

# THE WILLOW PARK

## Men's Club Newsletter

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### IMPORTANT DATES

**Feb. 23** Get Acquainted  
**Mar. 30** TC's Surprise  
**Apr. 27** President's Tournament  
**May 18** Two Man Best Ball/Qualifying  
**Jun. 7** Away Tournament  
**Jun. 22** Director's Tournament  
**Jul. 20** TC's Surprise  
**Aug. 16/17** Club Championship  
**Sep. 7** Memorial tournament  
**Oct. 12** Tourn. Of Champions  
**Nov. 9** Turkey Shoot  
**Dec. 7** Turkey Shoot

**Tournament Green Fees are \$45.00 to be paid 10 days in advance**

### President's Column:

Well, football season officially ended on Sunday, January 26, 2003. (The Pro Bowl doesn't count!!!!). That same Sunday, for me, was an omen of things to come. I mumbled for 18 holes that there was NO WAY that the Raiders could play as bad as I was playing. Boy, was I wrong! Or was it the curse of "Chuckie"??!! And DON'T EVEN ask me what the 49ers are doing!!! Either way, let's get on with it.

I've been asked to remind everyone that the green fees for our tournaments are \$45.00 and MUST be received within 10 days of the scheduled tournament. It seems some are having a hard time remembering the drill. You're making your T/C and Treasurer "CRAZY". So, we are plastering this message throughout this newsletter. This is the procedure and amount due....at least till April, when the rumors of increased green fees may become a fact.

On a sobering note, the club is faced with a financial dilemma. Due to transmission problems between Willow Park and the NCGA Data Center,

ALL 2002 members were rolled over to 2003, renewed or not! The problem was found to be a bad connection in a telephone junction box at the course. Since it was not the fault of the NCGA computer, the NCGA is not responsible. Therefore, we incurred an additional \$1,800 expense that was not budgeted for. We've sent letters to those persons who were erroneously renewed by the NCGA in an effort to recoup our losses. These people will be INACTIVE till they "officially" renew.

At our January Officers and Directors Meeting we took action to revise our 2003 Budget so as to address this unanticipated expense. We proposed and approved a number of measures in order to immediately get in line with a budget that would meet our expenses, without taking away from the prize fund for our tournaments. This took a great deal of sacrifice. I can proudly say that we are on track to be in line for the year. We will review our budget, as we do every year, in April. With the unselfish help of your elected Officers and Directors, 2003 will meet or exceed everyone's expectations.

In closing, I remind and invite everyone to share his thoughts and opinions regarding the direction of your club with me personally or with any of your Officers and Directors. Your input helps making your club the best that it can be! And remember, Golf is a game invented by the same people who think music comes out of a bagpipe!!!!

**REMINDER: TOURNAMENT: GREEN FEES = \$45.00.....10 days in advance!!!!!!!!!!!!**

***George P. Vance, President***

## **TC'S Column**

I always find a good reason to write my newsletter and this one is because I made A HOLE IN 1 on #7! I used a 6 Iron from the blue tees at Willow. Two in less than a year Yeah!

We had our first tournament with 60 players...pretty good. There are a couple of things we need to address here: Speed of play...we need to keep up with the group in front of us...VERY IMPORTANT. The club has a rule: Two minutes to look for a ball. You must be ready when the starter calls you. We were 35 minutes behind on the tee in the last tournament. It's very frustrating to people when they have to wait 35 minutes, so lets try harder next time. Overall it was a good tournament. I hope you all had a good time. I'll be posting the leader board in the Spike Room, so you can check it out.

The next tournament is the "Get Acquainted" February 23rd. Mark your calendars...I need payment sent by Feb 13th (10 DAYS IN ADVANCE) so I can make up the groups. Don't WHINE if you are late and can't get in!

By the way, there was an error in last month's newsletter. It was not Matt Pedigo that shot the 66, at Chabot GC. It was **Matt Henderson**. Welcome Matt. I'm looking forward to the next few tournaments.

Tournament after the next is a qualifier. See ya on the links!

**Mark Hemenez, TC**

## **From the Membership Chairman**

We recently sent out a letter to members who hadn't rejoined by Feb. 1st. In it we tried to tell them why they might have gotten their NCGA blue book and a 2003 hard

card when in fact they weren't supposed to -- unless they belonged to another club. The letter also explained why they can no longer post on our computer (It comes up "inactive member"). NCGA, USGA, Poppy Hills and Poppy Ridge will no longer recognize their cards or GHIN numbers unless they are active in another club. We also sent them another membership application. Whether they read the letter or not is a moot point, they will not be eligible for WPMC entitlements unless they pay the 2003 membership dues!

The letter was meant only for the above individuals, so if you got one forget it!

**Larry Cobleigh**

**From The Editor**  
**10 (ten) more editions!!!**

## **14th Annual Super Bowl Tournament**

January 26<sup>th</sup> 2003

### **1<sup>st</sup> Flight-2 thru 17 Handicap**

1 <sup>st</sup> Dennis Klein	75(Low Gross)		\$50 Pro shop
2 <sup>nd</sup> Gary Fisher	80-17=63		\$40 Pro Shop
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tom Joseph	81-15=66		\$30 Pro Shop
4 <sup>TH</sup> Walt Zwirek	81-14=67		\$20 Pro Shop
5 <sup>th</sup> Ralph Chonzena	79-10=69		\$15 Pro Shop
6 <sup>th</sup> Fred Cortapossi	86-17=69		\$10 Pro Shop

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Flight- 18 and up Handicap**

1 <sup>st</sup> Jim Heatherington	92-23=69	had a net 33 last nine	\$50 Pro Shop
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mick Kortz	95-26=69	had a net 35 last nine	\$40 Pro Shop
3 <sup>rd</sup> Todd Redfeild	93-22=71	had a net 32 last nine	\$30 Pro Shop
4 <sup>th</sup> Daniel Stevens	90-19=71	had a net 33 last nine	\$20 Pro Shop
5 <sup>th</sup> Bob Grenier	89-18=71	had a net 35 last nine	\$15 Pro Shop
6 <sup>th</sup> Perry McCollum	89-17=72		\$10 Pro Shop

### **Closest to the hole and long drive \$10 each in Pro shop**

#3 Joe Johnson #5 Ralph Chonzena #7 Marvin Lightner #13 Patrick Jennings #16 Gary Fisher  
LD #12 Joe Joseph

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