



August 2018 Newsletter



Will McIlroy (left) and Shawn Chase combined to capture the third Fairgrounds Golf Club major this season, the 2-person best-ball tournament in late July.

Will closing in on FG Club Grand Slam

In the long history of the Fairgrounds Golf Club, no member has ever won the “Grand Slam” in the same year. In fact, no member has even won a career grand slam although a few players have captured three of the four majors over the years.

But **Will McIlroy** is on the verge of being the first to win the four majors in a single season after partnering with **Shawn Chase** to win the 2-person best-ball event in late July to go with victories in the Match Play and Memorial tournaments. One event remains, the Club Championship that is scheduled in late September.

Will and Shawn combined for a 21-under-par score of 95 to edge **Bill Clarke** and **Gary McClernan** (98) with **Jon Johnson** and **Denny Spero** third (103).

On Sunday, Clarke and McClernan took an early 3-stroke lead, but Chase – who shot a 59 -- and McIlroy, led by what Will called “Shawn’s clutch putting,” took the lead on the back nine.

“I look forward to going for the true grand slam,” said Will, an 11-handicapper and a winemaker. “Assuming I can get away at harvest time.”

Javier Luna and **Gary Poffenholz** won the 2-person event in 2017.





Golfers will be replaced by horses as the Sonoma County Fair takes over Aug. 2-12. The golf course was closed July 29, re-opens Aug. 14.

We'll be back soon . . .

The 2018 Sonoma County Fair runs Thursday, Aug. 2, through Sunday, Aug. 12.

Unlike past years, there is one less week of horse racing, which means one less week for our outstanding maintenance crew to work on the course.

Nonetheless, we will be aerating greens as usual, including the practice and putting greens, and also working on tees and bunkers as well other projects and doing our usual daily maintenance when it comes to watering and mowing.

We planned on closing the course and driving range at the end of play Sunday, July 29, and plan to re-open early Tuesday, Aug. 14.

We like to think our course is in as good or better condition than most layouts in the area, and this break gives us a chance to maintain that reputation. Unlike 18-hole courses which can close 9 holes to aerate, etc., this two-week period is our only real chance to keep things the way we want them for our golfers.

So while we will miss having you play a round or work on your game at the range, we hope you come back Aug. 14 or soon after to see what we've done.

Glow Ball continues . . .

We have two more Glow Ball tournaments this year, a 2-person scramble Sept. 28 and a 4-person scramble Oct. 26 . . . there will be a "best costume" contest Oct. 26. Check-in is 6 p.m. with a shotgun start at 6:30 . . . 9 holes are played in daylight and the final 9 in the dark. Cost to enter is \$40, and includes your 18-hole round, range balls, tee prizes, hot dog, chips and soda or water. Prizes go to the first-, second- and third-place teams. To sign up your team or to be paired with a partner, contact the pro shop (284-3520) and give us the names of your group, a phone number and credit card information to reserve your spot. Or you can sign up and provide the necessary information at the Pro Shop.



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