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# Mira Vista Golf & Country Club

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Saturday – Closed

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## Breakfast, Lunch & Bar Menu Hours

Monday – Closed

Tuesday – 11:00 AM -3:00 PM

Wednesday – 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Thursday – 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

Friday – 11:00 AM-7:00 PM

Saturday – 6:30 AM- 7:00 PM

## 9-Down Cafe

Monday – Closed

Tuesday – Sunday 9 AM - 4 PM

## Manager's Memos



Ron Svien

Dear MV Members,

I am pleased to announce that we have implemented the online payment feature through IBS. This is an ACH payment transfer format from your bank account to the Mira Vista bank account, and does not include payment via credit or debit card. Once you have completed the following steps, you will now have availability to pay your membership statement charges online.

*Go to the Mira Vista Website at [www.miravista.org](http://www.miravista.org) and Login*

*Click the Membership Tab*

*Click Your Account*

*Enter Login Name and Password*

*Click My Statements*

*Click Make A Payment*

*Enter Amount You Wish to Pay*

*Click Make A Payment With New Account*

*Enter Bank Account Number*

*Enter Bank Account Routing Number*

I want to thank all members for your dedication to MV, as a Club is not a Club without a supportive membership. We made great strides in 2015 by adding 21 “net new members” to our roster. There’s more to accomplish and we look forward to achieving a “full with a waiting list” status in 2016. Your support in member sponsorship is very important, so let’s keep rolling.

Thank you Century Golf Partners/Arnold Palmer Golf Management for your dedicated leadership and support. Your partnership with Mira Vista is truly appreciated!

Thank you Paul Elmore and Pat Carroll for your three-year Board service. It was a pleasure to work with both of you. Also, please welcome Scott Fong and Ken Mizono to the MV Board.

One final note... Thank you for contributing to the Annual Employee Holiday Fund. We are fortunate to have a tremendous staff and they greatly appreciate your generosity and support!

*Wishing all of you health, happiness, peace and prosperity in the New Year!*

*Im Memoriam*  
**Anthony Demurcurio**

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## President's Message

Bill Saner



I would like to start by wishing all our members a Happy and Prosperous New Year. I am looking forward to another successful and fun filled year for our club. First, I would like to congratulate Doctors Ken Mizono and Scott Fong for stepping up and being elected to serve on the Board of Directors. Also, I would like to acknowledge and thank Paul Elmore and Pat Carrol for their service. Paul has skillfully led us as we developed our relationship with our partner, Century Golf. His knowledge, experience and collaborative leadership style has been valuable as we tackled the challenges facing the club. Pat was passionate about creating a social environment for our members to generate more participation in planned events. For example, If you have attended a wine pairing dinner you would realize how he achieved his goal, and has given us a strong foundation to build upon. Thank you Paul and Pat!

I am looking forward to serving you in 2016 with a strong board. At our organizational meeting on December 17, 2015, the following Officers and Committee Liaisons were elected:

Bill Saner: *President*

Ed Cheslak: *Vice President; House Committee Liaison*

Mike Westall: *Treasurer; Finance Committee Chair; Planning Committee Co-Chair*

Scott Fong: *Secretary; Golf Committee Liaison*

Richard Pettler: *Planning Committee Co-Chair; Nominating Committee Chair*

Carter Strauch: *Green Committee Liaison; Grievance Committee Liaison*

Ken Mizono: *Ambassador Committee Liaison*

### **Committee Chairs:**

Finance: Mike Westall

Planning: Richard Pettler and Mike Westall

Green: Bob Hester

House: Nancy Strauch

Ambassador: Marc Guay

Grievance Committee: Kerry Gough

Looking ahead to the New Year, please mark your calendar and plan to attend the Mira Vista Annual Meeting at 7:00 PM on Thursday January 28, 2015. Dinner service will be available in the Vista Room from 5 to 7 PM. Topics will include prioritizing and funding the capital improvement program, achieving continued membership growth, monitoring course conditions, water management and long-term financial planning. There will also be a Question and Answer period with Todd Froehle, VP Century Golf Partners. Until next month, enjoy your golf and all the social events the club offers. If you or your company are planning events or fund raisers in 2016, let Mira Vista host it for you.





Membership

Alison White

Happy New Year!

Since my arrival in July there have been many learning experiences, but one thing has always remained the same – everyone is so friendly and welcoming at Mira Vista. It is an asset this club uses to its advantage when prospective members are here, and it is something I hope we can take advantage of and build on in 2016.

As we begin the New Year I'm excited to implement new strategies to grow membership including extending the Sponsorship Benefit Rewards. The program will run until *February 29, 2016*, and will provide everyone time to invite friends and family to membership. We will also continue to utilize Social Media to promote the facility and keep you updated with all that is happening. I ask that you 'Like' us on Facebook and invite your friends and family to join us on our different platforms as we continue to grow the club.

If at any time you would like to extend an invitation to a friend or family member to play Mira Vista or join you for an event, I'd be happy to host them on or off the golf course. Our **HALF DUES** in January will continue and we will also include a **complimentary locker** for up to one year for anyone who joins by **January 26, 2016**. I can be reached at [awhite@miravista.org](mailto:awhite@miravista.org) or (510) 233-7550 x1306.

Wishing you a Safe and Prosperous New Year!

## Welcome to Membership

**Bryan Fellin, Junior Executive**

Sponsor: Reuben Gibson

**Ivan Golde, Right to Own (RTO)**

Ambassador Sponsored

**Matthew, Megan, Reggie (8), West (6), and Louisa (2) Burnham, Junior Executive**

Sponsor: Wayne Huie

## Partner's Invitational Leaders

**Leader: Rose Young (2)**

**The following individuals each have one sponsored member:**

**Blair Allison**

**Richard Lee**

**Leigh Robinson**

**Reuben Gibson**

**David & Ruth Kampmann**

**Wayne Huie**

*Don't miss your chance to play PGA National on an all-expense paid trip for sponsoring in new members!*



# Mira Vista

Golf & Country Club

## Sponsorship Benefit Rewards

Sponsor in One (1) New Member by February 29, 2016  
and receive these member benefits for one full year:

- 50% Savings on Food & Beverage Purchases
- 50% Savings on Golf Car Rentals Fees
- Complimentary Golf Guest Fees

Contact Ali White, Director of Membership, at  
510-233-7550 ext. 1306 with your nominations today.

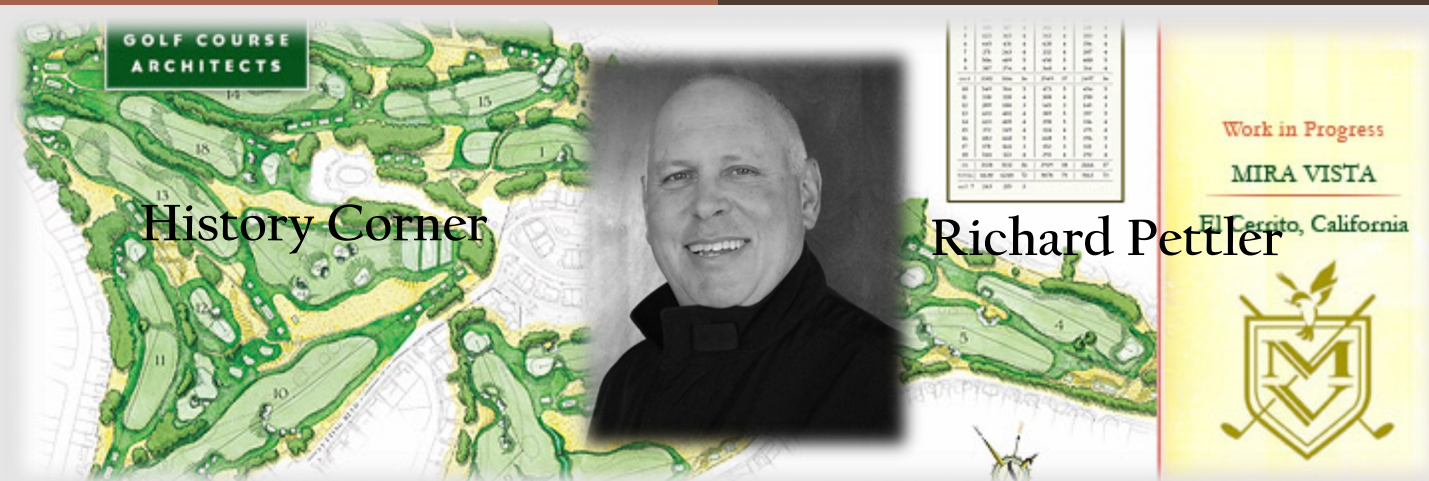
\*Discounts are not applied to guests.

\*Food & Beverage discount is applied to daily purchases from the Hunter & Bar menus. Alcohol beverages not included.

\*Benefits apply for duration of new member's continued membership and/or one year, whichever comes first.







History Corner

Richard Pettler

### Elmore's Tree

The day before the opening round of the 2012 U.S. Open, members of the National media in town for the event at the Olympic Club came out for a shotgun round at MV. The much acclaimed course restoration had only recently been completed and the opportunity to play a Robert Hunter layout was too tempting to turn down. Our group started on #9. Standing with me on the 9th tee box was our restoration architect, Forrest Richardson, and Joe Passov, Senior Editor at Golf Magazine. "Traveling Joe" surveyed the dog leg left and fairway cross bunkering that lay ahead. Turning to Forrest, his very first comment on the restoration was, "those trees (in the left rough) block the sight line to the bunkers". His was referring to two small oaks and, most notably, the "Christmas Tree" pine at the edge of the dogleg. Somewhat sheepishly, Forrest responded that his plan called for their removal but the club had yet to take them down.

In the ensuing months removal of the trees was discussed by the Board followed by a passage of a resolution authorizing their removal. Time marched on, seasons changed but still they remained in place, the victims of an overworked and understaffed greens crew.

One fine day our Club President, Paul Elmore, managed to do the impossible. His tee shot lodged in the Christmas Tree 6 or so feet above ground. Undeterred, our President thoughtfully worked out the options and resolutely decided on a course of action. After numerous practice swings and calculations he finally worked himself up for a mighty swing. Upon contact the ball launched off it's perch in the direction of the green some 150 yards up the hill. Unfortunately, the air movement created by the force of the swing carried further than the little white ball which now laid at Paul's feet! In the ensuing days, this story became topical fodder for clubhouse jokes and jests. By some strange "coincidence" (or was it Presidential prerogative?) the tree was gone within the week!

This month marks the end of Paul's term on the Board as well as his 2 year tenure as Club President. Paul successfully presided over arguably the most difficult and stressful time in the club's 95 year history. It's safe to say, that without Paul's leadership, initiative and sound judgment we would not be here to enjoy this wonderful club. He was instrumental in the sourcing and development of our relationship with Century Golf Partners as well as working through the growing pains of the transition to outside management. That said, we owe him a huge thanks for a job well done. So when you next see Paul raise a glass in gratitude and, if you have the courage, ask him what in the world happened to that tree.

Until the next time, remember to replace your divots, fix your ball marks and avoid those pesky trees.

# BINGO

Maureen Gravett

It was wonderful to see so many people on December 23<sup>rd</sup> for a delicious dinner of short ribs, salmon and ham!

53 for dinner and 43 stayed for bingo, and the \$200 coverall is still up for grabs! We had 10 bingo games, 9 door prizes, plus Ron's special 4 prizes...23 prizes for 43 people. If you like those odds, please come to our next Bingo on January 20th.

Every single table won a prize, except for Bill Wagner's table, who won a lot of prizes. The Haapala's and Fong's also had a successful evening.

Wednesday, January 20, 2016  
5:30 pm  
**BINGO**

**Bingo: 7:00 pm**  
\$10 must be 18 years or older

Cover-all Games now at \$200  
in 63 numbers or less

~Children are welcome to participate with adult Bingo.  
~No game fee  
~Game prize \$10 gift certificate

**Dinner: 5:30 pm**  
\$20 ++  
\$10 Inclusive (5-12)

Caesar Salad  
Salad Bar  
Killer Bread  
Butternut Squash Soup  
Roasted Seasonal Vegetables  
Mashed Potatoes  
Pork Tenderloin with Spiced Apple Chutney  
Swiss Steak with Caramelized Cipollini Onions & Oyster Mushrooms  
Stella Steamed Clams, Mussels, & Prawns with Lemon Dill Butter  
Apple Crumble Slump with Molasses Whiskey Sauce  
Ice Cream Bar  
Seasonal Fruit

510.233.7550 ext 301  
Special Attire  
Blue Jeans & Denim are permitted for this event  
reservations@miravista.org





Pro Shop

Thomas Fong

~ Happy New Year!!~

*“The Spirit of the Game ~ Unlike many sports, golf is played, for the most part, without the supervision of a referee or umpire. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the Rules. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be. This is the spirit of the game of golf.” USGA*

**Safety:**

- Players should not play until the players in front are out of range.
- Alert greenkeepers nearby or ahead prior to making a stroke that might endanger them.
- Shout a warning if your ball may hit someone.

**Consideration of Other Players:**

- Do not move, talk or stand close to a player making a stroke.
- Players should ensure that any electronic device taken onto the course will not distract others.
- Players should not stand close to or directly behind the ball, or directly behind the hole, when a player is about to play.
- Do not stand or cast a shadow on another player’s line of putt.

**Pace of Play:**

- Always play without delay and keep up with the group in front.
- If a player believes his ball may be lost outside a water hazard or is out of bounds, to save time, he should play a provisional ball.
- Players that have fallen behind the group in front, and have players waiting behind should signal the Players in the group behind them to play through.

**Care of the Course:**

- Repair all divot holes and ball marks.
- Before leaving a bunker, smooth over all holes and foot prints.
- Replace the flagstick carefully in an upright position.
- Leave the course in the condition in which you would like to find it.
- Local notices regulating the movement of golf cars should be strictly observed.

## **BALL MARK REPAIR ~ 'JUST DO IT'**

The Golf Shop Staff would like to remind everyone that repairing a ball mark is standard etiquette whenever you play golf. Ball marks on the putting green are the most common, however, a ball mark in the fringe also needs to be fixed. If you create or just see any such ball marks, etiquette calls for proper repair. Our course crew works hard and a considerable amount of money is spent to maintain the greens. Nevertheless, unless golfers repair their own ball marks, no maintenance program can keep the greens in the top playing condition we strive for. Remember that complimentary ball mark repair tools are available in the Golf Shop.

**Simple Reminders:** Please do not hit your own golf balls into the practice range area. Our range balls must be a limited flight ball made by Wilson Staff, and all other golf balls have the potential to go over the fence.

**We do NOT want your old golf balls!**

Please do not TAKE our practice balls to play on the golf course. All complimentary black towels must be returned to the white bin outside the bag room. Please do not take them home and please do not return them to the locker room areas. Please return ALL sand and seed bottles to the golf department!

- ◆ Walk up only prior to 10 am on weekends and holidays.
- ◆ Tee times available after 10 am on weekends and holidays.
- ◆ Only ONE guest is allowed prior to 10 am on weekends and holidays (Legacy ok for 3).
- ◆ Groups that consist of 3 guests will not be allowed to play as 5.
- ◆ Morning play is only allowed when the golf shop opens at either 7 am on the weekdays, or 6 am on weekends. No Play Prior is allowed.
- ◆ Members are responsible for their guests at all times.

## **HOLES IN ONE!**

**Peter Conn #17**

**Carol Light #2**





## Golf Staff Update

I am proud to officially introduce **Zack Naour** to the Golf Shop team as full time staff member. Many of you already know Zack as he started part time at MV in March of 2013...working as a bag room and cart attendant while attending San Francisco State University. Since graduating in 2015, he's been working both outside and in the golf shop. Zack's hard work, dependability and eagerness to learn has earned him a spot "inside"!

Originally from Lake Arrowhead, California, his father took him on his first golf outing at the early age of twelve. Hooked on his first shank, Zack managed to squeeze in trips to the local Muni between baseball practice and studying. Upon graduating from Rim of the World High School, he moved to Santa Barbara to attend SBCC. It was here he developed his interest in the Earth Sciences and received his Associates Degree. Shortly thereafter he moved to the Bay Area and earned his Bachelors Degree in Earth Science with a Minor in Geography from San Francisco State University.

Being an aspiring Earth Scientist and outdoor enthusiast, it's no surprise that in January 2016, Zack became a Wilderness First Responder, certified from the National Outdoor Leadership School. Obtaining his Degrees and Certifications, his first Eagle, and completing a challenging hike on the John Muir Trail are a few of Zack's most memorable achievements. When he's not at Mira Vista, you'll find Zack backpacking in the Sierras or trail running in the Marin Headlands.



## Yoga Fore Golfers

**Join Ilia Jimenez  
for 45 minutes of Yoga!**

**Saturday, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – 8:30 AM**

**Wednesday, January 6, 13, 20 – 5:45 PM**

*Contact Brianna Green with any questions: 510.233.7550 ext. 1301*

*or via email: [bgreen@miravista.org](mailto:bgreen@miravista.org)*





*January Men's Monthly*

**2 Person Team**  
**1 Net Best Ball**

**8:30 AM Shotgun**

**Saturday January 9<sup>th</sup>**

**\$35 Per Player**

**\$25 Legacy & Equity Members**

*2016 Vista Cup Performance & Participation Points!*

**Sign up in the Golf Shop or on ForeTees**



# **SUPER BOWL SCRAMBLE**

**SUNDAY February 7th, 2016**

**9:30am Shotgun Start**

**2 - Person Scramble**

**You are welcome to play with another member  
or invite a guest.**

**\$40 Per play includes hors d'erves**

**1/2 Vista Cup performance points.**

**Full participation points for both Mira & Vista Cup.**

**MEN: Hunter Tees**

**WOMEN: Ratcliff Tees**

## **"Save the Date"**

**2016 Directors' Cup**

**Annual Mira Vista Men's Member/Member**

**May 20th - 22nd**

**Double Participation & Performance Vista Cup Points!**



Green

Tim Youngberg

Happy New Year! As we begin the New Year with a fresh start, I think this is a great time to send out ways in which we can all make a difference and benefit the golf course. I've noticed many members repairing divots, ballmarks, raking traps and following cart signs. This is sincerely appreciated, especially during this wet weather. Of course, just like I tell our greens staff, we can always do a little more and take pride in our work each day...make sure lines are cut straight, place bunker rakes back properly, and pay attention to detail. I believe our members, the owners of the club, can exercise that same level of pride. Take your ownership of this club to heart; leave the course better than you found it. Fix your divot, repair your ballmark, rake the traps and follow the cart signs and golf shop instructions. Let's all start the New Year off by following every golfer's #1 responsibility...

### ***GOLF COURSE ETIQUETTE***

**DIVOTS** – Always replace your divot! A divot will re-establish itself quicker than it takes for the seed to germinate. If the divot exploded and can't be repaired then utilize the sand and seed. When filling a divot from sand and seed, only fill the cavity and smooth it out with your foot. Don't leave a heaping mound of sand, this is very damaging to the mowers.

**BUNKERS** – Never enter/exit the bunker on the high side, always enter and exit from the lowest point. You can damage the face of the bunker trying to climb out. Knock the sand off of your shoes inside the bunker as you exit, don't track it on the face and onto the green. If sand is left on the grass, turn the bunker rake upside down and brush the sand into the grass. The player behind you doesn't want to putt through your footprints. The sand left on the grass also heats up and will dry out the grass quicker.

**CART TRAFFIC** – Follow the signage and take the road less traveled. This helps reduce compaction and allows for better conditions. Also, don't maneuver your hand carts (motorized & non-motorized) on the teeing grounds or collars. All carts should utilize the concrete paths when possible.

**ROPE & STAKE** – Please don't step on the ropes to get over them. They are there so you walk around them, not through them.

**BALLMARKS** – Replace yours and 2 more every time you're on the green.

**OLD TEES** – Remove your tee after you have hit, don't pound it into the ground. When the tee gets pounded into the surface and it doesn't go all the way in, a small chunk of wood remains that the mowers can't see. The mower hits it and ruins the bedknife of the machine.

Please help out the Greens Staff and take the extra minute to follow these tips.



## Women's Golf Association

Catherine James



In spite of the rain, the last month of 2015 was full of activities (both golf and social) for the Mira Vista women.

We began the month with our annual Captain's Luncheon and Tournament hosted by Co-Captain Ellen Doran on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Current Board members and past Captains enjoyed 9 holes of golf and an excellent lunch to celebrate another successful year for the MVWGA.

Unfortunately, our O-N-E-S game scheduled for December 3<sup>rd</sup> was rained out. A few brave players went out, but no one was able to complete 18 holes.

December 10<sup>th</sup> we enjoyed our annual Holiday Party. Several members and guests began the festivities with card games in the bar. The rest of us gathered in the ballroom for cocktails and a delicious lunch. Thanks to Diane Yasuda and her helpers for a really wonderful event.

On December 17<sup>th</sup> we were back on the course for our monthly Sweeps competition. The winners were:

Ratcliff Tees (4 players)

1<sup>st</sup> – Julie Palley

2<sup>nd</sup> – Leah McKern

Watson Tees (12 players)

1<sup>st</sup> – Geri Stern

2<sup>nd</sup> – Lori Hager

3<sup>rd</sup> – Jeannie Prince

Super Sweeps qualifiers were:

Watson Gross – Lori Hager


Watson Net – Geri Stern

Ratcliff Net – Julie Palley

Due to the Holidays December 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> were Free Play days.

As we begin 2016 we hope that all of our women members will join us – on the course and off. We have full calendar of activities planned by our new Captain, Ellen Doran, and her Board.





Nine Hole Group

Wendy Bakkenta

The 2015 Champs of the Nine Hole Group were announced at the Ladies Holiday Luncheon on December 10. Nine Holer Gross Champion was Wendy Bakkenta. Nine Holer Net Champion was Jan Straus. The 2015 Eclectic winner was Pat Mighetto. Congratulations all around! The group also recognized and thanked our Advisor for the year, Sandy Westall.

The Nine Holers have tee times on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:30 AM. No need to sign up in advance, but please arrive and check into the Pro Shop by 9:15 AM. The Co-Captains for 2016 will be Wendy Bakkenta, Carole Freethy, and Martha Staskawicz. Lots of games are planned, some special tournaments, and of course, a really good time!

## **House Committee Milestones - 2015**

Monitoring the appearance and physical condition of our club is particularly important because of its architectural history. The club bylaws thus established a Committee to oversee the House. The House Committee oversees the building facilities, equipment and furnishings, the parking lot, fitness center, and 9- Down Café. The Committee also reviews food and beverage. The Committee includes a Social Committee that plans and decorates for member social events. The following are a few highlights of House Committee accomplishments in 2015.

**Social Events** – Three very special events for members were planned, and all were sold out. **Mark your calendars for the 2016 events:** The Valentines Party on February 13, the Winemaker’s Dinner on August 13, and the Halloween Party on October 29.

**Historical Awareness Project** - The goal of this project is to highlight the historical legacy of the club. Phase one was completed when a portion of the “Historical Hallway” featuring the architect, Walter Ratcliff, was presented, accompanied by an informative lecture by Kitt Ratcliff, grandson of Walter. The next phase of the hallway is in the works and will feature the course architects, Watson and Hunter. There was also a reorganization and clean-up of the display cabinets in the Fireside Room which showcase some of the club history.

**Improvements to the House** – To name a few: The 9-Down Café got a new sign, new tables and chairs, grill and revised menu. The guest closet in the entry was cleaned, painted and matching wooden hangers installed. Broken front window in men’s room replaced and frame sealed. Exterior clubhouse lighting was installed. New blinds were installed to replace broken blinds in the Lake Room. The Wedding room and bathroom were painted.

The House Committee is comprised of members, our General Manager, our Food and Beverage Manager, and a liaison member from the Board of Directors, and is constantly working to make sure our house is in order.



## Seniors Golf Association

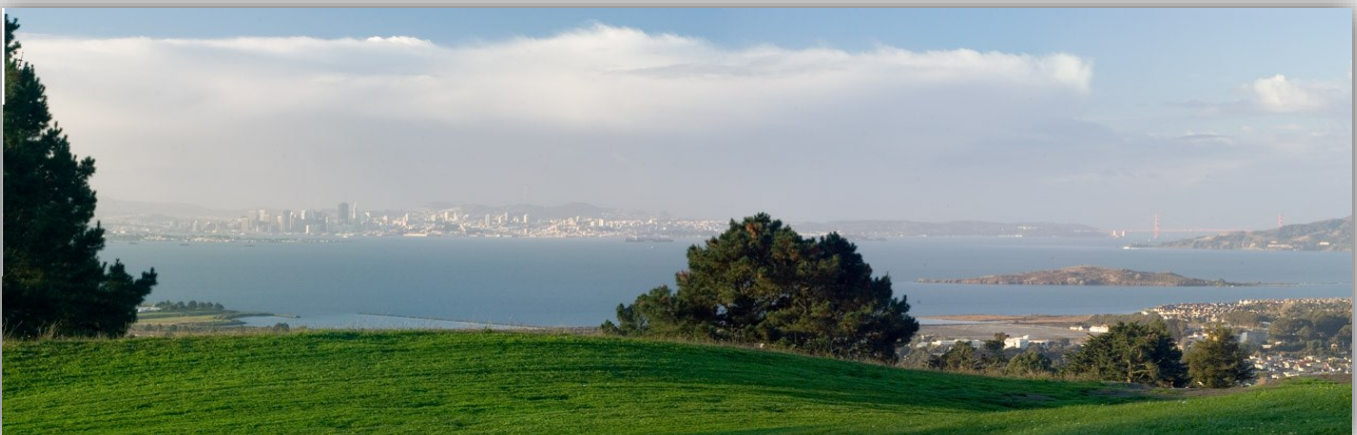


Chuck Smith

Lots of new things going on with the Seniors in 2016! Next year's tournament schedule is basically finished, with only a minor tweak or two to be worked out. We should have it published to all of you shortly after the New Year. That new schedule will include a separate Senior Championship event (date TBD), allowing members to participate in both the Club Championship and the Senior Championship. We also will have a new annual dues structure that will INCLUDE a Mira Vista Seniors golf shirt for those who join the Senior Association. And we are devising a yearlong points system (similar to the Vista Cup) that will culminate in a year-end tourney for the top points Seniors. So Andy, Paul and I expect you to have an exciting 2016 with the Seniors.

For all of you new Mira Vista members (50 years and above), these events are a great way to meet other Mira Vista members and to experience the other private clubs in the Bay Area. Each event (usually on Wednesday) typically includes breakfast, lunch, a round of golf with cart, and a chance to win merchandise prizes. The price is usually in the \$48 range, but may vary slightly from club to club, and will be billed to participants through their monthly statements. All of this for just annual dues of \$80, which also includes a Mira Vista Seniors golf shirt.

In the meantime, please have a wonderful holiday season! Remember: Life is uncertain -- play golf as often as possible. And always, ALWAYS, swing easy and putt firm.





## Teacher's Corner



Michael Merritt

As we start another year, it is time for many of us to make a new year's resolution. I know many of us have the same goal of playing better golf. What does that mean? This could mean lower our handicap, making consistent contact, making more putts, and more. It is great to focus on the output but let's focus on the most important part...THE INPUT.

When I personally make goals for golf, I will make output goals such as the golf shop winning the 2016 Pro-Member Challenge. How do I reach this goal? PRACTICE! Every year I have a practice goal that I write down. This is the most important golf goal of the year.

When you write down your output goal put down a practice goal to achieve it. You will be surprised that if you put in consistent work it will be easier to achieve your goals.



### Wednesday A la carte Menu

January 13 @ 5 PM

Tortellini Soup

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**House Salad** Frissee, Baby Greens, Cherry Tomatoes, Eggs, Hearts of Palm, Croutons, Cucumbers, Carrots, cranberry, choice dressing

7

**Prawn Salad** Arugula, Mushrooms, Panchetta, Finenuts, Parmesan Crisps, Lemon Basil Vinaigrette

15

**Seafood Gnocchi** Seabass, Jumbo Lump Crab, Snow Crab, Lobster Claw, Prawns, Bechamel, Spinach

27

**Braised Veal Shank** Asiago Polenta, Pomodoro Sauce, Baby Squash, Blistered Heirloom Tomatoes

29

**Blackened Seabass** Toy Squash Succotash, Lemon Tarragon Butter

29

**Porcini Mushroom Ravioli** Pesto, Asiago, Glazed Carrots, Beetroot Chantilly

15

**10 oz Filet Mignon** mash potatoes, roasted squash, baby carrots, red wine demi

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**Bread Pudding**

**Bumbaloni & Seasonal Winter Fruit**

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Golf Committee

Colin Fleming

Happy New Year! We closed out 2015 with the Holiday Scramble on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Conditions were good and the winners were Jeff Leong, Blair Allison, David Mahr and Sara Kwan in the First flight, Chip Yamaguchi, John Snider, Andy Kovacevic and Grace DeLatour in the Second flight and Eddie Hayashida, Gerry Tsukahira, Janet Tsukahira and Sandra Lee in the Third flight. Congrats to all the winners!!!

The Full 2016 schedule for Men's Club Events can be found on Fortees. The first event will be a 2 Person Team "1 Net" Best Ball on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Pay attention to the opening of sign ups for the Super Bowl Scramble on February 7<sup>th</sup> as this event always sells out quickly.

We are anticipating and hoping for lots of rain the first few months of the year. Please be mindful of all the cart signs and let's all pitch in to keep our course in the best condition possible. When you are on the greens, look for and repair ball marks even if you didn't cause them.

The Golf Committee is pleased to welcome Bill Guba and Paul Weir as new members to our group. I want to thank ALL the members for their input and volunteer service. I am proud to be associated with such a great group of people.

## Sunday, January 31, 2016

Mira Vista Golf & Country Club

5:30 p.m.

Buffet Dinner

\$34

Salads, Specialty Station & Dessert

\$23

Children

\$17

~casual attire  
no jeans or shorts~

### MENU

Salad Bar

Caesar Salad

Black Angus Carved Prime Rib au jus

Tarragon Chicken

Seafood Newburg

Braised Beef with Red Wine Sauce

Wild Rice & Mashed Potatoes

Seasonal Vegetables

Buffet includes Specialty Station, Killer Bread,

Caesar Salad, Salad Bar, Fresh Cut Fruit,

Assortment of Cheeses & Cold Cuts, Sushi,

Assortment of Gourmet Salads,

Ice Cream Bar & Dessert Station

Buffet

Call 510.233.7550 ext 301  
reservations@miravista.org





SAVE THE DATE

*MV Valentine's Dinner*

Saturday, February 13, 2016

Limited Reservations

Please Call 510.233.7550 Ext. 1301, 1302 or [reservation@miravista.org](mailto:reservation@miravista.org)



# Mira Vista Pub Club



January 8, 15, 22 and 29th  
5-7pm

Come meet new members & friends while enjoying your favorite drink and complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

▶ Guests Welcome!!

Offer not valid in conjunction with any other promotions.



# Mira Vista Food & Beverage Block!

This month our Food & Beverage Team will use the letter “M” to offer quick and easy food, beverage and décor tips/suggestions.



We will start the new year with the letter “M” and explore the world of metallic. Metallic is the new “black or white” leading to lots of metallic themed weddings and events! Whether it shimmers with glitter or just shines its natural metallic glow, we are having fun decorating with metallic. From shoes to cake centerpieces and everything in between, get your shine on with these metallic ideas for your next celebration!



## K6

The K6 is a red colored drink made from gin, Joseph Cartron crème de cassis, ginger, lime juice and cider, and served over ice in a highball glass

1-1/3 oz Gin  
1/2 oz Creme de Cassis  
1/2 oz Lime Juice  
1 inch Ginger  
Apple Cider  
Highball Glass

### INGREDIENTS

Grate the ginger over a cocktail shaker. Add gin, crème de cassis, lime juice and ice, then shake well. Strain into a highball glass full of ice and top with chilled cider.



## Macaroni

Preheat oven to 400°F with rack in middle. Melt butter then stir together with panko and topping cheeses in a bowl until combined well. Melt butter in a heavy medium saucepan over medium-low heat and stir in flour. Cook roux, stirring, 3 minutes, then whisk in milk. Bring sauce to a boil, whisking constantly, then simmer, whisking occasionally, 3 minutes. Stir in cheeses, 2 teaspoons salt, and 1/2 teaspoon pepper until smooth. Remove from heat and cover. Cook macaroni in pot of boiling salted water until al dente. Reserve 1 cup cooking water and drain macaroni in a colander. Stir together macaroni, reserved cooking water, and sauce in a large bowl. Transfer to 2 buttered 2-quart shallow baking dishes. Sprinkle topping evenly over macaroni and bake until golden and bubbling, 20 to 25 minutes.



### INGREDIENTS

1/2 stick unsalted butter  
2 cups panko  
1/4 pound coarsely grated extra-sharp Cheddar  
1/2 cup Parmesan  
1 stick unsalted butter  
6 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
5 cups whole milk  
1 pound coarsely grated extra-sharp Cheddar (6 cups)  
1/2 cup grated Parmigiano-Reggiano  
1 pound elbow macaroni  
1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves  
1/4 cup chopped Italian parsley



January 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> New Year's Day Clubhouse Closed Course Open Walk Only	<b>2</b> Yoga 8:30 AM
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Closed	<b>5</b> 9 Holvers 9:30 AM Golf Committee 5 PM	<b>6</b> Yoga 5:45 PM Ambassador Committee 6 PM	<b>7</b> Ladies Day	<b>8</b> 9 Holvers 9:30 AM Pub Club 5-7 PM	<b>9</b> Men's Monthly 2 Person Team 1 Net Best Ball 8:30 AM Shotgun Yoga 8:30 AM
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Closed	<b>12</b> 9 Holvers 9:30 AM NEB ECM 10 AM	<b>13</b> Yoga 5:45 PM House Committee 2 PM Green Committee 3 PM A La Carte Dinner	<b>14</b> Ladies Day	<b>15</b> 9 Holvers 9:30 AM Pub Club 5-7 PM	<b>16</b> Ladies Play Yoga 8:30 AM
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> M.L. King Holiday Clubhouse and Course Open	<b>19</b> Closed	<b>20</b> Yoga 5:45 PM Bingo Buffet 5:30 PM Games 7 PM	<b>21</b> Ladies Day	<b>22</b> 9 Holvers 9:30 AM Pub Club 5-7 PM	<b>23</b> Yoga 8:30 AM
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Closed	<b>26</b> 9 Holvers 9:30 AM	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Ladies Guest Day 9 AM Shotgun Board Meeting 4 PM Dinner 5-7 PM Vista Room Annual Meeting	<b>29</b> 9 Holvers 9:30 AM Pub Club 5-7 PM	<b>30</b> Yoga 8:30 AM
<b>31</b> Sunday Buffet 5:30 PM	<b>Notes:</b>					