

# Kings Country Club

## January 2019 newsletter



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### *General Manager/Director of Golf*

It's hard to believe that it's 2019, seems like every year goes faster and faster. Financially the club finished the year in solid shape. The Board agreed upon a small dues increase of \$15 to account for the rise in minimum wage. Minimum wage has steadily increased the past couple of years and the club has absorbed over \$120,000 in wage increases without passing any of the cost on to the membership. In 2016 monthly dues were \$275 and since then we've only had one increase of \$5. In order to continue with projects on the golf course and account for the wage increases the Board felt the dues increase necessary. The clubs dues still remain as low as any in the valley for comparable clubs.

3 Board positions will be up for election at our Annual Meeting in April. If you are interested in running for one of the three vacancies please leave a brief resume describing your qualifications and reasons for running. Please submit your resumes to the

business office or pro-shop.

It's this time of the year I like to make a few resolutions that I hope you as members can emulate. I always want to ensure that Kings Country Club remains one of the best courses in the Valley. Here are my resolutions to keep the course pristine. I will always pair up when riding a cart to cut down on wear and tear to our carts and the fairways. I will fix my ball marks plus any others I see on the green. I will always rake the bunker and smooth footprints even if they're not mine. I will keep my cart on the paths around the tee's and greens and always keep my cart at least 30 feet from the green. I will kick my divots in and fill them with sand. If everyone could follow these simple steps our club will continue to be head and shoulders above the rest.

With many new members to the club it's important to remember that pace of play is a priority here at the club. Please stay up

with the group in front of you, not ahead of the group behind you. A round of golf should never take more than four hours even if you're in a big group. Play ready golf at all times. If a hole opens up in front of you waive faster groups through. Pace of play is important; if everybody makes the effort to play ready golf it increases the experience for everyone. All it takes is one group playing slow to ruin the day for everybody behind. Let's make every round in 2019 four hours or less.

Happy New Year

*Paul Wightman*  
**General Manager**

#### *Welcome New Members*

Jerry Frost - equity  
Justin Skaggs - equity  
Kevin Smyers - equity  
Karl Anderson - equity  
Sean Souza - equity

### *Pro's Corner*

Greetings!

It's hard to believe we are now celebrating a New Year! 2018 was a very successful and fun year for Kings C.C. As always my staff and myself are continually striving to improve the quality and Member care of your club! For 2019 we are going to implement new and exciting formats for tournaments as well as providing a different merchandise mix in the Pro Shop for your golfing needs. I am always open to any suggestions you may have to improve our club. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me personally.

Moving forward into 2019, I am pleased to report that the Pro Shop is preparing for spring demo days along with table sales. If you are interested in getting custom fit on the range or would like to demo a club on the golf course,

please don't hesitate to reach out to the shop staff.

Safety on the range and on the course has always been a high priority here at Kings C.C. I feel it's important to brush some broad strokes regarding safety. The fog has returned with a vengeance! When hitting balls on the range make sure to check your area of swing and to not hit balls close to the boundary rope. On the golf course, players should not play until the players are clear in front and are out of range. Always alert greens staff nearby prior to making a stroke that might endanger them. Lastly, always shout a warning if your ball may hit someone. Remember, we're all in this together.

In observance of the Martin Luther King Jr.

holiday, Kings C.C. will be open Monday, January 21st and closed Tuesday January 22nd.

Again, Happy New Year and we look forward to serving you in 2019!

Happy Golfing!

*Tom James*  
**PGA Golf Professional**

# Kings Country Club

## On the Course

Kings Country Club Maintenance Department would like to wish you a Happy, Healthy & Prosperous 2019 and God's blessings on your families.

Good Golfing,

**Joe Elias**

**Golf Course Superintendent**

2018 has been a rough year for my family and I. Thanks to all of you, your prayers, support financially and emotionally we made it through. I just want to thank you all again for all you've done for me and my family, we appreciate all of you. Happy holidays and here's to 2019 being a better year.

Love you all, thanks again.

Carla & Jim Reid

## Ladies Group

December was quite exhilarating for the ladies this year. There were many awards given at our Annual Christmas Party.

Winners:

Winter ECCY 2018 1<sup>st</sup> flight

Low Gross: Vernie Miller

Low Net : Sue Brown

Winners ECCY Winter 2018 2<sup>nd</sup> flight

Low Gross: Karen Frey

Low Net : Shari Grewal

Winners Summer ECCY 2018 1<sup>st</sup> flight

Low Gross: Vernie Miller

Low Net : Heather Burnett

Winners ECCY Summer 2018 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight

Low Gross: Frances Coelho

Low Net : Dorothy German

WGANC Medallions went to Katie Attington & Cathy Willis

The Most Improved Golfer went to Dorothy German.

The ladies group collected \$510.00 for the fire victims in Paradise, California.

UPCOMING EVENT : January 24th at 10:00 A.M.. There will be a meeting to go over the new rules for 2019 with Paul Yost-NCGA Rules Official. We really would love a big turnout for the event.

Winter is a great time to sharpen your golf skills and try different clubs. It is important to know the distance you can get on each club. Also, the firm fairways cause your ball to roll farther than usual.

"The most important shot in golf is the next one!" Ben Hogan

Have fun out there.

See you on the course,

**Ladies Club**

## Café

Well, here we are at the years end... I hope Santa was great for everyone. We are finishing off a good year in the Café & the Ballroom. We have had a good number of Holiday events that have gone off successfully and with great comments from our members & guests alike. We have also had a few additions to our Ballroom staff as a few of our Veteran long term staff have moved along to different ventures after the completion of and the beginning of college...we wish them much success in their chosen endeavors.

By the time this newsletter gets to you we will have already had our Annual New Year's Eve Dinner, which has always been a success, and we thank all

you members who have participated with your presence...much appreciated.

We now look forward to a prosperous 2019 with the anticipation of much success and a brighter outlook... but we will always hold in our hearts those that have left us too soon... "God bless".

**Rene Vicencio**  
**Café Manager**



*We are a private, member owned 18 hole regulation golf course; where our commitment to member and guest satisfaction has been a primary element of Kings Country Club's superior reputation since 1924. Kings Country Club is located just minutes from Hanford. Our clubhouse provides a full bar and grill to its members and their guests. We also have a full service banquet facility, which can provide a memorable experience for your wedding or business function.*