



## *January 2025 Newsletter*



### *Toby and friends, an annual tradition . . .*

**Toby Vaughn** likes to bring a large group – about 36 or so – of his friends to Fairgrounds GC early on Thanksgiving Day for a little golf – they tee off in foursomes using a shotgun start on all nine holes.

Toby's been doing it for a long time. He and friend **Dion Noonan** "just started playing with our kids," explains Toby. "Now it's all our friends."

This event recently celebrated its 17<sup>th</sup> year coming to Fairgrounds. "It's a tradition now," says Toby . . . that's why we keep coming back." And we at Fairgrounds are glad to see them every Thanksgiving.

***Happy New Year 2025 !!!***





***Rain, what rain ?***  
**Kevin Belew, one of our annual weekday card-holders, didn't let that heavy rainstorm in late 2024 keep him from playing nine holes . . .and despite the very wet conditions, Kevin says he still managed to card a 4-over-par 33 . . .**

## ***Thanks, and Happy Holidays . . .***

This time of year is so very special to us, our families, and for all the golfers here at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds Golf Course. It's a time we reflect on the past year, prepare for the upcoming year and send thanks to you folks who are a critical part of making what we do here so special. We are truly optimistic about 2025 and excited about all of us enjoying the future here at the Fairgrounds. On behalf of all of us, we want to wish each and every one of you and yours the merriest and most blessed holiday season. May the New Year bring you every joy and success possible.

Very Respectfully  
The staff here at the Fairgrounds Golf Course.

## ***It's that time of year . . .***

If you plan on coming out for an early round, and you check the weather and see it's in the mid- to lower 30s, there's a good chance we have frost, which means *nobody* is allowed on the course until our superintendent **Jason Cavanaugh** says it's OK.

So, if you're wondering what conditions are like, call our Pro Shop at 707-284-3520 and we'll let you know. But even when frost shuts down the course to players for a while -- usually 8:30, sometimes a little later -- the driving range is always open -- other than Tuesday mornings when we are closed until about 9 a.m. to mow the grass.

