



Catta Talk



CATTA VERDERA COUNTRY CLUB



MAY 2025



Clint Bassett, PGA
General Manager

FROM YOUR PGA GENERAL MANAGER

Hello Catta Members,

As we step into the heart of spring, and rapidly approach those 100°+ days, I am excited to say that we have a lot of exciting progress happening here at our Club. This season is not only about enjoying beautiful weather and time with friends and family, it's also a time of positive momentum and forward-looking initiatives. Below I have outlined just some of the great things we have going for us here at Catta Verdera Country Club.

Capital Improvements Underway

Several key capital projects are underway or in planning, designed to enhance your experience both today and for years to come. We first focus on the replacement of our club HVAC System which is planned for early June and preparation is progressing well. We're working hard to ensure minimal disruption to your enjoyment during this work. Enhancements like this, reflect your feedback and are part of our long-term vision to keep our facilities modern, comfortable, and competitive.

Elevating Our Service Culture

Equally important is our renewed focus on service. We are doubling down on training and developing our staff to deliver not just service, but hospitality. Whether it's a warm welcome upon arrival, an attentive experience in Quixote's, or exceptional care in our Golf Shop, our goal is to exceed your expectations with every visit. We welcome your continued feedback as we build a culture that puts our members first in every interaction.

Financial Strength & Stability

Lastly, I'm pleased to report that the Club remains in a strong financial position. Our Q1 performance has met our expectations thanks to steady membership growth, increased usage, and careful fiscal management in all departments. This strength provides us the confidence and flexibility to continue investing in the Club's future while maintaining the high-quality experience you all expect.

On behalf of our entire team, thank you for your continued support and engagement. As always, I encourage you to reach out to me directly with any questions or ideas. I look forward to seeing you around the Club and enjoying all that spring at Catta Verdera has to offer.



[Click Here](#)
to view the Catta Verdera Women's Golfers monthly newsletter from Sasha Macktinger.





Robbie Barich,
Head Golf Professional

Golf Department

FROM YOUR HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

*PACE OF PLAY

We are now near the heart of our golf season, so I'd like to take this opportunity to talk about one of the most important elements that impacts everyone's enjoyment on the course. Our goal at Catta Verdera Country Club is to provide a relaxing, enjoyable experience for all of our members when playing golf. To help achieve this, we've set a target pace of 4 hours and 19 minutes or less.

It is important to understand this isn't just a number, it's a benchmark that reflects a comfortable yet steady pace that allows everyone to enjoy their game without undue delay.

I have outlined some "Key Points" to keep in mind to help everyone enjoy their round:

◆ *Fivesomes and Course Flow*

We understand here at Catta that fivesomes can be a fun way to enjoy a round with more friends. However, they also demand greater awareness of pace. If you're playing in a group of five, please be especially mindful of your position on the course and your impact on groups behind you.

◆ *Play Ready Golf When Possible*

Embrace Ready Golf! This means playing when ready, not strictly in order of honor, and when safe to do so. This practice can shave several minutes off each hole and significantly help keep things moving. Whether it's on the tee box, in the fairway, or on the green, if you're ready to play and it's safe, confirm with your group, and play away.

◆ *Be Aware of Your Position*

A good rule of thumb: always keep pace with the group in front of you, not just ahead of the group behind you. We all know how compacted our tee sheet can be, so if there's a hole open ahead of you, your group is likely playing too slowly.

Letting faster groups play through when appropriate is a great way to help.

◆ *Small Habits Make a Big Difference*

Simple actions like being prepared before it's your turn to hit, leaving golf carts or bags on the side of the green toward the next tee, and continuous putting when appropriate can all contribute to a smoother round for everyone. No need to mark those 9" putts and wait, right? Tap it in...

Let's work together to ensure that everyone enjoys their time on the course. A smooth, steady pace of play not only improves the experience—it respects the time and enjoyment of every Catta Member and Guest.

Thank you for your cooperation, and I look forward to seeing you out on the course!





Kyle Hundley
Director of F&B

Food & Beverage

FROM YOUR DIRECTOR OF F&B

May at Catta Verdera is Terrace Season! Big Events & Brunch Bingo Debuts!

With May's arrival, we're easing into one of the best times of year at Catta Verdera as our calendar is packed with events that bring members together in new and exciting ways.

We're especially excited to launch Tunes on the Terrace which will begin May 22nd. This weekly tradition is a favorite, and with a fresh lineup of bands this year, we're looking forward to great energy and full terraces.

*Please remember to check in with the host to be seated on music nights.

May also marks our first-ever Brunch Bingo on Sunday, May 18th! It's exactly what it sounds like: a relaxed, laugh-filled mid-morning with prizes, cocktails, and all your brunch favorites. We're hoping to make this a recurring event, so don't miss the inaugural one!

Looking ahead, be sure to mark your calendars for the following:

◆ **Thurs-Dates** – Thursday, May 8th

Our casual prix fixe dinner returns, offering a simple way to enjoy a beautiful meal and unwind.

◆ **Mother's Day Brunch** – Sunday, May 11th

Celebrate Mom with an elegant brunch at the Club. We've expanded the number of seatings per time slot to make it even easier to plan your perfect morning.

Reservations are filling quickly, so go to Fore Tees now!

◆ **Brunch Bingo** – Sunday, May 18th

Make your Sunday a "Fun-day with mimosas, brunch favorites, and a few competitive rounds of bingo. Whether you're playing for the prizes or the laughs, it's a great new way to brunch at Catta.

◆ **Tunes on the Terrace** – Thursday, May 22nd (weekly thereafter)

Live music on the Terrace, food and drink specials, and the kind of energy that makes Thursdays feel like the start of the weekend.

*See the host to be seated for these popular evenings.

◆ **Memorial Day** – Monday, May 26th

The Club will be open on Memorial Day for you to enjoy breakfast, a round of golf, a cold drink, or a relaxing meal with family and friends.

*Please note that the Club will be closed on Tuesday, May 27th.

Thank you for being part of the vibrant Catta Verdera Country Club community. As always, we're here to make your time at the Club memorable, enjoyable, and uniquely yours.

We'll see you on the terrace.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE – NEWS & NOTES

Our latest meeting once again covered a wide range of topics aimed at enhancing the experience for all members of our club. Here's a quick summary of just a few of the key topics that our committee covered:



◆ **PGA Junior Golf League Participation**

Members of our committee expressed the need for our club's involvement in a regional Junior Golf League. Our Golf Team is now working out the details on how we can get this going. More details will be available soon.

◆ **Social-to-Golf Membership Incentives**

To encourage greater participation in our golf offerings, the committee discussed incentives for social members considering an upgrade to full golf membership. To learn more, reach out to Curtis at clanda@cattaverdera.com.

◆ **Trespassing on the Golf Course**

A serious concern was raised regarding non-members trespassing on the course, particularly during late evening hours. Not only is this a security issue, but it also poses safety risks. Members are asked to report any suspicious activity to both the Club and the HOA.

◆ **The Return of Bunco Nights?**

There was enthusiastic support for the possible return of Bunco Night, a casual and lively social event that fosters "Club Spirit". Our Events Team is now reviewing dates and format options and welcomes member input on how to make it even better than before.

As always, 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. I encourage everyone to communicate with our committee members to gain even more details related to all topics discussed in prior meetings. I also remind everyone that if you have a topic that you feel needs to be added to our agenda, email me or a member of our Advisory Committee so that it can be included in our discussions.

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.





T.J. Orban, PGA
Director of Instruction

FROM YOUR PGA DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION

We are excited to begin our newest piece in CattaTalk from our PGA Director of Instruction, T. J. Orban. T. J. is committed to helping our members play better golf, and this new video aid is designed to do just that.

In this “Tip of the Month”, T. J. focuses on “Body Movement through the golf swing”. Click [HERE](#) to view this informative lesson.

To book a lesson with T.J. contact him at torban@cattaverdera.com.



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 golf immediately.

To view this week’s collection on “Golf Swing Basics” 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



2025 JUNIOR GOLF CAMP SCHEDULE

There is no better way to keep our young golfers active and engaged than getting them involved in our Junior Golf Camp Program. Led by our staff of experienced Golf Professionals, “campers” will receive top-notch coaching on all the “fun-damentals” and more.



Our Camps include:

Fun Skill Challenges & Games – Activities designed to improve technique while keeping kids entertained.

Team Building & Friendships – Golf is a great way for kids to develop social skills, sportsmanship, and confidence.

Gifts, prizes, drinks, snacks, and lunch

Camp Cost will be \$325/jr. and run from 9am-2pm each day.

This year we will host three Camps:

◆ June 10-12 ◆ July 8-10 ◆ August 5-7

Contact our team in the Shop today to sign your “camper” up for one, or all of our camps!



HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS!

Something new we would like to add this month is to recognize all of our great members who are celebrating a birthday. It seems May is a popular month, as we wish 37 members a Happy Birthday!

5/1 - Joseph DeVay

5/3 - James Stoodly & Brian Coggins

5/4 - Jason Hemler & Jon Morrissey

5/5 - David Trindade & Waid McNabb

5/7 - Jim Teel

5/8 - Rich Estep

5/9 - Greg Hill

5/10 - Brent Kelley

5/12 - Doug Rosin & Sherri Makela

5/13 - Lars Ronten

5/17 - Dan Ornelas, Nick Bruno, & Mark Sikich

5/18 - Larry Welch, Julie Domenick, Ed Tatosian, & Josh Folmer

5/19 - Caleb Summerhays

5/23 - Sibyl Myers

5/24 - Dan Dimick

5/25 - Jessica LeBouf

5/26 - Jeffery DeBoer & Jennifer Wong

5/27 - Cheryl Brenner & Jack Lowe

5/28 - Jacque Finn, Dustin Willard, & Barbara Grant

5/29 - Adam McKillip & Bryan Boehrer

5-30 - DJ Countess, Lawrence Cannon, & Scott Clawson



CATTA VERDERA'S ANNUAL

Mother's Day
BRUNCH

SUNDAY, MAY 11TH

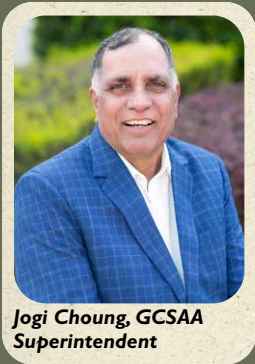
SEATING'S EVERY 30 MINUTES
10AM - 1PM

ADULTS - \$60++
KIDS (3 -12) - \$25++

*Includes Glass
of Champagne*

RSVP ON FORETEES
48 - CANCELLATION POLICY





FROM YOUR GCSAA COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

I want to share some key updates and ongoing efforts around the course that you may have already noticed.

◆ **Native Grass Areas Getting a Trim**

Our team is working diligently in and around the native grass areas. While these naturalized zones add beauty and a strategic element to the course, periodic maintenance is necessary to keep them from becoming overgrown and unplayable. We're selectively thinning and trimming these areas to improve visibility and speed up pace of play. Our goal is to keep the native grasses looking natural and attractive while ensuring they don't overly penalize wayward shots.

◆ **New Tee Box on Hole 13 is Open**

We're excited to officially open the new tee box on hole 13! This project has been in the works for some time, and it's a welcome addition that will improve playability. The new tee will give us the ability to use multiple tee locations, and offers a much more consistently level surface. We look forward to hearing your feedback as you give it a try.

◆ **Dialing In for Cabrillo & Catta Bella**

Preparations are now in full swing for our Cabrillo and Catta Bella Member/Guests. These are always our marquee events, and our team is focused on delivering peak course conditions. In the lead-up to these events, you can expect to see increased mowing frequency, detailed bunker work, and extra attention to green speeds and firmness. It's all part of the effort to create a top-tier tournament experience.

As always, remember to sand your divots, rake your bunkers, and fix multiple ball marks on our greens.

May 2025

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| | | | | 1 CVWG Mini Invitational | 2 Frank Family Wine Dinner | 3 |
| 4 Couple's Golf Night | 5 Happy Cinco De Mayo | 6 Tee It Up Tuesday | 7 Men's Golf Day | 8 Thurs-Dates in Madelena's | 9 | 10 CVWG Mojo Tournament |
| 11 Mother's Day Brunch | 12 | 13 Advisory Committee Meeting | 14 CABRILLO CLASSIC MENS INVITATIONAL | 15 CABRILLO CLASSIC MENS INVITATIONAL | 16 CABRILLO CLASSIC MENS INVITATIONAL | 17 CABRILLO CLASSIC MENS INVITATIONAL |
| 18 Bingo Brunch | 19 | 20 | 21 Men's Golf Day | 22 TUNES on the Terrace Ladies' Golf Day | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 Memorial Day Club Open | 27 Club Closed | 28 Catta Book Club Men's Golf Day | 29 TUNES on the Terrace Ladies' Golf Day | 30 | 31 |

Coming in June...

- Every Wednesday
Men's Golf Day
- Every Thursday
Ladies' Golf Day
- Every Thursday
Tunes on the Terrace
- Tuesday, June 3rd
Tee It Up Tuesday
- Wednesday, June 4th
Ladies' Night in Madelena's
- Friday, June 6th
Men's Club Friday Shotgun
- Sunday, June 8th
Couple's Golf Night
- Tuesday, June 10th
Junior Camp #1
- Tuesday, June 10th
CVWG Sierra Gold Tournament
- Tuesday, June 10th
Advisory Committee Meeting
- Wednesday, June 11th
CVMC Guest Day
- Saturday, June 14th
Tough Day
- Sunday, June 15th
Father's Day BBQ on the Veranda
- June 19th - 21st
Catta Bella
- Thursday, June 26th
CVWG Member Meeting
- Saturday, June 28th
Lads 'n' Lassies



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