

THE WILLOW PARK

Men's Club Newsletter

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From The Oval Office: George Vance

The rain stopped....the clouds parted....the Sun shined on our parade! The results were an enthusiastic turnout for MY tournament and the first round of our match play. Judging by the results, there was some exciting golf. Most matches were not decided till the last putt was made.....or not!!!! Congratulations to those who qualified for NORCAL and the opportunity of playing at Poppy Hills and Spyglass---make us proud. As importantly, enjoy the moment.

On March 28th, your officers and Directors held our monthly meeting at Dino's Restaurant. As we jump start into the sun-soaked months, we're focusing on some exciting golf. Sign-ups for our annual away Tournament starts NOW! There are only a limited numbers of spaces(56) available, so don't delay. The date is Saturday, June 1. The fee is \$70.00. We've almost reached our goal for membership for 2002, yet we're not so complacent that we're not always looking for a few more good men. If you know of anyone who would like to enjoy the same camaraderie and golfing opportunities as you do, in-

vite them to join! We are our own BEST representatives.

If you haven't already heard or known, the Restaurant at Willow Park is open again! To our benefit, the restaurant will again offer us discounts and allow us to apply our winnings toward the restaurant. So we again have a choice. Those who win can decide between the Pro Shop and the Restaurant. Well, the course has felt the effects of inflation....and they want us to "share their pain". As of April 1, fees for tournaments go up \$2.00. Thank you, very much!

In closing I offer this Golfer's poem(Thank you Larry McFadden):

*In my hand I hold a ball,
White and dimpled, rather small.
Oh, how bland it does appear,
This harmless looking little sphere.
By it's size I fell beneath it's spell,
I've wandered through the fires of hell.
My life has not been the same,
since I chose to play this game.
It rules my mind for hours on end,
A fortune it has made me spend.
It has made me curse and cry,
I hate myself and want to die.
It promises a thing called par,
If I can hit it straight and far.
To master such a tiny ball,
Should not be very hard at all.
But my desires the ball refuses,
And does exactly as it chooses.
It hooks and slices, dribbles and dies,
Or disappears before my eyes.
Often it will have a whim,
To hit a tree or take a swim.
With miles of grass on which to land,
It finds a tiny patch of sand.
Then has me offering up my soul,
If only it would find the hole.
It's made me whimper like a pup,
And swear that I will give it up.
And take to drink to ease my sorrow*

Important Dates

Apr 28 th	TC's Surprise
May 10 th	Two Man Best Ball
June 1 st	Away Tournament
Jun 23 th	Directors' Tourn.

*But the ball knows.....
.....I'll be back tomorrow!
Happy Easter!!!!
The Prez*

TC's Column

Mark Hemenez

We had a good turnout for this month's tournament -- 64 players. I thought while playing golf... I was the only one playing not to par, but I saw you all had a tough time out there. I went out with the Prez in the "President's Tournament." We play pretty fast and the course was in good shape, but the greens were tricky. They started aeration and they need it. The Match Play started and we had some good pairings. The results were surprising. There will be a leader board in the Spike Room/Coffee Shop.

The results of the "President's Tournament" were also surprising -- I won YEAH! I'm going to NORCAL and so are some other lucky guys. Speaking of luck, I had my first "HOLE IN ONE" on March 14th on #13 -- Nine Iron and I beat Dennis Kline. Life is good! On #10, creek and left are O.B. For those who don't know -- you must re-tee because that creek is not a lateral hazard.

The next tournament is April 28th. The closing date to enter is April 18th. Once I make a tee time for all players we are STUCK! so plan ahead. Reminder -- green fee's went up \$2.00. Mail check for \$45.00. That includes your cart. We are planning the away tournament at Brentwood Golf Course this coming June 1st. The cost will be approx. \$70.00. I will have more details in the upcoming newsletter.

Summer is coming and daylight savings time starts soon. The course should be in good shape and we will probably be playing the ball down. COMIN TO GET YA Brother Walker!

TC M. Hemenez

Comments from Membership Chairman

Larry Cobleigh

As of this writing we have 163 full members and 60 associates for a total of 223. It's looking better all of the time. I would like to remind you that you must keep in touch with us. If you're not getting your newsletter, have we got your correct E-mail or postal address? We do send it out to the address we have on file for you. Another thing is reading your writing on the applications that you send us. My writing is atrocious, but I do try to take extra care with E-mail or Postal addresses. You'd be surprised at how many we read wrong. Could that be why you're not getting your newsletter? In fact if you're not getting your newsletter how can you be reading this. 'Tis a puzzlement!

We have new software for the computer. For posting, it's not much different from last years. Except that for "club members" when posting all you have to do is hit the "Enter" button instead of "1" to bring up the screen where you will post your GHIN number. From there on all you have to do is follow instructions. The main thing is you can now post your scores to GHIN on the internet. Remember that this is not for all of your scores, but for the ones where the computer is down, being used, or the Spike Room is closed when you come off the course. To post on the internet, go to www.ncga.org, (org not com, because you will get the National Corn Growers Association). You will find an Internet posting button on the home page. As usual follow instructions. You will find it very much like posting on our course computer. Where it asks for last name or course number, you can punch (53-204) which is our course number. These scores will be posted with identifying letters so that your peers can review them on score posting sheets. The people I talked to down at NCGA asked that you not use this method unless you can't post when you come off the course.

On a separate page in this newsletter you will find an application for our always popular away tournament at Brentwood Golf Course on Saturday June 1st, 2002. First starting time will be at 10:56 AM and the price will be \$70. That includes a \$5 tournament prize fee that the course will charge us. These people always treat us good and have not raised the price to us in the last three years. As of this writing we have room for 56 players.

Larry Cobleigh – Mem. Ch.

Editor's notes

For those of you that get the newsletter from the web page, the "sign-up" page for the away tournament will be on a separate link on the web page so that you can download it separately and therefore will **not** be included in the newsletter. For those that receive the letter by mail, a copy of the sign-up sheet is included.

Finally , the prez asked me to loudly announce that the WP restaurant is now open again.

Willow Park Restaurant now open for business

Days open for Dinner:

- **Thursday thru Sunday**

Approx. same menu as before

Full Bar service

Discount for WP Men's Club Members

THE PRESIDENTS TOURNAMENT

March 24, 2002

LOW NET-- Qualifies for the "Skins Game" in the "Tof C" Oct 20th

1st Joe Johnson 82-14=68 \$60 Pro shop

LOW GROSS – Qualifies for the "Skins Game" in the "T of C" Oct 20th

1st Mark Hemenez 76 \$60 Pro shop

1ST FLIGHT—1.3 thru 11.3 (26 golfers)

1st Kipp Classen 78-8=70 Had a net 34 on last 9 \$50 Pro shop

2nd Pat Jennings 77-7=70 Had a net 37 on last 9 \$40 Pro shop

3rd Frank Pauselius 77-6=71 Had a net 35 on last 9 \$30 Pro shop

4th Rich Brown 80-9=71 Had a net 35 1/2 last 9 \$20 Pro shop

5th Ron Walker 79-8=71 Had a net 36 on last 9 \$15 Pro shop

6th Sumner White 82-11=71 Had a net 40 on last 9 \$10 Pro shop

2ND FLIGHT—11.4 thru 16.1 (22 golfers)

1st Walt Zwirek 84-16=68 \$50 Pro shop

2nd Tom Joseph 86-16=70 Had a net 7 on last 3 \$40 Pro shop

3rd Al Hamilton 86-16=70 Had a net 8 on last 3 \$30 Pro shop

4th Larry Becker 82-12=70 Had a net 39 on last 9 \$20 Pro shop

5th Mike Pangilinan 84-13=71 \$15 Pro shop

6th Clyde Horrocks 87-13=74 \$10 Pro shop

3RD FLIGHT—18.4 UP

1ST Neal Groch 89-21=68 Had a net 35 on last 9 \$50 Pro shop

2nd Steve Recter 91-23=68 Had a net 40 on last 9 \$40 Pro shop

3rd Hugh Williams 101-32=69 \$30 Pro shop

4th Mike Perkins 91-21=70 Had a net 31 on last 9 \$20 Pro shop

5th Bob Haslem 111-39=70 Had a net 32 on last 9 \$15 Pro shop

6th Gary Fisher 91-20=71 \$10 Pro shop

CLOSEST TO THE HOLE AND LONG DRIVE \$10 to each in pro shop

3rd Pat Jennings 5th Todd Redfield 7th Rich Warren 13th Ron Walker 16th Kirk Folger LD
Dave Bridges

NORCAL ZONE QUALIFYING (28 players)

LOW GROSS Mark Hemenez 76 Frank Pauselius 77

LOW NET Joe Johnson 68 Kipp Classen 70 NET

Play at Spyglass Hill and Poppy Hills 5/20/02&5/21/02 and receive \$70 each for expenses.

MATCH PLAY (16 players advance)

Klien, Dennis 1 Hemenez, Mark 6

Englert, Mark 21 Walker, Tom 23

Jennings, Pat 7 Walker, Ron 8

Becker, Larry 12 Perkins, Mike 13

Hamilton, Al 16 Portue, Kieth 15

Ehlers, Walt 12 White, Sumner 11

Classen, Kipp 8 Fisher, Gary 20

Johnson, Joe 14 Dillon, John 21