

President's Message to CGCCC members by Brad Fry

I have loved my many years as a member of the Christian Golf Club of Central California as I have been a continuous member since 1991. An acquaintance of mine, Bill Horg, had told me about the club and said I should check it out. Bill had just recently joined and had great things to say about this new local Associate Golf Club. So, I signed up and played in the next tournament that the club had and was instantly hooked. I had played a bit of golf growing up but was pretty awful at the game. For some reason I couldn't get the ball to go straight when I hit it, and that drove me nuts. But after joining the club that next year, I saw my game begin to gradually improve and golf began to get fun. Something about playing regular competitive tournament golf gets you to focus a bit more and your game can't help but improve.

The thing that really hooked me though, was that in this club were men that loved the Lord and also loved the game of golf. There was a great camaraderie amongst the guys with a fair amount of good-natured smack talk as well. Spirited talk from KC Dickie seems to instantly come to mind.

About a year or two into being a club member, I remember getting a call from KC Dickie. He and Dave Angel wanted to meet with me for lunch, and at lunch they asked me to join the club board. I said yes and have been on it ever since. In those days of the early ninety's, KC, Dave, Ron Nitz, and Jeff Kollenkark, were the people who had created the club, and were all on the board doing a great job building up the membership. And for the last several years, Norm Wiens and Daniel Cowherd in particular, have been integral in keeping our CGCCC fresh, fun, and full of new ideas, but our entire board work well together to make our club run. It has been a great pleasure to be a part of this club for all these years and I thank God for it. I would never trade the wonderful friendships with Christian brothers that I have made in this club over the years.

One great thing that our club is able to do every year is to give financially to local Christian organizations. This year our club was recently able to donate \$1,000 to New Life for Girls, a Christian drug and alcohol recovery ministry for women in Fresno. As Christians we are called to give to those in need, and our club blessed to do this every year. We also have our own benevolent fund that has allowed us to give money to our own members families in need. What a blessing it is to be a part to this giving ministry.

Looking ahead to 2019, we have a great lineup of golf courses and look forward to a great year of golf and fellowship. Some of the highlights include a course that our club has never played before, Paso Robles Golf Club, and another that we haven't played at for a long time. Another course we haven't played in a while is San Juan Oaks, a beautiful golf course in Hollister, designed by Fred Couples that we will be playing in late August. We have also arranged for another bus trip to Poppy Ridge in Livermore and 27 holes of golf. We did this a couple of years ago and everyone had a great time of fun and golf. Our two-day Club Championship this year will be at Morro Bay Golf Course in September on a Saturday and Sunday. Sunday will be a morning shotgun start allowing us to all be done playing around the same time for the quick awards ceremony.

I look forward to this upcoming 2019 season and pray that it will be a blessed one for our club and its members.

On behalf of our CGCCC board, Norm Wiens, Daniel Cowherd, Jerry Neff, Dennis Hammond, Karl Nielsen, and Ray Tarvin, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. And see you at Riverside in January.

Brad Fry – President Christian Golf Club of Central California.

