



# Catta Talk

CATTA VERDERA COUNTRY CLUB



MAY 2026



**Clint Bassett, PGA**  
General Manager

FROM YOUR PGA GENERAL MANAGER

Hello Catta Members,

As we rapidly approach our summer season, it's clear that our Club is building some incredible momentum, and it's something every member should take pride in.

Our membership is now full, a milestone that reflects not only the strength of our club, but the vibrant sense of community that defines us. With that growth, we've also seen a renewed energy across all areas of the operation. Our leadership team is aligned, focused, and committed to delivering an exceptional experience every day. That focus is matched by the continued investment and support from ownership, whose commitment to the club has truly set a new standard.

What's even more exciting is the level of participation from all of you. Both golf and social events have seen engagement levels that have exceeded all expectations, and the enthusiasm from the membership has been unmistakable. From full tee sheets to well-attended social gatherings, our club has come alive with activity and there's no sign of that slowing down.

What makes this all work? It's you, our membership. There's a strong sense of connection here that you don't find everywhere. A sense of community that is welcoming, engaged, and genuinely invested in the club and each other. That is something special.

We're in a great place as a club, and even more importantly, we're continuing to move forward together. Thank you for being part of it.

Now, let's welcome in the outdoor season here at Catta Verdera Country Club.



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



Gift Cards make a great Mother's Day Gift. Pick one up for the Golf Shop so Mom can buy to her heart's content!





Hillary Bamont  
Director of F&B

## Food & Beverage

FROM YOUR DIRECTOR OF F&B

May is here, and let me just say... it's going to be a very good month to be at the club.

Why? Because we're turning up the flavor, the fun, and the overall experience starting with an exciting new chapter in dining. I've been catching up regularly with our new Executive Chef, and every conversation leaves me more energized than the last. Think fresh ideas, bold creativity, and a menu that's all about vibrant, seasonal ingredients. We're talking about locally grown produce, crave-worthy dishes, and flavors that don't just impress, they wow.

Now... let's talk about a fan favorite making its grand return. Tunes on the Terrace! We're kicking things off on Thursday, May 21st with none other than Catta Verdera's very own John Lacey and his band. Add in some fun, chef-driven food and drink specials, and you've got yourself the perfect night out. Trust me, you won't want to miss this one.

Here's what else is coming your way this month:

◆ May 5: Cinco de Mayo – Expect festive flavors, fun specials, and maybe a margarita (or two).

◆ May 8: DJ Trivia has been packed lately, so come early, grab your table, and get ready to play. Doors open at 5pm, game starts at 6:30pm in Madelena's.

◆ May 10: Mother's Day Brunch – Chef Adam, Sous Chef Beto, and the Culinary Team are pulling out all the stops. If you haven't reserved yet... now's the time. Spots are going fast on ForeTees!

◆ May 13–16: The Cabrillo Classic – The biggest men's golf event of the year is here! We've got plenty of fun planned both on and off the course for our members.

◆ May 19: Ladies Night Bunco – A quick schedule switch, but the fun stays the same! Due to Cabrillo and other private events, Ladies Night will be held on a Tuesday vs. a Wednesday this week.

◆ May 21 & 28: Tunes on the Terrace – Live music, great food, and those perfect spring evenings. Band details coming soon so keep an eye on your inbox.

◆ May 27: Catta Book Club – This month's read is "My Name is Emilia Del Valle" by Isabel Allende. Join us at 6pm in Madelena's for themed bites, great conversation, and a welcoming group of fellow readers. \$15 per person.

And just when you think it couldn't get better, June is right around the corner, bringing back Thurs-dates and Wine Dinners, once Chef Adam is fully settled in. We're especially excited for you all to experience what he brings to the table.

So, get ready. May is all about great food, great company, and making the most of everything the club has to offer. I personally can't wait to share it with you!

Catta Verdera Country Club

### LADIES NIGHT

*Featuring Bunco!*

TUESDAY, MAY 19TH | 6PM - 9PM  
5:45PM RULES & GAME REFRESHER IN  
MADELENA'S

*Please bring \$10 CASH  
to contribute to prizes*

\$25 PER PERSON INCLUDES BUFFET  
& GUESTS WELCOME!

**NEW TO BUNCO?**  
NO PROBLEM! WE WILL BE HAPPY TO TEACH YOU  
THE GAME AND PAIR YOU WITH A PARTNER FOR  
THE FIRST ROUND!

RSVP ON FORETEES | 48-HOUR CANCELLATION





Adam Clark  
Executive Chef

## PLEASE WELCOME MR. ADAM CLARK

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We are excited to introduce Adam as our new Executive Chef and we look forward to him joining our team on May 5th.

Chef Adam brings more than 20 years of experience leading fine dining kitchens, with a strong reputation for crafting seasonal, high-end menus while maintaining exceptional operational standards.

Most recently, Chef Adam served as Executive Chef at the acclaimed Farmhaus in Granite Bay, where he oversaw creative menu development and daily kitchen operations. His career also includes executive leadership roles at Gander Taphouse in Loomis, Roxie in Sacramento, and Hotel Yountville in Napa Valley. He also honed his skills in acclaimed kitchens such as Aqua in San Francisco and The French Laundry in Yountville, gaining valuable experience in Michelin-starred environments.

A graduate of the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco, Chef Clark holds certifications in food safety management and as a Cicerone Beer Server.

Known for his leadership, precision, and calm approach under pressure, he excels in team development, budgeting, and overall kitchen management. Specializing in local fresh ingredients, handmade products and creative dishes, his passion for food is represented on the plate. His arrival marks an exciting new chapter for Catta Verdera's culinary program and we could not be prouder to have him as part our team.



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

Last month Franklyn focused on Chipping, this month, the focus is on getting the ball in the hole, after the chip shot as we enjoy some shorts on The Art of Putting.

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

To schedule a lesson with Franklyn here at Catta Verdera, please email him at [britishpga@gmail.com](mailto:britishpga@gmail.com) or call the Golf Shop at 916-645-7200.





T.J. Orban, PGA  
Director of Instruction

## Instruction

FROM YOUR PGA DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION

### “TIP OF THE MONTH” ~ FROM YOUR PGA DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION

#### Chip it Closer - Find Your Landing Zone

A situation we've all run into on the golf course: we hit a great drive, our approach shot is good but maybe a bit offline/long/short, and now we're left with a short-to-mid range chip that we need to get up and down for par. We look at the flag, hit the shot, and all of a sudden, we've hit it 15 feet past the cup (or more) and are left with a challenging putt, or worse.

How can we stop this from happening?

What I've found is that most players get too “target obsessed” when it comes to chipping. We think so much about where we need to go that we forget to figure out how to get there. Our athleticism works very well with our hand-eye coordination, so let's talk about how to take advantage of it. If you were to throw or toss your golf ball at the flagstick/hole, we most-likely would be able to land it in a hula hoop-sized circle more often than not. What happens next? The ball bounces, then rolls away from the cup. If the goal is to get the ball to end up as close to the hole as possible, we need to take our focus away from where the endgame is, and place it where we need the ball to land in order to roll out the appropriate amount.

If we were to move our hula hoop to somewhere around the halfway point to the hole, more often than not, that ball would bounce, roll, and stop much closer to the cup than if we threw it directly at the cup. We have now determined our “landing zone.” When chipping, we need to take this same approach. For a “stock” chip with a pitching wedge, we can surmise that the ball will roll on the ground about the same distance it flies in the air, so that halfway mark is a pretty good first guess at where we need to land it. If you're a player that likes to chip with a higher-lofted club (56°/58°/60° wedge), you may find that your landing zone needs to be a bit closer to the hole. If you're a low/”bump ‘n run” style chipper that uses 7/8/9 iron, your ball will carry more speed with less loft, so our landing zone will have to be a bit shorter than halfway. Whichever method the shot calls for, knowing your landing zone will help you get it closer.

Long story “short”, we want to look at the flag or cup to gauge the total distance of the shot, then pick out our landing zone. Utilize your hand-eye coordination and athleticism to figure out what size of swing will get the ball to land in that zone. With practice, our chips will come to rest considerably closer, leaving us shorter, more makeable putts, and hopefully helping to lower our scores. You've done all the hard work, so with this way of thinking about chip shots, we'll be able to punch the ball into the endzone instead of fumbling at the 1-yard line.

Good luck, and happy chipping!

To book a lesson with T.J. contact him at [torban@cattaverdera.com](mailto:torban@cattaverdera.com)





Dain Ebright, PGA  
Head Golf Professional

## Golf Department

FROM YOUR PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Hello Golfers!

It might still feel like spring, but the golf season is already in full swing!

The month of May kicks off with our season-long Catta Match Play, where 149 golfers will battle it out for the titles of Orange, Purple, and Yellow Division Champions. The first round begins Tuesday, May 5th, with Final Matches set for Sunday, September 6th. If last year is any indication, we're in for some excitement. Two matches needed extra holes for a thrilling finish.

On to our first invitational of the year (due to the Troubadour being delayed), the Cabrillo Classic, will begin on Wednesday, May 13th and promises four days of great golf, plenty of laughs, and intense competition. Can Ryan Martin defend his 2025 title? Or will his former guest turned member, Corey Vanderbeek have something to say about it?

Competitors will be sporting brand-new Titleist Linkslegend golf bags with Cabrillo logos this year, so if you see one around the Club, be sure to wish the player carrying it good luck!

As the men recover from Cabrillo, our ladies take the stage with the Prima Bella on Thursday, May 21st. This premier, one-day invitational for ladies 55+ is sure to bring elegance and charm to the Club with its *Gone with the Wind* theme.

Frankly Scarlet, they do give a damn... especially about their scores.

Rounding out the month, our Women's Group hosts the Mojo. In this fun and lively format, players rotate responsibility for the Mojo ball. Guard it well, because losing it comes with consequences!

Registration for Prima Bella and the Mojo is now open, so be sure to sign up soon!

### GOLF RULE OF THE MONTH

#### 16.1 Abnormal course conditions

Abnormal course conditions, such as temporary water, ground under repair, or immovable obstructions, are situations on the course where outside factors can unfairly affect a player's lie, stance, or swing. [Rule 16.1](#) is designed to provide relief in these cases, allowing a player to drop a ball within one club-length of the nearest point of complete relief, while keeping the ball in the same area of the course where it originally lay. Importantly, features like sod on a green's collar are part of the general area, so a player must take relief in the general area and is not permitted to take that relief on the putting green.

\*Note - The Rules of Golf divide the course into five defined areas, each with its own rules for play:

- ❖ General Area: Covers the entire course except for the other four specific areas.
- ❖ Teeing Area: The starting point for each hole, defined by the space two club-lengths deep behind and between the tee markers.
- ❖ Bunkers: Specially prepared areas of sand, often designed to test a player's ability to play from loose, shifting surfaces.
- ❖ Penalty Areas: Areas marked (usually with red or yellow stakes or lines) that often contain water or other difficult terrain where special relief options are allowed with a penalty.
- ❖ Putting Green: The specially prepared area for putting, including the hole, where the grass is cut very short and different rules apply (such as being allowed to mark, lift, and clean the ball).

## MAY'S MERCHANDISE SPOTLIGHT

A new feature this month is our spotlight on specific "hot items" in our Golf Shop as our team has lots of fresh added items to enhance your look and your game!

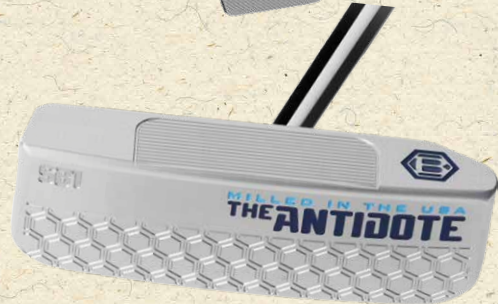
**First up:** Style. We have many new hats on the shelf, and plenty more new styles inbound. You asked for variety, and we're bringing it! From camo, to corduroy, to canvas, we have it! More boxes are arriving each week, so be sure to pop in often and see what's hit the shelves



**Next up:** Efficiency. Do you need a dedicated short game practice bag? Would you like to have a way to corral your putter, wedges and towel when you dismount the golf cart and play your way to the green? Maybe you'd like to walk a few holes with less than your full set. These lightweight offerings from Sunday Golf hold up to 6 clubs, weigh less than two pounds, and have multiple pockets including one that's insulated.



**Finally:** Modernness. Guess what the best players in the world are putting with. Hint- it's not your granddaddy's old bullseye. The biggest shift in technology in the last year has been players switching from blades to mallets, and often to mallets with non-traditional centers of gravity. These are referred to as low-torque. A low-torque putter resists twisting during the stroke, helping keep the face square to the target for more consistent direction. This added stability is especially beneficial for those who struggle with face control under pressure. We have the popular offerings in low-torque putters from Scotty Cameron, Bettinardi and TaylorMade, and you can try them on the putting green today!





## **ADVISORY COMMITTEE – NEWS & NOTES**

This past month our AC Members took a little “Field Trip”. No, we didn’t load onto a bus, or travel abroad, instead, we jumped in golf carts and took to the course. We were able to review specific items that you all have brought to the committee for discussion. Items like sight-lines that are impacted by tree branches, tee box construction and repair, and targeted agronomic practices that Jogi is working on. We are happy to announce that many of these items have already been addressed by our Club Team.

Before the trip out onto the course, we were able to focus on other internal items highlighted below:

- ◆ Cart Fee Structure and how riders are charged
- ◆ Decorum in the clubhouse and how certain language from one member may affect another member’s enjoyment.
- ◆ Clarification on our Dress Code
- ◆ Course care and how we all can do a better job of holding each other accountable for filling divots, repairing ball marks, and operating golf carts in proper areas.

These are just a few of the items that the Committee and Club Management discussed, and continue to work through. I encourage everyone to reach out for follow-up with any member of the committee.

As always, if you have topics that you would like discussed in these meetings, don’t hesitate to reach out to your committee members.

### **2026 Advisory Committee Members:**

Stephen Colombo, 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.





## HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS!

*Please join us in wishing our members a Happy Birthday!*

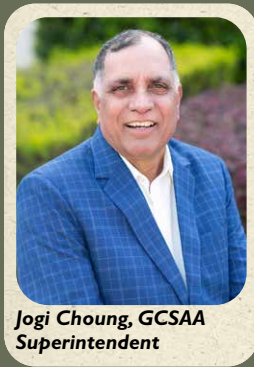
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*If we missed you, that means we need to update your member profile.*

*Please contact Clint at: [cbassett@cattaverdera.com](mailto:cbassett@cattaverdera.com) to make sure we add your birthday to our database.*

*“A birthday marks the quiet accumulation of meaningful moments.”*





**Jogi Choung, GCSAA  
Superintendent**

# Golf Course

FROM YOUR GCSAA COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

We're seeing some of the best conditions of the year here at Catta Verdera. Now that the heavy rains have stopped, the consistent stretch of mild temperatures, cool mornings, and just the right amount of sunshine has created an ideal environment for turf health. These conditions allow us to maintain strong, consistent playing surfaces while continuing to refine course details that enhance your overall experience.

This favorable weather has also given our team the opportunity to get a head start on tournament season preparations. From fine-tuning green speeds to dialing in fairway conditions and bunker playability, we're focused on ensuring the course is performing at a high level for the busy months ahead. You'll continue to see incremental improvements as we build toward peak summer conditions.

In addition to on-course care, we remain committed to our ongoing fire prevention efforts across the property. Our team has been actively working in native areas to reduce fuel loads by clearing underbrush, trimming, and maintaining defensible space. Not only does this work improve safety, but it also enhances the natural beauty and playability around our course.

My team and I appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing you out on the course this spring/summer season.

## May 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 Couples' Golf Night	4	5 Season-Long Match Play Begins	6 Men's Wednesday Shotgun	7	8 DJ Trivia Night	9
10 Mother's Day Brunch	11	12 Advisory Committee	13 CABRILLO CLASSIC MENS INVITATIONAL	14 CABRILLO CLASSIC MENS INVITATIONAL	15 CABRILLO CLASSIC MENS INVITATIONAL	16 CABRILLO CLASSIC MENS INVITATIONAL
17	18 Ladies' Night in Madelena's	19 Tee It Up #2	20	21 TUNES on the Terrace Women's Sr. Invitational	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day Club Open	26 Club Closed	27 Catta Book Club	28 TUNES on the Terrace	29	30 Women's Mojo Tournament

### Coming in June...

- Wednesday, June 3rd  
**Tee it Up**
- Wednesday, June 3rd  
**Ladies' Night in Madelena's**
- Thursday, June 4th  
**Tunes on the Terrace**
- Friday, June 5th  
**Men's Friday Shotgun**
- Sunday, June 7th  
**Couple's Golf Night**
- Tuesday, June 9th  
**Advisory Committee**
- June 10th - 13th  
**Catta Bella**
- Tuesday, June 16th  
**Women's Sierra Gold Tournament**
- Wednesday, June 17th  
**Men's Wednesday Shotgun**
- Thursday, June 18th  
**Tunes on the Terrace**
- Thursday, June 18th  
**Thurs-Date Night in Madelena's**
- Friday, June 19th  
**Wine Dinner - Hall**
- Saturday, June 20th  
**Tough Day Shotgun**
- Sunday, June 21st  
**Father's Day BBQ**
- Thursday, June 25th  
**Tunes on the Terrace**



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