

THE WILLOW PARK

Men's Club Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Feb 3rd Super Bowl Sunday
Feb 24th Get Acquainted
Mar 24th President's Tournament
Apr 28th TC's Surprise
May 19th Two Man Best Ball
Jun 1st Away Tournament Brentwood
Jun 23rd Director's Tournament
Jul 28th TC's Surprise II
Aug 25th Willow Park Invitational Tourn.
Sep 7th & 8th Club Champions
Oct 20th Tournament of Champions
Nov 10th Turkey Shoot
Dec 8th Turkey Shoot

President Vance's Column

Ah, Willow Park in the winter.. Sloshing down the course, putts with rooster tails, dead perfect drives being swallowed up in the middle of the fairways. Which reminds me, if anyone finds a size 12 Black/White saddle golf shoe in the 12th fairway, please return it to me! I can visualize how when the weather changes and the course dries, how balls will be popping out everywhere. Still, would you rather be in Green Bay at this time? Thank God, we can still get out there and play!

This month is kinda weird in that our January tournament will be held in February, which means we'll have 2 tournaments that month, yet none in January.....GOT THAT? Thanks, Osama!. Anyway, don't delay in securing your spot to participate in our "January" Super Bowl Tournament on February 3. Let's make Mark Hemenez's first official tournament a smooth and Well represented one!

Also, our away tournament for this year is officially set and scheduled at Brentwood Golf Course on June 1, 2002. It's always been a well received event and we've always been treated with great hospitality by Nancy Caulkins

and her staff. So, mark your calendars and sharpen your weapons!

We've only had a modest response to renewals of membership, with the dawn of the new year and in light of the events of late last year. Therefore I'm counting on each and every one of you to tell about the benefits of your club to those who might be "sitting on the fence" or others who might be considering joining a club. We are our own best ambassadors. We can never have enough quality members, so spread the word. Halleluiah!!!

I also want to encourage anyone that wishes to advertise in our newsletter to contact Bob Fabel or myself for details. Lastly, let's use this time to work on our handicaps and make this year the best ever. Remember, golf can be an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle...I wish everyone a miraculous 2002.

George Vance, President

The "New" TC's Column

Hello

I am looking forward to the upcoming year of golf and my new position as Tournament Chairman. We have a great tournament schedule made up by Larry as one of his last duties. Thank you Larry!

Our first tournament will be on Super Bowl Sunday Feb. 3, 2002. The cutoff date is Jan. 23, 2002. Please sign up early and make my day. Call me and let me know if there is someone you want to be paired up with, so I can make up the foursomes. The format for Sunday's round is scheduled to be straight golf, weather permitting.

I would like to remind everyone about slow play. This is a new year, so lets get started on the right foot. Have fun see ya on the links.

Mark Hemenez TC.

Membership Chairman's Column

In my new capacity as membership chairman only -- I still have to talk. In this column I might spill over into the Tournament Chairman's realm, but it is because it is unfinished business from last year. First, the Willow Park Restaurant is closed until further notice. The banquet facilities, the Spike Room and the bar are still in business, but the restaurant is closed for dinners. They might reopen the dinner business later in the summer when things get better, but personally I think they will have lost many customers who won't come back. Advertising is the name of the game, and I'm afraid they didn't play that game. For those of you that had prize money in the restaurant, don't worry. We have received a check to cover those who are on the list. Checks will be sent out asap. There might be a certain illegality with USGA on this, but we did put it into the restaurant in good faith. It's not our fault that they decided to close

down, so where can we go from there.

As of this writing we had 131 full members and 49 associate members for a total of 180. At this time in 2001 we had 158 full members and 51 associates for a total of 208. As you can see for 2002 we are short 28 members or about \$2,200 we can't use in tournaments or for other expenses. After this date last year, we did gain another 50 members and hopefully we can come close to that this year. We based our budget on about 230 members. Why are we so low? That's a question I've been pondering for quite a while. 1...The first thing that comes to mind is 9/11. Some people are simply not ready to tie themselves down to anything! That's a mindset I do not understand, but the economy says it's true. 2...Then we have the procrastinators that don't like paying for a tournament ahead of time. They want everything on trust (yours not theirs), "Yes, I'll play but if something better comes up I may not play - I

'may' let you know 5 minutes before my tee off time". Meanwhile the club gets stuck for the fee. 3...They do not like the way the golf course is treating us now. Well in my 26 year's as TC I don't think they are treating us any different now other than we are paying for our tournaments ahead of time. They've always treated us this way.

I would like to welcome Mark Hemenez as TC. He alone had the courage to say yes when asked to take the Tournament Chairman job. I fully expect to back him up, as you don't just walk into this job as I did back in 1976. As far as I'm concerned it is the most important job in the club. That's why I always walked around like Hitler when I was TC and told the president(s) to stick it when they didn't agree with me. Sieg Heil Hemenez! You have more power than you ever had in your life before! Just call me Himmler. George Vance must be Mussolini

Larry Cobleigh - Ex TC

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