



December 2017 Newsletter



Amy Hagen our choice for 2017 Fairgrounds 'Golfer of the Year'

You can find Amy and her friends at Fairgrounds, rain or shine . . .

Amy Hagen is a familiar face at the Fairgrounds

Amy Hagen hadn't played golf since she was in college, but returned to the links about 10 years ago, and we're glad she did.

Amy, a former teacher as well as a real estate agent, can be seen at least once a week – usually more than that – at Fairgrounds GC, often playing with friends **Gloria Bennett** and **Jim Cronin** although she sometimes comes out by herself.

"I love playing at Fairgrounds," says the 82-year-old Amy, our "2017 Fairgrounds GC Golfer of the Year." "It's always in good shape, allows me to get in some exercise with friends and doesn't cost me an arm and a leg."

She got back into golf when she decided to introduce her grandkids to the game 10 years ago. They didn't stick with it but Amy did. "They were more interested in just hitting it as hard as they could, but I realized I really enjoyed playing again."

A roller-skating friend of Amy's introduced her to his wife, Gloria, who also had gotten away from the game. They started playing at the 9-hole Washoe course in Cotati. "I had heard about Fairgrounds about five years ago, and we discovered it when the Cotati course closed down," said Amy, who lives in Sebastopol.

Gloria, who lives in St. Helena, and Amy added Cronin a few years ago, and they have been a fixture at Fairgrounds, which she calls "perfect . . . it fits my game."





The Fairgrounds GC Fall Development Junior League used an eclectic scoring system where golfers can improve on individual scores on each hole each week, a good format to focus on progress and results at the same time.

A few thoughts from pro Daniel Stewart

“The year 2017 has been an interesting one to say the least. It was definitely not a normal year with what we as a community faced in early October. However, what came out of it was an important reminder of how strong our community actually is when facing such devastation.

“As many of you know, The Fairgrounds was used as one of the main evacuation centers for the fires, and to see all the donations, helping hands, and constant support to those who have lost so much was encouraging beyond belief. I can honestly say I have never been more proud of our community.

“As a family-run business, we would also like to extend our deepest condolences to our customers who lost their homes. There are a few families that come to mind when writing this and we hope to help out in any way possible going forward.

“As far as this past year goes, it definitely was a transition year for myself. I have been working at our sister course, McInnis Park, in San Rafael. The transition should be complete by spring as I will be there full-time. However, I will still be around to teach my past students throughout the winter and can always make times available even when I'm in Marin full-time since I will still be living locally in Sonoma County.

“Operations will be in good hands as many of you have met Jordan Berby. I am sure you will all be happy with him as he continues to grow as a golf instructor.

“The past five years have been an awesome experience for me and I'd like to thank our customer base for making The Fairgrounds Golf Course such a great place to be a part of . . . Hit ‘em straight!”



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