

Kings Country Club

September/October 2020

newsletter



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General Manager/Director of Golf

As we head into September I pray for some relief from the heat and cleaner air from all these wildfires. September is always an exciting month because the Men's Club Championship starts and usually the hint of Fall is in the air. Qualifying for the Championship Flight will be held on Saturday the 5th at 10 AM. All other Flights will begin play on Saturday the 12th. Please sign up in the Pro-shop before the 5th as it takes time to put all the brackets together. Play will be limited on the Saturday the 12th as most of the carts will be used for the tournament.

Financially the club is still in good shape as we navigate the Covid pandemic. The club is showing a small year to date profit but still behind where we were at this point last year. All departments are doing

Pro's Corner

I wanted to take this time and space to say how excited I am to be here at Kings Country Club. I also thought I would write a short bio to introduce myself. I have been a part of this great game since I was 11 years old. I was fortunate to have a strong enough game to play high school and college golf as well as play the mini tours for 7 years. I have worked for some wonderful courses and golf professionals over my career which include: Morro Bay Golf Course, Sunny-side Country Club, Village Country Club and most recently Copper River. I also worked at Dick's Sporting Goods where I honed my skills as a club fitter and club repair professional. I love this game; I love the relationships I have gained because of my involvement with golf and I feel blessed beyond belief to now be associated with this club and its membership. Thank you all for making me feel at home in such a short

period of time. their best to keep expenses down. Joe and his staff are doing a fantastic job maintaining the course through the extreme heat. Joe has been using a smaller crew as he did not hire any part-time summer help like he has in the past. I've received many compliments from members of other valley country clubs on how great the course looks. Keep up the great work Joe!!!

Finally, we have a new face in the Pro-shop. Please stop in and welcome Denise Bondurant. Denise is a fantastic teacher

and spent many years in the golf business. She brings a wealth of experience and is going to be a real asset for the club. Welcome Denise!!!

Stay Safe,
Paul Wightman
General Manager

For the safety of our members and staff if you are experiencing any flu like symptoms PLEASE stay at home.

HOLE IN ONE CONGRATULATIONS

August 2020

Ed Dupree - 08/01/20 - #4

Welcome New Members

Michael Conway III - equity
DelRay Dias - equity
Larry Gunter - equity
Adam Medeiros - equity
Gerald Tritz - equity
Patrick Nelson - equity
Ron Williams - equity
Richard Rose III - equity

Denise Bondurant
Head Golf Professional

Kings Country Club

On the Course

The fall application of insecticide for the prevention of billbugs has been completed. Billbug infestations are extremely dangerous to the health of Bermuda turf grass, which is what our fairways are comprised of. Billbugs overwinter in the soil & come out of dormancy in the spring, inflicting very costly damage to the fairways. We apply this insecticide every fall & spring to keep these pests under control.

We have spread granular fertilizer on the fairways, to allow the plant to store up enough nutrients before going dormant during the winter months. Next year, these nutrients will assist the plant to achieve the spring growth push it needs, when the weather warms up.

On September 8 we start applying pre-emergent herbicides to the fairways,

to prevent poa annua & bluegrass from invading the turf grass during winter & spring seasons.

Reminder: Greens aerification will be September 28 – 29, with the back 9 being closed to play until 3 pm on September 29.

Winter rye grass overseeding of collars, approaches, tee tops, driving range tee & clubhouse grounds will be September 30 – October 2

Good Golfing,

Joe Elias
Golf Course Superintendent

Café

Greetings from the Café,

For all of you that haven't heard, I am the new Café Manager. I've worked with Rene for over 20 years, and know I have some big shoes to fill. Thank you for all the warm welcoming's and support. As you know we are still dealing with COVID-19 as Purple Tier status. We were hoping to be open by now, but unfortunately all indoor dining is prohibited in Kings County as of right now. In light of this situation we have decided to start table service for our outdoor dining beginning September 5th 2020. Our hours will still remain the same 7 am to 5 pm. We are hoping for a smooth transition, but please be patient with us as we figure out with trial and error what works best for all of us. As far as banquets/events go we are not allowed to have gatherings over 10 people at this time. I make daily calls to the health department checking on updates, but no changes as of now. Again, thank you for all of your patience and understanding.

Carla Reid
Café Manager



Ladies Group

Welcome to September Ladies!!!!!!

September is here. So, we are still in full swing of summer heat. I don't know about you all but I am ready for autumn leaves and autumn temperatures (Maybe I should be looking at winter because our Indian Summer here is hot, hot, hot.)

Our months of July and August were quite busy on Ladies day-thanks to our fabulous tournament chairperson, Shari G. It was a full schedule of different golf games to play.

So here goes-

July 2020- The annual Ladies Championship was played on June 30th and July 2nd. We had a great turn out. We would like to congratulate **The Ladies Champion of 2020 Melanie Pulliam**. Melanie is no stranger to this title. She won the title in 2005, 06,07,08,09,11,12,13,14,18,19 and now 2020. She had very tough competition in all of the Championships. So, if you happen to see her on the course (stay 6 feet away-social distance) and say congrats!!!

2nd- Gross- Janice G. (she is also our **Senior Champion for 2020**)

Flight #1: 1st Net: Terri Z.
2nd Net: Shari G.

Flight #2: 1st Gross: Katie W.
2nd: Frances C.

1st Net: Dorothy G.
2nd: Joyce A.

Closet to the Pin: Flight 1: Melanie Pulliam Flight 2: Joyce Ayerza

On the course and off the course decorations were done by our own Jo-Anne Z. and Katie W.

July 16th-Ladies Day 1st place ---Pat Miller

July 23- 1st Vernie M., Judy R., Karen F., Beth M.

2nd Sue B., Janice G., Frances C., Dorothy G.

August 13, 20, & 27th- The Pandemic Cup-We had a very special tournament that took the place for our team play that was cancelled. This gave everyone a refresher course on keeping score for match play. The competition was very evenly matched between the two teams on Day one. On Day 2-August 20th-the air was so full of smoke (Level 4) we had to cancel (bummer). Our 2nd day of match play was Aug. 27th. Both teams came with clubs a blazin' after resting up from last week of no play. But-we will not finish this tournament until next week. So, I will announce the Champions in the next newsletter.

The point about this tournament is that not all of golf is 18 holes of tucked in shirt seriousness. Get out there and enjoy!

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 3- Medallion Day

Sept. 5- Make-up Medallion Day

Sept. 24th- Medallion Day

Sept. 26th-Make up Medallion Day

Oct. 13th & 14th- River Cup

Oct. 15th-Medallion Day

Oct.17th-Make Up Medallion Day

Our second picture is of Karen Frey on hole # 13. Her 2nd shot landed in the metal sand bottle holder. How often would that happen??????

Ladies day is held every Thursday. Starting in September our starting time is 9:00 A.M. Please arrive no later than 8:30 A.M.

Have fun out there!

See you on the course,

Ladies Club

