



# Catta Talk

CATTA VERDERA COUNTRY CLUB

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Clint Bassett, PGA  
General Manager

Happy February to all of our Catta Members!

It was nice of January to leave us with a few unseasonably warm days (+70° for a few), but now we prepare for the brunt of winter with rain and

cold weather affecting our club as we move forward. Although the weather might impact our outdoor enjoyment, the club is always working to keep you busy on the social side. This February we have packed our calendar with events like our Superbowl Sunday Special, the Valentine's Day Candlelight Dinner, our Annual Catta Crab Feed, and a full list of weekly specials and more.

So don't let the dark skies and wet weather keep you cooped up at home. Come keep the gang at Quixote's company and say high the team in the Golf Shop, they all tend to go a little stir crazy when left alone for too long!



## Welcome New Members!

- ◆ Bob Bastida
- ◆ Bradley & Christy Frisk
- ◆ Talor Kelley

## Upcoming Events ~

### Valentine's Day Dinner Wednesday, February 14th

Dress to the nines and celebrate the season of love! Treat your sweetheart to an elegant 5-course Valentine's day dinner at the club. Keep an eye out for the menu coming soon. We have seatings at 6:00 pm and 6:30 pm, \$150++ per couple. RSVP on Foretees to select your time and dinner option. Sign up early while seating is available.



### Couples Valentine's Day Tournament

#### Saturday, February 10th

The couples Valentine's Day tournament kicks off our Couple's Golf season. The fun will begin at 9:00 am with a shotgun start, followed by a classic buffet and awards ceremony. The event is filling up quickly, so sign-up now to reserve your spot!



### 15th Annual Crab Feed

#### Saturday, February 24th | 6:00 pm

Join us for our annual crab feed at the club. Indulge in all the fresh crab you can eat and enjoy lots of other good food to go with it. The cost is \$65++ per person. Make reservations on Foretees by February 19th.

Crab Feed



[Click Here](#)

to view the Catta Verdera Women's Golfers monthly newsletter from Paula McNally.





Nicholas Banks, PGA  
Head Golf Professional

## Golf Department

FROM YOUR PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

This month we focus on Bunker Maintenance.

Four common bunker-care mistakes taken from a Golf.com article that golfers make, and how we can correct them moving forward here at Catta Verdera.

- 1. Entering and exiting on the high side:** Hiking is an activity that should be reserved for the Tahoe mountains in the summer months. Clambering up and down steep faces like mountaineers on the golf course is frowned upon. For starters, it produces deep and sloppy footprints, which take longer to smooth over. But that's not all. Over time, all that tramping can harm the integrity of the bunker itself.
- 2. Half-hearted raking:** One-handed golf swings can be strangely effective. One-handed rake jobs? Not so much. And yet a lot of golfers take this lazy approach, dragging the rake behind them promoting sloppy results. In the long term, it's the maintenance crew's job to ensure that bunkers remain in good condition by checking sand levels and tending to the faces and edges and such. But in the short term — as in right after playing a bunker shot — it's every member's job to spend a few extra seconds and a little extra effort to rake with two hands, smoothing over the sand while slowing backing out of the bunker. You know you've done the job right when it's hard to tell that you were ever there.
- 3. Leaving rakes in the line of play:** Every shot makes someone happy. And maybe you've seen your opponent flash a sheepish smile when one of his bladed irons gets saved from the sand by a carom off a rake, which (let's face it) was probably left in the wrong place. Most courses have policies or preferences as to where rakes should be placed, whether it's just inside the bunker, just outside or in a hybrid position, halfway in or out. At Catta our policy, if you don't know it, is that the rake should be left outside of the bunker. What's more, when it comes time to set down the rake, place it as far from the fairway (or, if it's a green-side bunker), as far from the green as possible, with the handle parallel to the line of play to further minimize the risk of interference.
- 4. Tracking sandy footprints:** We've all come across them: ghostly footprints left on the putting surface by some spacey golfer up ahead who played from the bunker and forgot to tap his shoes clean. This is not so much bad for the green (light top-dressing of sand is part of routine maintenance, after all) as it is bad form: those sandy footprints are unsightly and can also, in some cases, send putts offline. The solution is simple. As you exit the bunker, tap your shoes gently with your wedge, dislodging any lingering sand from your soles and letting it fall back where it belongs.

For more information, please contact the golf shop.



### Acers Alert!

Congratulations to Costa Tzikas on scoring our first Hole-in-One of 2024! The ace happened on hole #17 where he used a 6-Iron from 178 yards. Congrats -- Great Shot!!



Kyle Hundley  
Director of F&B

FROM YOUR DIRECTOR OF F&B

As February unfolds at our club, let's reflect on the vibrant moments that shaped January and eagerly anticipate the exciting events in the coming weeks.

In January, our artistic venture, Country Club Canvas, achieved record participation, making it an evening of creativity, laughter, and shared enjoyment. Our sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed to its resounding success.

As we transition to February, an array of engaging events awaits our club. Kick off your week with Taco Tuesday, every Tuesday! Enjoy \$2 tacos, along with discounts on margaritas and beer—a delightful midweek treat. Don't forget every Friday, we invite you to join us for DJ Trivia—an entertaining night where you can showcase your knowledge, relish the camaraderie of fellow members, and seize the chance to win the title of Catta Trivia Master.

On Wednesday, February 7th, we invite the Ladies to a special night crafted just for you - Ladies' Night. An evening featuring Bunco will be full of laughter, delightful treats, and the company of friends. Following that, celebrate love at our Valentine's Dinner on February 14th, featuring an exquisite culinary experience that will include an

instrumental performance throughout dinner. This one is filling up fast, so hop on ForeTees to book your reservation now. For all our seafood enthusiasts, mark your calendars for the Crab Feed on Saturday, February 24th. Indulge in an abundance of fresh, succulent crab, promising a night of feasting festivities. This event will be a full club takeover to ensure we can house everyone who wants to attend. To accommodate the crowd, Quixote's will be closing at 4 pm in preparation for the Crab Feed.

On President's Day, Monday, February 19th, the club will be open for a day filled with golf and culinary delights starting with breakfast at 8 am. Also, please note that the Club will be closed on Tuesday, February 20th.

Exciting news for Stables! We're thrilled to announce a brand-new menu and the installation of an intercom on hole 9, enhancing the on-course experience for our members. Now, placing your orders for a quick refreshment during your round will be even more convenient.

Save the dates for these upcoming events and weekly delights, and join us at Catta Verdera Country Club in creating more memorable experiences. Your continued support and enthusiasm are the driving force behind our thriving club.





## **PERFORMANCE GOLF ACADEMY** ~ TIP OF THE MONTH

In our continuing effort to improve our member's enjoyment on the course, we offer this month's brief instructional video from PGA Professional Phillip Dawson, Jr.

Click [HERE](#) to view this month's tip on four basic short game shots.

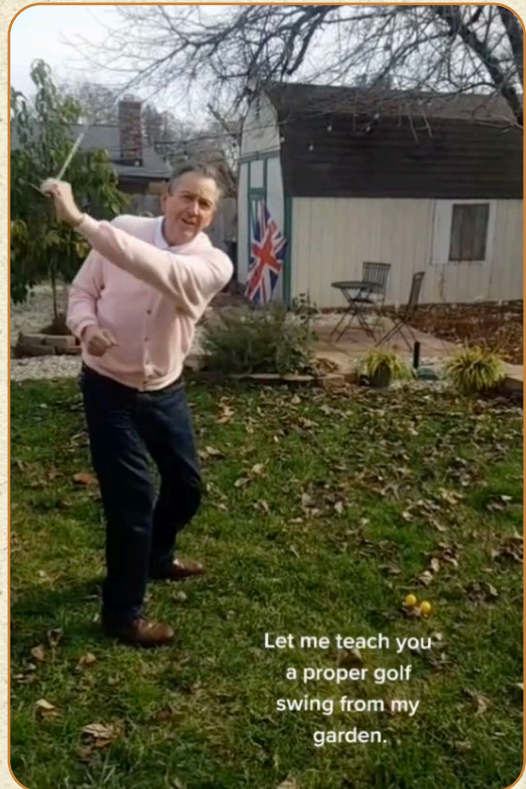
To schedule a lesson or book a golf clinic with Phil, call 530.409.7464

## **THE LESSON VAULT – WITH PGA PROFESSIONAL FRANKLYN RICHARDS**

This month Franklyn discusses how the one-handed golf swing can help your game.

To view this installment of “The Lesson Vault” click [HERE](#).

To schedule a lesson with Mr. Richards here at Catta Verdera, please email him at [britishpga@gmail.com](mailto:britishpga@gmail.com) or call the Golf Shop at 916.645.7200



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a proper golf  
swing from my  
garden.



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**SUPER BOWL  
PARTY**

**FEBRUARY 11, 2024 | 3PM**

**Appetizers • Games  
Hosted Coors Light Draft!**

**\$20++ | CASA ALEGRIA**

**RSVP ON FORETEES!  
48-HOUR CANCELLATION**





FROM YOUR GCSAA COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

The team and I have been taking advantage of the wet weather to continue our cleanup throughout the golf course. We have now cleared low brush between holes #5 & #6 and have also been able to get in and start to clear out the creek that runs between holes #7 & #8. Some of you may not have even known there was a creek there, but believe me, it runs all the way down. I just hope no one hits it left off the tee there (Nick B.).

As for the work on the golf course, the rain does restrict our access as well, and unfortunately, we are not able to keep up with our standard mowing schedule. Because of this our fairways may be a little “fluffy” and our greens a tiny bit “bumpy”. To keep our greens consistent and to what our standard is now, we will be dropping the mow height from .110 to .100. This will speed them up dramatically without risking damage.

Here’s to getting through the wet days quickly, and remember, fill your divots, rake the bunkers, and repair multiple ball marks.

## February 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Ladies' Golf Day	2 DJ Trivia Night	3
4	5	6	7 Ladies' Night Men's Golf Day	8 Ladies' Golf Day	9 DJ Trivia Night	10 Couple's Valentine's Day Tournament
11 Catta Super Bowl Party	12	13 Advisory Committee Meeting	14 Valentine's Day Dinner Men's Golf Day	15 Ladies' Golf Day	16 Men's Club Friday Golf DJ Trivia Night	17 Women's Club Saturday Golf
18	19 President's Day Club Open	20 Club Closed	21 Men's Golf Day	22 Ladies' Golf Day	23 DJ Trivia Night	24 Annual Catta Crab Feed
25	26	27	28 Men's Golf Day	29 Ladies' Golf Day		

### Coming in March...

- Every Wednesday  
**Men's Golf Day**
- Every Thursday  
**Ladies' Golf Day**
- Saturday, March 2nd  
**Women's Mojo Golf Event**
- Wednesday, March 6th  
**Ladies' Night**
- Thursday, March 7th  
**Pruett Wine Dinner**
- Sunday, March 10th  
**Daylight Savings Time**
- Wednesday, March 13th  
**Advisory Committee Meeting**
- Wednesday, March 13th  
**Men's Club Shotgun**
- Thursday, March 14th  
**Women's Club Shotgun**
- Sunday, March 17th  
**St. Patty's Day Celebration**
- Tuesday, March 19th  
**CVCC Book Club**
- Saturday, March 23rd  
**Men's Saturday Golf**
- Sunday, March 31st  
**Easter Brunch**



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