

THE WILLOW PARK

Men's Club Newsletter

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IMPORTANT Dates!!!!

- 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

Please!!!!

If you have an "e" mail address, give it to Larry or me so that we can use that method of communication. - Editor

President's Column

On behalf of all the officers and directors of the Willow Park Men's Club, HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Well, the new millennium is here and there is NO reason for you not to break in those new clubs that were found under the Christmas tree...nor for the rest of us to find other than Top-Flight golfballs in the creek...the woods.. the parking lot...etc.!!!

The weather has been accommodating and Willow Park has been in exceptional shape. I swear that even I have had some drives bounce out on the fairway! The 2nd and 9th Tee Boxes have even been getting mowed! I hope we are all taking advantage of our great weather conditions as often as we all can, to the jealousy of all

So we begin the new year and a new millennium. It's been

those poor souls in other areas who are driving a snow plow rather than a Callaway.

As your newly elected President, I'm anxious to carry on the same competent stewardship as my predecessor, Jim Derdevanis. I look forward to all the Officers, Directors, and Committeemen for their continued support and input to continue the direction of our club in being the best that it can be.

To Daniel Turner and Bob Riblett, previous Handicap and Membership Chairmen, respectively, your energies and efforts to your positions during your tenure were appreciated and I thank you.

To our new appointees, Jeff Roberts, as Handicap Chairman, and as Membership Chairman, someone by the name of Larry Cobleigh, I welcome you and have great confidence in both of you handling these demanding positions. I know that you both will be valuable additions to the Club's Body. Welcome Aboard!

To Rene Viviani and his Staff, Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

In keeping with my own promise to NOT be as windy as my predecessor, I close with the desire of looking forward to 2001 and I thank those who voted for me and know me and look forward to a closer association with those who I might not know as well. I wish the entire membership, dead-straight drives, one putts, friendly camaraderie, and a year of enjoyable golf.

Finally, to Jim Derdevanis...THANK YOU!

George P. Vance
President

a bit bumpy this year to date because the main contributors

TC's Column

to the newsletter are all new to their jobs. Excuse me, the editor and tournament chairman are old timers, but the president, handicap and membership chairmen are all new. They're all good guys though and will get their act together eventually.

So you won't be surprised when you play in a tournament, and as stated on your membership entry form, there are no entry fees for tournaments except for a one time \$5 fee for new members and unpaid 2000 members (who slipped through somehow) for "no show" insurance. The fee will be collected at your first tournament and covers you until you leave the club. Members who did not give enough notice or none at all that they would be a no-show, made this necessary. We did keep records of all payees. Associate members must pay \$10 to enter a regular tournament.

The "Super Bowl Sunday" tournament is full, but we can still take entrants on a stand-by basis. We expect to start collecting for the "Match Play" tournament at that time. We had 62 members that said they would be interested in playing in the "Match Play", but due to logistics we must limit it to the 32 low handicap entries. Before trying to enter, keep in mind that weather will be a big factor and you must play in five tournaments. Hopefully we will start March 25th "TC's Surprise", then April 29th "President's", then June 24th "Director's", Sept. 8th and finally Sept. 9th in the "Club Championship". As I said before, these will not be strict Match Play rules because it will be a part of our regular tournaments. We will get into that when we start. The entrance fee will be \$20. I will let you know more as to the projected cut, and how places are determined at the "SB" tournament. *"Of course if you have any questions, I will be only too happy to answer them!"* Remember that question from the December "Turkey Shoot". Well

about two of you got it right. I know the rest of you (three) overheard the answer. The movie was "The Cain Mutiny" and Humphrey Bogart (as Captain Queeg) was the person who made the statement when the Strawberry controversy was brought up at a court-martial. Other stars were Van Johnson, Fred MacMurray, Jose Ferrer and E.G. Marshall. 1954 was not too long ago for you was it? Other questions; Question 1..Which hole is the hardest? From the blues -- #9, whites--#1. Question 2..Which hole do you consider the easiest? From the blues and whites -- #14. Question 3..Looking from the tee, which hole is the most beautiful--#5 & #10. Question 4..Which green do you consider the hardest to approach--#15. Question 5.. Which green is your hardest to putt? #17 & #4. All interesting answers.

As stated in the December Newsletter we will now give you the final eight "The Real 32 Rules of Golf:"

25...To calculate the speed of a player's downswing, multiply the speed of his back swing by his handicap. Example: Back swing 20 mph, handicap 15, = downswing 300 mph.

26...There are two things you can learn by stopping your back swing at the top and checking the position of your hands: How many hands you have, and which one is wearing the glove

27...Hazards attract; fairways repel

28...You can put "draw" on the ball, you can put "fade" on the ball, but no golfer can put "straight" on the damn ball!

29...A ball you can see in the rough from 50 yards away is not yours.

30...If there is a ball in the fringe and a ball in the bunker, your ball is in the bunker.

31...If both balls are in the bunker, yours is in the footprint.

32...Don't buy a putter until you've had a chance to throw it. (my favorite)

Larry Cobleigh
Tournament and Membership Chairman

Notes From the Editor

It is hard to believe that I have been the Newsletter editor for two years! Larry had told me that there would not be much work involved and that the pay would be great. Larry, you are wrong on both counts! Oh well, if I didn't enjoy golf, I wouldn't do it

Letters During the past two years, I have received one (!) letter which concerned the operation of the Men's Club and I put that letter in the Newsletter. If you have concerns about the operation of the club (I have heard a few oral gripes), send me your concerns either by "e" mail or slo-mail, and I will put it in the newsletter (along with your name of course). That way, I am sure you will get the attention of the club officers. If you don't write us, we will assume that you are all happy as clams so far as the club is concerned.

"e" Mail Addresses. As indicated in the first page of this newsletter, we would like to have your "e" mail address if you have one, so that we can send you the newsletter (and possibly other items) by "e" mail, thereby saving the club money and my time. The money saved would be allocated to tournament prizes and an increase in my pay. (100% x my present pay of 0.00) If you haven't already given us your "e" mail address please send it to Larry at TCLarry@AOL.com or me at Gail_H_S@pacbell.net.

***Gail Stanton
Newsletter Editor***

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