

# THE WILLOW PARK

## Men's Club Newsletter

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### IMPORTANT DATES:

- Dec. 10/00 - Turkey Shoot
- Dec. 15/00 - Last day to pay dues without \$10 late charge
- Jan. 28/01 - Super Bowl Sun.
- Feb. 25/01 - Get Acquainted
- Mar. 25/01 - TC's Surprise
- Apr. 29/01 - Director's Tourn.
- May 20/01 - Two Man Best Ball
- Jun. 24/01 - President's Tourn.
- Jul. 29/01 - TC's Surprise
- Aug. 26/01 - Rodrigues Mem.
- Sep. 8&9/01 - Club Champ.
- Oct. 21/01 - Tourn of Champs.
- Nov. 11/01 - Turkey Shoot
- Dec. 9/01 - Turkey shoot

### From The Oval Office Jim Derdevanis Jr.

Even though we haven't seen a whole lot of rain it sure has been cold. Thanks to Mr. Viviani and his crew the course is in exceptional shape. I played this last Sunday and there should be no reason not to play the ball down for the rest of the year depending on the rain. I would make one little suggestion, that the Blue Tee box on #9 be cut for tournament play.

This is the time of the year when we start thinking about everything but golf. Family, holidays, maybe even a little vacation. But that doesn't mean you don't have to get your dues in on time. You only have only 2 weeks until the DEC 15th cutoff date, anything received after that date costs you an additional \$10 late charge, you will be deleted from the NCGA computer, you won't be able to post all those great scores, and you won't be getting another of our fine News Letters telling you all about the latest wimps and coming events.

Our last Turkey Shoot of the year is a 2 man scramble. If you haven't picked a partner and signed up by now you are probably out of luck. You may want to call Larry anyway on the chance he has a standby list.

As you know, this is the final month for me as President of the Willow Park Men's Club. George Vance will be taking the reins in January 2001. I am sure George will do a fantastic job and will have the full support of the membership as well as all the directors and officers that make this such a great club. I have certainly enjoyed my time as your President and look forward to continuing to serve in some other capacity.

**Ed. Note: You have done a great Job**

Jim - -Thank you from all of us!!!!

### TC's Column.

Larry Cobleigh

only the end of the year and not your membership. We try to maintain a membership between 275 and 300. In fact, our budget is usually based on 300. So we need all of you to rejoin. Although we spent as much this year as we normally do, we ended up with a small surplus. For that reason the committee decided to do something for the active members. For obvious reasons we could only tell you that we had a big surprise for you in the "November Turkey Shoot". We sure didn't want to reward those "no shows" who signed up for the "T of C". They were lucky to get off without being fined or panned. So we kept it a "BIG" surprise (as announced in the newsletter for a couple of months) and rewarded the guys that did show up.

Basically they were the same members that play in all of the tournaments. The only real criticism I heard came from a guy that owns half of Castro Valley. Hell, he has a bad back and couldn't swing a club anyway although, knowing him, El Cheapo might have tried for \$41.

Every year I hear some of you complain about higher handicappers shooting extraordinary scores in tournaments. This time it was about a 19 handicapper shooting 79 and with only four clubs. The complainers are usually lower handicap golfers who forget that when they started playing they certainly didn't start at their current handicap. Not even Tiger started out as low as some of their current handicaps. Now how did they get their handicaps down lower than when they started out? They probably shot some scores that were much lower than their handicap called for! For instance there's an individual who joined the club in 1976 and still plays but mainly only on Sundays. When he joined the club from another club he was a 15 handicapper. After seven years he got his handicap down to a nine (for one month). Then things happened: he stopped playing three times a week, didn't use his practice net in his garage, didn't practice on the range,

and just generally got older and lazier and out of shape. One Sunday with 16 club members he played with a terrible hangover. He was so sick he had to swing easy, and as a result had four bogies, ten pars and four birdies for a 71. That was 14 strokes under his handicap. After winning all the bets in the group and listening to all of the sandbagger crap, the score was posted and his handicap dropped 2 whole strokes the next month. Needless to say he was as happy as if he'd had a "hole in one" even though he ended up with another hangover the next day. Today the low handicappers don't have much to worry about because we now have "Exceptional Tournament Play" adjustments. Basically, if you shoot more than three strokes below your handicap in two or more tournaments your handicap will automatically be reduced. It's a computerized formula and it does work. But you low handicappers shouldn't think that others can't occasionally shoot a low score. Although the potential was there (once a 9) the guy above had no business shooting a 71. But every once in awhile all the putts go in, the chips roll just right, you don't hit into the creek or out of bounds, and occasionally you get your drives out

onto the fairway over 180 yards. Then you can win big and have the privilege of hearing the low handicappers or anyone else call you a sandbagger. Ignore them and be proud! By the way, the individual above who shot the 71 is now a white tee 21 handicapper and would love to be called a sandbagger once again although I don't think the potential is there anymore. You guessed it, he's your little old tournament chairman, ME!

I know this is a little early, but I want to get it in the paper lest I forget. Do you remember the Zone Championship we were supposed to go to in March of this year? Do you remember the four who qualified in all of that rain and mud? Well I do:

Low Gross -- Ron Walker, Dave Freais Stand byes -- John Wilkens, Jeff Roberts

Low Net -- Ralph Chonzena, Dave Albiar Stand byes -- Bob Riblett, Joe Johnson

April 16-17 (Mon.-Tues.) 2001 at Poppy Hills/Spyglass Hill. Write the dates on your calendar and for god sakes let us know if you can't make it. Remember we've already collected the \$10 entry from you

**NOVEMBER 12TH 2000 TURKEY SHOOT RESULTS:**

**0 Thru 16 Handicap**

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Tony Paniagua 71- 9=62    | Rod Warren 76- 4=72     |
| Tony Plotkin 80-12=68 win | John Kallio 88-15=73    |
| Richard Brown 77- 9=68    | Larry Becker 89-16=73   |
| Tom Wagenseler 80-12=68   | Clyde Horrocks 87-14=73 |
| John Wilkins 76- 7=69     | Mark Hemenez 77- 4=73   |
| Tom Joseph 86-16=70       |                         |

**17 and Up Handicap**

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Matt Pedigo 79-19=60   | Dick Wilkes 94-24=70    |
| Jim Wylie 89-23=66     | Tom Holmstrom 91-21=70  |
| Roland Cerney 86-19=67 | Rich Braun 93-22=71     |
| Terry Krajcar 86-17=69 | Larry Cobleigh 93-21=72 |
| Gail Stanton 86-17=69  | Tom Dusek 99-25=74      |
| Joe Esposito 99-29=70  |                         |

**THE REAL 32 RULES OF GOLF** (Continued from November)

- 8....When your shot has to carry over a water hazard, you can either hit one more club or two more balls.
- 9....If you're afraid a full shot might reach the green while the four-some ahead of you is still putting out, you have two options: you can immediately shank a lay-up, or you can wait until the green is clear and top a ball halfway there.
- 10...The less skilled the player, the more likely he is to share his ideas about the golf swing.
- 11...The inevitable result of any golf lesson is the instant elimination of the one critical unconscious motion that allowed you to compensate for all your errors.
- 12...If it ain't broke, try changing your grip.
- 13...Golfers who claim they don't cheat, also lie.
- 14...Everyone replaces his divot after a perfect approach shot.
- 15...A golf match is a test of your skill against your opponent's luck.
- 16...It's surprisingly easy to hole a 50-foot putt when you lie 10.
- 17...Counting on your opponent to inform you when he breaks a rule is like expecting him to make fun of his own haircut.

- 18...Nonchalant putts count the same as chalang putts.
- 19...It's not a gimme if you're still away.
- 20...The shortest distance between any two points on a golf course is a straight line that passes directly through the center of a very large tree.
- 21...There are two kinds of bounces: unfair bounces, and bounces just the way you meant to play it.
- 22...You can hit a 2-acre fairway 10% of the time, and a 2-inch branch 90% of the time.
- 23...Every time a golfer makes a birdie, he must subsequently make two triple bogeys to restore the fundamental equilibrium of the universe.
- 24...If you want to hit a 7-iron as far as Tiger woods does, simply try to lay up just short of a water hazard.

Continued next month!