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## Moraga Country Club's facility expansion breaks ground under guidance of new general manager By Vera Kochan



David Coy (left) and Eric Jacobsen with new bocce and pickleball courts under construction Photo Vera Kochan

A little over a year ago, the Moraga County Club, located at 1600 St. Andrews Drive, received a green light from the planning commission for its request to expand facilities. The new plans include a 6,600-square-foot fitness facility, a new 4,300-square-foot Courtside Grille, a sports court with three bocce and six pickleball courts, additional parking and upgraded landscaping.

MCC was originally developed in 1974, and is more than willing to keep up with the times by adding up-to-date facilities for its members. Already completed is the new parking lot at the corner of Moraga Way and St. Andrews Drive.

"We're striving to make it a family club," stated Communications and Membership Manager David Coy. "The new facilities will allow us to hold more events that will be open to the public." MCC will continue its popular "Walking the Course Mondays" which are open to anyone from 7 a.m. to sunset (the golf course is closed on

Mondays to golfers).

An expanded pool deck, 10 remaining tennis courts along with the new pickleball and bocce courts are expected to hold tournaments allowing non-members. At such times, all participants can make use of the new Courtside Grille, which will lead from the pool deck down to the adjacent sport courts and take up two levels. The main deck will include a bar, dining room and kitchen with a wrap around outdoor terrace. This casual, full-service restaurant will also offer grab-and-go options.

The single-level fitness club building will contain a weight/fitness machine room, a workout studio offering yoga/spin/Pilates classes, a children's activity room, restrooms and reception area with administrative office. The projected completion date of the entire expansion is between January and March, 2023.

Coy expects town favorites such as the annual Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot and golf tournaments to continue. He noted that the MCC Homeowners Association was recently awarded Firewise community status and in the process has removed enough underbrush that "equaled the weight of the Statue of Liberty."

On March 30, new General Manager/COO Eric Jacobsen took the reigns at MCC. "I'm coming on board at such a great time," he said. "It's a place of enjoyment and fun. We want to make sure our members are happy. The board of directors is fantastic, and our entire team is phenomenal. I walked into a great situation."

Jacobsen grew up with golf in his veins. Initially involved in the restaurant business, he received his big break from a representative of San Francisco's Presidio Golf Course when he handled a situational snafu with professionalism. Prior to MCC, Jacobsen, a Pleasanton resident, helmed The Citrus Club at La Quinta Resort. "It has the very same footprint as far as amenities go."

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