

UPDATE: IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP IN PGG&CC

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Dues News: The Early Bird Gets the Bonus

Happy holidays, friends and fellow Gappers. In the spirit of the season, we have been asked to remind you that your annual membership fee for 2011 is due by December 31. But the really good news is **you still have nearly a month to take advantage of the Club's \$500 early bird discount.** How about that? (Ever wonder why golf club annual fees always come due when you're preoccupied with Christmas shopping lists and fourth quarter estimated taxes, rather than in mid-summer when golf is uppermost on your mind and your checking account balance is a tad more robust? Me too, but to continue...)

If you decide to pay your 2011 membership in full by December 31, it's going to cost you **\$2,000 for a five-day a week individual membership.** That's just **\$160 a month**—or \$7.70 per round,* providing you play at least one round a day, five days per week. It's even cheaper if you play 36 holes a day, *but be careful you don't overdo it!* (*Cart, not included, cost the same as last year: \$15 per person per round or \$1,000 per year—limit of one round per day.) **Similar deals are available for 7-day per week members (\$3000) and twofer family memberships (\$4000 for five day members, \$5500 for 7-day members.) After December 31, add \$500 to all of the above numbers.**

If you're currently a member of Peacock Gap, simply make out a check to *Peacock Gap Golf & Country Club* for the type of membership you wish, stick it in an envelope addressed to **Adam Eisner, PGG&CC, 333 Biscayne Drive, San Rafael, CA 94901**—or hand it to one of our smiling pro shop staffers next time you're in.

IMPORTANT: CURRENTLY THERE IS NO PLAN TO MAIL DUES PAYMENT "REMINDERS." Club members in arrears on their 2011 dues may be subject to payment of green fees after December 31.

You new member-applicants are asked to fill out and sign a standard application form, available at the pro shop counter, and attach a copy to your check.

Annual membership fees paid before Peacock Gap emerges from bankruptcy will be honored as payment in full for the year 2011, according a statement made at our November 14 membership meeting by Ray Syufy, president of the Club's primary creditor and prospective owner, Syufy Enterprises.

Questions? Call Adam Eisner at 453-4940, Ext. 18, or e-mail w.braznell@yahoo.com

What's Your Handicap?

Maintaining a current Northern California Golf Association handicap is an important advantage to “belonging” to Peacock Gap Golf & Country Club. Aside from making it easier to negotiate a friendly \$2 Nassau match on Saturday morning, a valid NCGA handicap card is your ticket to a world of competitive golf, from our monthly club tournaments to regional and statewide amateur championships.

NCGA memberships must be renewed every year, beginning January 1—so please add “renew NCGA card” to your To Do list for the month of December. All it takes is a phone call to the pro shop. Peacock Gap offers free NCGA cards and handicapping services to members who sign up for the dual NCGA and PGG&CC memberships before year-end. Members who join after December 31 pay \$49.

Head Pro Adam Eisner and his professional staff can assist you in obtaining your NCGA handicap and explaining how to post your scores. The main thing to remember about posting is to DO it. Except in rare and extreme circumstances—playing in “scrambles” and three-club tournaments, for example, or in practically unplayable weather—players are expected to post every score on the club’s NCGA computer terminal. You will also need to learn how to adjust scores according to the “equitable stroke play” rule, which limits the number of strokes you can take on any one hole. If, for example, your handicap ranges from 10 to 19, you are allowed to post a maximum of seven strokes for any one hole. Go ahead and record those 9s and 10s, if you like, but the most you 19 handicappers can POST on those blow-holes is 7. If your handicap is 20 or more, the max is 8. If your HC is 9 or less, double bogey is tops.

To learn more about how handicapping works, go to NCGA.com and hit the Handicap tab. Or e-mail me and I’ll send you Peacock Gap Men’s Section’s one page introduction to “Establishing A Handicap”.

“Dawn of a New Day” Over Peacock Gap

If you have a chance, pick up a copy of last Wednesday’s *Ross Valley Reporter* and check out the front page lead article and photos headlined “The dawn of a new day (at Peacock Gap): Syufy Enterprises awaits bankruptcy court decision.” RVR Editor and veteran Marin County reporter Joe Wolfcale has done an outstanding job summarizing Peacock Gap’s recent history and current situation, interspersing his narrative with quotes from Ray Syufy’s presentation at our November 14 member meeting and highlights of a brief interview with Syufy EVP Andrew McCullough. If your local *Marinscope* source is out of last week’s edition, you can pick up the text of Joe’s report at the “**Marinscope Newspapers >Archives**” web site. Incidentally, don’t tell Joe, but that gorgeous photo on the front page is not “dawn” but dusk over The Gap’s 16th Green.

Finally, and once again, permit us to tout the excellent job Merilee Colton, web editor for the **Peacock Gap Homeowners Association**, is doing recording and preserving just about every newsworthy happening at Peacock Gap for the past year. Check out her web page, particularly the **“All About Golf”** section under the Neighborhood tab. Recently we caught an item on the website we hadn’t seen or heard before—about Marin Municipal Water District investigating state funding opportunities to expand the distribution system for its recycled water plant. Turns out “the most promising potential new customer is **Peacock Gap Golf Course** in San Rafael. **Switching the golf course to recycled water would reduce potable water use by up to 300 acre feet per year**, according to MMWD--and conceivably take some of the strain off of the annual challenge to keep the Gap green and lush through the summer. Go to it, MMWD!

--- *Bill Braznell*