



Catta Talk



CATTA VERDERA COUNTRY CLUB



MARCH 2026



Clint Bassett, PGA
General Manager

FROM YOUR PGA GENERAL MANAGER

Hello Catta Members,

If February taught us anything, it's that resilience is part of life in Northern California.

With steady rain, gray skies, and a few weather-related interruptions along the way, it was a month that required flexibility from all of us. While the wet conditions tested schedules and routines, they also brought the promise of a beautiful, vibrant spring across the entire property. Thank you for your patience as Dain, Jogi, Hillary, and each of their teams worked through the elements, and showed up every day to keep the Club operating smoothly.

As we move into March, there will be a revitalized energy around CattaVerdera. Longer days and improving weather allow us to transition from winter protection to spring preparation throughout the Club. You will begin to see meaningful progress around the clubhouse, particularly at the front entry. We are refreshing some of the landscaping to create a more welcoming and elevated arrival experience, installing new lighting to enhance both ambiance and safety, and investing in important infrastructure improvements that support the Club behind the scenes. While some of this work is visible, much of it strengthens the foundation of our daily operations and long-term efficiency behind the scenes.

Inside the Club, our focus continues to balance operational discipline with member experience. Social programming remains a priority as we look ahead to spring events, themed dinners, gatherings in Madelena's and on the Veranda, and opportunities to bring members together beyond the golf course. Although limited, our February events were well attended despite the weather, and we look forward to expanding our social calendar as conditions improve.

Lastly, financial engagement remains central to everything we do. Responsible reinvestment allows us to enhance our practice areas, improve overall playability and property conditions, and continue improving our dining and clubhouse spaces in a thoughtful, sustainable way. Every improvement (whether highly visible, or operational) is evaluated through the lens of long-term value for the membership.

2026 has been defined as our "Year of Efficiency," and that commitment is already guiding how we prioritize projects, manage resources, and communicate progress. Efficiency does not mean standing still... it means being intentional, transparent, and forward-thinking in how we strengthen the Catta Verdera experience.

Spring is approaching quickly, and with it comes a renewed momentum throughout our Club. Thank you all for your continued support, engagement, and pride in our Club.

The best of the season is just ahead.



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





Dain Ebright, PGA
Head Golf Professional

Golf Department

FROM YOUR PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Hello Golfers!

Have you ever gone through a professional club fitting and walked away with the exact same specifications you already had? Have you invested in new clubs, only to find that your misses look... suspiciously familiar?

It's true that the biggest variable in golf will always be the golfer holding the grip. But equipment absolutely matters. And when the wrong shaft is paired with your swing, it can quietly hold you back round after round.

For years, shaft fitting revolved around three primary numbers: club head speed, launch angle, and spin rate. If you swung over 105 mph, you were labeled X-stiff. If you swung over 92 mph, you were stiff. While that approach is not completely wrong, it is incomplete. Two players can swing 100 mph and require dramatically different shafts because swing speed is only part of the story.

One of the most important, and often overlooked, elements in shaft fitting is release timing. Release timing refers to when the golfer unloads the shaft during the downswing, helping the face to rotate closed through impact. Some players release early, unhinging the wrists sooner and allowing

the shaft to begin unloading well before impact. This early unhinging also closes the face earlier. Others release later, retaining wrist angle longer and delaying the closing of the face.

This is where tip stiffness becomes critical. Shaft tip stiffness plays a major part in causing, or controlling, left and right misses.

Historically, tip stiffness was prescribed largely by swing speed. Faster players were given stiffer tips to control launch and spin. But modern fitting has revealed something more important: how you load the shaft matters more than how fast you swing it.

If we look at elite players, the differences become even clearer. Consider Collin Morikawa and Charlie Hull. Both are world-class ball strikers yet their release patterns are distinctly different.

Collin Morikawa's transition is smooth, and he releases the club very late in his swing. For a player with this type of release, an excessively tip-stiff shaft can feel rigid and lifeless, potentially disrupting timing. He needs a shaft with a softer tip, relying somewhat on the shaft to release and close the club face.

Charlie Hull offers quite a different release characteristic. She has an assertive transition and loads the shaft aggressively, creating significant stress early and through the strike. Even if swing speed alone would not suggest an extremely stout profile, her loading pattern demands stability in the right sections of the shaft. Two players may swing at the same speed as Hull, yet without her transition force and release pattern, they would not require the same tip profile. This is precisely why

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fitting by speed alone falls short. Even though Hull swings slower than Morikawa, the tip section of her driver shaft is comparatively stiffer.

How does your release compare? Note when and where the shaft is lined up with the forearm. The earlier this occurs, the earlier the unloading has occurred.



Shafts are grouped into categories based on their EI (flex) profiles. The common groups are referred to by colors. The colors are red (soft tip), blue (medium tip) and white/black (firm tip). Hull swings slower than Morikawa, but uses a white profile, while he uses a red. There are Tour players that swing 120mph and use a red profile, and senior golfers who swing 75mph using the same profile. The overall shaft weights and stiffness ratings are different, but the profiles and comparative tip stiffness are the same.

If you have been fit and still see the same ball flight tendencies, fight a one-sided miss, or feel like your equipment never quite matches your tempo, the issue may not be flex, and it may not be the club head. It may be whether the tip stiffness of your shaft truly matches your release.

Yes, the golfer matters more than the club. But the wrong shaft can exaggerate your miss pattern, cost you distance, and make consistency harder than it needs to be. At the highest levels of the game, release timing and tip profile are critical. For competitive amateurs, especially those who play frequently, they matter just as much.

If you haven't been fit lately, give your fitter a chance to re-examine your shaft specifications, and decide if there is a better EI profile out there for your release pattern.

See you on the range!

Catta Verdera Country Club
LADIES NIGHT
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Hillary Bamont
Director of F&B

Food & Beverage

FROM YOUR DIRECTOR OF F&B

Welcome to March, Catta Verdera... the month where we all collectively remember how much we love sunshine (hopefully).

Let's be honest... March isn't just another page on the calendar. It's Daylight Savings Time starting March 8th which means longer evenings, golden sunsets, and "just one more hole" becoming a completely reasonable life choice. "Outside" season is stretching its legs, and so are we.

Now let's talk about what really matters: **food!**

Drumroll, please... the new menu arrives Wednesday, March 11th.

Before anyone panics... no, we are not taking away your favorites. We would never risk that level of clubhouse unrest. The beloved staples are staying put. What we are doing is sprinkling in some exciting new additions across the menu to keep things fresh, seasonal, and worthy of a second look (and maybe a third bite). I'm looking forward to hearing what you think. Praise, critiques, passionate debates over sauces... I welcome it all.

And that's not all.

Stable's is getting a glow-up over the next month as well. We're adding:

- ◆ Poppi sodas in a variety of flavors
- ◆ Charcuterie grab-and-go snacks (because golf hunger is real)
- ◆ Chicken salad cups
- ◆ Hydration sports drinks made with coconut water

Plus, a full lunch refresh is coming to Stable's by summer.

Now, let's discuss Madelena's. Arguably the most underrated seat in the house. With Trivia Night and other member events moving into that space, we are all working to give it the spotlight it deserves. And

with Daylight Savings around the corner, enjoying the 18th hole in the background as the sun sets? That's not just dinner. That's ambiance. That's lifestyle. That's why we live here.

Looking ahead, here's what's happening in March:

Thursdate — March 12th

Chef has created an incredible menu, and if history tells us anything, you'll want a reservation. Log onto Foretees to secure your spot.

DJ Trivia — Friday, March 13th in Madelena's

Last month was standing-room-only, so consider this your friendly warning. Doors open at 6pm, game starts at 6:30pm, and we'll be serving from the Quixote's Menu. No signups needed — just arrive ready to compete (and possibly defend your title).

St. Patrick's Day — March 17th

We'll have Irish-inspired food and drink specials all day, plus a full To-Go Dinner featuring corned beef, cabbage, and all the traditional fixings. Celebrating at home? Reserve your pickup time on Foretees.

Pruett Wine Dinner — March 20th

Award-winning wines, thoughtfully paired cuisine, and an evening that tends to linger in the best way. Make sure to sign up on Foretees.

On the horizon:

Easter arrives early this year (Sunday, April 5th) which means Easter Brunch reservations will open soon. Keep an eye out for details; this one fills up quickly.

March is about longer days, full tables, a full glass, sunset views, and gathering with family and friends. Whether you're here for the golf, the wine, the trivia glory, or simply the best seat in the house, we're glad you're here.

"Laughter is brightest where food is best." ~Irish Proverb



ADVISORY COMMITTEE – NEWS & NOTES

Our Advisory Committee continues to bring engaging topics to the table as we move through 2026. Included below is a high-level summary of all that was covered.

Club Updates

- ◆ A new tractor has been ordered and is expected by the end of the month for Jogi to perform even more tasks.
- ◆ Walnut shell project is progressing well.
- ◆ In response to member questions about “early” tee times, the Club noted that earlier start times may be possible when weather and maintenance schedules allow, though HOA guidelines and course preparation timing must be respected.
- ◆ Improved communication regarding frost delays and start times was discussed.
- ◆ Exciting new menu items including a hummus platter, burrata salads, new sandwiches (including a meatball option), additional pasta dishes, and more.
- ◆ A new panini press has also been ordered allowing us to develop even more options both in Stable’s and Quixote’s.
- ◆ New, refined Stable’s menu coming as well.
- ◆ Trivia Night continues to receive excellent feedback, and members praised the welcoming, responsive service from the Food & Beverage team.
- ◆ New spring retail merchandise is arriving weekly.

Advisory Committee Feedback

What’s Working Well

- ◆ Friendly, engaged Golf Staff receiving praise
- ◆ Positive reception to instructional videos from TJ
- ◆ Transparent weekly updates and monthly newsletters
- ◆ Strong Member name recognition and service from outside golf services staff
- ◆ Member outreach for feedback by AC members has been well received

Opportunities for Improvement

- ◆ On-Course Restroom door latches not working
- ◆ Faded outdoor menus and pricing visibility at Stable’s
- ◆ Air compressor station reliability a concern
- ◆ Safety concerns near Hole 1 yellow tee area – shortcut from the range
- ◆ Front entry landscaping enhancements (new ground lighting coming)
- ◆ Continued focus on improving bartender and wait staff consistency

Overall, the tone of the meeting reflected strong engagement, appreciation for staff efforts, and a shared commitment to enhancing the member experience. As Catta Verdèra continues investing in improvements across golf, dining, and facilities, 2026 is shaping up to be a year focused on efficiency, communication, and elevated service.

2026 Advisory Committee Members:

Stephen Columbo, Michael Goater, Ellen Grivna (Chair), Sean Harrigan, Sasha Macktinger, & Dana Mata
Email contacts for each Advisory Committee Member can be found on our Member’s Website Page under the “Committee” tab.





T.J. Orban, PGA
Director of Instruction

Instruction

FROM YOUR PGA DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION

PGA Director of Instruction, T. J. Orban is committed to helping our members play better golf, and this new video is designed to do just that.

In this “Tip of the Month”, T. J. focuses on the newest addition to our golf course, and how to play from the “Walnut Shells”.

Click [HERE](#) to view this informative lesson.

To book a lesson with T. J. contact him at

torban@cattaverdera.com.



THE LESSON VAULT – WITH BRITISH PGA PROFESSIONAL, FRANKLYN RICHARDS

This month, Franklyn offers five more informative shorts focusing on the method of learning to “See & Swing”.

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 MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

Please join us in wishing our members a Happy Birthday!

John Acampora	Kristin DeMos	Haley L Hulbert	Amy Rayback
Emily Ammon	Meghan Diaz	Talan Jewett	Megan Rayback
Jeff Anderson	Meghan Diaz	Neal J Kimball	Diane Richardson
Karen Anderson	Dorothy Dimick	Dylan Kraft	Olivia Roberts
Roger Ang	Bette Dow	John Latini	Deborah Romani
Christine Awtrey	David Featherstone	Nicholas LaVoie	Jeff Ronten
Elizabeth Barnard	Dakota Fields	Lauren Leasure	Dominic Salameh
Aren Bazzocco	Zack Finley	Zachary LeBeouf	Will Sheppard
Marisela Bennett	Vernon Fletcher	Tim Leingang	Harper Shewry
Jack Birtha	Bob Foulk	Stephen Liscinsky II	Justin Sizemore
Nicki Bruno	Nick Freitas	Dylan Lorton	John C Snyder
Blake Burkinshaw	Bradley Frisk	Omar Lugo	Sallie Kay Stodghill
Courtney Carlin	Laura Galan	Todd Manss	Brooklyn Tanon
Chris Carolan	Olivia Garrison	Ben Nethaway	Chase Tanon
Robert A Carrillo	Jessica Giardina	Chase Nethaway	Jackson Thompson
Sonia Coopwood	Greg Harlan	Dan Nethaway	Pamela Van Vooren
Colby Copeland	Sean Harrigan	Hannah Nethaway	Jody Watson
Dan Cullinan	Matthew Hill	Logan Nixon	McKenna Williams
Sonny Delliquadri	Ivy Hoybjerg	Gabrielle D Rasi Tanner	Jason Willis

A special mention to Mr. Bob Foulk who turns 93 on the 21st and is still playing up to three times a week! Happy Birthday Bob. Keep hitting 'em straight!

*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.*





**Jogi Choung, GCSAA
Superintendent**

Golf Course

FROM YOUR GCSAA COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

As we head into March, I'd like to share a few updates on the continued improvements taking place around the golf course and clubhouse here at Catta Verdera.

One of our primary focuses this season has been reestablishing the use of walnut shells in our tree wells throughout the course. This enhancement is more than just aesthetic, it plays an important role in improving playability and course conditions, particularly during periods of wet weather. By incorporating walnut shells, we're creating firmer, more stable surfaces around trees that drain more efficiently and reduce muddy areas. This may allow us to keep the golf course open more consistently following rain events, minimizing cart restrictions and providing a better overall playing experience for our membership. And it looks great!

With the unpredictable weather patterns we've experienced in recent seasons, our goal is to be proactive rather than reactive. Improving drainage and surface conditions in high-traffic and shaded areas is a key component of that strategy. The walnut shells also help suppress weeds, and provide a clean, finished look that complements the natural beauty of the course.

In addition to on-course improvements, we are continuing to enhance the landscaping around the clubhouse. You'll begin to notice refreshed planting areas, improved bed definition, and seasonal color installations that elevate the arrival experience and outdoor gathering areas.

As always, these projects are part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining exceptional playing conditions while improving the aesthetics and functionality of our property. I appreciate your support and patience as our team continues this important work. We look forward to a great spring season ahead and to providing the best possible experience for you and your guests.

March 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Brunch Bingo	2	3	4 Ladies' Night in Madelena's ~Bunco~	5 Spring Bunny Decor Workshop	6	7 Women's Saturday Shotgun Golf
8	9	10 Advisory Committee	11 Men's Wednesday Shotgun Golf	12 Thurs-Dates in Madelena's	13 DJ Trivia Night	14 McClure Golf Outing (private Member event)
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Women's Thursday Shotgun Golf	20 Wine Dinner #2 Pruett Wines	21
22	23	24 Nor Cal PGA Pro-Am	25 Catta Book Club	26	27 Men's Friday Shotgun Golf	28
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Coming in April...

- Wednesday, April 1st
Ladies' Night in Madelena's
- Friday, April 3rd
DJ Trivia Night
- Sunday, April 5th
Easter Brunch
- April 7th & 8th
Golf Course Spring Aerification
- Sunday, April 12th
Couples' Golf Night
- Tuesday, April 14th
Advisory Committee
- Thursday, April 16th
Women's Shotgun Golf
- Thursday, April 16th
Tunes on the Terrace Kick-Off
- Friday, April 17th
DJ Trivia Night
- Saturday, April 18th
Men's Shotgun Golf
- April 21st & 22nd
The Troubadour
- April 25th & 26th
Women's Member/Member
- Wednesday, April 29th
Tee It Up #1



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Catta Verdera Country Club

Spring Bunny Craft Workshop



Hop into spring and create your own wooden bunny door hanger

Thursday, March 5th @ 6pm

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Light appetizers

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Guests are
welcome!



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