good riddance” to the cottonwood in front of the No. 16 green. Besides the tree causing a continual clean-up issue on the green, limbs from the tree have knocked out power on multiple occasions since I have been here. We are looking at several options to work back in there but that will be done later in the year.

If we can get the equipment set up, we are planning to aerate fairways in June. Hopefully, we won't be hit by too many extreme stretches of hot weather as we head into summer.

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No news is good news!

18ers – Heidi Caldwell

We are finally seeing a gradual return to a bit of a normal golf life here at Cold Springs. With the expansion of the reopening activities in the communities, we are hooping our regular tournament schedule will resume on Tuesday, June 2. While restrictions still remain in place, we are trending in a happier direction.

There have been many ladies out enjoying the course and playing conditions are ideal for this time of year. While the ball washers and bunker rakes are out of commission, a few have been bringing a rake from home to tend to the sand. Thank you to those folks, Ellen Page and Heidi Matlack, for helping with this.

Our **tentative** schedule for June is as follows. However, please be watching your email for updates that may occur after publication of the Mulligan.

Tuesday, June 2: Stroke play/draw day and sweeps

Tuesday, June 9: Draw day/AOM and sweeps. We will have our first in-person meeting after golf at 1 p.m. in the dining room.

Tuesday, June 16: MYO4, stroke play/sweeps

Tuesday, June 23: Thursday, June 25, and Tuesday, June 30: 18-er Championship. 54-hole, stroke play, open and Senior Divisions. There will be a MYO4 for after the field players. For further details, please see Heidi Matlack's email.

Sign-up sheets are posted in the lounge for these events, so let's have great turnouts!!

See you on the course!

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

New Member

Bruce Champion

Departing Member

Clarence Abbott