



November 2017 Newsletter



2017 Club Champion
Javier Luna

The 2017 Club title went to a familiar face in the year's last event

Javier Luna came on strong and held on Sunday to take title

Club champ took an early lead and kept it . . .

Javier Luna has been known to put two good rounds of golf together, and that's what it took for him to capture the Fairgrounds Club Championship last month.

Javier shot scores of 60-63—123 to claim the title, after he and **Jon Johnson** entered Sunday's final round tied for the top spot.

Jon, who has won six club majors – one Club Championship -- and has been runner-up seven times, got off to a rough start with a double-bogey on the first hole and fell three strokes back when Javier birdied No. 2.

Jon got within two but double-bogeyed No. 9 to go six strokes down, adding "I had visions of making a fantastic comeback but it wasn't in the cards . . . I birdied No. 18 and Javier bogeyed so the three-stroke wasn't as close as it looked . . . he shot 63 and bogeyed the last three holes." Javier said "the golf gods were on my side."

Jon finished strong, hitting his tee shot on No. 18 only 10 inches from the cup for a birdie to edge **Shawn Chase** for second-place money. There were two flights in the 14-player field with **Greg Varley** winning the second flight (15 handicap and over) with a 152 and **Jim Neal** second at 154.



Sawyer captures Player of the Year honors

Mark Sawyer (low net, first flight in the Club Championship) finished the season with 218 points to claim Player of the Year honors, with **Gloria Murray** at 209.5; Chase 203.5; Varley 194, and **Pat Knittel** 192.

Based on tournament scores, Luna (club champ), Varley (low gross, second flight), Sawyer and **Bill Clarke** (low net, second flight) will represent the club in the 2018 NCGA Zone Championships in Monterey next year.

Two-way tie in Fairgrounds Glow Ball event

Tony and Mark Frakes, Kyle Buckhorn and Greg Tognoli combined for a 9-hole score of 2-under 27 to tie **Shawn and Eric Pedersen, Dylan Ortiz and Chris Willover** for first place, the winner determined by taking scores from the hardest handicap hole.

The Frakes, Buckhorn and Tognoli came from a tournament waiting list but obviously the wait was worth it.

Sonoma County Strong Fundraiser Nov. 18

Fairgrounds GC wants to express our heart-felt thoughts and prayers to those affected by the fires in Northern California. We want to also help out those families with a day of raising funds for them on Saturday, Nov. 18.

During open play (7 a.m.-4:30 p.m.), a portion of your green fees will be donated with regular weekend fees in effect.

A silent auction table will be open all day, closing at the start of the final Glow Ball event of the year. Prizes include local golf outings and some luxurious vacations.

There will be a barbecue from noon- 5:30 p.m., including hamburger and hot dogs with side dishes and drinks. Meals cost \$5 and are included with Glow Ball round.

The Glow Ball Tournament includes nine holes of golf, range balls and dinner. There will be no tee prize so more funds can be donated to the fire victims.

The format will be a four-person scramble with check-in at 5 p.m. and a shotgun start to follow. Prizes will go to first-, second- and third-place teams.

You must sign up in advance for the Glow Ball Tournament. You can do that as a team or be paired up with golfers to who sign up as singles. You can email us your name (and team members where appropriate) and include a phone number and credit card number to reserve your place in the event.

Our email is sonomacountyfggc@gmail.com You can also call the pro shop (707-284-3520) or sign up in the pro shop. The field tends to fill up early.

Proceeds go to the Redwood Credit Union, which will give 100 percent of funds to those affected by the fires.

Fairgrounds Golfer for 2017

It's getting to be that time of year when we take a look back at those who played at our course in 2017 as come up with our annual Golfer of the Year.

Past winners include Fred Walsh (2014), John Kennedy (2015) and Pieter Spaan and Bill Davies (2016). If you have any suggestions for this year, let us know.



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