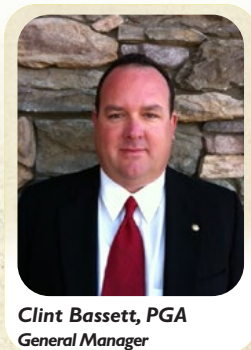




Catta Talk

CATTA VERDERA COUNTRY CLUB

AUGUST 2023



Clint Bassett, PGA
General Manager

FROM YOUR GENERAL MANAGER

With the peak of our summer upon us, we have experienced a bit of a lull here at our club this past month as we have noticed a minor reduction in both rounds and dining from what we experienced just one month ago. After speaking to a number of our members, it appears that many of us are away on vacation seeking cooler climates. I must say that with the record temperatures we have endured, I cannot blame you. Nevertheless, this has not slowed our team down as we still continue to work hard to offer an amazing schedule of fun events for everyone here at Catta Verdera.

In fact, it gives me great pleasure to announce a special event coming up that will be open to all of our members. This September, our club reaches a very significant milestone as we celebrate the *20th Anniversary of Catta Verdera Country Club*. Just as we do with everything here at Catta, we will go big with a Member's Only Gala to be held on Friday, September 15th beginning at 7pm. Details will be coming out soon to everyone, but right now I can tell you that we will have hosted beverages, food stations, dancing and most importantly, a

lot of reminiscing about the last 20 years. Mark your calendars now as you do not want to miss this.

In the meantime, we can focus on all that is happening here at the club in August. On the golf end, our month is packed with functions like Junior Golf Camps, Men's & Women's Guest Days, and of course our Senior Club Championship just to name a few. From the social side, Kyle and Christina have a loaded calendar that is outlined in Kyle's piece in this newsletter. All of this while we still work to bring you the best possible daily golf and dining experience we can. I know I speak for our entire team when I say how excited we are to continue to offer our membership such a dynamic golf and social calendar, and we have no intention of slowing down.

Lastly, I want to take just a moment to say thank you. Thank you to everyone for the support you have given not only to me, but to the entire team here at Catta Verdera Country Club. Not a day goes by that an employee does not stop me and tell me how much fun they are having here being a part of this Club. I know I have said it before, but Catta Verdera is truly the place where everybody wants to be.



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to view the Catta Verdera Women's Golfers monthly newsletter from Stephanie McCarthy.



Golf Department

FROM YOUR PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL



Nicholas Banks, PGA
Head Golf Professional

Pace of play in golf refers to the total amount of time it takes for each group to complete the hole or round.

Our Pace of Play policy here at Catta is 4 hours, 19 minutes for a foursome, which equates to roughly 15 minutes per hole. The average round of golf in America takes 4 hours, 17 minutes. This is 2-minutes faster than our current pace of play policy.

The length and Slope Rating of a golf course has almost no correlation with pace, and the only statistically significant variable is how busy the tee sheet is. A player should make a stroke in no more than 40 seconds.

1. Is there a general rule for amateurs to follow when it comes to pace of play?

The general rule is a 4 hours 19 minutes round and to be under it, however if you fall outside of this there are procedures you can follow to help.

Firstly, if you can do it safely, start getting your yardage, checking the wind, your lie and picking your club before your playing partner hits so when it is your turn you are ready to hit! All players need to be ready when it's their turn to play. If you're playing in a cart with another player, when you reach the first ball, either the driver or passenger should wait until a club is pulled before driving away to their ball. Players who wait until the first person hits the ball before driving over to their ball significantly slow down play. Same thing on the greens. Read your putt while others are getting ready. This way, when it is your turn, you're set to go.

2. What's an effective tip that players can use to play "ready golf"?

Ready golf to the first point, relates to whoever is ready to hit, should hit. Here's a few more tips to play "ready golf":

Never walk back to get a yardage for your shot. If you use the markers on the ground, get that while

driving or walking to your ball. If you use a range finder, start to use it once you're two steps behind your ball.

Start preparing your thoughts before you get to your golf ball. You can generally know what club you will need and the strategy before you get to your ball. This will help you prepare with a practice swing and walk-in routine.

Be ready to hit your ball when another player's shot is in the air.

3. Ideally, how much time should a player take between shots (not counting walking/driving to their balls)?

Let's do the math on this. A 4-hour, 19-minute round is 259 minutes. If you shoot 90, that's almost three minutes per shot. That's even less time if you shoot a higher score. So, the higher your score, the faster you need to play. I know it may not seem fair because, when you're learning, you have about a dozen swing thoughts, and like to take practice swings. So, the way to reconcile this is to pick your ball up and just skip some shots.

On the flipside, when Tiger Woods was in his prime, he was committed to walking into the golf ball after his practice swing. It took him an average of 13.2 seconds from the first step to striking the ball.

4. What's the best way to address a group in front of you that's playing too slowly.

Please notify a member of the Golf Professional Staff as we will monitor the course closer to maintain a groups position on the golf course. If you don't see them, you can always call the Golf Shop and we will communicate to the Golf Professional on the course to act. If a group is persistently falling behind, we may have to tell that group that they must skip a hole. This is always our last resort, as we never want any group to have to skip holes unless it is affecting the entire field.

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5. When a player looks for their ball, what's an appropriate time to spend searching for it before just dropping?

Generally, If the ball is lost in an area that looks like it can be easily played from, spend a few minutes circling around to find it. If it is down a gorge under tree trunks, pass. Just drop immediately and move on. It does depend on the format, but generally this is the correct method to follow. In a more relaxed club or friendly event, take an adequate amount of time. In a more formal tournament, the player should take their allowed time, which is 3-minutes or 180-seconds.

6. Is there a target time members should keep in mind to complete 18 holes?

My advice is to know where you are on the course and to adhere to the guidelines of our 'pace of play' policy. If it is a weekend morning round, play ready golf and be quick. If it's the late afternoon and you can stroll around, take your time but be aware of your surroundings.

Just remember a good rule to follow is:

- For a foursome/fivesome, target 4 hours.
- For three players, target 3.5 hours.
- For two players, it should be about 3 hours.

For more information on "Pace of Play", please contact the Golf Shop.

Welcome New Members!

Please join us in welcoming the following new members to our Catta Family.

GOLF

- ◆ Eric & Nicole Granquist
- ◆ Andrew Hamer
- ◆ Sean Martin
- ◆ Waid & Nancy McNabb
- ◆ Patrick & Amy O'Flaherty

SOCIAL

- ◆ Pete & Sonia Lugo



Kyle Hundley
Director of F&B

I hope everyone made it through what felt like the hottest month ever! We pushed through the heat with lots of fun at the Club, including a delightful Austin Hope Wine Dinner. I am still taking orders for the Austin Hope wine so if you have any

interest, please email me at khundley@cattaverdera.com.

We also rolled out our new menu in Quixote's, which so far has come with excellent reviews. The new items I hear the most about are the protein bowls, the Osso Buco, and even the new Naked Wings (non-breaded).

We are very excited about what we have coming in August, as well. The Smoke 'n' Bourbon event is returning and is sure to be a fun night on Wednesday, August 9th. This year we have two bourbon vendors bringing out fun bourbons and whiskeys for you to try, along with your cigar that is included with the event. Shortly after, you can look forward to Cruise & Brews! This event will showcase approximately 25 cars in the round-about and a portion of the lower parking lot. Even more exciting is that we will be showcasing about 10 breweries in Casa Alegria for beer tasting, including Sierra Nevada, Knee Deep, Farmers, New Belgium and more! It is only \$20 to attend, so sign up on ForeTees now!

Last but not least, we have the DAOU Wine Dinner on Friday, August 25th. We will be opening up registration a little earlier for this event so we can get all the members in and then in the last week and a half we will invite members to bring guests, as well.

Thank you to all our members for supporting our events and the Club. We have lots of projects in the works and we look forward to unveiling even more exciting new things to Catta Verdera.



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12
AUGUST



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RSVP ON FORETEES STARTING ON JULY 22ND





PERFORMANCE GOLF ACADEMY

~ TIP OF THE MONTH

In our continuing effort to improve our member's enjoyment on the course, we offer this month's brief instructional video from PGA Professional Phillip Dawson, Jr.

Click [HERE](#) to view Phil's tip of the month focusing on controlling your attitude and emotions while you play.

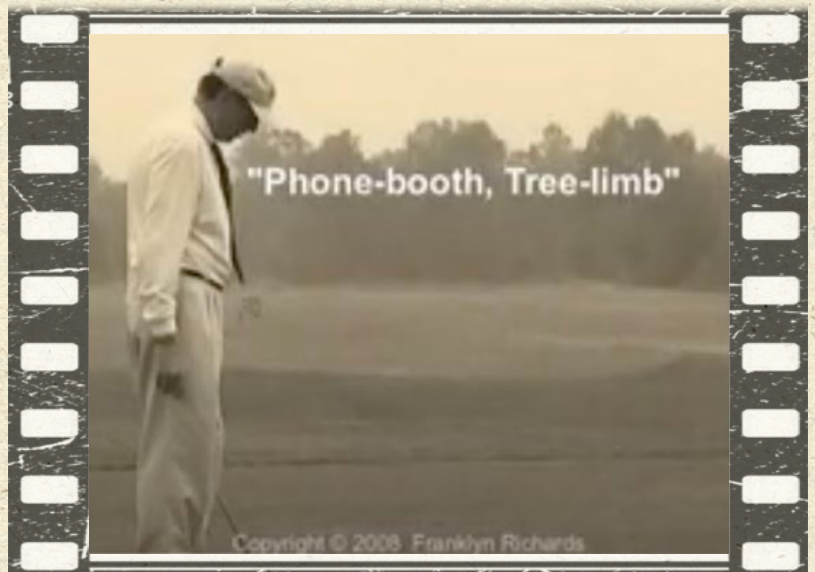
To schedule a lesson or book a golf clinic with Phil, call 530.409.7464

THE LESSON VAULT – WITH PGA PROFESSIONAL FRANKLYN RICHARDS

This month Franklyn discusses the “Phone Booth and the Tree Limb”.

To view this installment of “The Lesson Vault” click [HERE](#).

To schedule a lesson with Mr. Richards here at Catta Verdera, please email him at britishpga@gmail.com or call the Golf Shop at 916.645.7200



Catta Verdera Country Club

Smoke 'n' Bourbon

Join us for hand-rolled cigars,
appetizers & bourbon tasting.
Featuring Garrison Brothers and
Sazerac.

August 9th | 6:00pm

\$40++

RSVP on ForeTees starting July 25th





**Jogi Choung, GCSAA
Superintendent**

FROM YOUR SUPERINTENDENT

We have now completed the renovations on all of our bunkers throughout the Back 9 of our course. Before we move onto the bunkers on the Front 9, we have few other projects that we will attack first.

In the coming days, our Turf Team will begin the re-shaping of our main tee box on Hole #16. Many of you I am sure have noticed that the back portion of this tee box has not been used lately. This primarily is caused by the size of this area and the difficulty it presents in maintaining it properly. To help with this, we will be removing the tree directly to the east of this tee box and expanding both the width and the length of this area. When completed the tee box will be elevated slightly from where it is today, and it will allow us to have multiple teeing locations. During this time, our Purple, Orange, and Black tees will be located together on the tee box to the right of the cart path. Please note that this small, temporary change in yardage will not affect scores for posting.

While we work on this tee box, the team will also continue to focus on the entire property and clean-up work. The main areas of focus will be our parking lot landscaping, our practice area, and tree work throughout the property.

Finally, we remind everyone to sand your divots and fix your ball marks.

August 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Ladies' Bunco Night Men's Golf Day	3 TUNES on the Terrace Ladies' Golf Day	4	5 Men's Club Saturday
6	7	8	9 Smoke & Bourbon Men's Golf Day Advisory Committee Meeting	10 TUNES on the Terrace Women's Guest Day	11	12 Cruise & Brews
13 Couples Golf Night	14	15 Women's Tee it Up	16 Men's Guest Day	17 TUNES on the Terrace Women's River Valley	18	19 Women's Club Saturday
20	21	22 Senior Club Championship	23 Senior Club Championship Men's Golf Day	24 TUNES on the Terrace Ladies' Golf Day	25 DAOU Wine Dinner	26
27	28	29 Junior Camp #3	30 Junior Camp #3	31 TUNES on the Terrace Junior Camp #3		

Coming in September...

- Every Wednesday
Men's Golf Day
- Every Thursday
Ladies' Golf Day
- Every Thursday
Tunes on the Terrace
- Friday, September 1st
The Luau
- Monday, September 4th
Labor Day - Club Open
- Wednesday, September 6th
Ladies' Night
- September 7th, 8th & 9th
Catta Bella Invitational
- September 12th & 13th
Course Aeration
- Wednesday, September 13th
Advisory Committee Meeting
- Friday, September 15th
CVCC 20th Anniversary Celebration
- Tuesday, September 19th
Women's Tee it Up
- Wednesday, September 20th
CVCC Book Club
- Friday, September 22nd
Rombauer Wine Dinner
- September 26th - 28th
Overseeding (Golf Course)
- Saturday, September 30th
Ladies' Team Match Play



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