



## Happy Holidays! (almost)

### Double your Pleasure, Double your Fun!

Here's a couple of ideas to increase your fun quotient as part of Buchanan Field Golf Club:

- ◆ **Invite your friends to join the club.** The more the merrier. Just look at what Linda Gabriel did, she brought in friends as new members which has made the club stronger and more interesting.
- ◆ **We need your help making out the teams.** You can help in many ways including helping collect the money or checking to see what number that player ranks in at (1 for best and up to 6). This information is listed in our starter book. If you would like to make out teams, sit with the person making out teams so they can give you an on the job training. We only have about 5 that can do it now and we want to rotate this job.
- ◆ **Always remember that side bets are optional.** If you don't think your group is competitive, just tell your team captain you are opting out of side bets. No harm, no foul.
- ◆ **Repair divots.** This is our home club and greens without divots are more fun to play on.



### Club Christmas Party!!



Concord Moose Lodge  
1805 Broadway St, Concord

Dec 1 🌟 5:30–10pm

Cost: \$10 members \$15 guest

Mark your calendar for this year's holiday party at the Concord Moose Lodge. Last year's premiere event was a great success!

And once again we will be having our silent auction, so we are looking for donations for this event. Items can be golf related (balls, gloves, gently used/new clubs, training gadgets etc.)...**or not!** We will combine items to make up "baskets" or gift bags. Baked goods were also very popular last year.

Faye has volunteered to put the auction packages together and create auction sheets. But time is needed to do this!

You can start giving items to Pat Brown now, but try to have items in no later than November 17. For baked goods just let Pat and Fay know what you will be bringing so a sheet can be made up.

**It's going to be a PARTY!!**



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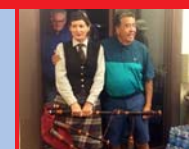
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## Member Spotlight Ed Baldwinson

Ed has been a member of the BFGC since 2000 which is when he took up the game of golf. During his time with BFGC he served as either president or vice-president for 7 years. The accomplishment he is most proud of during his tenure was bring the club back to a sound financial footing with the help of Stan Lindberg as his treasurer. Currently we are grateful for his helping with making up teams on our days of play. Ed usually plays golf about 3 times a week, but he has still not made that elusive hole-in-one. His time will come. Currently he finds the 18-hole course he enjoys most is Diablo Creek.

Ed was born in London a whopping 13lbs 2oz. At 17 he became a tool making apprentice then joined the British army being deployed to Hong Kong. Upon return to civilian life he continued his apprenticeship and attended college in London. Ed started with 3M in 1964 in the UK as a sales man and retired after 32 years as their European Training and Development Manager in 1996. Ed met his wife Margaret in junior high school. At that point they took different paths but reconnected in 1992 and then in 1998 Ed moved to the States to marry Margaret.

Ed is an avid tennis fan and has enjoyed both coaching and refereeing second grade basketball. Ed finds the camaraderie and social aspects of the club to be what he enjoys most about BFGC. Thanks Ed for all you done and continue to do for our club.



## Upcoming Buchanan tournaments

—Tournament Chair Dennis Donaghu

▲ **Our October Tournament**, on Wednesday October 17, is almost upon us. This is our annual four-person team scramble at Diablo Creek, with a BBQ following at the Concord Moose Lodge. This is an 8:00am shotgun start, so be sure to be checked in by 7:30. The deadline to sign up is Saturday, October 13. Also, since this is an away tournament, payment in advance is required (\$45.00). Payment due date is also the 13th. No late signups will be taken as we have to notify the course of the number of players ahead of time. If you are signed up to play and have paid but don't show up, you will forfeit your fee. If you do not sign up as part of a team, the tournament committee will assign you to one. This has always been one of our most popular tournaments so you will not want to miss it. This year, the BBQ will be handled by the Concord Moose Lodge which will make it much easier for the players and volunteers that have usually helped with food preparation and setup.

▲ **Our November tournament** will be on Saturday, November 10, and will be a nine hole play your own ball event. Weather usually starts to get iffy by that time, but as with all tournaments, it will go on rain or shine unless the course is unplayable.

▲ **Our December tournament**, on Saturday, December 15, will be our annual Reindeer Roundup. This is a three-person team event with each player responsible for scores on three designated holes. The team member with the lowest handicap will be responsible for scoring on holes 1, 4, and 7. And the highest handicap player on the team for holes 3, 6, and 9. The player who is responsible for a hole must wear reindeer antlers while playing the hole. Each player in turn will wear the antlers for each of their three holes. The team score will consist of the total of the three designated holes for the three players. Players will play all nine holes and their scores will be posted by the tournament committee. A Reindeer Roundup cake will be served after completion of the tournament. Don't miss this fun event.

## Calendar of Events

<b>Oct 17</b>	Diablo Creek 4-person scramble and lunch at Moose Club
<b>Nov 10</b>	Turkey Shoot
<b>Dec 15</b>	Reindeer Roundup
<b>Dec 1</b>	Holiday Party at the Moose Club in Concord (5:30pm). \$10 for members or \$15 for guests.

## Courtesy alert!

At every tournament we have had players **signed** up who have failed to **SHOW** up. This creates problems for the tournament committee as scorecards and flight sheets are preprinted ahead of time. If you sign up to play and are not able to, please notify Carl (368-9500), Dennis (381-2667), or Allen (820-3623) as soon as possible, even if it is on the day of the tournament. The earlier you let us know, the better chance we have of correcting cards and flights.

We are also wasting valuable time waiting for no-shows to sign in and pay their hole-in-one fee. Calling is a courtesy that will be greatly appreciated!



## Rules changes are a-coming!

A multi-year effort by the USGA & R&A to modernize Golf's Rules came to fruition earlier this year with the publication of the new Rules of Golf effective January 1, 2019. The Rules were condensed from 34 rules down to 24 and are written in a more modern style that is easier to read and understand.

### Among the major changes...

1. You will no longer be penalized if you move your ball while searching for it. Previously it was a 1-stroke penalty if you moved your ball during search. Also, any accidental movement of the ball on the putting green is not penalized as long as you put the ball back.
2. If your ball in motion accidentally hits you or your caddie, or you hit the ball more than once during a stroke, there is no longer a penalty.
3. You don't have to remove the flagstick when putting. There will no longer be a penalty if a putt from the green hits the flagstick. Also on the green, you will be able to repair spike marks, animal damage and other imperfections on the green except for natural imperfections. Also, there will no longer be a penalty if you touch your line of putt or touch the putting green while pointing out a target.
4. When you have to drop a ball when taking relief, the ball will be dropped from knee height. Currently, it is from shoulder height with your arm extended.
5. You will be able to ground your club in a penalty area (the new name for water hazards) and move loose impediments in a penalty area without penalty.
6. If you find your ball in a bunker, you can now declare it unplayable and under penalty of two strokes take it out of the bunker. You can also ground your club in a bunker as long as it is not immediately in front of or behind your ball.
7. The time to search for a lost ball has now been reduced from 5 to 3 minutes in an effort to speed up play. Also, the rules now encourage players to play ready golf and to play every shot within 40 seconds.

There are other changes as well, but those are the highlights. If you want to learn more, go to the USGA website at <http://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules-hub/rules-modernization/golfs-new-rules.html>

I will also be conducting a new rules seminar at Contra Costa Country Club on Tuesday, November 28th beginning at 6pm. If you are interested in attending, please let me know. Hopefully we will have the new Players Edition to the Rules of Golf available for handout, but I'm not certain about that.

You can also order a rule book from the USGA: <https://www.usgapublications.com/collections/rules-of-golf-2019> The books are free, but you do have to pay for shipping.

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## Membership news

Effective October 14, 2018, the club will begin accepting new membership applications and renewal payments for the 2019 year. New members will owe \$89 and must complete a 2019 membership application form. Renewing members will owe \$79—no membership application is needed. Just send us the check.

Junior members will owe just \$18. We will make these rates effective 10/14/18 through 12/15/18. Renewals after that date will require an additional payment of \$5. If you have not renewed by January 2, 2019 your name will be dropped from the NCGA database. Reinstatement after that date can be made upon paying the \$89 charge.

### Welcome to our newest members...

Linda Jinks	Lynda Thacker
John Garcia	Julie Sullivan
John Diaz	Chase Newton
Laura Moreau	Larry Curtin
Paul Lininger	Tim Chatman

## Are you a Moose?

Our Club picnic after the October tournament will be at the Moose Lodge in Concord. Please let us know if you are currently a Moose member as we will get a better price if we can have at least eight club members who belong. We currently have six.



The members who belong say that it is well worth it as the Moose has many events and the drink prices are very reasonable. They often have Saturday dinner and live bands on Saturdays for as little as \$15, which includes your dinner and music! It's located minutes from our club and is a good place to hang out.

If you have any questions, you can ask our current members who belong and say it is a good value. They are:

Brad Lee	Terry Estrada
Fred Arras	George Vignolo
John Crawford	Gary Paul



AND to make it even easier to find rules during play, you can download an app for the USGA Rules of Golf 2019 from the App Store (for iPhones). There is undoubtedly one for other phones, too.





## TOURNAMENTS ON THE ROAD!

### Another great Fall Classic!

We just completed another great outing, 12th annual, to Monterey and Pacific Grove. There were 34 golfers, enough to have a shotgun start at Pacific Grove on Tuesday, our departure day, and 46 people participating in this year's activities. We think this turned out to be a very successful and fun trip.

Most participants arrived on Sunday for the Monday/Tuesday Tournament. We had a welcome meeting on Sunday with appetizers and door prizes. We usually get a number of door prizes from the Buchanan golf course but did not this year. This void was more than made up by the generosity of our members who contributed gifts to be given out. This was supplemented by purchased gifts and five \$20 cash envelopes. I want to thank the following individuals who made contributions: Mark Hoag, Terry Estrada, Carl Thorsten, Buzz Mariani, Chuck White, Jim Kenna, and Paul Merrill. Then 25 of us went on to dine at Fandangos in Pacific Grove. A little pricey but great food and service.

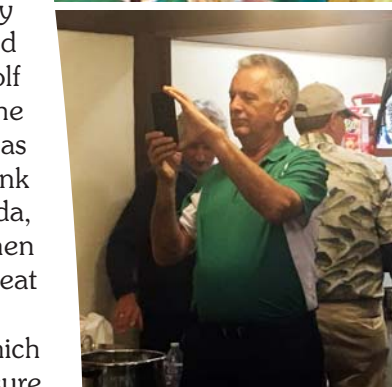
We started on Monday with a later tee time of 11:30am (not a shotgun) which allowed some to come in that morning. Only three drove in that day so not sure we will do that again. We also organized a buffet dinner at the lodge on Monday after golf and had some wonderful dishes and side dishes. I need to thank Suzie, Ester and Derald for helping out and making this buffet dinner a success. Susie provided some appetizers and a number of delicious desserts. Ester helped prepare and present the dishes, and Derald was a life-saver by providing much needed pots and pans for the prep work. Geoff Goselin made some delicious pulled pork which was served on a warm flour tortilla with a number of sauces.

I told everyone to be ready for a surprise at 7pm and contracted with Missy, a female bagpiper. In part, we did this to pay our respects for Frankie Gates who had just passed away a few days prior. Missy was wonderful and was loved by all. Some of our golfers got emotional and the spirit of love and fellowship was very evident.

We then played Pacific Grove on Tuesday and paid out the winners at the restaurant. We had 4 flights, and paid 50% or more in each flight. We also paid first and second places on all par 3s (Closest to the hole). In addition, we paid first and second overall winners in each flight.

This event took a lot of planning and would not have been possible without the help of my wife, Kathy, who did the computer work and kept the money records, plus dealt with the hotel to ensure we had the correct number of rooms etc. I also received support from Stan Lindberg, George Vignolo and Terry Estrada as they sanity-checked and took care of the tournament rules. And thanks to John and April Crawford and Derald Clearwater for helping clean up and clear out the lodge's meeting room on Wednesday morning. Everyone found a way to help out and that was very much appreciated. Fun but exhausting!

—Fred Arras, Monterey Guru





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### Do you know what a son-in-law ball is?

**Reno 2018 was the Year of the Trophy!** From a Silver Trophy at each cocktail reception table setting where Pat Case was excited to win \$20 when hers had the Lucky Green Dot...to celebrating the Morgan Silver Anniversary...to the Silver Tees at Wolf Run and finishing with The Reveal of the Buchanan Silver Cup Trophy.

Lakeridge provided the backdrop for Allen Snow to win the Putting Trophy. Rodney Dangerfield returned as our target at Wolf Run to challenge us to the Accuracy Drive where guest Bob Silva won his trophy with a 40 yard laser shot that almost cut Rodney in half

From a laser shot to a laser putter donated by Don Laviolette, this year's raffle was like Christmas in June with many of the prizes coming from our holiday party donated by Paul Davis. Also many thanks "fore" other prize donations from George Hall and all, including Mark Hoag, Terry Estrada and our guest Larry Danielson who got in the holiday spirit by donating several pairs of lady golf shoes. How about those stocking stuffers?

Concluding the Awards Dinner, Faye Donaghu was applauded as our Ladies Overall Champion and Mark Hoag for the men. They will be forever immortalized with the first names on our Buchanan Silver

Cup Trophy which was secretly rolled out and announced by Alan Case. The Silver Cup Trophy is a work in progress that will represent multiple Club events such as the Fall Classic (2018 winners were Terry Estrada and Yvonne Morgan) and Club Championship. To be determined is a place at Buchanan Fields where it can be on display at all times.

Now, a son-in-law ball is when you get a golf shot that turns out a whole lot better than you ever thought it would be. So, come join us for The 2019 Reno Invitational, Sunday June 2 to Wednesday June 5 with golf at Somersett for the first time and old friend, Red Hawk to help us make it a whole lot better than you ever thought it would be!

—Geoff Goselin,  
Reno Master



## Remembering Frankie...



In loving memory of Frankie Gates  
July 14, 1943—September 19, 2018

Our beloved Frankie, the first woman in our club and on the board of directors, passed away after a long battle with cancer. A celebration of her life will be held Saturday, October 20, 1–5pm, at the Lafayette Veterans Memorial Building in Lafayette (3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd). ***She will be missed!***

