



Catta Talk

CATTA VERDERA COUNTRY CLUB



MARCH 2025



*Clint Bassett, PGA
General Manager*

FROM YOUR PGA GENERAL MANAGER

Catta Members,

As we approach spring time here at our club, I want to use this month's Catta Talk to remind everyone of an essential club policy that can affect our operations here at the club, and the enjoyment of our membership. This month, I would like to bring attention to our Monthly Member Billing policies here at Catta Verdera.

In previous communications I have outlined the great benefits we have as members of a private club. One of those benefits is to be able to charge any costs incurred while at the club directly to your Member Account. Each month our Accounting Team sends out a detailed statement for your review, and then payment of these charges is due by no later than the 10th of each month to avoid any applicable late fees.

While the club understands that from time to time, events may occur that could warrant a delay in payment, we must remind everyone that this should be the exception, and not the norm.

For reference, our Monthly Billing Policy on timely payments is as follows:

- Statements delivered to Members on the 1st of each month
 - (Holidays and Weekends may delay this by no more than two days)
- Review period of charges completed prior to the 10th
- Payment in full, processed on or before the 10th of each month
 - Current accepted forms of payment: ACH, Credit Card, Check, Cash

It is important to know that any account that carries an unpaid balance past the 10th will incur a 10% late fee. The policy pertaining to accounts in arrears past the 10th of the month will be subject to the following:

- 30-Days in arrears: Charging Privileges and ability to book advanced tee times suspended until balance paid in full + 10% Late Fee
- 60-Days in arrears: All Club Privileges suspended until balance paid in full + 10% Late Fee
- 90-Days in arrears: Membership subject to termination

Again, we understand that certain situations may cause a delay or disruption in one's ability to make timely payments. In these rare occasions, we ask that you communicate this to either myself or our Club Accountant prior to the 10th so that we can work with you and prevent any disruption in services offered here at the Club.

Adherence to these policies ensures that our club remains vibrant and strong in the services we offer to everyone, and we thank you in advance for your support and understanding.



[Click Here](#)

to view the Catta Verdera Women's Golfers monthly newsletter from Sasha Macktinger.





Kyle Hundley
Director of F&B

Food & Beverage

FROM YOUR DIRECTOR OF F&B

It is hard to believe that we are already moving into March of 2025 as it feels like we were all just celebrating the New Year together just the other day. While February was a successful month for our club and our members (Valentine's Dinner, Crab Feed, etc.), we are now focused on all that is to come. As we approach longer, and warmer days, we will continue with all of our great monthly events like our Ladies' Nights and our Catta Book Club. To add to the excitement, we will also have the opportunity to enjoy some amazing special events as well.

On March 7th, we are excited to showcase Pruet Wines once again as we pair these selections with an amazing menu created by our very own Chef Keelan. One week later on March 14th, we bring the Kelly Twins back for some Dueling Pianos in Casa Alegria. Then, on Sunday we will celebrate with all things green on our St. Patty's Day Celebration. Lastly, don't forget to adjust your clocks as Daylight Savings hits on the 9th.

It is looking to be a great March here at Catta, so grab your family and friends and come enjoy great food, and great camaraderie at the Club!

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BOOK CLUB

Diverse Discussions & Appetizers!

THIS MONTH'S PICK:

Forty Autums
by Nina Willner

March 19, 2025 • 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
Madelena's • \$15 person • GUESTS WELCOME!

RSVP on ForeTees

May Book Prompt: A book that explores Social Class

- Pick a fiction or non-fiction book that examines social class, through themes or plot, and can be set in any historical context. choose a book that explores social class at any point in history.

♥ CATTÀ VERDERA PRESENTS ♥

Thurs-Date

Thursday, March 13, 2025

5:30pm Doors Open
6:00pm Dinner
\$125 Per Couple

Includes a 4 Course Dinner + a Bottle of Wine

Appetizer
Pan seared, prosciutto wrapped, jumbo scallop with lemon beurre blanc, fried leeks, and lemon

Salad
Caprese salad with burrata cheese and balsamic modena

Entrée Choices
Grilled lamb marinated in red wine demi-glace, served with polenta, Manchego cheese, pancetta, and brussels sprouts

OR

Duck confit with a mango glaze, served with polenta, Manchego cheese, pancetta, and brussels sprouts

OR

Stir-fry rice noodles with asparagus, shiitake mushrooms, broccoli, red peppers, and onions

Dessert
Homemade brownie served with vanilla ice cream

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Robbie Barich,
Head Golf Professional

Golf Department

FROM YOUR HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Here at Catta Verdera we have one of the best driving ranges in the area. We are very proud that we can offer one of the largest grass-tee hitting areas throughout the year (barring inclement weather). Now that we see more members utilizing the practice facilities with the better weather, we want to ensure that everyone is using the driving range in the preferred method so you always have fresh grass to hit from. The amount of time that it takes the driving range to heal depends on many

factors, but one that we can control most, is how we use it. Below we have included the preferred ways and unpreferred ways to utilize the range and why.

- **Unpreferred** driving range utilization



When you hit range balls this way you use more of the hitting area than you need. When you randomly place your ball each time or continue to hit one big patch out of the turf. This affects the members that hit after you as they have less areas to hit from. The other issue is this form of hitting on the range takes the longest for the turf to heal, therefore not allowing us to use this area sooner.

- **Preferred** driving range utilization



This is our preferred way to hit range balls. By placing the ball at the back of your divot each time and continuing back you use less of the turf. You will be able to go along the same line for an impressive number of shots. This method will also heal the quickest allowing us to reuse the same part of the range sooner. By using this method every member will be able to enjoy fresh grass to hit on the range.



T.J. Urban, PGA
Director of Instruction

FROM YOUR PGA DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION

CHIPPING 101:

When confronted with a greenside chip, many undesirable outcomes can happen; leaving it short, hitting it long, chunking it and being left with the same shot you just had, or blading it. These thoughts creep into many golfers' minds. The techniques below will help you gain confidence up around the greens.

Stock, "bump & run" style chip:

- ◆ A lot of chipping and shorter shots come down to your setup and pre-shot preparation. Getting yourself into proper positioning can go a long way into helping you hit the proper shot, at the proper distance, at the appropriate time.
- ◆ "BLT" Method - Remember the acronym "BLT" to get yourself in position to make a chip:
 - B = "Ball on the Back Foot"
 - Position your ball in the rear portion of your stance, just on the inside part of your back heel (right foot for a righty, left foot for a lefty)
 - L = "Lean"
 - Lean most of your weight onto your front side leg (Think 70/30)
 - Left side for a righty, Right side for a lefty
 - Keep your weight on that side for the duration of the swing
 - T = "Tilt club towards target"
 - Be careful not to open/close the clubface when doing this
- ◆ All you have to do from here is make a putting stroke! Be sure to keep your grip pressure light and constant throughout the swing. Using your hands can cause a lot of errors, so be sure to use your shoulders and body rotation.
- ◆ The ball should pop just over the longer grass, getting on the green and rolling towards the cup.
- ◆ Be sure to pick out your landing spot!
 - The ball will roll at least as far as it carried in the air, depending if it's uphill, downhill, or level of course

Higher chip:

- ◆ Everything remains the same in the setup. The only change is that you'll put the ball on the front foot of your stance instead of the back foot
 - ◆ The ball will fly slightly higher, and will not roll out as much
- This method can be applied to any club. For shorter chips, use your most-lofted wedge. For longer chips, try using a longer club with less loft. The more you practice different types of chips, the more weapons you'll have in your arsenal on the course.
- Happy chipping!

THE LESSON VAULT – WITH PGA PROFESSIONAL FRANKLYN RICHARDS

Franklyn continues to help golfers around the world with his unlimited knowledge of the golf swing. As you watch these stories from Franklyn's very own YouTube channel, don't forget to send him a question about your swing, and begin to play better immediately.

To view this week's playlist on "Sand Play", 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



CATTA VERDERA COUNTRY CLUB

Pruett

WINE DINNER FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025

6:00PM DOORS OPEN

6:30PM DINNER

\$90++ | GUESTS WELCOME!

APPETIZER

WILD BOAR CARNITAS TOSTADA, CORN SALSA, PICKLED RED ONION,
& SMOKED PASILLA CREMA

SOUP

CREAM OF WILD MUSHROOM SOUP WITH PORCINI & PARMESAN CRISP

SALAD

SALAD OF DANDELION GREENS AND SPRING MIX, LEEKS,
HEIRLOOM CHERRY TOMATO, POACHED EGG,
WARM BACON VINAIGRETTE, & HERBED BREADCRUMBS

ENTREE

ROASTED GARLIC SPIKED CREEKSTONE FARMS PRIME RIB
WITH AN AGED CHEDDAR TWICE BAKED POTATO, CREAMED
BLOOMSDALE SPINACH, HERBED JUS, & HORSERADISH CRÈME FRAICHE

DESSERT

DIVINE DESSERTS

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE – NEWS & NOTES

Our second Committee Meeting for 2025 again had a full agenda of topics to discuss. From agronomy practices to social programming, I am happy to say that our committee members are focused on covering the topics that are most important to our membership as a whole.



To highlight some of the main discussion points see below:

- ◆ Agronomy Plans related to walking paths and bridges
 - Walking paths from tees to fairways, and from 13 Green to 14 Tee will be addressed in the coming weeks
- ◆ Club Property preparation for weed abatement and fire prevention
 - Growth regulators were applied throughout the winter to mitigate this growth, as well as new equipment put in place to maintain certain areas
- ◆ Parking lot and Entry Road lighting
 - While we have no power to the main entry road to accommodate hardwired lighting, we are looking at a solar option to illuminate the drive down to the clubhouse
- ◆ Tee Sheet utilization
 - The topic of X's being utilized was discussed and the Golf Team will continue tracking this. Alternative methods were discussed, and if we do see a problem with times being blocked and not used, we will adjust policy as necessary

Again, the goal of this committee is to bring relevant issues to the attention of Club Management, and to work through the best possible course of action in addressing these issues. As always, I encourage everyone to communicate with our committee members to gain even more details related to all topics discussed in our meetings. I also remind everyone that if you have a topic that needs to be added to our agenda, email me or a member of our Advisory Committee so that it can be added to our discussion.

2025-2026 Committee Members:

- ◆ Ellen Grivna
- ◆ Sean Harrigan
- ◆ Dena Lumbirt
- ◆ Sasha Macktinger
- ◆ Matt Morgan
- ◆ Kris Palmer

Email contacts for each Advisory Committee Member can be found on our Member's Website Page under the "Committee" tab.



CATTA VERDERA COUNTRY CLUB PRESENTS

THE
**KELLY
TWINNS**
DUELING PIANOS

FRIDAY, MARCH 14TH | CASA ALEGRIA
7:30PM DOORS OPEN
8:00PM SHOW STARTS



\$35++ | GUESTS WELCOME!



JOIN US IN QUIXOTE'S BEFORE THE SHOW!
DINNER NOT INCLUDED IN SHOW PRICE

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Jogi Choung, GCSAA Superintendent

FROM YOUR GCSAA COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

As your superintendent, I am happy to see the warmer weather starting to show up and help our grass wake up from its winter dormancy. Catta Verdera is a great place to be in the spring, as our flowers are blooming, the birds are chirping, and the Northern California weather is mild which makes it a perfect time to play golf. However, there are always some “bumps” in the road when it comes to course conditions this time of year. Spring aerification is scheduled to begin on April 1st and if we don’t have any lingering cold weather, there should be no reason not to enjoy every minute of spring golf at Catta as quickly as possible.

We will also be working on a number of projects that I know have been outlined in recent communications. One thing that will make these tasks easier is a new piece of equipment that we are excited to add to our fleet. We have recently purchased the new Kubota M Series tractor that will assist us in multiple tasks ranging from large tree and debris removal, to course renovations.

My team and I are excited about all that is planned for 2025 and we look forward to seeing you out on the course. Remember, fill or replace all your divots, and fix multiple ball marks.

“Putts get real difficult the day they hand out the money.” ~Lee Trevino

March 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2	3	4	5 Ladies Night in Madelena's Men's Golf Day	6 Ladies' Golf Day	7 Pruett Wine Dinner	8 Women's Club Mojo Tournament
9 	10	11	12 Men's Club Tournament	13 Women's Club Tournament Thurs-dates in Madelena's	14 Dueling Pianos with The Kelly Twins	15
16 St. Patrick's Day Celebration	17	18 Advisory Committee Meeting	19 Catta Book Club Men's Golf Day	20 Ladies' Golf Day	21	22 Men's Club Saturday Golf
23	24	25	26 Men's Golf Day	27 Ladies' Golf Day	28	29
30	31					

Coming in April...

- Every Wednesday
Men's Golf Day
- Every Thursday
Ladies' Golf Day
- Tuesday, April 1st
Spring Aerification Begins
- Wednesday, April 2nd
Ladies' Night in Madelena's
- Thursday, April 3rd
Russian River Wine Dinner
- Sunday, April 6th
Couple's Golf Kick-Off
- Tuesday, April 8th
Advisory Committee Meeting
- Thursday, April 10th
Thurs-Date Night in Madelena's
- Thursday, April 10th
Women's Club Tournament
- Saturday, April 12th
Men's Club Member/Member
- Tuesday, April 15th
Tea it Up #1
- Sunday, April 20th
Easter Brunch
- April 22nd & 23rd
The Troubadour
- April 26th & 27th
Women's Club Member/Member
- Tuesday, April 29th
Match Play Championship Begins



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COUNTRY CLUB

Where everyone wants to be.

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