



# Catta Talk



CATTA VERDERA COUNTRY CLUB



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Clint Bassett, PGA  
General Manager

FROM YOUR PGA GENERAL MANAGER

Hello Catta Members,

As we prepare for the golden colors of fall to grace our beautiful CattaVerdera landscape, I want to take a moment to invite you into a new season filled with opportunities to connect, compete, and celebrate all that makes our club so special.

With summer winding down, we look back at the memories made here over the past three months. From vibrant social gatherings, to competitive golf tournaments, your continued engagement and enthusiasm have brought Catta Verdera to life, and for this, I sincerely thank you.

September now marks a transitional time for the club. While we will soon begin to see frosty mornings and shorter days, it's also the perfect season to enjoy everything our club has to offer. Whether it's a cool morning round on the course, or a cozy evening in Quixote's, this is the time to wind down, relax, and be thankful that it doesn't snow here! OK, I threw that last part in there just for me, but we can all agree that we can be thankful for the friends and festivities we have here at our club.

Behind the scenes, our team is already hard at work preparing for an Autumn that will be loaded with exciting events, great golf, and enhancements to all aspects of your member experience.

I encourage everyone to stay connected through our weekly GM Notes, Golf Emails from Dain, and Event Postings from Kyle to make the most of what's ahead.

Here's to an unforgettable September at Catta Verdera Country Club!



## GOING LOW!

Recently we got to see something that doesn't happen very often, a course record fell! On Saturday, August 30th while playing with his father Dave, **Sam Sommerhauser** posted an amazing score of 60 here at Catta Verdera! Yes, 60!

Many of us pass 60 strokes by the 12th hole. Well done, Sam!

Could there be a 59 coming soon??



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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

As summer begins to wind down (hopefully slowly), we're already looking forward to the flavors and comforts of fall and winter. Our Catta Culinary Team is busy planning

hearty seasonal dishes and refreshing new menus that will make the cooler months something to look forward to. In the meantime, September has plenty to keep you engaged, both in Quixote's and out on the Terrace.

Before I jump into all of the fun things we have coming, I want to take a moment to talk about the current "hot topic", which is our Dress Code here in the Clubhouse.

We've recently received very positive feedback from members who appreciate our renewed focus on enforcing the club's dress code. While Catta Verdera has always had a dress code, it hasn't always been strictly enforced. Moving forward, my team will be making a much stronger effort to maintain this important club standard.

Members and guests who are not dressed in accordance with the policy will be asked to purchase appropriate attire from the Golf Shop, or return home to change before service is provided. This applies across the board, from children over the age of 7, to members stopping by to pick up to-go orders.

It is never our goal to embarrass anyone, but in order to maintain the standards expected at our club, our staff is required to enforce this policy. Conversations about attire can be uncomfortable for everyone involved, so the best-case scenario is when members and guests arrive already dressed within policy. Any effort you make on your part helps to avoid those situations and allows the focus to stay on service and hospitality.

Right now, our primary focus is on avoiding a few recurring issues: tank tops, backwards hats, torn denim, and cut-offs. These items are not permitted at Catta Verdera, and we appreciate your help in keeping them out of our club environment.

"Country Club Casual" remains the standard, and

while it isn't overly demanding, it helps set the tone for the experience that makes Catta Verdera special. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we continue to enhance the quality and character of our club.

### Upcoming Events in September

◆ **Ladies Night featuring Bunco** – Wednesday, September 3rd

A fun, social evening of Bunco returns! Gather your friends, enjoy cocktails, and kick off September with laughter and good company.

◆ **Luau on the Veranda** – Friday, September 5th

This is the big one! Join us on the Veranda Patio as we host our Annual Luau, complete with a whole pig roasted right here on the Veranda, a Hawaiian-inspired buffet, fire dancers, and entertainment under the evening sky. Great food, festive drinks, and a lively atmosphere promise a night to remember. This event is one you won't want to miss!

◆ **Thurs-Dates in Madelena's** – Thursday, September 11th

Our monthly favorite for couples or small groups, featuring an intimate setting and a curated multi-course menu. Space is limited, so reserve early.

◆ **Rombauer Wine Dinner** – Friday, September 19th

Indulge in a gourmet dining experience paired with exquisite wines from Rombauer Vineyards. A night of elevated cuisine and celebrated wines that will surely sell out.

◆ **Catta Book Club** – Wednesday, September 24th

Come share your thoughts, insights, and conversation as we gather for this month's literary discussion.

◆ **Brunch Bingo** – Sunday, September 28th

Enjoy a festive brunch spread while testing your luck at Bingo. Food, friends, and a chance at some fun prizes!





Dain Ebright, PGA  
Head Golf Professional

## Golf Department

FROM YOUR PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

This month I'd like to talk about something important, but don't worry... it's not your short game. It's our score posting habits here at Catta Verdera.

Recently, our Handicap Committee and I have noticed that our club's score posting percentages have taken a significant dip. In other words, a lot of rounds are being played... and then mysteriously vanishing into thin air. While we're all for the occasional "forgetful" round (especially one that includes a snowman or two), consistent under-posting affects the fairness and integrity of the game for everyone.

### • Why Does Score Posting Matter?

#### ◆ It Keeps Things Fair

- Handicaps are designed to level the playing field, giving everyone from seasoned players to weekend warriors a fair chance in competition. But when scores aren't posted, handicaps become inflated, deflated, or just plain confusing. And that means tournament results can get... well, interesting.

#### ◆ It Builds Trust

- We all want to win, but we also want to deserve to win. Posting every round whether good, bad, and "let's never speak of it again" shows sportsmanship and honesty. Besides, nothing raises eyebrows faster than a mystery 14 handicap dropping a smooth 74 in a net event.

#### ◆ It's Required for Events

- Most competitions at Catta require an up-to-date and accurate handicap. If scores aren't posted regularly, players risk being ineligible, or worse, being that person whose handicap doesn't quite add up on the leaderboard.

#### ◆ It's Easier Than Ever

- No excuses here. Scores can be posted online, or through the GHIN app, often before you've even taken your golf shoes off. If you have trouble, come see Gage, Blake, or any of your Pros in the Golf Shop. We are happy to help you post. It takes 30 seconds and saves you (and us) a lot of awkward conversations later.

So, let's Get Back on Track! We all love a competitive, fair, and fun club atmosphere, and posting scores is a small but essential part of that. Whether you birdied the last hole or had to fish your ball out of the pond (twice), post the score. Your fellow members (and your future tournament results) will thank you.

As part of our effort to improve score posting, we're sharing an example of the letter that will be sent to members who are out of compliance with posting guidelines. Our hope is that this gives everyone a clear picture of what we're doing to keep things fair and transparent.

Thanks for helping us uphold the integrity of the game, and for not being the person who "accidentally forgot" to post that career-best round.

Warm regards,

Dain and the Handicap Committee

(example letter on next page)



# Golf Department



## Handicap Letter:

Dear Mr. or Mrs.,

Catta Verdera Country Club strives for accurate posting of scores by our members. Our goal is to increase our posting compliance for all members at the club to meet our designated compliance percentage range of 85%-95%. This letter is to inform you that your posting percentage does not meet this compliance range. We understand that there can be multiple reasons a score was not posted in a timely manner, but we cannot stress enough how important the accurate and timely posting of scores is to our club and our competitions. Therefore, in collaboration with our Handicap Committee we will take appropriate action when scores are continuously not posted in a timely manner. The following penalties will apply if you cannot correct your posting percentage.

- Two months below Acceptable Posting Percentage in a 12-month period; Apply Penalty Scores and adjust the Handicap Index of any member whose handicap index does not reflect their demonstrated ability.
- Three months below Acceptable Posting Percentage in a 12-month period; Restrict eligibility to participate in organized tournament play for a designated period.

Please contact the Golf Shop at your soonest convenience to discuss this matter and prevent any adjustments to your handicap, or access to tournament play.

## LET'S WELCOME OUR NEWEST CHAMPIONS

Last month, we held our much-anticipated two-day Senior & Super-Senior Club Championship. Against the backdrop of our course, and under fair but somewhat warm conditions, the tournament unfolded over 36 holes in competitive style.

On Day 1, the tone was set with friendly smiles and warm handshakes, but by the time the first drives launched down the fairway, serious competition began. In the end, we were honored to crown our newest champions for 2025.

Please join us in congratulating the following members:

**WOMEN'S SR. CLUB CHAMPION**  
Ms. Laura Faber with a score of 163

**WOMEN'S SUPER SR. CLUB CHAMPION**  
Kyoung (Kay) Rho with a score of 186

**MEN'S SR. CLUB CHAMPION**  
Roy Fernandez with a score of 142

**MEN'S SUPER SR. CLUB CHAMPION**  
Stephen Grubman with a score of 151

We also awarded Net Champions in each division:

**WOMEN'S SR. NET CLUB CHAMPION**  
Lory Vasko with a score of 147

**WOMEN'S SUPER SR. NET CLUB CHAMPION**  
Susan Bishop with a score of 144

**MEN'S SR. NET CLUB CHAMPION**  
Bob Wissenback with a score of 138

**MEN'S SUPER SR. NET CLUB CHAMPION**  
Alan Christensen with a score of 134

The two-day format proved both demanding and rewarding mixing endurance, strategy, and calm execution. As trophies were handed out amid the applause, we all celebrated the camaraderie, fair play, and top-tier competitive golf that is such an integral part of Catta Verdera. With the bar set high, anticipation now builds toward our Club Championship which will be held on October 24-26.





T.J. Orban, PGA  
Director of Instruction

This month in place of a video, I thought I would offer a piece on how to play out of the deep rough. So, grab your weed-wacker and read along.

**1. When the ball is sitting up on top of the grass:**

Many times, the ball will come to rest perfectly perched up on top of the rough. It looks very approachable and the difficulty level seems low, so we swing normally, go right under the ball, catch it on the top groove of our club and fan it short. The way to mitigate this situation is a fairly simple technique, so long as you recognize what is happening with the lie. For this situation, we simply want to choke down on the grip towards the steel (or graphite) part of the club, a little towards the shaft. How much to choke down is entirely up to your judgment, depending on the depth of the rough and how far the ball is sitting above the solid ground. Take a normal swing from here, and you should be able to catch the ball cleanly and, in essence, pick the ball off the top of the grass. You may have to add a club, as you are shortening the shaft length, so take that into account.

**2. When the ball is sitting down in the thick stuff:**

This, in my opinion, is the tougher situation of the

two. Your ball finds the long grass and nestles down to ground level. Depending on the time of day you play (and where you're playing), the rough could be very thick, tangly, and even wet if it's early in the day. The best way to navigate this situation is as follows: put the ball back in your stance, and take a club that has enough loft to effectively cut through the thick rough. The ball will come out lower than normal, and will have much less spin, so that must be taken into account. Fairway woods are more or less out of commission for a shot like this, and even some hybrids and longer irons will have difficulty getting through to the ball, so this is very much a "take your medicine" type of situation. Advancing the ball as far as you can and living to fight another day is the goal here. The thick rough can grab your club and twist it, slow your swing momentum enough to take most of the speed out of your swing, and send the ball in any number of directions. Putting it back in the stance with a more lofted club will help ensure you get the ball up and out, and advance it down the fairway.

Try these things when you're in the cabbage out on the course, and I'm sure you'll have more success!

If you have any questions or need any clarification, as always, I'm always available for you. Thank you very much, and happy chopping!

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 month's playlist focusing on those "Fat" shots we all hit, 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





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

Once again, our Advisory Committee Meeting covered a variety of topics at our August meeting with the goal of continuing to enhance the member experience and uphold the values of our club.

Some of the most important discussions focused on the following:

- ◆ Dress Code – While this has been mentioned in multiple communications, posted throughout the club, and discussed openly in previous AC meetings, we still see a number of our members disregarding the standards of our club. The committee discussed how staff will be much more focused moving forward in addressing and enforcing this policy. And what actions might be taken for habitual offenders.
- ◆ Under Aged Children Operating Private Golf Carts – The dangers of this were discussed as we are all seeing this far too much. While the club cannot police what goes on off our property, the AC did ask that we remind everyone that to operate a private golf cart on club property, the driver must possess a valid California Driver's License. Violation of this policy may result in the loss of access for that vehicle.
- ◆ Improvements are Being Recognized – Many of our AC members are hearing positive feedback from both members and guests about the renovations and improvements going on throughout our property, both on our golf course and with the addition of a number of new team members.

As always, 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.





## **HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!**

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

Arthur Ayala

Chris Beloberk

Katie Beloberk

Bryan Bullard

Steven Chapman

Knox Clawson

Michael Coffman

Linda Countess

Matthew Ference

Jared Forman

Kylee Freeman

Cheri Gandy

Kristen Geissler

Korbi Gomes

Bill Gray

Nicholas Greenlee

Parker Reitter

Kristine A Hanson

Cole Herstam

Bradley J Hulbert

Mahmood Ismail

Heath Kastner

Levi Dean Leasure

Roger Leasure

Daniel Leman

Isaac Leman

Orion Lewis

Ron Lewis

Jack h Love

Toni Marsalla

Wendy Meagher

Sara Morrow

Gregory Nelson

Caitlin Neumann

Amy O' Flaherty

Patrick O' Flaherty

Hunter O'Brien

Timothy O'Hair

Liam O'Keefe

Jason Parker

Dero D Parker Jr.

William Paterson

Frank D Penney

Jennifer Penney

Adam Pettey

Nathan Phillips

Adrienne Rasi

Brett Reitter

Dylan Rhodes

Charlie Rodgers

Jessica Rodgers

Jessica Rodgers

Mark Savickas

Melissa Sisneros

Todd Snelgrove

John Stafford

Matt Stearn

Joe Tejada

Tanner Tucker

Cooper Vanderbeek

Del Vanderpan

Dennis Watson

Alison T Wolfe

Marston Wong

Count your life by smiles, not tears.

Count your age by friends, not years





**Jogi Choung, GCSAA Superintendent**

**FROM YOUR GCSAA COURSE SUPERINTENDENT**

It's that time of year again. Time when my team and I go out and "destroy" our greens and fairways with the much-needed aerification and overseeding process.

But there is good news this time around.

In the past, we have scheduled these projects at different times, affecting play for nearly the entire month. This fall we will be combining both tasks into one-week which will reduce recovery time and give us back even better conditions as we head into the colder months.

Previously our calendar had aerification set to take place on September 9th-10th. I am happy to say that the course will not be affected during this time now and will be open for regular play. We have now moved the aerification to coincide with the overseeding that will all take place on September 23rd-25th.

This will now close our golf course on that Tuesday and Wednesday (9/23 & 9/24). For 2025 we will also be implementing the new Dry-Ject process of aerification that leaves minimal scarring and reduces recovery time by more than 70%. I will work to communicate more as we get closer to these dates.

But first up on the course (before aerification), we will address Hole #3. As Clint mentioned in the Monday notes, we will be replacing much of the collar around the green to prevent the Bermuda from creeping in and affecting the Bent Grass in the future. This process will begin with applications being applied on Monday the 8th that will eradicate the Bermuda deep down to the base of the root. You will see these areas begin to die almost immediately, at which point we will begin the replacement process. The work should take a full week and then the grow in another 10 days, giving us perfect playing conditions by Los Compadres and the Club Championships.

Lastly, as we approach fall and winter, my team will continue to focus on the details, and how we can deliver the best possible playing experience to all of our members and guests. Thank you for the support, and never hesitate to stop me if you have any questions about what we have planned next.

## September 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Labor Day Club Open	2 Club Closed	3 Ladies' Night in Madelena's	4 TUNES on the Terrace	5 The Famous Catta Luau	6 CVWG Divas & Cougars
7 Couple's Golf Night	8	9 Advisory Committee	10	11 TUNES on the Terrace Thurs-Dates in Madelena's	12	13
14	15	16 Tee It Up Tuesday	17	18 TUNES on the Terrace	19 Wine Dinner w/ Rombauer	20 CVMC Guest Day
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### Coming in October...

- Every Thursday  
**Tunes on the Terrace**
- Wednesday, October 1st  
**Men's Guest Day**
- Wednesday, October 1st  
**Ladies' Night in Madelena's**
- Friday, October 3rd  
**Oktoberfest Beer Dinner**
- October 4th & 5th  
**Women's Solheim Cup**
- Thursday, October 9th  
**Thurs-Date Night in Madelena's**
- October 10th & 11th  
**Los Compadres**
- Tuesday, October 14th  
**Advisory Committee**
- Thursday, October 16th  
**Women's Boo Shoot**
- Friday, October 17th  
**Wine Dinner featuring ZD Wines**
- October 24th - 26th  
**Catta Club Championship**
- Friday, October 24th  
**Cigars & Bourbon Night**
- Friday, October 31st  
**Halloween Family Fun Night**



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