



Catta Talk



CATTA VERDERA COUNTRY CLUB



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Clint Bassett, PGA
General Manager

FROM YOUR PGA GENERAL MANAGER

Hello Catta Members,

August is here, and with it comes the crescendo of our summer season at Catta Verdera. This month brings both exciting events and a very important update to our building that is sure to enhance your experience here at Catta Verdera.

We're pleased to share that we will be installing a brand-new air conditioning system in the clubhouse from August 5–7. While the work is being completed, you may notice some temporary disruptions in certain areas, but we are committed to minimizing the impact on your visit as much as possible. We will closely monitor the outside temperatures which will dictate indoor operations. To make everyone aware, if the external temps rise, we may be forced to close our kitchen while the work is performed. Once completed, this \$150,000.00 enhancement will offer everyone improved comfort just in time for the warmest days of the year!

On the golf side, it has been such a joy to witness the next generation of golfers grow their skills and passion for the game through our summer Junior Golf Camps series. A heartfelt thank you to our coaches, staff, and families for another outstanding summer of learning and fun.

Staying with Golf, our Senior Club Championship is just around the corner, taking place August 19th & 20th. This premier event brings out some of the best competition of the season, and we're looking forward to crowning this year's champions. Good luck to all participants, and thank you for representing the competitive spirit of Catta Verdera!

Moving into our Social activities, we hope you wine enthusiasts can join us for a special evening on Thursday, August 22nd as we host the Grgich Hills Wine Dinner. This exclusive culinary event features a beautifully paired menu alongside selections from the iconic Napa Valley winery. Space is limited, so be sure to reserve early for this elegant and memorable experience.

It doesn't stop there. We've got more on the horizon so look out for details on our Labor Day Weekend festivities, and a few surprises in the works to help wrap up summer in style. Keep an eye on our Monday Notes and the events calendar for updates.

As always, thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm as it is all of you that make Catta Verdera such a vibrant and exciting community.



[Click Here](#)

to view the Catta Verdera Women's Golfers monthly newsletter from Sasha Macktinger.





Kyle Hundley
Director of F&B

Food & Beverage

FROM YOUR DIRECTOR OF F&B

My Food & Beverage team and I are always looking for ways to make your experience at the club smooth, enjoyable, and “frustration-free”. This month, I want to highlight

some common areas where confusion tends to pop up.

Let’s first start with check signing and member charges.

One of the many privileges of a private club is that Members can charge food and beverages to their Member Accounts. As you know, this process isn’t new, but issues still tend to show up when you review your statements at the end of the month. That’s when those occasional mistaken charges are noticed, and often they’re tied to small oversights made during busy moments.

Catta does have a charge signing policy in place, and while we’ve had some success with it over the last couple of years, we still have far too many tickets not being signed. That’s why we’re encouraging a renewed focus on this small but important step in closing out your visit.

A quick glance and signature before you head out, just to confirm the purchases, member name, and membership number, can be incredibly helpful in reducing questionable charges on your account each month. This also gives our staff the opportunity to make corrections in real time and help avoid any confusion when you receive your statements.

Each month our Accounting Team is faced with multiple calls from members questioning what is on their bill. When we look to the tickets, we see no signature, therefore we are left with crediting these items at a loss to the club. Again, we remind everyone of the club policy that you are required to sign for purchases. Moving forward, tickets that go without signatures will no longer be eligible for credits.

Next up I would like to review our Event Charges and Guests Registration process.

Event billing can be its own challenge, especially when it comes to guests. Most of our events are large, and many of you are kind enough to bring friends, family, and neighbors along. But when it comes time to bill,

things get tricky if we don’t know which guest is tied to which member.

To make this process as clean as possible, please enter your guests into Fore Tees with the following format “Member Last Name, Guest.” It’s a small change that makes a big difference operationally, and helps ensure accurate billing with fewer follow-up calls and corrections.

At the end of the day, our goal is to deliver excellent service and accurate billing. We love how socially engaged our members are, and we want that to be reflected in every part of your experience.

Thanks for your continued support as we refine these processes.

Upcoming Events: Here’s what’s coming up in August—be sure to reserve early in Fore Tees!

◆ **Ladies Night:** Wednesday, August 6th

- Join us for a relaxed evening of cocktails, conversation, and a little friendly competition with Bunco back in the mix.

◆ **Thurs-Date:** Thursday, August 14th

- Our monthly hit continues to fill quickly. Join us for a relaxing evening with a fresh menu, great drinks, and excellent company.

◆ **Cooking Class with Chef Keelan:** Friday, August 15th

- Sharpen your culinary skills and pick up some tips from Chef Keelan himself. A hands-on experience with plenty of tasting along the way.

◆ **Grgich Hills Wine Dinner:** Friday, August 22nd

- An elegant evening featuring a thoughtfully paired multi-course menu alongside iconic wines from Grgich Hills. Always a member favorite—don’t wait to reserve.

◆ **Weekly Traditions**

- **Taco Tuesday:** Every Tuesday from 4 PM to 8 PM — \$2 tacos and drink specials.

- **Tunes on the Terrace:** Every Thursday from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM — see the host for terrace seating. (Please note: August 7th Tunes on the Terrace may be affected by the HVAC renovations)



Dain Ebright, PGA
Head Golf Professional

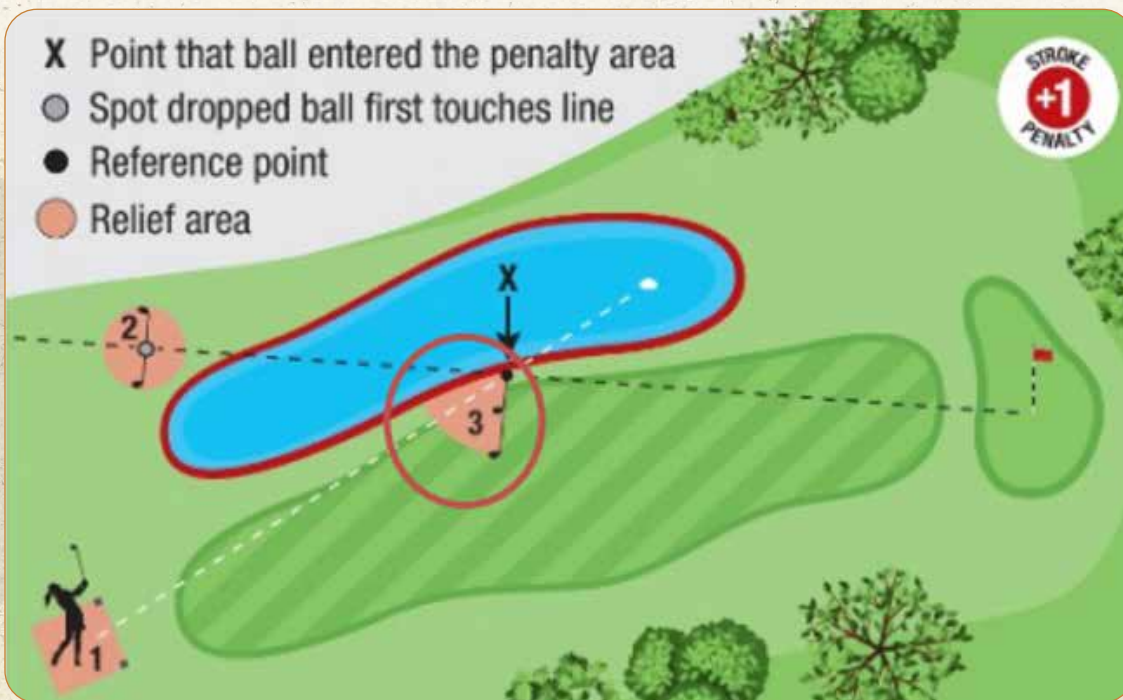
Golf Department

FROM YOUR PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Hello Golfers!

We have many Red Penalty Areas on our course, and I would like to talk about them in depth. I know... rules discussions can be boring, but knowing the rules can save time, avoid aggravation, and might even help your score.

Red Penalty Areas, formerly referred to as Lateral Hazards, are normally situated parallel to the path of the fairway. Because of this positioning, we are allowed to drop our ball laterally in relation to the Penalty Area. This is the most common relief seen during a round. The player estimates where the ball crossed the margin into the penalty area and drops the ball within two club lengths of that spot, no nearer to the hole. This is denoted in option #3 below.



Less-often used, but valuable option is #2 above. A player may opt for this because it affords a better lie, stance, or distance. It is probable that there is a slope near option #3, making it hard to build a normal stance, or make a powerful swing. The grass may also be tall, matted, or soggy at this position. At Catta, using option #2 could prove beneficial on holes 9, 10, 16 and 17.

Moving on, let's discuss holes 12-14. As you know, the right edge of the cart path defines the margin for much of this penalty area. One of the reasons for this designation is to keep players safe. Searching for a ball in the tall grass may find things other than golf balls - things that bite! If you do find your ball right of the path and you want to hit it, you may do so without penalty. However, if you choose not to hit your ball, or even look for your ball, you proceed under the rules of relief from a penalty area. You do not proceed under the rules of a lost ball. Some players may choose to hit again from their previous position, but most will take a drop like in option #3 above. This decision will likely position most or all of the relief area on the cart path. If the ball comes to rest on the cart path, you may then take relief from the cart path. During friendly rounds, players may opt to combine this process into one step, but please be aware of the proper two-step process.

Golf Department

Following a similar track, I'd like to note a couple clarifications regarding the course. On hole 11, we have more clearly defined the Native American artifact area. This is a No Play Zone. This area requires taking free relief if your ball is in the area, or the boundary fence and rocks interfere with your stance or swing. Please be aware, you do not receive free relief for the intended path (line) of your ball.

Lastly, we made a change to the Penalty Area markings on hole #11. The marshy area on the right side of the hole beyond the dogleg, and the rocky area to the left of the marsh is still a Red Penalty Area. However, the red line and stakes nearer the green have been eliminated.

I hope this allows you to make decisions on the course with a little more clarity and confidence.

See you out there!

CONGRATULATIONS TEAM RED



The spirit of camaraderie and competitive golf was on full display last month during the 2025 Catta Verdera Ryder Cup, as members took to the course for one of the club's most anticipated annual events. Over the course of an exciting weekend, Team Red, captained by Kris Palmer and Matt Thomas emerged victorious over Team Blue, securing the win with strong play, strategic pairings, and impressive performances across all formats.

The event featured some traditional Ryder Cup-style match play with players representing their teams with pride and passion. From opening drives to clutch putts on the final day, both sides showcased exceptional golf and sportsmanship.

While Team Blue put up a strong fight, it was Team Red who pulled ahead sealing their overall victory by a score of 84-70 and earning well-deserved bragging rights for the year. The final score reflected not just a win, but a hard-fought battle that came down to determination, team chemistry, and resilience under pressure.

Special thanks go to our golf staff and team captains for organizing and leading such a fun, competitive, and well-run event. And of course, congratulations to Team Red, our 2025 Catta Verdera Ryder Cup Champions!

We look forward to seeing the rivalry renewed next year. Until then, enjoy the rest of the season and keep the friendly competition alive out on the course.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE – NEWS & NOTES

We'd like to provide a brief summary of the July Advisory Committee Meeting, where a variety of topics were discussed with the goal of continuing to enhance the member experience and uphold the values of our club.

Topics Discussed included the following, and much more:

◆ Course Work & Scheduling

The committee reviewed ongoing and upcoming course maintenance projects, including tee leveling, green collar improvements, and overall turf management. Committee Members were informed of scheduling efforts aimed at minimizing disruption to play while ensuring long-term course health. We also discussed how our maintenance team works around play.

◆ Tunes on the Terrace – Table Reservations (Yay or Nay)

We discussed concerns surrounding table reservations during Tunes on the Terrace. We are exploring ways to maintain a fair and enjoyable environment for all members while balancing the benefits of reserved seating with the casual, social nature of the event. More details will be shared as a final solution is developed.

◆ Proposed Couple's Invitational

An idea was brought forward to add a Couple's Invitational to our events calendar, offering a new opportunity for fun, inclusive, and slightly competitive play for member couples and their guests. The committee expressed strong interest, and our Professional Staff will begin working on potential dates and formats.

◆ Club Culture & Conduct

The most serious and time-intensive discussion centered around the impact of a "small" group of members contributing to what can be considered a toxic environment that continues to affect both staff and fellow members. The committee unanimously agreed that this behavior is unacceptable and inconsistent with the values we strive to uphold at Catta Verdera. Creating a respectful, inclusive, and enjoyable environment is essential to maintaining the integrity of our club. The committee has agreed to work with membership and management to explore clear guidelines and appropriate steps for addressing conduct that undermines that goal. All members are reminded that mutual respect and kindness are not optional... they are foundational to the Catta Verdera experience.

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:

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| ◆ Ellen Grivna | ◆ Sasha Macktinger |
| ◆ Sean Harrigan | ◆ Matt Morgan |
| ◆ Dena Lumbirt | ◆ Kris Palmer |

Email contacts for each Advisory Committee Member can be found on our Member's Website Page under the "Committee" tab.



FROM YOUR PGA DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION



T.J. Orban, PGA
Director of Instruction

This month T.J. offers us a quick tip on how to handle uneven lies!

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 short on common misconceptions about body rotation, 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 AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

Please join us in wishing our members a Happy Birthday!

Julio Alvarez

Taylor Ashby

Dallas Baldree

Bob W Bastida

Mark Bertoli

Aseem Bhullar

Patrick Boyd

James Brown

Whitnee Bruno

Maddison Carey

Indro Chakrabarti

Cody Chapman

Megan Cohill

Mason Collins

Chris L Connors

Steve W D'Ambra

Jill DeVay

Quinn Donaldson

Mark A Doughty

Tom Dunipace

Matthew Evans

Jim Fox

Eric Garrison

Brian Giovacchini

Maximo Giovacchini

Marty Gragg

Jackson Granquist

Suzu Hill

Adam Hoybjerg

Aric Hudson

Jeff Jensen

Weldon M Kelley

Kim Knotts

Cameron Koepke

John Lassetter

Toan Le

Dave Lemke

Matt Leonard

Philip Matin

James Mattos

John Moore

Tanja Moore

Shelly Nishimi

Kyle Nixon

Jamie O'Brien

Jessica O'Brien

Kristofor Palmer

Trisha Primes

Julia Ralls

Mark Rayback

Gabby Roberts

Steven Roberts

David Rodgers

David Rodgers

Aubrielle Salazar

Ella Sheppard

Henry Sheppard

Audrey Slaton

Sean Sutterer

Gwen Tejada

Gina Telford

Archie Terry III

Ellie Thompson

Kari Thompson

Tom Traxel

Jason Tustin

Ron Vairora

Douglas Van Vooren

Corey Vanderbeek

Cindy Vanderpan

Geniva Vecchioli

Linda Welch

Anthony Wilkins

Arleen Wong

Eric Wong

David Zieour

Patricia Zimmerman

“Every birthday is a gift. Every day is a gift.”

— Aretha Franklin



LADIES NIGHT

FEATURING BUNCO



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6TH | 6PM-9PM

5:45PM RULES & GAME REFRESHER

We will give brief instructions and pair you
with a partner for the first round

\$25 PER PERSON INCLUDES BUFFET

Please bring \$10 CASH to contribute to prizes

RSVP on ForeTees | 48-hour cancellation



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**Jogi Chung, GCSAA
Superintendent**

FROM YOUR GCSAA COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

As we move through the heart of summer, I want to share some recent progress on the course, along with a few updates that reflect our continued commitment to improving playability and overall turf conditions here at Catta Verdera.

• Tee Leveling & Resodding of #7, #17, and #4: We're pleased to announce that the newly leveled and resodded tees on holes #7 and #17 are now open for play. These tees were re-graded to improve surface smoothness, alignment, and turf health, and they are already performing well. Work on Hole #4's tee is progressing as planned and is expected to reopen in the coming weeks, (weather and grow-in conditions permitting).

❖ Green Collar repair on #1, #4, and #11: We continue to replace and repair collars around greens #1, #4, and #11. These areas were reworked to improve transition zones between the greens and surrounding turf. The updated collars will provide better ball roll-out conditions, stronger turf density, and long-term resilience in high-wear zones.

❖ Equipment Upgrades to improve efficiency & turf health: We're excited to announce the purchase of new turf maintenance equipment, including machines for top dressing, verti-cutting, and other essential practices. These upgrades will allow us to complete more precise and efficient work throughout the season, helping us maintain healthy playing surfaces while minimizing disruption to play. This new equipment investment enhances our ability to aerate, control thatch, and improve soil structure more effectively, all key components to providing top-quality playing conditions.

As always, thank you for your continued support. My team appreciates your patience and understanding as we complete these essential projects and upgrades.

Remember, fill your divots, rake bunkers, and fix multiple ball marks on the greens!

August 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 CVMC Friday Golf	2
3	4	5 Junior Camp	6 Ladies' Night in Madelena's Junior Camp	7 TUNES on the Terrace Junior Camp	8	9
10 Couple's Golf Night	11	12 Tee It Up Tuesday Advisory Committee	13 CVMC Afternoon Shotgun	14 TUNES on the Terrace Thurs-Dates in Madelena's	15 Cooking Class at Catta	16 CVWG Saturday Golf
17	18	19 Sr. Club Championship	20 Sr. Club Championship	21 TUNES on the Terrace	22 Wine Dinner w/ Grgich Hills	23
24	25	26	27	28 TUNES on the Terrace	29	30
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Coming in September...

- Every Thursday
Tunes on the Terrace
- Monday, September 1st
Labor Day - Club Open
- Tuesday, September 2nd
Club Closed
- Wednesday, September 3rd
Ladies' Night in Madelena's
- Friday, September 5th
The Famous Catta Luau 
- Saturday, September 6th
CVWG Divas & Cougars
- Sunday, September 7th
Couple's Golf Night
- Tuesday, September 9th
Advisory Committee
- Thursday, September 11th
Thurs-Date Night in Madelena's
- Tuesday, September 16th
Tee It Up
- Friday, September 19th
Wine Dinner w/ Rombauer
- Saturday, September 20th
CVMC Guest Day
- September 23-26
Aerification & Overseed
- Wednesday, September 24th
Catta Book Club



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