

# Looking for love out on the green

## New singles club debuts for those who love golf

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Looking for someone to share the green with but can't find anyone up to par?

Petaluma golf lover Nancy Rodrigues was in just such a predicament when she decided to do something about it — start a golf club for singles.

“It’s difficult to meet somebody that you have something in common with,” said Rodrigues, founder of Swinging Singles. “I’m single and tried a couple of dating clubs, which turned out to me just as a big joke. It was a waste of time and money for me. I love golf and I love to socialize and have fun, so I came up with the idea of starting a singles club for golfers. I thought this would be a good way to meet people you have something in common with, make friends and see what happens.”

Rodrigues started putting together Swinging Singles two years ago. She used to work as a party coordinator, working in the food and entertainment business. She also owned a company that coordinated parties for businesses, weddings, birthdays and golf course events.

“I ended up having two back surgeries and couldn’t play golf for 10 years,” she said. “Then my husband got ill and passed away and my dad got ill and passed away. I ended up going to Rooster Run Golf Course and got together with the instructor Dave Johnson. He was able to get me to play again without it hurting my back.”

She eventually brought her idea of having a singles golf club to Johnson, then to Rooster Run, which approved the club a few months later. The club was officially launched in December. “With Swinging Singles, when you first meet someone, you have something in common,” she said. “You can start making friends and if something clicks, then that’s great — but it’s a no-pressure environment. This is also a first-class club, not just some singles group that was slapped together. I’ve worked very hard on this. It’s an exclusive



Nancy Rodrigues is founder of a new singles club that caters to people who love golf.

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### SWINGING SINGLES

What: A singles club for people who love golf.

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club for singles who love to play golf.”

Rodrigues stresses that potential members must have a love of playing golf. “I’ve had calls from people who are interested in joining, but don’t even play golf,” she said. “I just tell them that we are a club for golfers and if they want to join, they should take some lessons first and decide if that’s the sport for them or not. Golf is not something you just pick up a club and do. It takes a lot of practice. It’s a very hard game and people either end up loving it or hating it. I have no objections to beginning to golfers joining, but you do need to love to play golf. You don’t need to be an ace, but you do have to love it.”

Activities planned for the club, in addition to regular meetings, include special tournaments and scrambles — the next one is scheduled for Jan. 26. “A scramble is a team effort game,” said Rodrigues. “You’re on a team of four golfers and each one hits the ball. You take the best drive and everyone puts their ball where the best ball was hit and you go from there. It’s a lot of fun.”

Club membership is currently on special right now with the first 40 members receiving an monthly rate of \$35. After that, membership will go to \$55 a month. Membership includes special discounts at 15 local merchants and at the Rooster Run pro shop. Rodrigues is working on acquiring more membership perks.

So what happens if a club member finds love on the course? “If you meet in the club and get married, you will become an honorary member,” said Rodrigues. Their nametags will have to say something like ‘hooked up’ for the honorary members and something like ‘still looking for the 19th-hole’ for the singles.”

While Swinging Singles is still in its beginning stages, Rodrigues has already had offers to franchise the club. “I do plan to franchise once this gets off the ground,” she said.

For more information about Swinging Singles, visit [www.swingnsingles.com](http://www.swingnsingles.com).

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