

NOVEMBER/WINTER 2020-2021

November 2020: the year's end is within sight! With daylight hours reduced for a few months, our daily lives may be planned around different routines: more time spent indoors, fireplaces nudged back into action and warm clothes at the front of the closet. Don't put the golf clubs away, though...

Even in the winter months there are often sunny and dry periods when you can come play nine holes. Golf shop hours are shorter now, and course access restricted to late mornings, in order to protect the greens (by allowing morning frost to dissipate.) Details are inside this newsletter.

The restaurant continues to offer delicious food five nights a week. Monday is pub night, with open seating on the deck and lounge (this may be modified as winter gets more intense). Thursday is one-plate dinner night, with reservations required for the single seating, also on the deck and lounge. Friday, Saturday and Sunday are the full dinner menu nights, with seating in the main dining room and lounge, and reservations highly advised. Details are inside this newsletter. Takeout orders that coincide with regular menus are continuing, with same-day pickup.

The bar/lounge is still basically a service-bar, with snack food available every day from 12:00 noon until 4:00pm. (At 4:00pm, seating in the lounge becomes reserved for dinner operations, five nights a week, as outlined above.) We recently added a handful of bar stools for dining in the evening, too.

What a year it's been, and, for not being able to do a number of normal things, it sure feels like we've been through a lot! It'll be strange to experience a December with no holiday celebrations. Our banquet rooms are being used for furniture storage, DJ equipment is hibernating behind screens and live music bookings and weddings are deferred indefinitely.



The pandemic continues, surging in places, but there is appearing to be a light at the end of the tunnel. If we need to make further adjustments, we'll continue communications with our members by email blast.

So, until our next newsletter in the spring of NEXT year, stay healthy, warm and safe, everyone!



MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

By Bob Russell

Since this will be our last Fore!Cast newsletter until March of 2021, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people involved who helped to keep the club operating and, in some way, made it easier for us to endure an unforgettable 2020.

Before I address our employees and their contributions to the club, I would be remiss if I didn't mention our members, both established and new. The entire club staff is very appreciative and honored that our membership trusted us to make prudent and appropriate decisions, had faith in us that we'd provide a quality product and continued to support the club during this unusual year. *A huge THANK YOU doesn't begin to do your support justice.*

Now to the Sequoia Woods Country Club staff. Superintendent Paul Watts and his entire maintenance crew did an outstanding job of keeping our golf course in exceptional playing condition all season, in spite of very challenging circumstances.

Executive Chef Ryan Niblack and his kitchen staff also did an excellent job of adjusting to the new way we had to approach food service. They immediately implemented a combined restaurant, bar and take-out menu when it became clear this was the course we needed to follow. I think everyone will agree that the dinners produced by our kitchen, regardless if they were served outdoors, in the main dining room, in the lounge or picked up for takeout, have been of excellent quality.

Restaurant/Banquet Manager Nancy Ward, in combination with the wait staff and bartenders, also adjusted extremely well to the "new normal" and provided our customers with outstanding service in all of the food and beverage areas. Nancy also spearheaded our efforts to organize and educate the clubhouse staff, which enabled us to follow the health department guidelines and covid19 protocols.

The pro shop staff of PGA Professional Bob Reichle, Chris Faria and their assistants did an exceptional job of taking care of our newly-increased volume of golfers and changing golf protocols due to the virus.

All of the other employees and staff, in all departments, performed above and beyond their normal duties to provide our members with an excellent experience this year at our club, and they deserve a universal thank you from all of us.

With all of the accolades mentioned above, I'm most impressed with how our employees dealt with the virus situation and its potential seriousness. With good judgement and responsible actions, we've managed to remain totally free of covid19 infections. As we get into winter, we'll continue to operate the club with a conservative and prudent approach; our county is currently is low-risk, but we're not going to move too quickly.

Many thanks, again, to all of our members, guests and SWCC employees for making 2020 a memorable year.

CALENDAR

Club Operations & Hours, November/Winter 2020

Golf Shop:	10:00am to 4:00pm, daily (no play before 10:00am)
Golf Carts:	Return by 4:30pm
Driving Range:	Closed until spring of 2021
Pool:	Closed until Memorial Day weekend, 2021
Bar:	Closed except for drinks with food orders, 12noon to closing (varies)
Deli:	Closed until spring of 2021
Dinner/Tables:	Monday Pub 5:00 to 7:00pm Thursday Special 5:00 check-in (single seating only) Friday & Saturday 5:00 to 9:00pm Sunday 5:00 to 8:00pm
Dinner/Take-Out:	Monday phone orders 4:00 to 7:00pm Thursday phone orders 4:00 to 6:00pm Fri-Sat-Sun phone orders 4:00 to 7:30pm



****Thanksgiving Day at SWCC****

The Golf Shop and Club house will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

The golf course will be available to members only, as follows:

- No play prior to 10:00am (frost delay may be possible)
- First-come, first-serve basis (please be courteous to others and wait for the tee box to clear)
- Walkers and private carts only (rental carts will not be available)
- Dress code policies will be required.
- Restrooms will *not* be available
- We trust that all members will be respectful, both to the golf course and to fellow members who come to play.
- The club house and golf shop will re-open on Friday November 27 (weather-permitting.)

MEMBERSHIP

Paying Your Member Account

When you write a check to pay your SWCC account balance, please include:

(1) the member account number

(2) the primary member name(s)

If you have auto-payment set up through your bank, please make sure the bank prints your SWCC member number on the checks (and be sure to update that number if you change your type of membership.)

If someone other than the primary member writes checks, it's still important to reference a primary member name or the SWCC member number. If there are two primary member names on the account, it would be helpful if they were both referenced.

Our bookkeeper, Kay Abernethy, is great at keeping us organized, but without names or numbers, the payments can't be processed.

Kay can be reached in our business office, Monday through Friday (hours vary), and she's more than happy to help: 209-795-1000 ext. 2.

Did you know?

Sequoia Woods Country Club is currently not accepting new Social Memberships, for the remainder of 2020. We hope to start taking new Social Memberships in 2021...

We Welcome Our Newest Club Members!

Barry and Shirley Cameron	Avery
Michele Fry	Murphys
John and Cindy Gustafson	Tracy
Ron and Jeanie Rinna	Dublin
Fred and Teresa Ferri	Sacramento
Dan and Kara Floriani	Santa Clara
Kevin and April Rose	Concord
Robert and Connie Bates	San Jose
Paul and Amanda Bauer	Sacramento
Wendell and Susan Hammon	Merced

TO OUR MEMBERS, REGARDING THE MT. RETREAT:

The reciprocal program between Sequoia Woods Country Club and Mt. Retreat Resort guests is currently "on hold" until further notice. Our members currently do not have access to the Mt. Retreat's indoor work-out room, pool, etc. The Mt. Retreat timeshare owners will have access to our golf course (but not our pool). We'll let you know of any future updates.



GOLF

PACE OF PLAY

- Keep pace with the group in **front**. *As long as you're keeping up with the group in front there's no need to worry what's behind.*
- When playing as a single or twosome on a busy day, be prepared for slow play. *So... Be prepared to be paired. It's for the best, and a great way to meet new friends! If you prefer to play as 1 or 2 ask the golf shop staff for appropriate times.*
- Match your tee time with your playing ability. *If you're new to the game, have a family with young children, or are just looking for a no-pressure casual round, the golf shop staff is always there to help with suggestions on appropriate times.*

COURSE CONDITIONS

- Ball Marks & Divots: *If you create a divot with an intact root system replace it or use the sand and seed provided to fill the hole. On the back 9, it's best to take the bottle with you when walking to your shot. Please repair your ball marks on the green. If you are in need of a repair tool they are available in the golf shop. As a general rule of thumb, fix your mark or divot and one or two others, if possible.*
- Sand traps. *All sand traps are provided with rakes at this time. Standard procedure is to rake your footprints and divots. For those avoiding contact, use a golf towel, glove or bring hand sanitizer. We all benefit from a well-maintained sand trap.*

GOLF CARTS

- Any person driving a golf cart must have a valid driver's license.
- All carts are cleaned and sanitized prior to use. *At this time we do ask for you to remove all personal items, garbage, score cards and pencils at the end of your round.*
- Carts are not allowed off the path on our back 9. Golfers with a handicap flag may have fairway access. **Regardless of the flag** all carts must stay at least 10 yards from all tees and greens.

Golf Shop

by Bob Reichle, Golf Professional

Golf course conditions are perfect and the fall colors have arrived. So come on up to winterize the cabin and enjoy a couple of days of perfect golfing weather.

Don't be surprised when booking morning tee times that, upon arrival, we may be subject to a frost delay. Coffee is always available but standing around in the cold may not be your preference, so call ahead to check on course conditions and possible delays.

We will continue to be open for play, throughout the winter months, as conditions will allow. As we get closer to late November, and the overnight and daytime temperatures start to drop, we'll most likely close holes 14-18. This will help to protect the tees and greens that get little or no sun this time of year. If you call the golf shop during a period of golf course closure, we will leave a no-answer greeting in regards to the closure and a tentative opening date. If you require further information you may always call the main club house at 795-1000.



The Driving Range
Is Closed
Until Spring 2021

GOLF

The Sequoians-Women's 9-Hole Club

By Chris Gilbrech



Since we had a power outage on Tuesday, October 27, and SWCC was closed, our last day of golf for the Sequoians was Tuesday, October 20, 2020.

Our Board would like to summarize the winners of our

monthly awards for this season, and congratulate these members for their achievements:

Charm Girl Low Net

June	Dorris Luty
July	Cyndie Hawkins, Carol Hoenisch
August	Sandra Brown
September	Nancy Harrington
October	Kathy Enea

Most Improved Player:

July	Cyndie Hawkins
August	Pat Hjelmhaug
September	Kathy Enea
October	Kathy Enea

We all look forward to a more normal golfing season in 2021.



Protocols for Reciprocal Golf Play

When planning to play at other private golf facilities, here are some guidelines to get you started:

#1: Call the other golf facility first and let them know you are a member of a private club and are interested in reciprocating with their club.

#2: Verify that they will in fact reciprocate with our facility, and ask what days and times are available, whether you can bring guests, what are the dress code requirements and what can you expect to pay in fees.

#3: Generally at this point they will ask for a call from your Head Golf Professional to set it up. The staff at the SWCC golf shop will be happy to take over from here and make that call.

#4: During the winter months, when our facility is closed and you need a call from us to set up a reciprocal round, just leave a message on our golf shop phone (209-795-2141). We check for messages every -other-day and will get back to you as soon as poss.

By following these steps ahead of time we can eliminate the frustration of "phone-tag" scenarios. There are many great private clubs out there, so take advantage of the benefits of being a member at Sequoia Woods!

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Men's Club News

by Bernie Tillotson, President

Here we are at the end of our 2020 Men's Club season. It's been quite a year, yet we still enjoyed some great golf and camaraderie.

We concluded the season with two tournaments in October. The Blue lake Cup was played on October 8, and we finished with the annual Turkey Shoot on October 18. Both tournaments had record turn outs, with over 56 players participating. Congratulations to the winners.

We also held our annual election for the 2021 officers, and the following new members were voted into office: Kai Chung, Art Goldman and Jeff Gardner. I would like to take a minute to thank the retiring officers for all their work this past year, and let them know it was a pleasure to serve with them. Your retiring officers are Erik Nissen – Secretary, Sid Gilbrech – Ringer Board, & me Bernie Tillotson as President. Alan Court will be taking over as President and your new Board will be meeting in November to set plans for the 2021 season.

As this is my last official newsletter column as President. I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to all of you for putting up with me and allowing me to serve for these past 3 years. The time has really gone by quite quickly and I have enjoyed every bit of it. Thanks again for your support and I look forward to playing with you next season.

'See you on the course.

GOLF HOURS FOR NOVEMBER

(weather-permitting)

- Golf Shop and course will be open from 10:00am to 4:00pm daily (weather permitting)
- No play is permitted before 10 am.
- Tee times can be made two weeks in advance by calling 795-2141.
- Please check-in 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time.
- If you must cancel a scheduled time, please help us by calling 24 hours in advance.
- Golf cars must be returned to the shop no later than 4:30pm
- Golf cars may be restricted to cart paths at certain times, with no exceptions
- Please remind your guests of our dress code policies



Be sure and visit us on Facebook!



GOLF

Women's 18-Hole Club

by Sharon Tussy, Captain

Another great golf season is drawing to a close. While we didn't have an awards banquet this year, we do have one final award-winner to celebrate: our club's Most Improved Golfer! Congratulations to Dot Atchison, the winner for 2020! Dot is a repeat winner, as she was also our Most Improved Golfer of 2019. Dot wins a \$100 gift card of her choice and a custom embroidered golf towel. Please everyone give Dot a virtual round of applause on her wonderful achievement.

I want to personally express my thanks to all our SWWGC members that stepped forward in 2020 to serve as officers, on the board or as tournament chairs. First thanks to our retiring board members, Tina Campen and Pam Levine. The majority of our officers and board are returning for another year – Sharon Tussy as Captain, Cindy Gibbs as Co-Captain and Rules, Secretary Barb Mehan and Treasurer Kayleen Clemens. Thanks to all these ladies for their hard work in 2020 and for taking another ride around the sun in 2021.

We would also like to welcome our two additional board members, Karen Chu and Sharon Croswell. For those of you that may be new to Sequoia Woods or have been here for years and have been considering playing organized ladies golf, please give me a call at 209-484-7634. We have a fun group of ladies and lots of social and golf activities (in non-Covid years!) and we would love to have you be part of our group. You can also find information on the Sequoia Woods website, under Golf > Women's 18 Hole Club.

Enjoy our remaining days of sunshine and let's hope for a rainy and wet winter. Until next year!



Members and Guests:

Please remember, you must have a valid driver's license in order to operate a golf cart.

Thank you for your cooperation!

FOOD & DRINK

THE RESTAURANT AT SEQUOIA WOODS

fall 2020 menu

SMALL PLATES

- GRILLED FLATBREAD "PIZZA" w/bacon, apples, blue cheese, mozzarella and arugula 13.
TOGARASHI-SPICED CALAMARI with a chili glaze and garlic aioli 14.
P.E.I. MUSSELS with wine, orange juice, tomatoes and grilled bread 16.
CRISPY BRUSSEL SPROUTS w/bacon, capers, walnuts and a red wine-honey vinaigrette 12.
SEARED CARPACCIO with horseradish sauce, parmesan, pickled shallots and arugula 12.
FRENCH ONION SOUP with gruyere, crostini 10.
SOUP OF THE DAY 6.
BABY ICEBERG WEDGE with point Reyes blue cheese, bacon, roasted tomatoes; blue cheese dressing 8.
MIXED GREENS with blue cheese, candied walnuts and a red-wine vinaigrette 7.
PETITE ROMAINE salad with parmesan, croutons and a caesar vinaigrette 7.
Add grilled chicken to any salad above + 8. Add grilled salmon to any salad above + 13.

LARGER PLATES

- PAPPARDELLE PASTA with rock shrimp, sundried tomatoes, leeks and a lemon tarragon cream sauce 24.
GRILLED SALMON with citrus beurre blanc, fennel jam and barbeque carrots 30.
PARMESAN-CRUSTED PORK CHOP with red potatoes, arugula and a whole grain mustard cream sauce 27.
PAN-SEARED FILET MIGNON, 8oz., with roasted fingerling potatoes, a mushroom-tomato bordelaise sauce and herb cheese 34.
GRILLED RACK OF LAMB with a red wine mint glaze, crispy spinach and mashed potatoes 34.
CHEESEBURGER house-ground beef, caramelized onions, green onion aioli and choice of cheddar or swiss cheese; with fries 18. (add bacon: +1.00)
FRIED CHICKEN SANDWICH with slaw, spicy mayo and fries 15.

Friday and Saturday special (as quantities last):

- ROASTED PRIME RIB with stuffed baked potato (bacon, cheddar & sour cream)
14 OZ. 33. 10 OZ. 28.

EXECUTIVE CHEF: RYAN NIBLACK

We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. A 20% gratuity will be added on groups of eight or more
Corkage: twelve-fifty (12.50) per 750 ml bottle Split meal charge: six dollars (6.) Sorry, no split salads.
Serving Fri.-Sat.-Sun. evenings; reservations advised (795-1000 x 1) All items are available for takeout (795-1000 x 6)

FOOD & DRINK

The Restaurant

795-1000 ext. 1 (calls taken daily after 12noon)
open for dinner, currently serving outdoors
hours: Friday & Saturday 5:00-9:00pm
Sunday 5:00-8:00pm



Don't forget to phone ahead for a reservation

Takeout Available, Fri-Sat-Sun:
795-1000 ext. 6 (takeout calls taken after 4pm)

The Lounge

795-1000 ext. 1

cocktails, beer and wine daily
with food orders
taken outdoors or to-go.



Seating indoors (seating on heated deck when
weather permitting)

Monday Pub Food: 5:00-7:00pm*

Thursday Special Dinner: 5:00pm*

***Takeout Available, Mon. & Thur.:**
795-1000 ext. 6 (takeout calls taken after 4pm)

The Deli...

795-1000 ext. 101

**NOW CLOSED UNTIL
SPRING 2021**



Thursday Dinner In The Lounge

November 5

Prime Rib
Roasted Red Potatoes
Fresh Veggie
Garlic Bread
\$18.00

November 12

Chicken Cacciatore
Chef's Polenta
Caesar Salad
Garlic Bread
\$14.00

November 19

Maple-Glazed Roast Pork Loin
Mashed Sweet Potatoes
Fresh Veggie
Garlic Bread
\$14.00

November 26

No Dinner
Happy Thanksgiving

Check-in by 5:00pm
Food served 5:30pm
Reservations required
795-1000 ext. 1