

# STOCKTON GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB



3800 West Country Club Boulevard • Stockton, CA 95204

January / February 2018

## 2018 Board of Directors Committed to Club Growth, Excellence

*By Rick Goucher, President, Board of Directors*

Happy New Year! I am proud to be your Board President for 2018. My wife Robin and I have been members since 2011 and look forward to many more years at the Club. I want to thank Kevin Kauffman for being our Board President for two terms, 2016 and 2017. Under Kevin's leadership the Club is headed in the right direction. I would like to thank outgoing Board Members Darlene Kelly, Mike Butler, and Nick Salvetti for their service to the Club. I would also like to welcome the newest members of the Board—Linda Stead, Fred Wieble, and John Vera. Thank you too to James Bryan, Gary Del Carlo, and Mike Mitchell for agreeing to be candidates for the Board. On December 7, 2017, we held the Annual Meeting, during which Rich Howarth presented a list of accomplishments achieved in 2017. Our Auditor David Ljung, CPA, presented a financial update for the Club. During 2017 the Club's financial position improved slightly over 2016, which is due in part to the excellent job our managers do in controlling their budgets. Though always unpopular, we assessed the members \$199.97 each for much needed capital improvements.

Also in 2017, Bernie Holloway and his crew renovated 30 of the 56 bunkers with new sand. Personally, I still hate the sand, however, it looks great when you are in a bunker! Bernie's crew also has been removing the tules from around the various water hazards. Construction of the Verizon cell tower has started and more importantly, Verizon has started paying rent.

As your Board President, I would encourage you to attend some of the

many wonderful events held at the Club throughout the year. This past year Robin and I attended the Family Camp Out, The New Orleans Night, and The Parade of Lights, to name a few. We had a great time at every event.

As your Board President, I am committing to attend at least three of the Committee meetings a month and to meet regularly with Rich Howarth. Staying on the subject of Committees, they are always looking for new members. It is a great way to become more active with the Club and make your voice heard.

The current committees are Finance, Membership, House, Greens, Golf, Event, and Long-Range Planning.

I am looking forward to serving as the President of the Board of Directors for 2018. Together we can, as a Club, grow our membership and maintain excellence in quality and service. We are, by far, the BEST Country Club around! I hope to see you all on the course or at one of the many great events at the Club. Cheers to the New Year and a prosperous 2018 at Stockton Country Club!

## Memorial Tree Planted at 18th Hole

*By Peter Ottesen, Editor*

Perhaps one of the most thoughtful donations any one can give to the Stockton Golf and Country Club is the gift of a tree—a beautiful, living tree—to adorn our picturesque golf course.

Such a gift is accepted with gratitude and must fit into a Tree Plan created in 2010 especially for SGCC by golf course architect John Harbottle. "Many members sponsored trees back when the program was rolled out seven years ago," said general manager Richard Howarth. "Donated trees are placed on the course in conformance with the Tree Plan, including specific species."

In November, a London Plane tree was planted on the right side of the 18th hole in remembrance of Francesca Vera's mother, the late Carlotta Tina Silva. The tree was donated by Francesca's neighbor, Carol Goucher, in memory of Mrs. Silva, and stands proudly on the golf course for all to admire.

Maybe this thoughtful gift will inspire others to help beautify our golf course.



*Carol Goucher and Francesca Vera pose in front of the tree planted in memory of Carlotta Tina Silva.*

## Champions Crowned, Aces Acknowledged, New Junior Golf Director Hired

By Kelley Spooner, Head LPGA Professional

We closed 2017 with our traditional two-person, best-ball Election Day tournament and welcomed our newest board of directors at a spaghetti dinner on December 7. Capturing the Men's Flight was the team of Bob Garibaldi and Butch McCormack, winning a scorecard playoff to beat the team of Garry Potten and Ray Lucas. In the Mixed Flight, the team of Betty Anne Urbick and Patsy Lawson won with a score of 64. Closest to the pin winners were Bob Morrison on Hole no. 3 and Gary Glendenning on Hole no. 11.

Congratulations to the "top performers" in 2017! Next time you are at the club take a peek at the Champions Wall, where all our winners are on display. Additionally, a big shout out to Tony McBroom for recording his second Hole-in-One within a month on November 13 on Hole no. 16 at Castle Oaks Golf Club. It was his ninth hole-in-one of his golfing career, witnessed by Rod Souza, Mitch Harrison, and Mike Moreland. Retirement suits you well Tony, congrats!



Bob Garibaldi and Butch McCormack

the First Tee of the San Joaquin. He has trained with some prominent golf

instructors in the country, including Butch Harmon and Stan Utley.

Since 2009, Chris has focused his career on the teaching aspects of the golf business and started the Golf Academy while working at Greenhorn Creek Resort in Angels Camp. His Golf Academy brought many new students to the game with a focus on junior players. He has a passion for youth golf, helping boys and girls to reach their goals whether that be getting into college to play or just enjoying the game with friends and family.

Stay tuned: Borrego's youth program rolls out January 20.

## Maintenance Team Accorded "Best In County" Honor

By Bernie Holloway, Superintendent

The New Year always brings resolutions, personal and professional. In the case for us here at Stockton Golf and Country Club, we set our annual goals from a team perspective, and set high standards individually, as well.

If I may share a few life experiences—some in the past, some recent—all centered around athletics. Back in my day as a track runner, I was fortunate to be on some very good teams, both California State High School and NCAA championship teams. My coach at San Jose State University attended UCLA under the "Wizard of Westwood" John Wooden. And, according to him, one of coach Wooden's famous quotes was, "Champions are made, not born."

I recall our training efforts at SJSU, with the coach constantly, incessantly yelling, "Champions are made not born, champions are made not born!" Although it was an extreme source of annoyance at times, that phrase has never left me. What was learned from those experiences was, if we are going to

win the team championship, everyone must do their part.

Now, back to the future at SGCC maintenance. As we started 2017, we set a goal for ourselves, written in bold letters on our whiteboard, which remained all year long. That goal was to be the best Golf Course around.

Honestly, that was really nothing more than a motivational tool. From a coaches perspective I wanted to see what kind of heart we had here. As I observed throughout the year, with wind, rain, downed trees, and 112-degree temperature days, I saw the crew rise to every occasion.

Recently citizens of San Joaquin County recognized our course as the "Best in the County." I thought back to what was written on the board in January. When the good news was shared with the maintenance team it was one of the best "high five" moments I've ever seen.

Team effort. That's what our team is all about as we look forward to 2018, with new goals to accomplish.



Chris Borrego

Chris Borrego has been hired as our new Junior Program Director. Chris is a PGA Class A professional with 20+ years in the golf business. He is currently the Program Director for

## Christmas Luncheon Caps Thursday Ladies' Year

*By Adrienne Hotchkiss, Captain, Thursday Ladies*

Our 18-Hole Ladies group ended 2017 with the Del Rio-Woodbridge-Stockton Tournament in November and the annual Christmas Luncheon in December.

Thanks to everyone, especially our two hostesses for the Christmas lunch, Lori Daugherty and Mattie Zedlitz. Also, plaudits to the Stonebarger twins for making the darling ornaments to announce the upcoming Invitational Tournament.

We were thrilled to have so many Honorary Members attend the luncheon and the special tribute given to Jane Donaldson and Lee Hansen, and a special toast to them and Linda Stemler.

During the luncheon the 18-Hole Ladies awarded the Club Champion trophy to Jennifer Mitchell and Handicap trophy to Cathy Barnes. Sue Stuart won the Birdie Award. Linda Stead presented the Women's Golf Association of Northern California awards to Barbara Fichtner and Cathy Barnes and the Most Improved Golfer of the Year to Karen Hall. Bonnie Brown presented the ECCY winners for three flights.

The 2018 Board of Directors for the 18-Hole Ladies includes:

- Captain**.....Adrienne Hotchkiss
- Co-Captain**..... Robin Goucher
- Recording Secretary**.....Liz Hansen
- Treasurer**.....Tari Hockert
- Tournaments** ..... Sue Stuart and Virginia Gall
- Handicap**..... Linda Stead
- Corresponding Secretary** ..... Judy Hong
- Hospitality** ..... Lori Daugherty
- Rules** ..... Betty Ann Urbick
- Historian**..... Marcia Stonebarger
- WGANC Open Days** ..... Cathy Barnes
- Parliamentarian**.....Barbara Fichtner

We have an exciting year ahead. Our Invitational Tournament is slated for mid-June, guided by Cathy Barnes and Marcia and Maureen Stonebarger. We know it will be a fun event with a hint of "Nauti" in it.

Also on the docket are Guest Days, "Kelley's Road Trips," and our "Chip in for the Cure" Tournament.

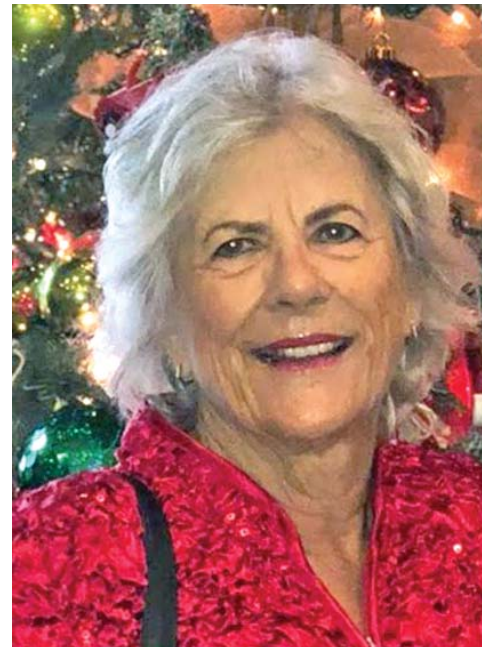
The New Roster booklet, with individual names on them, will be available in the Ladies Locker. Please pick a copy so you are in the know.



*Club Champion Jennifer Mitchell*



*Mattie Zedlitz and Lori Daugherty*



*Most Improved Golfer Karen Hall*



*18-Hole Ladies Honorary Members enjoy Christmas Luncheon*

## Club Hosts More Than 4,000 Patrons During Busy Holiday Season

By Ron Boehm, Director of Food and Beverage

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. If you were around the club in the past month you probably noticed it was hustling and bustling with several events going on simultaneously. Hats off to the culinary and wait staff for providing such excellent food and service to over 4,000 patrons during this extremely busy time!

It was very gratifying to see so many of the club events “sold out” in 2017. Thank you to all of the members who participated and continue to support all of the activities we do. The focus for the events committee and staff in 2018 is building on those successful events and make them even better this year.

There are some professional New Year’s resolutions on my list. First is to speak to members and identify what types of services and activities they desire and put them in place. Continuing to provide consistent food coupled with friendly, professional service are standards I would like members to experience with each visit to the club. Our staff will continue service education training throughout the year. I believe this is still our biggest opportunity, to not only attract new members, but to re-engage those who may not have been out to the club for a while. Expect to see comment cards coming your way so that we can gather feedback and continue providing the best service possible.

After looking at supporting data and researching what other country clubs offer, the decision was made to reduce hours of operation in The Fireside Room and Sunset Lounge for January and February. We are by no means eliminating services or taking any privileges away, but rather streamlining how we operate to reduce some of the financial burden during the slower winter months when weather is not conducive to golfing and member usage decreases. As always, if you have any questions please speak directly to Rich Howarth or me.

Lastly, I would like to thank the

membership for their contributions of much needed replacements of china, glassware, flatware, and kitchen

equipment. These items have made our job much easier and give us the ability to put out a better quality product.

### Food and Beverage Hours of Operation Effective January 1 - February 28, 2018

#### AG Spanos Grill

BREAKFAST  
Tuesday – Sunday  
7:00 am – 11:00 am

LUNCH  
Tuesday – Sunday  
11:00 am to 5:00 pm

DINNER  
Tuesday – Saturday  
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
Sunday - CLOSED

#### Fireside Room

CLOSED

#### Sunset Lounge

Wednesday – Thursday  
CLOSED

DINNER  
Tuesday / Friday /  
Saturday  
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

#### Snack Shack

Tuesday – Friday  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Saturday – Sunday  
8:00 am to 3:00 pm



## Senior Men’s Champs, Tournaments Announced

By Garry Potten, President, Senior Men’s Group

The Senior Men’s club has a full schedule of Home-and-Home golf tournaments with seven other private clubs in our area, and looks forward to increased participation in these events in 2018. These tournaments provide a great opportunity to play other courses at phenomenal rates. For about \$50 seniors receive green fees, cart, breakfast, lunch, and prizes...and most of all—a good time.

This year we will start off our season with the Senior Men’s Club “Kick-Off” in March. This is the event where our significant others are invited to dine with us after we finish golfing. If you missed it last year, just ask someone who was there and you will kick yourself in the butt for not participating. Don’t miss it this year.

We are exploring new ways to get seniors off the couch and out to golf. One of the things we are adding this year is an in-house tournament with our golf staff playing with us. Think of it as a free on-course lesson. We are also considering

organizing a bus trip to another course and possibly inviting guests to join us.

We have a few more surprises up our Senior’s sleeves, but they are still in the embryonic stage. Stay tuned. If senior men have any suggestions for fun golfing events, please share them with one of the members of the Senior Men’s Club Board of Directors. A 2018 Senior Men’s Directory and tournament schedule will be available at our March Kick-Off tournament.

Drum-roll, for the 2017 Senior Men’s Champions:

**Steve Peterson** – Overall Low Gross Champion (2nd year in a row)

**Garry Potten** – Overall Low Net Champion

**Ron Daniel** – Super Senior Gross Champion

**Dan Lane** – Super Senior Net Champion

Pictures of the champions will be displayed on the Senior Men’s wall located near the pro-shop.

## Holiday and Awards Luncheon Fetes Tuesday Ladies Golfers, Emeritus Members

By Susan Marks, Captain, Tuesday Ladies

The Tuesday Ladies group held its annual Holiday and Awards Luncheon on December 12, joined by Head LPGA professional Kelley Spooner and Emeritus Members. Winning awards were:

**Virginia Wallace** – Hal Ingram Award (3 lowest net scores: 32, 36, 29)

**Kathy Chinchio** – Most Improved Award

**Francesca Vera** – Tuesday Ladies Champion (gross score of 103 for 18 holes)

**Judy Green** – 1st Flight winner of the TOC (net score of 79 for 18 holes)

**Joyce Drew** – 2nd Flight winner of the TOC (net score of 69 for 18 holes)

Winners of the Summer ECCY were:

**Joyce Drew**, 1st place; **Jeri Inglis**, 2nd place – Front 9

**Virginia Wallace**, 1st place; **Francesca Vera** and **Marilyn Rauzi**, 2nd place tie

Captain's Awards for the lowest net score for each month included:

<b>January</b>	Joyce Drew	38
<b>February</b>	Nancy Sundahl	36
<b>March</b>	Susan Marks	38
<b>April</b>	Kathy Chinchio	37
<b>May</b>	Virginia Wallace	32
<b>September</b>		
	Francesca Vera & Jeri Inglis	34
<b>October</b>	Colleen Fetters	37
<b>November</b>	Lynne Riggs	33

With the New Year comes a big change for us. We will now be able to invite any of the 18-Hole Ladies to also join our group, so if any of our old friends—former members of the Tuesday Ladies—would like to come back and also play, contact any one of us or the pro shop.

Maybe you were never a member of the Tuesday Ladies but think playing 9 holes might be fun, easier on your schedule, or for whatever reason. You are welcome to join. The bottom line: Now you can join our group and not have to give up membership in the Thursday Ladies.

As a bonus, ladies participating in both groups will not have to pay a second GHIN fee as we will all have only one 18-hole GHIN number starting

in 2018. There will be a fee to join our group to cover chit payouts and parties.

Any questions? Please give me a call at (209) 464-1945.



*Francesca Vera, Tuesday Ladies Champion*



*Kathy Chinchio, Most Improved*



*Tuesday Ladies Holiday and Awards Luncheon*

## Board of Directors and Committees Lead Club Into the New Year

By Richard Howarth, Manager

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed a festive holiday season with lots of family and friends. It was great to see so many members enjoying the club, its decorations and various events. We ended the year with a busy December that included a sold-out boat parade, annual meeting and election, breakfast with Santa, Christmas Eve dinner, and the New Year's Eve party, not to mention all of the Company and family holiday parties.

A big "thank you" to the club's outgoing board of directors—Mike Butler, Nick Salvetti, and Darlene Kelly—for their hard work, passion, and expertise. Mike and Nick each served one three-year term, while Darlene served two three-year terms. Congratulations to three incoming directors: Linda Stead, John Vera, and Fred Weibel. Thank you for your willingness to serve on the board and help navigate our club in the years

to come. A full list of the new board appears at the end of this article.

Membership growth, exceptional service, superior course condition, family programming, and amazing food and beverage experiences continue to be our main focus in 2018. With scheduled staff training, meetings, and goal setting, the club is moving in the right direction. The work put in by managers and staff was realized this past year with multiple SOLD OUT events. Look for continued improvement in all these areas that will culminate in exceptional member and guest experiences.

Here's a question to contemplate for the New Year: Are you looking to get more involved with the Club? Do you have some ideas you wish to share? Then consider joining a committee. There are various committees that help support and shape the direction of the club. Here are a list of committees and chairs:

**Finance Committee ....** Chair: Joe Chelli  
**Membership Committee.....**  
 Chair: Blain Bibb  
**House Committee .** Chair: David Welsh  
**Event Committee.....** Chair: Ron Boehm  
**Green Committee ....** Chair: Mark Lewis  
**Golf Committee .** Chair: Kelley Spooner  
**Long Range Planning .....**  
 Chair: Jeff Tokunaga

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### 2018 Board of Directors

Rick Goucher – President  
 Jeff Tokunaga – Vice President  
 Steve Dunn – Treasurer  
 Linda Stead – Secretary  
 Kevin Kauffman – Director  
 Mark Lewis – Director  
 Fred Weibel – Director  
 John Vera – Director  
 Jason Harrel – Director

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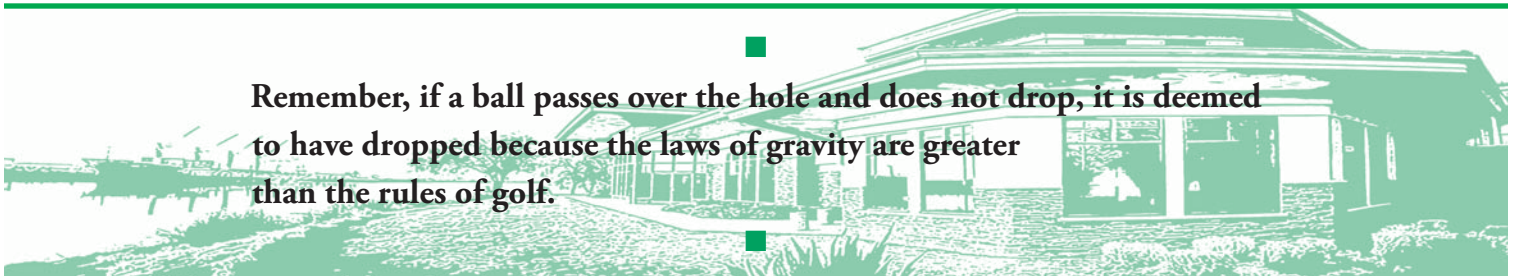
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### New Members:

Greg & Linda Walters – Regular  
 Robert & Karen Lynch – Regular  
 Alexander & Austin Alegre – Jr. Executive  
 Jeremiah & April Hernandez – Jr. Executive  
 David & Teran Turner – Golf-Social  
 Sharon Wragg – Social

In Remembrance  
 of  
 Darryl Conklin

Remember, if a ball passes over the hole and does not drop, it is deemed to have dropped because the laws of gravity are greater than the rules of golf.



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## JANUARY 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b> New Year's Day Club Open Limited Services	<b>2</b> Tuesday Ladies Mixer and Putts 9:00am SG B9 ECCY Rib Night	<b>3</b> Thursday Ladies Board Meeting 9:00am	<b>4</b> Thursday Ladies Mixer 9:00am SG No Corkage Night	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Club Closed	<b>9</b> Tuesday Ladies Sweeps 9:00am SG F9 ECCY Membership Committee Meeting 5:30pm Taco Night	<b>10</b> Golf Committee 12:00pm Couples Bridge 7:00pm	<b>11</b> Thursday Ladies Sweeps 9:00am SG No Corkage Night	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Club Open MLK Day	<b>16</b> Tuesday Ladies Sweeps 9:00am SG B9 ECCY Meatloaf Night	<b>17</b> House Committee Meeting 12:00pm Green Committee Meeting 4:00pm	<b>18</b> Thursday Ladies Sweeps 9:00am SG No Corkage Night	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Outside Event	<b>23</b> Finance Cmt. Mtg. 3:00pm Tuesday Ladies Sweeps 9:00am SG F9 ECCY Chicken Cacciatore	<b>24</b> Board Meeting 5:00pm BINGO: Dinner @ 6:00pm Game @ 7:00pm	<b>25</b> Thursday Ladies Sweeps 9:00am SG No Corkage Night	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Club Closed	<b>30</b> Tuesday Ladies Sweeps 9:00am SG B9 ECCY Pot Roast Night	<b>31</b>	<p><b>SAVE THE DATE!</b></p> <p><b>VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER</b></p>  <p><b>Wednesday, February 14th</b> 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm</p> <p><b>4 Course Menu</b> \$55 Per Person</p> <p><b>Fireside Room &amp; Founders Room</b> Reservations Required * Childcare Available</p>		



**• SUPER BOWL SUNDAY •**  
**February 4, 2018**  
 Kick the Day Off with Shotgun Golf Tournament @ 10:00 am  
**"BIG GAME PARTY"**  
 2:30 pm in Spanos Grill  
 Food & Drink Specials  
*\* Open to Members and Guests \**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER**




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## FEBRUARY 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1 Thursday Ladies Mix Up & Sweeps 9:00am SG	2	3
4 Super Bowl Tournament 10:00am SG Super Bowl Party 2:00pm-7:00pm	5 Club Closed	6 Rib Night Tuesday Ladies General Meeting Mixer & Putts F9 9:00am SG ECCY Membership Committee Meeting 5:30pm	7 Couples Bridge Night	8 Thursday Ladies Sweeps 9:00am SG	9	10
11	12 Lincoln's Birthday Club Closed	13 Taco Night Tuesday Ladies Sweeps 9:00am SG B9 ECCY	14 House Committee Meeting 12:00pm Valentine's Day Dinner	15 Thursday Ladies Sweeps 9:00am SG	16	17 Glow Ball 6:00pm SG
18	19 Presidents Day Course Open	20 Meat Loaf Night Tuesday Ladies Sweeps 9:00am SG F9 ECCY	21 BINGO NIGHT	22 Washington's Birthday Thursday Ladies Sweeps 9:00am SG	23	24
25	26 Club Closed	27 Shepherd's Pie Night Tuesday Ladies Guest Day Sweeps B9 9:00am SG ECCY Finance Committee 4:00pm	28 Board of Directors 5:00pm	<p><b>SAVE THE DATE!</b>  <b>FRIDAY, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup></b>    <b>Dinner Buffet</b>  <b>6:00 pm - 8:00 pm</b>  <b>\$25 per person</b></p>		

### Paint Night "Wine Time"

Thursday, February 22

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

\$30 per person

*Includes art supplies, appetizers, wine!*

*Reservations are recommended*



### KIDS' POTTERY CLASS

SATURDAY  
MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

