



Catta Talk



CATTA VERDERA COUNTRY CLUB



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Clint Bassett, PGA
General Manager

FROM YOUR PGA GENERAL MANAGER

Hello Catta Members,

January marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter at Catta Verdera, and we couldn't be more energized about what's ahead. As we kick off the new year, one thing is clear, 2026 is shaping up to be a fantastic year filled with connection, competition, and memorable experiences across the club.

Our social calendar is fully loaded, offering something for everyone. From member socials and themed events, to casual gatherings and signature experiences, we're focused on creating opportunities for our club to come together and enjoy everything Catta Verdera has to offer. Whether you're here to meet new faces or reconnect with familiar ones, this year's social lineup promises plenty of reasons to mark your calendar.

On the golf side, our tournament calendar remains as exciting as ever. From competitive events to fun formats that keep the game fresh, we're committed to delivering high-quality tournaments that challenge players while keeping the experience enjoyable and welcoming. You can expect the same great traditions you love, along with a few new twists designed to elevate play and participation.

And of course, there are a few surprises planned along the way. We're intentionally leaving room for new ideas, special events, and enhancements that we think will delight our members and guests throughout the year.

None of this would be possible without the momentum created by our new team of leaders. This group has their feet firmly on the ground, a strong understanding of our membership, and a shared vision for where Catta Verdera is headed. They are already hard at work collaborating across departments and laying the foundation for meaningful improvements and long-term success.

January is just the beginning. We're confident, excited, and poised to do great things together in the months ahead. Thank you for being a part of the Catta Verdera Country Club family. We look forward to seeing you around the club as we all work to make 2026 a year to remember.



[Click Here](#)

to view the Catta Verdera Women's Golfers monthly newsletter from Eddy Nanchy.

Happy New Year
2026





Hillary Bamont
Director of F&B

Food & Beverage

FROM YOUR DIRECTOR OF F&B

Happy New Year everyone! The New Year represents a blank page, and we are excited to write it for all of our members. Since joining Catta Verdera two months ago, I have had the opportunity to meet many of you, engage in meaningful conversations, and gather your feedback to share with our food and beverage team. This will help us create memorable experiences for everyone.

For starters, we have been busy revamping the new menu set to launch in January. We have been testing some of the new items and fine-tuning them based on the valuable feedback received from all of you. Look out for shareable plates, more vegan and vegetarian options, and some classics revamped to make them bigger and better.

I have also been working on setting dates for our year-long Winemaker's Dinner Series. The lineup will include Frank Family, Grgich Hills, Rombauer, Lynmar, and ZD, among others. We'll also introduce a few new wineries for you to experience throughout 2026. Stay tuned for upcoming dates very soon.

Next up, Trivia Night is back! We'll kick off our first one for 2026 on Friday, January 23rd. So, start brushing up your knowledge now!

Our team is also planning club favorites like The Crab Feed and some fun Valentine's Day events, including our Valentine's Day Dinner, and a new event for families, our First Annual "Teddy Bear Tea". More information on dates and details will follow soon!

In addition to our regular classics, we are working on securing dates for a fun new twist on trivia and bingo called "Singo Bingo." This will mix all of your favorite tunes from every decade with a little competitive fun and prizes.

It doesn't stop there. We are looking to incorporate an annual member party in late summer or early fall. This gathering will feature a live band, food stations, and a themed party that will surely be the talk of Catta.

Lastly, we have seen a significant increase in early bookings for private events this year, so if you are planning to host a special event at the club, make sure to lock in your preferred dates as soon as possible! As a reminder, members receive half off the facility fee, and this year we will also be including a complimentary beverage station which will include coffee, tea, iced tea, lemonade and sodas.

I look forward to 2026 and making it Catta's best year yet!





Dain Ebricht, PGA
Head Golf Professional

Golf Department

FROM YOUR PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

With the New Year on the horizon, the whispers about new club releases are already swirling. And if you can keep a secret, I've got a few juicy tidbits

that might just improve your game!

First up: **Titleist Vokey SM11 Wedges**

Wedges don't tend to change dramatically year by year, but it's the small details that make a significant difference. One thing you can't see, but definitely feel, is the center of gravity of the club head. The SM11 keeps the CG consistent across all sole grinds, giving you predictable performance no matter which grind you choose. Traditionally, switching sole grinds can shift mass and throw off ball flight, feel, and distance control.

This is especially handy if you rotate grinds and bounces for summer versus winter. Your current "summer" lob wedge with a narrower sole will naturally launch the ball lower than your "winter" lob wedge with a heavier, larger sole. The SM11 design allows you to expect the same launch angle and spin characteristics when making the seasonal switch.

Next up: **XXIO's 14+**

XXIO clubs are already known for being significantly lighter than traditional clubs, helping golfers generate higher clubhead speed with less effort, which is perfect for slower to moderate swing speeds. But now, XXIO has expanded into a new segment with the 14+ line. These clubs are for golfers with a slightly faster swing (around 90–100 mph driver speed). These are aimed at intermediate players or stronger mid-handicappers who still want lightweight performance but with a more traditional look and feel. And finally, they're offering a wide range of custom shaft options, which many of us have been hoping for!

Now... about the drivers...

We always get asked, "what will the new driver look like?" Well, I've seen a few, and they look sharp!

Let's start with the **TaylorMade Qi4D**

This model has better designed moveable weights (hint: does anyone remember the rear weights on the R7 quad?) and a clean look at address. If you haven't liked the sound of the carbon face in the past, give this

model another listen.

PING is planning an addition to their 440 line which will be the G440 K Driver. The K model originally debuted as the G430 Max 10K and was the highest-MOI (most forgiving) head in Ping's lineup, meaning it's engineered to resist twisting on off-center hits for straighter, more consistent drives. Unlike the G430 Max 10K's fixed back weight, the G440 K is listed with a movable weight system, giving golfers more control over draw/fade bias and shot shape while still maximizing stability. Often, this option is absent in high MOI designs, and I think this is an awesome change. Not everyone who wants stability also wants draw bias. This model will appeal to more golfers than in the past.

Titleist: Their next driver is still under "top secret" wraps, but expect heavy refinement to the already amazingly successful GT design.

•Fun fact: Titleist accounted for 40% of all drivers played on the PGA Tour last season. This includes those players that are not paid to play the brand. That's dominance.

And now... for the putter enthusiasts...

If you're like me, you have a few putters tucked away in closets, spare bags, or hidden corners of the garage. These once-loved putters will never see the light of day again because there's always something new and exciting to try.

For the constant "putter auditioner," the new **L.A.B. OZ. i HS** is going to be a treat.

The "HS" stands for heel-shafted and L.A.B.'s tagline for this design is "Getting less weird every day." Even though it's heel-shafted, this putter still uses L.A.B.'s patented Lie Angle Balance system, which is engineered to reduce putter twist during the stroke and help the face return square naturally.

This heel-shafted option opens up L.A.B.'s performance tech to golfers who have always preferred traditional looks and hosel placements but wanted the stability benefits of a Lie Angle Balanced putter.

If any of this sounds exciting, you're not alone. We'd love to answer questions and help you pick the right clubs to test.

See you in the Shop!

NEW GOLF CARTS ARRIVE SOON!

We are pleased to announce the arrival of our brand-new fleet of EZGO golf carts, scheduled to be delivered on January 6th. This upgrade represents a major investment in improving the overall experience for our members and guests.

Once the carts arrive, the EZGO crew will begin assembly immediately. The setup process will take approximately two days, and we will start incorporating the new carts into daily use as they become available. While some carts will be available earlier, we expect the entire fleet to be fully assembled and operational by January 7th.

With the introduction of the new fleet, we will also be implementing updated pricing structures and cart usage policies. These changes are designed to help us maintain the carts in excellent condition and ensure long-term availability and quality for everyone.

One key adjustment will be a reduction in Single Rider Rounds, which have increased significantly since the COVID era. Limiting single-rider usage will help minimize wear and tear on the carts, extend their lifespan, and reduce excessive compaction on our turf.

The updated policies will include:

- ◆ Adjustments to Individual Rider Fees
- ◆ Updates to Annual Cart Programs and Trail Fees
- ◆ Reduction of Single Rider Rounds

Important Dates to Know:

- ◆ January 1st: New Annual Program Fees go into effect
- ◆ January 6–7th: New EZGO carts arrive
- ◆ January 7th: Updated Rider Fees begin

We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we roll out these improvements. We are confident that the new EZGO fleet will provide a smoother, more reliable ride and enhance the overall experience here on the course.

We're looking forward to starting the new year with this exciting upgrade.

To view the new pricing structure and rider policies, click [HERE](#).



CONGRATULATIONS - EMMA LEINGANG

We are incredibly proud to congratulate one of our own, Emma Leingang, on earning a scholarship to play Golf at William Jessup University. This is a huge achievement and a moment worth celebrating across our entire club.

Emma's success is a direct result of her access to opportunities here at Catta Verdera and just as importantly, the consistent hard work and dedication she has shown as a member of our club. Through countless training sessions, competitions, and team commitments, Emma has demonstrated discipline, resilience, and a strong desire to keep improving. Just a few qualities that have clearly been recognized at the collegiate level.

Earning a scholarship to William Jessup University is not only a milestone in Emma's athletic journey, but also a reflection of her character, work ethic, and commitment to excellence. She serves as a fantastic example for younger members, showing what is possible when talent meets dedication.

On behalf of everyone at Catta Verdera Country Club, congratulations Emma. We are excited to see what the future holds for you and are proud to have been part of your journey. We wish you continued success on and off the course as you take this next step in your athletic and academic career.





ADVISORY COMMITTEE – NEWS & NOTES

MEET YOUR 2026 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

We are pleased to announce that our 2026 Advisory Committee is officially in place and ready to get to work.

The committee will hold its first meeting on the second Tuesday of January where our AC members will begin laying the foundation for the year ahead. This initial meeting will focus on setting priorities, identifying opportunities, and establishing the direction of what's to come in the new year.

We are excited to welcome three new faces to our committee:

- ◆ [Dana Mata](#)
- ◆ [Michael Goater](#)
- ◆ [Stephen Colombo](#)

These three will be joining returning members [Sasha Macktinger](#), [Ellen Grivna](#), and [Sean Harrigan](#), who each bring valuable experience after completing a full year of service on the 2025 committee. Their continuity, combined with fresh perspectives, creates a strong and balanced group poised to make a meaningful impact.

Our Advisory Committee plays an important role in providing feedback, insight, and support as we continue to grow and improve. We are grateful to each member for their time, commitment, and willingness to serve our club.

We look forward to the ideas, collaboration, and progress that will come from this group. Please join us in welcoming the new members and thanking all committee participants as they begin this important work.

PRACTICE FACILITY POLICY REMINDER

At Catta Verdera, we take great pride in offering our members one of the largest all-grass hitting areas in the region. This amenity is a standout feature of our practice facilities, and it's especially rewarding to see how enthusiastically our members use and enjoy it on a daily basis.

The quality of an all-grass range depends on proper care and thoughtful use. Your consistent support and respect for the facility helps us maintain the best turf conditions possible, ensuring it remains a premium practice experience for everyone.

As a friendly reminder, please note our guest access policy for the all-grass hitting area:

- ◆ Guests are welcome to use the facility only prior to playing a booked round with a member.
- ◆ All other access is reserved exclusively for Golf and Social+ members.
- ◆ Guests are not permitted to use the Driving Range when they are not playing, as this helps us protect the surface and preserve practice conditions for our membership.

Thank you for helping us take care of this exceptional amenity and for being such active, respectful users of our facilities. We're proud to provide a practice environment that reflects the passion, commitment, and exclusivity of our membership.





T.J. Orban, PGA
Director of Instruction

Instruction

FROM YOUR PGA DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION

The start of a new year is the perfect time to revisit the fundamentals of your golf swing. Before worrying about swing changes or new equipment, focus on your setup, (PGA = Posture, Grip, and Alignment). A proper setup makes the swing simpler and more consistent without extra effort.

This month, spend a few minutes before each round checking that your feet, hips, and shoulders are aligned to your target, and that your grip pressure stays relaxed. These small habits lead to better ball striking and lower scores all year long.

If you can't seem to get it figured out on your own, and you'd like a little help dialing in your fundamentals, or setting goals for the season, stop by the practice facility or schedule a lesson. I am here to help make 2026 your best golf year yet. To book a lesson with T. J. contact him at torban@cattaverdera.com.

THE LESSON VAULT – WITH PGA PROFESSIONAL FRANKLYN RICHARDS

This month, Franklyn offers five informative shorts focusing on one of the most important clubs in your bag – The Driver.

To view the playlist, click [HERE](#).

To schedule a lesson with Franklyn here at Catta Verdera, please email him at britishpga@gmail.com or call the Golf Shop at 916.645.7200





HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

Please join us in wishing our members a Happy Birthday!

Anthony Alfano	Laura Faber	Ariane Laut	Lonnie Smith
Deron Allred	Mia Fernandez	Tony Lawson	Jack Smittle
Richard Almassy	Hallee Forman	Lindsay Leppke	John Spencer
Taro Arai	Braden Frisk	Tim Makela	Stan Spring
Dave Baker	Christy Frisk	Shamus McClure	Mike Stodghill
Jim Balsano	Yoshiko Gassner	Bryce Miller	Eric Swensen
Cliff Berry	Steven Geogorian	Ross Morton	Joshua Waxham
Tiffanie Blaylock	Briana Gomes	Chip Pierson	Brian Wells
Linda Bunker	Nicole Gomes	Justin Ramirez	Brinlee Williams
Nick Cejka	Dan Guth	Larry Rhodes	Alison Wolfe
Julie Chowdry	Hunter Heryford	Hunter Sheppard	Delilah Woong
Bill Davis	Brittany Johnson	Ryan D Silva	Yong Yi
Michael Dow	Wyatt Knotts	Karen Smith	Bill Zenoni
Jim Drennan	Lisa Lassetter		

*If we missed you, that means we need to update your member profile.
Please contact Curtis at: clanda@cattaverdera.com to make sure we add your birthday to our database.*

*“The great thing about getting older is that
you don’t lose all the other ages you’ve been.”
— Madeleine L’Engle*





**Jogi Choung, GCSAA
Superintendent**

Golf Course

FROM YOUR GCSAA COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

As we begin the new year here at Catta Verdera, my team's focus will be on continuing to elevate course conditions while enhancing the overall beauty and playability of the property. To do this, we have several planned improvement projects that will set the tone for the year ahead and deliver long-term benefits for all of our golfing members.

One of our primary initiatives this season is the construction of new tee boxes on select holes. These improvements will enhance playability, improve alignment, and provide better turf quality for daily play and long-term durability. In addition, we will be restoring certain areas of our course back to the original design by adding crushed walnut shells around all tree wells throughout the course. This clean, defined material not only improves moisture retention and tree health, but also creates a sharp visual contrast that significantly enhances the course's overall appearance. The result will be a more polished, intentional look that ties our landscape features together beautifully.

This year is especially exciting as it marks our second full year with a complete maintenance staff. Having a fully staffed team allows us to go beyond the basics and focus on the details that truly elevate course conditions. You all can expect to see increased attention to small projects, refined finishing work, and consistent improvements throughout the year that may not always be obvious day-to-day, but collectively make a meaningful difference in the quality of your golf experience.

As always, we appreciate your continued support and look forward to delivering another great year at Catta Verdera. And don't forget, fill your divots, rake your bunkers, and fix multiple ball marks!

January 2026

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11	12	13 Advisory Committee	14	15	16	17
18 Bingo Brunch	19 MLK Day Club Open	20 Club Closed	21	22	23 CVMC Friday Golf Shotgun	24
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Coming in February...

- Wednesday, February 4th
Ladies' Night in Madelena's
- Saturday, February 7th
CVWG Saturday Golf Shotgun
- Sunday, February 8th
Super Bowl Specials
- Tuesday, February 10th
Advisory Committee
- Saturday, February 14th
Valentine's Dinner
- Sunday, February 15th
Couple's Valentine's Day Tournament
- Monday, February 16th
President's Day - Club Open
- Tuesday, February 17th
Club Closed
- Friday, February 20th
CVMC Friday Golf Shotgun
- Saturday, February 21th
The Catta Crab Feed
- Friday, February 27th
Wine Dinner #1 - Frank Family



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