

Kings Country Club

January/February 2021

newsletter



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It's hard to believe that it's 2021, this past year has been the most difficult and trying of times. Our club, membership, and staff have all pulled together to get through this pandemic and yes, the light at the end of the tunnel is in sight. I want to commend all my staff for the work they have done to get us through the year with no assessment to the membership. Many clubs around the valley have assessed their membership to keep themselves afloat. Some clubs have had assessments of over \$600 dollars. That was not the case here as we watched payroll, didn't fill positions, and cut back on capital expenditures. Again, minimum wage is going up and our dues will be going up slightly to offset this. Our dues are still the lowest in the valley for a full equity membership.

The addition of two new fans on #7 and #13 were completed and the difference of the turf health is a noticeable improvement over past

Pro's Corner

Happy New Year!

Wow....2020 was certainly, well, interesting to say the least. Now that it is in our rearview mirror we can look forward to 2021 and hopefully a better year all around.

I would like to start the New Year with a few reminders so we can get the year off to a great start. Reminders that can help our course continue to look and play great as well as help the pro shop in managing play to be as smooth as possible.

For those who may have forgotten or who never knew, we do take tee times on Saturday and Sunday. It is greatly appreciated if you do call for tee times if you plan on playing anytime before 12 noon. Our weekends are very busy and it will be easier for you to get on the course if you make a tee time. I believe making tee times will save you from being disappointed when you arrive and find that you have to wait for a lengthy amount of time. In addition, this helps the pro shop know who we can expect to show up which can minimize any confusion. You can call Thursday after

General Manager/Director of Golf

years. The replacement of 500 sprinkler heads on the front nine was completed as they were 35 years old and replacement parts were not available anymore. The course continues to be fantastic and receives rave reviews from our golfing guests around the valley. Joe and his staff continue to do an outstanding job for our membership. Take a moment to thank our greens crew for their hard work.

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. With many new members to the club

6am for Saturday and Friday after 6am for Sunday. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

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 looking great. 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 one of the best in the valley.

Starting January 1st our green fees structure will change. Weekday green fees will now be \$50 for 18 holes and \$25 for 9 holes, Weekend green fees will be \$60 for 18 holes and \$30 for 9 holes. This applies to our guests and distinguished members.

I am very excited to be here at Kings Country

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 2021 four hours or less.

Happy New Year

Paul Wightman
General Manager

November/December 2020

HOLE IN ONE
CONGRATULATIONS

Bob Cardoza - 11/05/20 - #17

Jason Verdegaal - 11/08/20 - #4

Rick Freitas - 11/08/20 - #17

Club and to have been able to get to know many of you these last 5 months. I am really looking forward to 2021 and getting to know more of the membership as well as getting to take care of your everyday golfing needs.

Here's to a safe and fun New Year.

With Regards,

Denise Bondurant
Head Golf Professional

On the Course

Happy & Healthy 2021 to you & your families.

For the month of January, we will be focusing on the final push of leaf removal. Then move on to pruning trees. Tree pruning will be the focus for the maintenance department January through February. Pruning the trees and raising their canopies, will improve sunlight for the turfgrass below.

Beginning in February, as the weather permits, we will start lowing collars on some of the Greens, down to the 'Green height'. This will make a smoother putting transition.

Joe Elias
Golf Course Superintendent

Ladies Group

First of All: HAPPY HAPPY HAPPY
NEW YEAR!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Are you cold, yet? I mean really cold; down to the bone cold. Well, welcome to January and February 2021. The cold is here. Which means the ball will fly shorter-you lose distance because of the effect the cold has on your body. You will not turn as far or swing as hard which means your swing speed will drop and you'll hit shorter. Do not overlayer, for me it is keeping my hands warm. Do not dress like the Michelin Man. Wear thin layers with a vest.

Our elected board for 2021 is as follows:

- Captain-----Shari Grewal
- Co-Captain-----April Payasse
- Secretary-----Frances Coelho
- Treasurer-----Dorothy German
- Tournament-----Cathy Willis/Anita Dewey
- Handicap-----April Payasse
- Rules-----Cathy Willis
- Open Day-----Katie White
- Delegate-----Joyce Ayerza

Nov. 5th Results: 1st place- Anita D., 2nd-Cathy W., 3rd- Debbie W.

Nov. 12th Results: 1st place -Anita D., Shari G., Becky F., Frances C. Closet to the Pin:

Café

I would like to start by saying thank you to everyone for being so patient and understanding of our situation and challenges that we are dealing with. We would like to get everything back to normal but not sure when that will happen, so as of right now we have tentatively scheduled our Friday Night Dinners to start on January 22nd, but if we are not allowed to have indoor dining we will probably cancel it until we can be inside, sorry for the inconvenience.

I wanted to remind everyone that only the member, spouse and children under 23 years old are able to be at the club. You are welcome to bring out other family members or guests if you accompany them.

Shari G.

Nov. 19th Results: 1st place-Frances C., 2nd - Lena Walker, 3rd Shari G. Closet to the Pin: Janice G.

Our outgoing Captain Sue Brown was the host to the annual Captain Tournament on December 3rd. The format was "The Twelve Holes of Golf"; which was very appropriate for December.

Results: 1st place: Frances C., 2nd- Becky F., 3rd- Shari G., 4th- Lena W., Paula H., Dorothy G.

Dec. 10th was our annual Christmas Tournament and Awards. The decorations were amazing and we had some people dress up. WE really needed this merriment. It produced quite a few laughs and some Ho Ho Ho's from our house Santa. Golf Results: 1st place-April P and Baija F., 2nd- Becky F., Lena W., Joyce A.

Awards for our Ladies: **Medallion Winners for 2020:** Shari G and Frances C. (Award given by the WGNAC)

Holes in one: Debbie W. and Shari G. (Award given by the WGNAC)

Most Improved: Carol I. **-Golf Diva:** Anita D. **Most Birdies for the year:** Vernie M.

ECCY Winner: 1st Flight: Low Gross -1st- Vernie M., Low Net- Shari G.

ECCY Winner: 2nd Flight: Low Gross: Karen F., Low Net: Dorothy G.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JANUARY &

I would like to remind the membership that if you feel ill in any way, stay home, this **also applies to coming to the club**. We ask that you follow guidelines to not put employees or fellow members at risk of exposure to COVID-19. This applies if you are under quarantine, even if you are well and symptom free.

Happy New Year from the Café staff.

Carla Reid
Café Manager

Welcome New Members

Monty Hoggard
Landon Hurst
MJ Perreira
Blaine Fagundes

FEBRUARY 2021

JAN. 7TH -WINTER ECCY BEGINS- Please pay JoAnne \$5.00 and turn your cards in.

All of January on Thursday is open play and pick your own team. If there are enough ladies then best ball or scramble.

FEB. 4TH-PICK YOUR 4-SOME-1 best ball

FEB. 9TH- EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

FEB. 11TH- VALENTINE DAY TOURNAMENT-Pick your best drive-scramble through the green (every net par=1/2 Heart)

Most hearts =sweetheart winner.

FEB. 18TH- CHA CHA CHA

FEB. 25TH- GENERAL MEETING KCC LADIES GROUP (the game will be "wolf")

Remember- Ladies Day is every Thursday. Starting time is 10:00 A.M. Please, arrive no later than 9:30 A.M.

HAVE FUN OUT THERE!

See you on the course,

Ladies Club