



# Catta Talk



CATTA VERDERA COUNTRY CLUB



JUNE 2025



Clint Bassett, PGA  
General Manager

FROM YOUR PGA GENERAL MANAGER

Hello Catta Members,

As we welcome in June and the “official” start of summer, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your continued support and participation in all that makes Catta Verdera so special. From our stunning course conditions to vibrant member events, it’s clear that the spirit of our Club is alive and thriving.

Our golf course continues to be in top shape thanks to the dedication of Jogi and his team. Our new PGA Head Professional Dain has gotten his feet securely on the ground and is already making some amazing improvements. And, let us not forget about all the great work Kyle, Christina, and Alex continue to do to keep us all busy on the social side.

From Tunes on the Terrace, to our upcoming Father’s Day BBQ, to Catta Bella, and everything else that you are about to read about in this June Newsletter, I hope that you are all well rested and ready for what is to come.

As always, my door is open. Whether you have feedback or questions, I welcome the conversation. Thank you for making Catta Verdera not just a club, but a family.

See you around the Club.



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

## CATTA BELLA GETS WICKED!

It’s time for our most anticipated ladies’ event of the season as Catta Bella begins on Thursday afternoon, June 19th with registration and our kick-off Par 3.

Dust off your broomsticks and crowns, and prepare for two enchanting days of golf, glamour, and pink & green outfits themed around the hit musical Wicked!

Expect a magical mix of competitive play, amazing tee gifts, spellbinding décor, and unforgettable camaraderie.

Whether you’re channeling Glinda the Good, or embracing your inner Elphaba, come ready to impress, compete, and celebrate the fierce and fabulous women of Catta Verdera.

If you are not already a part of this event, hurry now as we only have room for one more foursome before we close it off.





Dain Ebright, PGA  
Head Golf Professional

## Golf Department

FROM YOUR HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

We are smack dab in the middle of the busy season, and I am happy to be part of it! We had an exciting end to May- The Cabrillo Championship Horse Race was decided with an added playoff hole while darkness was closing in. The team of Ryan Martin and Corey Vanderbeek weathered the pressure and emerged victorious. Congratulations, gentlemen!

We have much to look forward to in June. Our Ladies' signature event, Catta Bella, begins on June 19th. We are excited for fun golf, great memories, and the opportunity for our guests to experience how wonderful Catta Verdera is!

For the ladies who are still getting acquainted with golf, please join us for Tee It Up Tuesdays on June 3rd. This is a monthly opportunity for beginners to receive instruction and play in a 9-hole scramble (and it's free!). All ability levels are welcome. The mood is light, and the smiles are big!

For our juniors, there is still space available in the Junior Camp, June 10th-12th. These are all-day camps featuring exercise, instruction, and games suited to your junior's skill level.

Don't forget about our Couples Golf Night on the 8th either as we get together on Sunday afternoon and close the week out right.

Finally, if you feel like you've been putting well lately, Tough Day is on the 14th. I will personally present a dozen balls to the player with the least amount of 3-putts!

Speaking of putting, have you ever thought about the length of your backswing in comparison to your follow-through? Do you know how the strokes of the best putters in the world measure? The best putters in the world have a shorter follow-through and a longer backswing. Many weekend golfers have a follow-through that is longer than their backswing. If this surprises you, or you have more questions, ask T.J. or me about it. We might be able to save you a few strokes!

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### 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!





Kyle Hundley  
Director of F&B

# Food & Beverage

FROM YOUR DIRECTOR OF F&B

## A Note from the Kitchen

While we're still working to improve the day-to-day dining and to-go experience, event feedback this season has been overwhelmingly positive. Chef Keelan and his team have continued to bring creativity, consistency, and a high level of care to everything from wine dinners to club wide gatherings. The Cabrillo Invitational was a great example. Steak night was a hit, lobster po'boys and grilled oysters added something special, and the omelet station each morning helped start the day off right. The Asian buffet was a member favorite, and our grab-and-go offerings like tuna cups, wings, and lobster cups helped keep things moving smoothly between meals.

That same level of attention is showing up in other areas as well. Thurs-Dates, our monthly four-course dinner in Madelena's, has quietly become a favorite and is now getting regularly close to capacity. It's a simple concept that keeps working: great food, a comfortable setting, and a reason to slow down midweek. Our wine dinners continue to draw strong attendance and positive feedback. We're especially looking forward to bringing that same level of execution and detail to the upcoming Catta Bella Women's Invitational.

Something new this month, and to welcome the summer season, Chef Keelan wanted to share a personal favorite that captures his approach: simple, fresh, and well-executed.

## **Chef Keelan's Summer Lemon Curd**

### ◆ Ingredients

- ◆ 6 large eggs
- ◆ 1 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
- ◆ 1 cup granulated sugar
- ◆ Zest of 6–8 lemons
- ◆ ½ cup unsalted butter
- ◆ ¼ tsp fine sea salt

### ◆ Method

- ◆ Fill a medium pot halfway with water and bring to a boil. In a bowl that fits mostly over the pot, combine sugar and zest. Rub them together with your fingers to release the oils, then stir in the lemon juice.
- ◆ In a separate bowl, beat the eggs with salt until smooth, then whisk into the sugar mixture. Place the bowl over the pot of simmering water and cook, stirring constantly, until thickened and reading 170°F (or until it coats a spatula).
- ◆ Strain through a fine sieve into a bowl with sliced butter. Stir until smooth. Store in an airtight container in the fridge for up to two weeks, or freeze if needed.

## ***To help you all plan for June, here is what we have coming:***

### ◆ **Ladies Night – Wednesday, June 4**

- ◆ This month we're getting hands-on with candle making. Come for the creativity, stay for the community.

### ◆ **Beer Brewers Dinner featuring Knee Deep – Friday, June 13**

- ◆ Our popular beer dinner returns, this time showcasing a lineup from local favorite Knee-Deep Brewing. A multi-course meal paired with bold brews and casual vibes.

### ◆ **Father's Day BBQ – Sunday, June 15**

- ◆ Grilled favorites and relaxed energy. Treat Dad to a day of good food and time well spent.



## CONGRATULAIONS CURTIS AND NOREEN

Against the backdrop of the rolling Tuscan hills and centuries-old stone walls of Castello del Trebbio, our very own Curtis Landa got down on one knee and asked his beautiful partner Noreen to marry him. I am excited to announce... she said YES!

The moment, steeped in romance and timeless beauty, unfolded in one of Italy's most breathtaking settings, a 12th-century castle nestled in the heart of Chianti Rufina.

Castello del Trebbio, known not only for its medieval charm but also for its award-winning wines and tranquil setting, provided an unforgettable backdrop to this milestone in Curtis and Noreen's journey.

The newly engaged couple look forward to celebrating with loved ones soon and promise more details to come. Congratulations, Curtis and Noreen!



T.J. Orban, PGA  
Director of Instruction

### FROM YOUR PGA DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION

This month T.J. offers us a quick tip on the difference between playing low or high chip shots, and how to determine when to go high, or when to stay low.

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

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

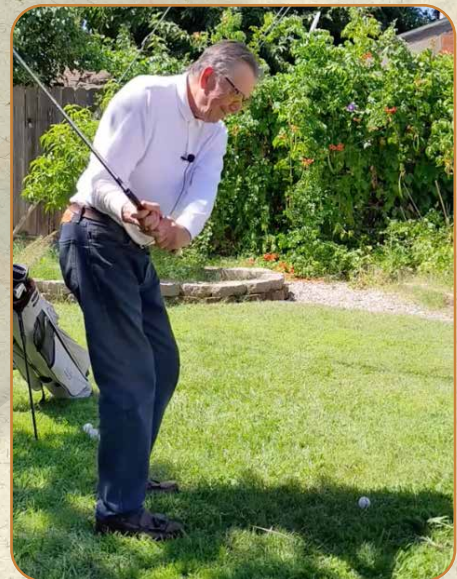


## THE LESSON VAULT – WITH PGA PROFESSIONAL FRANKLYN RICHARDS

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 tip is on how to use your shadow as an aid when practicing 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



# Happy Birthday



## **HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS!**

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

Brian Adams	Phillip Erickson	Katrina Nixon
Rowan Adams	Roy Fernandez	Diana G Nyman
Abe Alvi	Lee Fields	Jeff Ogden
William "Billy" Auger	Bryce Forman	Mike Portello
Cole Awtrey	Matt Freeman	David Puterbaugh
Boston Baldree	Judi Gavia	Tanner Rhodes
Mary E Bastida	Matteo Giovacchini	Jed Risse
Riley Bell	Ellen Grivna	Sara Ronten
Hudson Bennett	David L James	Dominic Russo
Brian J Beyer	Sloane Kelley	Pamela Russo
Raunaruir Bhullar	Isabella Knotts	Benett Sackheim
Cole Blaufarb	Jacob Kramer	Eric Salazar
J Dennis Blazona	Chris LaVoie	Shelly Schnetz
Marc Boman	Jennifer Lee	Eric Schonhoff
Jessica Booth	Julie Leppek	Holden Sheppard
Charlie Bunker	Jake Leppek	Gentry Shewry
Janice Burke	Kurt Lewis	Stephanie Sikich
Doug Calcagno	James Lewis	Stephen R Singewald
Cheyann Collins	Pete Lugo	Amy Summerhays
Erin Collins	Mike Martinez	Landen Swensen
Stephen P Colombo	Melissa McClure	Vic Tanon
Lou Colzani	William J McGillivray	Rylan Tucker
Brian Crawford	Ryan Miller	Andrew Vasko
Evelyn Cullinan	Colton Moore	Russell West
Marcia Cunningham	Eric Morgan	Shawn White
Kylia Delliquadri	Madalynn Morrow	Todd Whittington
David Diaz	Emma Morrow	Lance Witt
Alex Dupre	Richard Nanchy	Zachary Wynne

"The two most important days in your life are the day you are born  
and the day you find out why." – Mark Twain



## 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. One of the most pressing topics again was that of non-members (primarily minors) trespassing on our golf course. In a recent interaction, these individuals brazenly confronted our members in a rude and aggressive manner when approached. Our Committee Members and I kindly ask that if you are confronted with these minors, you can take their photo, but do not physically engage or confront them directly, especially if they are acting aggressively. This photo can be used to help identify these individuals when reported to authorities later.



Other topics covered in the meeting included:

- ◆ Overwhelming feedback from members asking not to “flip” our nines on the course
- ◆ Pace of play related to fivesomes and other group play
- ◆ Discussion of a way to memorialize members we have lost
- ◆ Native grass areas being addressed more aggressively

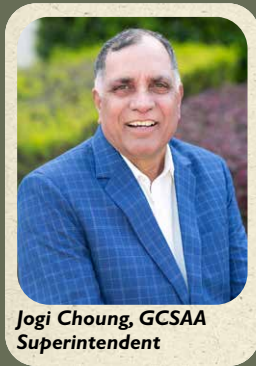
As always, the goal of this committee is to bring relevant issues to the attention of Club Management, and to work through the best possible course of action in addressing these issues. I encourage everyone to communicate with our committee members to gain even more details related to all topics discussed 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.





**Jogi Choung, GCSAA  
Superintendent**

**FROM YOUR GCSAA COURSE SUPERINTENDENT**

I always appreciate the feedback we get from our members, and lately, there is one topic that comes up more often than others. The proper placement of bunker rakes is one of the many small details that contribute to the overall playability and enjoyment of our course. While it may seem minor, where and how rakes are left can significantly affect both course maintenance and player experience.

To keep things consistent and fair for everyone, we ask that all rakes be placed inside the bunker, parallel to the edge, and as far from the slope as reasonably possible. This practice keeps the bunker looking tidy, ensures maintenance equipment can maneuver more easily around the bunker, and most importantly, prevents balls from being unfairly deflected by a misplaced rake.

Here are some important points on why we should all work to make this happen:

- ❖ **Playability:** A ball that rolls into a bunker and is stopped or deflected by a rake can create an unfair disadvantage. By placing rakes inside and away from the edges, we reduce the chance of this happening.
- ❖ **Maintenance:** Our crew uses specialized equipment to maintain the bunkers. Rakes left outside or on the edge can get in the way, slow down our work, or even cause damage to equipment.
- ❖ **Safety & Aesthetics:** A neatly raked and organized bunker not only looks better but also reduces tripping hazards and helps keep the course looking its best.

We appreciate your attention to this detail as it's one of many small habits that, when practiced consistently, enhances the experience for everyone who plays here.

As always, if you have questions or suggestions, feel free to stop me on the course.

Remember, fill your divots, **RAKE YOUR BUNKERS**, and fix multiple ball marks on our greens.

## June 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Tee It Up Tuesday	4 CVMC 1pm Shotgun	5 Ladies' Golf Day	6 Men's Club Friday Golf	7
8 Couple's Golf Night	9	10 Junior Camp #1 CVWG Sierra Gold Advisory Committee	11 CVMC Guest Day	12 TUNES on the Terrace Ladies' Golf Day	13	14 Tough Day
15 Father's Day BBQ on the Veranda	16	17	18 Men's Golf Day	19 CATTABELLA INVITATIONAL LADIES	20 CATTABELLA INVITATIONAL LADIES	21 CATTABELLA INVITATIONAL LADIES
22	23	24	25 Men's Golf Day	26 TUNES on the Terrace CVWG Member Meeting	27	28 Lads 'n' Lassies
29	30					

### Coming in July...

- Every Thursday  
**Tunes on the Terrace**
- Wednesday, July 2nd  
**Ladies' Night in Madelena's**
- Friday, July 4th  
**4th of July BBQ**  
**Kid's Hot Dog Eating Contest**
- Saturday, July 5th  
**Men's Team Play**
- Sunday, July 6th  
**Couple's Golf Night**
- July 8th - 10th  
**Junior Camp #2**
- Tuesday, July 8th  
**Advisory Committee Meeting**
- Thursday, July 10th  
**Thurs-Date Night in Madelena's**
- Tuesday, July 15th  
**Tee it Up**
- Thursday, July 17th  
**CVWG Guest Day**
- Friday, July 18th  
**Cooking Class at Catta**
- Saturday, July 19th  
**Men's Team Play**
- Wednesday, July 23rd  
**CVMC Shotgun**  
**Catta Book Club**
- Saturday, July 26th  
**Divas & Cougars**  
**Men's Team Play**
- Sunday, July 27th  
**Brunch Bingo**
- Thursday, July 31st  
**Women's River Valley Team Play**



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