



Nevada
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Country Club Newsletter

Dues Schedule

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Quarterly Dues
\$290

(2015 NCGA Member Dues
Should be Paid with Your Dues
Payment: Add \$40)

HOLE-IN-ONE INSURANCE
None Due
at This Time

Cart Trail Fee
\$15
Electric Cart Fee
\$7.50
Cart Shed Rental
\$30
Cart Storage Fee
\$20

Class B Membership: \$45

Due and Payable
October 1, 2014

Delinquency Fee is \$50 for all dues
paid after October 10, 2014.
Membership will be automatically
canceled after 31 days for those
who have not paid their quarterly
dues, electric cart fee (if applica-
ble) and the delinquency fee.

He's 91 and Golfing Strong



Elbia Hall Plays Three Days a Week, Usually Scores Under His Age

He shot a 91 on his 91st birthday. Elbia Hall was happy but not all that thrilled. "It wasn't that good for me," he said. "I shot a 78 the week before."

Hall, one of NCCC's senior active members, plays every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and in many club tournaments, usually scoring in the 80s. His name is often found on the leaderboards of the club competitions.

Elbia says his driver is the strong point of his game. "I out-drive a lot of the guys I play with," he says. When asked if his tee shots find the fairway, he nodded yes, as if there would be any question about it.

Although he didn't take up golf until he was 50, Elbia has a long athletic background. He played fastpitch softball for many years and coached Little League as a young man.

Elbia is a native of Florida and WW II veteran of the U.S. Navy. He settled in Southern California following the war and began a career first as a carpenter and then as a general contractor during Southern California's boom years in the 50s and 60s. At one point, he says, he had 644 men on his payroll when he was building for Cinderella Homes.

He and his late wife, Yvonne, moved from Anaheim to Lake Wildwood in 1975. It was there that Elbia discovered golf, began a 28-year membership in Lake Wildwood Golf Club, and worked his handicap down to 12.

(Please See Elbia Hall, Page 5)



From The Pro

By Mike Rademaker

Summer is over and it looks like Fall may be arriving with warm temps and dry conditions. Fall is always busy at NCCC. We have a lot on tap, especially in September.

As this newsletter goes out, we're preparing for the Men's Club Championship, a two-day stroke play event. Last year we had 49 players and I hope to see that number increase this year. With the new format, you don't have to be a low handicap player as there will be club champions crowned in each flight (the number of flights is based on the number of players). Of course, the overall club champion will be the player who has the lowest gross score for the 36 holes and the net club champion will be the player who shoots the lowest net score regardless of flight.

On Oct. 4 we will hold the Mr. and Mrs. Club Championship. Traditionally, this has been a man and wife team but we do allow non-married couples. It's a lot of fun and we have pizza at the end of play. Pizza, beer and golf; what more is there?

We are planning to aerate greens on Sept. 25. The Clubhouse will be closed for that day and re-opened on the 26th.

There has been communication from the Board of Directors to members regarding our current financial position. I think it is important to know the challenges we face are not impossible to overcome. Our situation is serious but not dire. The letter sent to the membership by the board is accurate in that it states that we are trying to operate efficiently while still providing a high level of service to our members and guests. Most of the cost-saving measures that have been undertaken may not be seen or felt but are aimed at making the club prosperous now and into the future (if you haven't seen the board's letter, copies are available in the Clubhouse).

A Friendly Club is a Successful Club

A big part of the club's success is in making everyone feel welcome. And, a big part of that, I think, is making allowances for people's differences. When playing golf, please be patient with those players who may not play as fast as you and your group. On the other hand, if you or your group is holding up another group, please let them play through if there is room in front of your group. This can be done on the tee, or even better, in the middle of the hole being played. Instead of waiting on the tee for the quicker group to putt out and then hit their tee shots, it is quicker to hit your tee shots and walk toward them. When the group behind you arrives on the tee, wave them through. After they play through and are out of range, hit your next shot, resume play, and try to keep up with them. Remember, keep up with the group in front of you, not in front of the group behind you.

Lastly, I would like to thank those who played in the Animal Save Scramble in August. One of the things I wanted to accomplish during the first three years here was to establish a charity golf event that would benefit the community. It seemed like a good idea to benefit Animal Save as my wife Marge was serving as a volunteer there and she and I have run golf tournaments in the past. So far, the event has been a success but only because of the members and guests who play and help with sponsorships. So I would like to thank all of you who played and especially those who also sponsored holes and bought raffle tickets. We were able to donate more than \$2000 to Animal Save. That buys a lot of dog and cat food!! Speaking of food, **Christopher's Deli** gave us a great deal on the food which contributed to the success of the event. I would also like to personally thank **Mary Deardorff** for selling raffle tickets at the beginning of the event when our ticket-seller didn't make it.

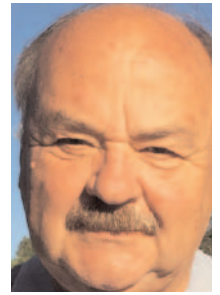
That's it for Now, Yours in Golf, Mike

The Aces of Summer

Congratulations to **Frank Davis** and **Dave Almassy** who have scored holes-in-one over the past few months.

Davis aced the 156-yard No. 11 with a 7-iron on June 4 for his fourth career hole-in-one. He was playing with **Don Lemons, Rudy Lloyd** and **Tom Huntington**.

Almassy used a 4-hybrid to score a 175-yard ace on No. 14. The Aug. 27 hole-in-one, his first, was celebrated with **Bob Alvares, George Hansen** and **Jim Meshwert**.



Davis

Almassy



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Shaun, left, and Mike Ruddy

Twin Title

Ruddy Bros. Cruise to 15-Stroke Win in 2014 Men's Invitational

Member **Shaun Ruddy** and his guest, twin brother **Mike**, teamed up to claim the title at the 2014 NCCC Men's Invitational on Aug. 22-23.

Team Ruddy fired a total 178 for a commanding 15-stroke victory in the 36-hole event. The score included a first round best ball 50 with a final round net combined of 128. Coming in a distant second was the team of **Randy Mosbarger** and guest **Bill Dryden**, with a score of 193 (63-130). **Jim Hunt** and guest **Larry Seelig** took third with a total of 196. Tied for fourth were **Harlan Williams** and guest **Don Martinez**, along with **Mike Schmidt** and guest **Chris Frappier**.

In a special Member/Member flight, **George Hansen** and **Mark Ryan** claimed the top spot with a score of 196 (59-137), followed by **Dave Koslosky** and **Paul Silva** shooting 203 (56-147). Closest to the pin contests were won by **Don Crow**, **Paul Silva**, **Rick Honey** and **Randy Mosbarger**.



Hansen and Ryan won the Member Flight

Invitational Flight

1. **Shaun Ruddy and Mike Ruddy - 178 (50-128)**
2. **Randy Mosbarger and Bill Dryden - 193 (63-130)**
3. **Jim Hunt and Larry Seelig - 196 (60-136)**
4. **(tie) Mike Schmidt and Chris Frappier - 202 (60-142)**
(tie) Harlan Williams and Don Martinez - 202 (67-135)

Member/Member Flight

1. **George Hansen and Mark Ryan - 196 (59-137)**
2. **Dave Koslosky and Paul Silva - 203 (56-147)**

President's Podium

By Ted Schoppe



What a GREAT PLACE to play golf - Nevada County Country Club. This

thought came to me the other day while I was out playing, and the pace of play gave me time to think about more than my golf game.

When I first came to NCCC I had to sign up on a waiting list and it took the better part of two years to work my way up to the top and join the club. My only regret then was I was still working and not able to play often. It is a different story today.

This club has much to offer its members and guests. On the top of my list is the accessibility of the course for play. Almost any time members can show up and without much delay can get out and play.

We have a great putting green and the new chipping green and practice sand trap built last year. Still trying to figure out where a small driving range area (cage) can go. The course is not as long as those with 18 holes but it is as challenging. Other offerings are the pool for members and guests and, yes, it has had good use this year. Members can also reserve the pool area for parties. Speaking about reserving, the Clubhouse is also available to members to rent for parties; you can also rent a bartender. I overheard a Clubhouse booking being made the other day. So keep the club's facilities in mind the next time you plan a gathering.

Membership is what the club really needs. With membership down, we have been relying on public play to balance the budget. With public play down, as most of you know, your Board of Directors has taken actions to cut costs and, unfortunately, to raise dues. We are always open to suggestions from members on ways to save money and ways to generate income.

The board's letter to the membership to announce the dues increase has already generated comments from several members on saving and adding new money-making activities. I would like to thank those who have and those who will take interest in the club for responding with their ideas. As a reminder, board meetings are held the second Thursday of each month and are open to all members. We would welcome your participation.

See you at the course, Ted

'15 NCGA Dues Now Due

Club members are reminded that 2015 Northern California Golf Association (NCGA) dues should be paid along with Fourth Quarter Dues.

NCGA renewal dues are \$40. Dues are \$50 for new members.

Please include your NCGA payment this quarter. NCCC collects member dues payments and then submits all of our dues at the end of the year.

Ladies Golf Group News

NCCC Ladies Invitational June 10, 2014

TY WEBB FLIGHT

1. Gloria Dalke, Joann Hinchcliffe, Shirley Matlock, Carolyn Howell (121)
2. Sandy Hansen, Madeleine Selleck, Cathy Fouyer, Arlene Fowler (123)
3. Lynne Martinson, Diane Friedberg, Mary Deardorff, Dee Hurst (123)

DANNY NOONAN FLIGHT

1. Bonnie Marvelli, Maxine Cozby, Maggie Flecksteiner, Diane Sanguinetti (115)
2. Marian Slayton, Linda Thode, Donna Roach & Carol Kraemer (118)
3. Pat Gaddis, Judy Wood, Bobbie Heard, Barbara Hankins (122)



TOURNEY CHAMPS, from left, Marvelli, Cozby, Sanguinetti, Flecksteiner. Right, **CLUB PRO** Mike Rademaker pulled out his best 'Caddy Shack' attire for the occasion. He's pictured with tournament chair Kandice Kelley.



- CLOSEST TO THE PIN** - Marian Slayton (member), Sally Stemen (guest)
ACCURACY DRIVE - Pat Tintle (member), Carol Kraemer (guest)
PUTTING CONTEST - Pat Gaddis (member), Carol Kraemer (guest)

Partners Best Ball Tournament July 22 & 29

1. Cathy Fouyer and Sandy Hansen (net 120)
2. (tie) Kandice Kelley and Carolyn Michelsen, Bobbie Heard and Donna Roach (net 127)
4. Donna Carter and Marian Slayton (net 129)



Hansen, Fouyer

9'ers Best Ball

1. Lisa Curry and Dorothy Stone (net 63)
2. Marsha Kneebone and Sandy Osterholt (net 64)
3. Gail Beardsley and Nancy Williams - net 66

Curry, Stone



Club Championship Tournament August 12 & 19

Congratulations to Chris Elko, 2014 Club Champion, and to Sandy Osterholt, 9'ers Champion.

Winning for the third consecutive year, Chris tallied a gross score of 176 (89 & 87). Runner Up was Sandy Hansen with a gross 182 (91 & 91). Low Net honors went to Maggie Flecksteiner (141).

For the 9'ers, Sandy Osterholt placed first with a 103 and Gail Beardsley was second at 115. Low Net honors went to Dorothy Stone at 76.



Chris Elko is the 2014 NCCC Ladies Club Champion

ACES

- JULY** - Carolyn Michelsen - net 65
AUGUST - Carolyn Michelsen - net 62
SEPTEMBER - Shirley Matlock - net 66

Michelsen



9'ers

- JULY** - Lisa Curry - net 33.5
AUGUST - Gail Beardsley - net 33.5
SEPTEMBER - Gail Beardsley - net 29.5

Beardsley



Sandy Osterholt is the 2014 9'ers champ



Ladies Club Annual Dues

Membership renewals are due by Oct. 1 and delinquent by Oct. 31.

Total Due is \$ 60. If you would like to pay for Ec and Ace, your total is \$80.

If you are paying for your Handicap only, it's \$35. Social dues (including roster) are \$18.

Mail remittance to:

Sandy Hansen
15085 Banner Lava Cap Rd.
Nevada City, CA 95959

Handicap Corner

It's Handicap Renewal time. To maintain your handicap for 2015, dues should be paid in October. This is your annual reminder. If you get your handicap through the NCGA (all men and a few women), that \$40 fee is paid directly to the club (NCCC), along with your regular 4th Quarter club dues. If you get your handicap through the PWGA (most women) that fee is paid directly to the ladies club (NCCCWG), either \$35 if you are just renewing your handicap, or \$60 if you are also renewing your Ladies Club membership for next year. Both organizations (NCGA and PWGA) bill Nevada County Country Club annually for every active GHIN number on our system so if we don't have your money by early December, we will assume you are not renewing and readjust your GHIN number to inactive status. If you have any questions about renewing, please ask Mike Rademaker (NCGA), or Sandy Hansen (PWGA - Ladies Club Treasurer).

If you've never had a handicap and are considering getting one, this is the one time of year it's worth waiting just a little bit, since neither organization prorates their dues. If you sign up now you will only have a handicap through the remainder of 2014, and you will still need to renew and pay again for 2015. We can put new handicaps for 2015 into the system starting October 1, 2014 for NCGA and December 1, 2014 for PWGA. NEW handicaps through the NCGA for our members are \$50,

By
Mary Deardorff



and through the PWGA \$35. Our club will also let non-members register for handicaps through us; the charge for that is \$70 annually.

For those of you who already have a handicap, here's one more friendly reminder. Having a handicap means YOU have obligations - to play by the rules, to count all your strokes accurately, to make the best score you can on every hole, and to post all your scores, modifying when necessary for Equitable Stroke Control (ESC). These are not difficult things, and if you need help with any of them, all you have to do is ask. But if you don't want to do these things, you should consider letting your index expire at the end of the year, and stop playing in organized events requiring handicaps. Valid handicaps are the basis for fair and fun competitions, and your handicap committee works hard to try to make that happen for all our members.

Elbia Hall

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The Halls moved to Morgan Ranch in Grass Valley in 2007 and Yvonne died shortly after. Their son, Jerry Hall, is the proprietor of Sierra Auto & Trailer Center, which is located just up Main Street from the club. Elbia says he's tried to get his son interested in golf but Jerry prefers softball.

Elbia joined NCCC in 2007 and has played regularly since. In fact, he drove his street legal golf cart to the course for a few years until he decided that he could no longer trust some of the drivers on local roads.

He's Had Six Eagles

Elbia says his best rounds have been 76 and he's done that twice. He's shot several 78s, he said. He's still waiting for his first hole-in-one but he does have six eagles on his golf resume. His handicap is holding at 19.

He wears no glasses and says he "can still read the fine print," but just in case he carries reading glasses in his pocket. He doesn't need the hearing aids that are used by so many people in his age group.

His secrets to a long life of golf? Don't smoke, don't drink too much, and keep playing.



Communications Committee Update

If you haven't had a chance already, please check out our new club website: www.nevadacountycountryclub.com as well as our Facebook page. We no longer use the two old websites we started thru GHIN several years ago.

The website has a Members section that includes a monthly events calendar, weekly event results for both the Men's and Ladies clubs, Club tournament results and pictures, and a link to our Facebook page. You normally need a Facebook account (its free) to sign into Facebook - but you can access our club's Facebook page directly from our website without an account. So check it out and let us know what you think. If you want to see other information displayed on our sites, please tell us. We are using the website, Facebook, our quarterly newsletter, and our new email system as the main ways we communicate with members and market the club.

We currently have about 20 members who do not have email, and we continue to mail printed newsletters to those members. We are also keeping up the calendar and flyers on the club bulletin boards. Coming in October/November, we will publish a new Club Membership Directory for the first time in several years. Both the Men's and Ladies clubs have agreed to split the cost of the printing. If you haven't been asked to do so already, please check in at the front desk and make sure we have your correct information (names, address, phone numbers & email) to include in the directory.



On Course

By Peter Chow, *Golf Course Superintendent*

As the summer winds down, I can't help but wonder where has the summer gone? While it has been a rather warm summer, it seems to have been short lived. This drought has brought forth some challenges this season. First of all, it was an abnormally warm and dry winter and spring, which then became a hot and dry early summer. Looking back at my journal, I had to water the greens back on Jan. 17! In fact, we recorded only 1.6 inches of rain for the entire month of January, and that was after a very dismal December which produced just .8 inches of rain.

Peter's Take on El Niño

If all of the computer models prove to be true, it will be an early and wet winter. There has been a strong "El Niño" current in the eastern Pacific Ocean. Locally, daytime and nighttime temperatures have already fallen 2-3 degrees below normal for this time of year. The squirrels started gathering pine nuts in July. While this may not be scientific, my experience has found it usually translates to a heavy winter.

Another indicator of this "El Niño" is the abnormal amount of typhoons in the eastern Pacific. The warm "El Niño" currents meet up with the cooler ocean currents of the northern hemisphere, and cause these weather events. These are the same types of currents that occur in the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico that create hurricanes. Typhoons are exactly the same as hurricanes except when they occur in the Pacific, they are referred to as typhoons.

For Greener Lawns at Home

I have often been asked, "How do you keep the course so green during the hot summer months?" I always respond with the same answer: Fertilizer. The key is timing. I know it's too late to apply fertilizer for the summer, but come October you should apply a fall fertilizer to carry your lawn through the winter and into spring. Then, if you can, put down a light application of fertilizer in March followed by a normal application by mid-June. This should carry you through the summer. The March application is not as critical as the June application, so if you can only do one application, do the one in June. Keeping your lawn well-fed will allow you to maintain a green lawn with less water. Keep in mind that a well-fed lawn will require that you mow it more frequently. Also, remember that longer grass requires less water than shorter grass. So, if you raise your mower to 3 inches instead of 2 inches you will find that your lawn can stay greener with less water. I hope this helps.

Keep it in the Short Grass, Peter

Tournament Results

Aug. 2 Best Nine Event

Men's First Flight

Low Gross: Ted Schoppe - 31

Low Net: Dan Triano - 26

2nd Net: Ben Blackmon - 28.5

3rd Net: (tie) Peter Carland and Mark Ryan - 29

5th Net: (tie) Rob Barker and Ron Gaynor - 30

Men's Second Flight

Low Gross: Bob Alvares - 35

Low Net: Bob Flecksteiner - 24.5

2nd Net: Dave Carter - 26

3rd Net: Mike Railey - 26.5

4th Net: (tie) Jim Meshwert and Bill Fisher - 27

Men's Third Flight

Low Gross: John Murray - 43

Low Net: George Dever - 28.5

2nd Net: Harlan Williams - 29

3rd Net: Paul Rankin - 30

4th Net: Bob DeMers and

Bill Thompson - 30.5



Murray

Women's Flight

Low Gross: Carolyn Michelsen - 41

Low Net: Maggie Flecksteiner - 28.5

2nd Net: (tie) Jane Parson and Bonnie Marvelli - 29.5

4th Net: Donna Roach - 32

IN THE MONEY

Bob Flecksteiner, 2nd Flight Low Net; Bob Alvares, 2nd Flight Low Gross; and Dan Triano, First Flight, Low Net.



NCCC Online Information

See:

www.nevadacountycountryclub.com.

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- Event Announcements
- Men's Club
- Ladies Club



Hotline

(Frost Delay, etc.)

470-1442

Tips From The Pro

Mike Rademaker, PGA

This quarter's pro tip has to do with the mental side of golf. One of the mistakes we as golfers tend to make is to focus on the bad instead of the good. For example, when you are faced with a situation where there is a hazard on the left side of the hole, do you try to miss the hazard or do you instead focus on where you want the ball to go? It seems like a strange question but it actually makes a difference how you think about the shots you hit. When you are faced with a shot that has to go over water to reach the green, what are you trying to accomplish? Many of us think about "hitting the ball over the water." My suggestion is to completely ignore the water and think about hitting the green! The picture in your mind's eye should be where you want the ball to land, not the pond where you don't want the ball to land. The moral of the story is, *be positive and be precise*. Before each shot, picture the ball going exactly where you want it to go; hear the sound it will make, see the arc of the ball and sense the solid feel when you hit a good shot. When putting, picture the ball rolling over the edge of the cup just before it falls in. Do this, and your game will improve or, at least your outlook will.

NCCC Tournament & Social Calendar

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 20-21

NCCC MEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Net and Gross flights. 8 a.m. shotgun starts both days

Thursday, Sept. 25

Aeration of Greens. Course and Clubhouse Closed

Saturday, Oct. 4

NCCC MR. AND MRS. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Couples best ball net. 8 a.m. shotgun start. Pizza

Saturday, Nov. 1

NCCC TURKEY SHOOT - 8:30 a.m. shotgun start.

Saturday, Dec. 13 - NCCC CHRISTMAS PARTY

Welcome New Members !

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K.C. & Susan Ward

11185 Weatherly Place
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Patriots Tournament

July 5, 2014

Couples Flight

1. **Dave Hood and Carolyn Michelsen, Dave and Donna Carter**
2. **Bob and Maggie Flecksteiner, Dan Triano and Bonnie Marvelli**
3. **Steve Adams, Sharon Reeder, Don Curry and Lisa Curry**
4. **Jim and Bobbie Heard, Mel and Pat Gaddis**



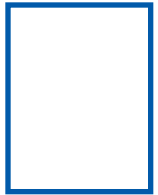
Hood, Michelsen, Carter, Carter



Davis, Callison, Thompson
(Dan Johnson missed the photo op)

Men's Flight

1. **Frank Davis, Ted Callison, Bill Thompson, Dan Johnson**
2. **Ron Keeling, Dave Koslosky, Dave Almassy and Jorgen Jensen**
3. **John Murray, Mike Railey, Brian Quinn, Scott Byous**
4. **Don Crow, Jim Helzer, Bob DeMers, Paul Silva**



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