

# Stockton Golf-& Country Elub

#### **JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2016**

#### 2016 SGCC PRESIDENT • KEVIN KAUFFMAN

am your Board President for 2016, and have been a member since 2004. I plan to be a member for at least another 25 years. If you are interested in my background, please visit my Facebook or LinkedIn pages; or simply give me a call for a tee-time.

The Board thanks Michael Whelan and Kevin Sanguinetti for their service to the Club. Last year's Board was involved and decisive, thanks to their efforts. This year's Board is equally qualified and committed to achieve the growth in membership necessary to assure the financial stability of our Club.

The goal of the Club's new Board of Directors and General Manager is to provide you with a membership experience that you expect. I ask that you search your heart for how you can help us achieve this goal.

The holiday parties and New Year's Eve event were just a 'teaser' for the great times to come for our membership. Membership growth will assure the financial stability of our Club and make these type of Club events even more enjoyable for us all.

At the Election day event on December 3, 2015 I made some comments about how honored the Board is to take the 'reigns' from the previous Board. As the Board's president, I am humbled and honored to be the point-person to continue to lead our Club in this positive direction.

I ask that you attend the first periodic "all member" meeting of the Board to be held on February 16th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Not only will you enjoy wonderful appetizers, but you will hear updates about our Club, and the plans of

each of the Board's committees for the 2016 year. All of us who are "involved" want to know what you think of recent changes and if you agree that we are on the right path for the Club's future. In order to continue to be the Premiere Golf & Country Club in San Joaquin Valley, we need your input and help.

Please do not wait to be asked if the Club can use your expertise. There are many ways for you to help and be involved in our Club's future. At the February 16th "all member" meeting you can decide the best way for you to get involved.

October, November, and likely December will show three straight months of positive cash flow. As you know our long-term debt is a problem, but we have a qualified group of volunteer members who have stepped-up as an ad-hoc committee of the Board to address this problem early in 2016. The Board appreciates their service and looks forward to their recommended plan to address our long-term debt.

Even if you cannot give us a hand this year due to your other commitments, you can help us when you hear about the Club in your own "world." Negative talk you may have heard about our Club will diminish over time. You can help our Club by letting folks know the truth and responding to the negative comment with anything positive you can say about your Club in reply. We cannot change each other's opinions, but we can try to balance the negative with much more positive comments.

Please help me and the Board as the Club continues to head in its current positive direction; thank you!



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FROM THE GENERAL MANAGE

hope everyone enjoyed a festive Holiday Season with lots of family and friends. It was great to see so many members out enjoying the club; its decorations and various events. We entertained approximately 200 members and their quests for a wonderful Thanksgiving feast and approximately 170 came out to the club to have breakfast and pictures with Santa. The children enjoyed arts and crafts, breakfast and telling Santa what they wanted for Christmas. I hope everyone got what they asked for. On Christmas Eve the Fireside Room was hopping! Over 90 Members enjoyed an amazing dinner menu and a joyful atmosphere as we celebrated the Eve of St. Nick. We have received numerous compliments recently on our Food & Beverage. These comments are very nice to hear and confirm that our focus on elevating the member experience through training, quality and consistency is on the right trajectory.

Congratulations to Mr. Kevin Kauffman; our newly elected President. Mr. Kauffman and his wife Lindsey are active members of the Club. Mr. Kauffman has been on the Board of Directors for the past 2 years serving as Director and Vice-President. As a retired General Manager from the Stockton East Water District, Mr. Kauffman brings a great skill set to lead our club forward.

A special thanks to Mike Whelan, our outgoing President and Director Kevin Sanguinetti for their hard work and expertise. Each has served a minimum of 3 years on our Board of Directors and both will continue to serve on various committees to ensure continuity and results. Thank you Gentlemen.

The anticipated front gate project will commence in January 2016! A beautiful two gate design will replace our current dilapidated four gate system. The new gate will not initially have a power supply but will have the infrastructure to easily run power to it one day. The new gate will display a "New" S.G.C.C. bronze plague that will be embedded into the center column between the two gates. This elegant plague will replace the existing sign that hangs to the right of the entry way. The new plaque has been funded by Mr. Bing Kirk. Thanks Bing!

As President Kauffman mentioned we will be holding an "All Member" meeting this February 16th. This is a great way to get involved with your Club. You may choose to join a committee or just come out and listen to what the various committees will be focused on for 2016--either way it will be informational and a lot of fun. Please mark your calendar for the "All Member" meeting on Tuesday, February 16th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

I wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous 2016!

**Yich** Rich Howarth



General Manager Rich Howarth, PGA Rhowarth@stocktongolfcc.com



Velcome

Martin Luther King Jr. Day **January 18th Club is Open** 

#### **FEBRUARY**

**Superbowl Shotgun Sunday** February 7th 10:00am Golf 2:30pm Party

Valentine's Day Dinner at the Club Sunday, February 14th 6:00pm - 9:00pm

"All Member" Meeting Tuesday, February 16th 5:30pm - 7:00pm

#### **New Members!**

Please welcome...

**Gary & Louise Lambdin - Social** Jim Barnett - Social

#### SENIORS' CORNER

Message from Senior's Department Garry Potten, gpbp@pacbell.net

appy Leap Year! Hopefully everyone enjoyed the Holiday Season and spent time with friends and family and is looking forward to some fun times this year... I mean with an extra day thrown in for good measure, what more could you ask for?

The SGCC Senior Men's Club is looking forward to another great year, and we have some interesting events planned for all of you Senior Men's Club members.

We will start the year off with a twist in our annual "Kick-Off" (maybe we should rethink that name) Tournament. This tournament is scheduled for Friday, March 18th, 2016, and we are trying something new this year. To begin, we will be serving a light lunch which will be followed by an afternoon tournament. In the evening we will be having a cocktail hour and dinner with music. We are encouraging all members of the Senior Men's club and their significant others, or non-significant others to join us for the evening, whether or not you were able to play in the tournament. Please use this notification as a "Save the Date" notice. More information will be forthcoming, so watch for enclosures in your monthly statements and check for email blasts from the club.

In the coming year we have a full slate of Home and Home events scheduled with 7 other country clubs in our area. These tournaments are a whole lotta fun, and the best golfing and dining bargain in the Valley. Heck, for under fifty bucks you get breakfast, range balls, cart, lunch, and golf...not to mention a shot at some prize money...depending upon whether or not you get paired up with either a hot golfer or an ordinary sandbagger. You're missing out if you don't take advantage of these outings.

Our Senior Men's Club Invitational Tournament is scheduled in July, and you will be receiving much more information regarding this event in the coming months. Again, you can't find a better value and more fun anywhere in the Western Hemisphere. We want you to come out and enjoy the camaraderie with the boys.

Not to mention last year's winners of the Senior Men's Championship would be an oversight not to be risked, so here they are.

Low Gross Champion ...... Matt Kucich Low Net Champion...... Jim Dyke

Flight 1 Net: 1st Dan Lane • 2nd Guy Petzold • 3rd Mike Whelan

Flight 2 Net: 1st Lee Dovichi • 2nd Ed Mulrooney • 3rd George Retamoza

Congratulations to all y'all!

My most consistent and reliable shot is always a double on the 19th.



he tree is down, the decorations put away for another year, resolutions made (and hopefully kept) and we are ready to start a new year. Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and are ready to start golfing. when we don't have to be so bundled up we can't move!!

Twenty six ladies had a wonderful get together for our end of the year Christmas Awards Luncheon on December 8th. The table was beautifully set by Nancy Bojko with a Santa theme of reds and greens. Everyone brought a toy to be placed under the tree which Francesca Vera later took to the Women's Center. A short meeting was held, then in the absence of Kelley Spooner, Matt Marmon gave us greetings and urged us all to come out and enjoy the course.

Our Awards for the year started with the Captain's Trophy given by Marilyn to the member with the lowest net for the month in Jan-May & Sept-Nov. Recipients were: Nancy Sundahl, Francesca Vera, Jan Morrison, Chickie Gregerson, Arleta Dovichi, Judy Green, Joyce Drew/Betty Jones, tie, and Marilyn Rauzi. The Hal Ingram Award for the 3 lowest nets of the year went to Nancy Sundahl, and The Most Improved Player was earned by Marilyn Rauzi.

Aggie Mohrman - TOC Champion

### Our Regular Year-round ECCY Awards were presented by Susan Marks to:

F9 1st PL: Joleen Peirano

B9 1st PL: Francesca Vera

2nd PL: Chickie Gregerson

2nd PL: Judy Green

3rd PL: tie Marlene Kilmartin

3rd PL: tie Susan Marks

Marilyn Rauzi & Virginia Wallace

#### **Summer ECCY achievers were:**

F9 1st PL: Dale Muth

B9 1st PL: Joyce Belt

2nd PL: Virginia Wallace

2nd PL: Jan Morrison

3rd PL: Francesca Vera

3rd PL: Louanne Bertilacchi

Break 50 pins were awarded to Nancy Sundahl and Francesca Vera who proved that it can be done, and more than once. Congrats, ladies.

Our final award going to our Tournament of Champion winners, (drum roll, please) Club Champion Aggie Mohrmann, 1st flight Arleta Dovichi and 2nd flight Colleen Fetters.

We were pleased to have our Club Manager, Rich Howarth join us and install our 2016 Board Members:

Captain-Marilyn Rauzi, Co-Captain-Lynne Riggs, TOC-Nancy Sundahl, Secretary-Kathy Chinchiolo, Treasurer-Virginia Wallace, Handicapper-Colleen Fetters, Parliamentarian-Susan Marks.

I wish you all a Happy New Year.

Marilyn

Marilyn Rauzi Captain, Tuesday Ladies





Vera Francesca - "Broke 50" Award







SUN	MON 1	TUE  2 Tuesday Ladies	WED 3	THUR 4	FRI 5	SAT 6
7	Club Closed	General Meeting Mixer and Putts 8:30am SG B9 ECCY Membership Committee Meeting 4:00pm	Thursday Ladies Board Meeting 9:00am	Thursday Ladies Mix-up 9:00am SG No Corkage Night	Dinner at the Club Fireside Room 5:00pm - 9:00pm	Dinner at the Club Fireside Room 5:00pm - 9:00pm
Super Bowl Tournament 10:00am SG		Tuesday Ladies Sweeps 8:30am SG F9 ECCY	Couples Bridge 7:00pm	Thursday Ladies Special Format 9:00am SG No Corkage Night	Dinner at the Club Fireside Room 5:00pm - 9:00pm	Dinner at the Club Fireside Room 5:00pm - 9:00pm
Happy Valentine's Day Dinner at the Club 5:00pm - 9:00pm	President's Day Course Open	Tuesday Ladies Sweeps 8:30am SG B9 ECCY "All Member" Meeting 5:30pm - 7:00pm	House Committee Meeting12:00pm Green Committee Meeting 4:00pm	Thursday Ladies Sweeps 9:00am SG Sr. Men's Club Brd. Mtng. 9:15am Board Room No Corkage Night	Dinner at the Club Fireside Room 5:00pm - 9:00pm	Dinner at the Club Fireside Room 5:00pm - 9:00pm
21	Club Closed	Tuesday Ladies Sweeps 8:30am SG F9 ECCY	Board Meeting 5:00pm BINGO: Dinner @ 6:00pm Game @ 7:00pm	Thursday Ladies Sweeps 9:00am SG Finance Cmt. Mtg. 3:00pm No Corkage Night	Dinner at the Club Fireside Room 5:00pm - 9:00pm	Dinner at the Club Fireside Room 5:00pm - 9:00pm
28	Super Bowl 10am Shoto Golf Tournament					
Golf Social	ment fee, add   Members & (   Best net ball	itional \$25 fe Guests(cart no	e for ot included).			

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

rom everyone in the Golf Maintenance department, we would like to wish all the members and their families a Happy New Year.

Winter has finally arrived here at Stockton Golf & Country Club, and we are hopefully seeing the beginning of a wet winter. With the record drought conditions we have been experiencing over the last three winters, it would be a blessing to see a lot of rain in the San Joaquin Valley and also a big snow pack on the Sierra Mountain ranges.

Night time temperatures have fallen now to the point we have and will see "Frost Delays". Frosty or frozen conditions with our grasses leave the turf very susceptible to damage from traffic, with either feet or carts being able to kill the grasses. I am grateful to those who are respectful of the frost delays and also the cart path restrictions when they are needed.

Bunker work still continues as weather and staffing will allow us. We are going to work on the green side bunkers first, before we move on to the fairway bunkers. Thank you to everyone for your patience during this disruption to playing conditions. I think we can all feel how much better the playability of the sand is already, and also how more aesthetically pleasing to the eye the sand is also. Please give our guys a shout or a hand wave when playing up to the green for safety sake.

I hope everyone has a Happy New Year, and can spend quality time with family and loved ones.

See you on the course.

Rob

**Rob Williams** 

Golf Course Superintendent rwilliams@stocktongolfcc.com



#### FOOD AND BEVERAGE DIRECTOR

want to wish everyone a healthy, happy and prosperous 2016. Most recently I read a quote that said, "life will take you to unexpected places, but love will bring you home". I felt this was an appropriate reflection of my thoughts upon return to SGCC. I have always felt that working at the club was my favorite professional experience to date. The gracious reception from everyone has been amazing. I want to thank The Board of Directors' and membership for welcoming me back with open arms and giving me this opportunity.

There are several goals on my to do list. However, my short term goal is to speak to as many members as possible and identify what types of services and activities they desire and put a plan in place to execute. Our department focus will be on creating value for the membership, while still maintaining a high quality product. Great food coupled with friendly, professional service will be standards our membership can expect with each visit to the club. Our team will begin service education training in January. This is necessary so that the staff can better their professional knowledge, be consistent and provide the best experience possible for our members and guests. I truly believe this is 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 long period of time. The shared vison of Chef Rudy

and myself is to be the first choice for our members to enjoy a meal in Stockton. We will be working hard over the next few months to develop menus that are fresh, simple and delicious.

The events and house committee are planning some fun programs for 2016. Stay tuned as to what their plan for the upcoming year is! We look forward to offering some successful events from the past including wine and beer dinners, live music on the weekends, and theme dinner nights. I also envision the pool area being open later in the summer months to offer busy families a good outlet to wind down after a long day at the office. If you have an idea that might enhance the club experience, please bring it to our attention so that we might consider it for future reference.

Again, I am very excited to be back at the club and look forward to seeing you all for a lunch, dinner or special event real soon! Cheers!

Ron

Ron Boehm

Food and Beverage Manager rboehm@stocktongolfcc.com



#### Kelley's Korner...

The weather has changed dramatically over the past several weeks bringing rain to the valley and snow to the mountains that surround us. As most of you know I am not a fan of the cold temperatures, but I do understand the need for the rain and snow. I especially like the freshness that the rain leaves behind and the added value it brings to the golf course. Should the course accumulate too much of the rain, Rob Williams our superintendent, must

make the call on the cart restrictions. The golf staff will continue to pass this information to the membership and ask that you adhere to these restrictions. It is intended to protect the turf conditions for the entire cold and damp winter months.

As we close the chapter on 2015 and move into 2016, I'd like to thank the membership and the Board of Directors for my new appointment as Head Golf Professional; overseeing the entire golf operations. Having

> served the golf operations for the previous 9 ½ years as Head Golf Professional.

captains of each of the groups. Returning to head up the 9 hole ladies will be Marilyn Rauzi, newly appointed Adrienne Hotchkiss will captain the 18 hole ladies group, Garry Potten returns as the senior captain, and Jesse Munoz steps in to captain the Men's club. Thank you in advance for your service and support of these respective groups.

Shots heard around the club: Since the last publication we are delighted to announce that there have been two hole-in-ones at the club. On November 21st, Bill Wagner hit the perfect shot into the hole on Hole #8 from 108 yards out to claim his 1st ever hole-in-one. It was witnessed by Vince Kilmartin, Roger Murdock, and Jim Dyke. Then, less than a month later on December 18th Craig Marks knocked it in from 210 yards on hole #15 to record his 3rd hole-in-one. The shot was witnessed by Jay Allen, Rod Souza, and Vince Erardi. Congratulations guys!

See you at the club,

Kelley Kelley Spooner

**Message From Head Golf Professional Kelley Spooner, LPGA** kspooner@stocktongolfcc.com





appy New Years! We just finished up a wonderful year of golf lead by our Captain, Barbara Fichtner. We want to thank her so much for her tireless work and dedication to our Ladies group. We ended our year with the Turkey Trot in November (thanks to Chairpersons Karen Hall & Sandy Albaugh) followed by our Christmas Luncheon and awards in December. Thank you Mattie Zedlitz for a wonderful luncheon. Special thanks for the darling ornaments from the Stonebarger twins.

We were thrilled to have so many Honorary Members attend the luncheon and a special appearance by Lee Hansen.

During our Christmas Luncheon, Ardythe Hess thanked all those ladies that were Tournament Chairs and their helpers. We awarded Ardythe with the Ladies Club Championship trophy and Barbara Fichtner with the Handicap Championship trophy.

Ardythe also won the Birdie Award. Linda Stead presented the WGANC Awards to Mary Westin and Bonnie Brown. Linda also awarded the Most Improved Golfer to Barbara Fichtner. Judy Hong handed out our ECCE awards to 1st Flight winner, Marcia Stonebarger and 2nd Flight winner, Mary Westin.

#### Congratulations to all the winners.

We thanked our Staff Rich Howarth and wished him well in his new position, and big kudos to Kelley Spooner, who makes our jobs a little easier.

Then it was time for the changing of the guard. We presented our outgoing Captain, Barbara Fichtner with a gift certificate towards a new golf bag and many "Thank Yous" for a job well done. She handed the Captain's Bell over to me, which she now regrets. I am not sure I can be trusted with such a BIG BELL.

I announced the new Board for 2016:

Captain: Adrienne Hotchkiss

Co-Captain: Jana Lana

Recording Secretary: Gayle Jennings

Treasurer: Lauri Bloom

Tournaments: Ardythe Hess/Toni Murdock

Handicap Chair: Linda Stead

Corresponding Secretary: Judy Hong

Hospitality: Lori Daugherty

Rules: Trish Delk

Historian: Mary Westin

WGANC Open Days: Patsy Lawson

Parliamentarian: Barbara Fichtner

We are so excited about the coming year of golf. We have our Invitational in June, which was introduced by Cathy Barnes, Marcia & Maureen Stonebarger at the Christmas luncheon...going to be a great event. We have a couple of Guest Days and our "In the Pink" tournament, plus several new events. Stay turned for info on Kelley's Road Trips, special formats on play days, and Team Play. Our new Rosters for 2016 will be in the Ladies locker room with your name on them. Please pick them up so you will be in the know.

See you on the Golf Course,

Adrienne

Adrienne Hotchkiss Captain Thursday Ladies Golf Group



Turkey Trot Winners (left to right): Linda Stead, Lauri Bloom Sue Stuart, Karen Hall



Seated: Cathy Barnes, Marcia Stonebarger, Judy Hong, Mattie Zedlitz Standing: Toni Severson, Mary Westin, Lori Daugherty, Maureen Stonebarger

Seated: Laura Lacopi, Vinci Rishwain, Mary Lou Tyler Standing: Kelley Spooner, Rich Howarth, Sue Stuart, Carol Smith

#### FROM THE EXECUTIVE CHEF

ello, everyone. I am hopeful that we all had a safe and wonderful time with friends and family during this holiday season. We had lots of activities going on here at the club. It was a nice thing to see the membership enjoying the facility. We are once again in the planning stages of creating new menus. Ron and I have had several discussions and now we are putting our strategies together. Ron has been an excellent addition to our Food and Beverage operations and has been very helpful in all areas. Our goal is to please the membership and to build a winning team for you, our membership. We have Valentine's Day just around the corner, please join us at here at your club which promises to be a day to remember. Thank you for supporting the club and the staff of Stockton Golf and Country Club.

> See Ya Around the Club. **Chef Rudy**

Kudy

Rudy Zamora, SGCC's Executive Chef rzamora@stocktongolfcc.com



Tuesday, January 5th Spaghetti Night

A.G. Spanos Grill and Sunset Lounge 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Includes green salad, spaghetti with meat or marinara sauce and garlic bread Adults \$12 • Kids 10 and under \$7

Tuesday

Nights

Tuesday, January 12th Burger Night

A.G. Spanos Grill and Sunset Lounge 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Fully Loaded Burger • Cali Burger Hunters Burger • Luau Burger Garden Veggie Burger • Kids' Burger (10 and under)

Tuesday, January 19th Pizza Night

A.G. Spanos Grill and Sunset Lounge 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Primo Combo • Margherita • Spring Vegetable Chicken Luau . Kids' Cheese or Pepperoni

Happy Hour

5:00pm ~ 7:00pm

\$4 house wine (glass) \$1 off draught beer

A.G. Spanos Grill and Sunset Lounge 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Tuesday, January 26th

Fried Chicken Night

Plate includes fried chicken plate, steak fries corn on the cob and coleslaw

Chicken tenders, fries and fruit cup available for children







### Congratulations! Hole-In-One

Bill Wagner #8, November 21st Craig Marks #15, December 18th



## going green

Starting January 2016 our Bi-Monthly newsletter will be electronic. You will receive the newsletter via email and it will be posted on our website. If you would still like a printed copy mailed to you please contact Katie Fehn or Rich Howarth @ (209) 466-4313.

#### 2016 Fee Changes

(effective January 1st)

Pull Cart Storage & Golf Cart Storage will each change from \$5.00 to \$7.00 per mo.

#### Member Guest Fees:

Tuesday - Friday: \$45/person incl. carts
Tuesday family guest rate remains \$25
not including carts
Saturday, Sunday & Holidays: \$55 incl. cart

#### **Guest Passes:**

The following membership categories shall receive 5 guest passes per year.

Regular Certificated Golf . Regular Trial Golf . Corporate Golf