



## August 2017 Newsletter



### A full field of players was ready to tee it up at the Glo Ball Tournament July 7 **Lights out for Glo Balls on at the Fairgrounds**

A full field – and then some – was on hand for the Fairgrounds Glo Ball Tournament July 7.

Originally planned for nine foursomes, we expanded the field to 44 players and the result was that more people were able to have a lot of fun and play some golf.

First place went to the **Stephen Hammerle** team that included **Nick Rovetti, Kyle Messer, Daryl Drake** and Hammerle. The team was 8-under-par overall, 5-under for the Glo Ball portion of the competition.

The enthusiastic turnout – we had a waiting list -- prompted us to consider another tournament, tentatively Sept. 8, and possibly one in October. When asked if his team will be back to defend its title, Hammerle said “that’s the plan.”

### **Coming up . . .**

**Fall Junior Golf League:** The league runs Sept. 6 through Oct. 28, Wednesdays from 4-5:30 p.m. Cost is \$199 per junior for the eight-week program, or \$175 each for multiple siblings. The league is for ages 6-15 with juniors learning golf skills and playing competitive rounds on the course in a learning environment.

**Ladies Golf Class:** Scheduled Sept. 6-Oct. 4, Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Cost is \$100 per person for the five-week program. A good environment for beginners and intermediates, class members will go over a golf rule and golf skill at each session.

For details or to sign up, contact [danielstewartgolf@ymail.com](mailto:danielstewartgolf@ymail.com)



## ***We will be closed but we will still be busy***

Fairgrounds Golf Course will be closed after play Sunday, July 30, but we will be back open and ready for you on Monday, Aug. 21. The Sonoma County Fair runs Aug. 3-13 although horse racing will be offered for three weeks, until Aug. 20.

During the closure, our maintenance crew will be busy with a lot of projects to make our already outstanding course even better for you. Come on back Aug. 21 and check it out and let us know what you think.

As usual, our staff will be aerating all greens, including the putting green and practice greens. If you thought our greens were good *before* the Fair, check them out after we re-open.

Additionally, we will be working to renovate tees, which take a beating during regular play. Several tees – Nos. 1, 3, 6, 8 and 9 – will get special attention with tee boxes leveled and then re-sodded.

We will be busy touching up various parts of the course, practice area and pro shop. When we re-open Aug. 21, be on the lookout for new merchandise.

## ***Good effort at NCGA event***

We may be a small course but our four-person team turned in a big performance at the recent NCGA Regional Zone Champion in the Monterey area.

The team of **Shawn Chase, Jon Johnson, Mark Sawyer** and **Denny Spero** finished seventh in a field of 25 teams, 13 shots back of the winners, who happened to be from one of our other courses, Healdsburg GC.

The team played Quail Lodge and Poppy Hills, with Johnson turning in a superb effort, shooting 79 at Quail Lodge and 80 at Poppy Hills. Format was using the top two out of the four net scores on each holes to figure a team score.

With Fairgrounds closed for the Sonoma County Fair, the club will be hitting the road in August. Road trips include Sebastopol GC Aug. 5, Healdsburg Aug. 12 and McInnis Park in San Rafael Aug. 19.

The first weekend we are back open, the club will hold its third of four majors, the Two-Person Championship Aug. 26-27.

The final major of the season is later in the year, the Club Championship, which will help determine the Fairgrounds Golf Club "Player of the Year."

## ***Golf Club looks for more women members***

It's called the Fairgrounds Golf Club, NOT Fairgrounds Men's Club, because we have two women on the club roster, including longtime member **Gloria Murray**, recent winner of the Memorial Tournament, one of the club's four annual majors.

In the past, especially before the course was closed for two years while the turf race track was being installed in 2005-2007, there were more women on the club roster and we'd love to get some of them back and add some new ones.

If you think you might like to spend a few hours Saturday morning with a fun group of golfers, check with the pro shop and we will provide you with the information.



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