

THE WILLOW PARK

Men's Club Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 7 Turkey Shoot

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

President's Column

Fellow Members,

2003 is about to come to a close. Thanksgiving and the Christmas season are upon us, a time for enjoyment, reflection, and making a list and checking it twice to make sure we have made up a wish list of the latest golf "stuff" that we will need next year! Though the year is ending, it is a busy time for your Officers and Directors. We are formulating our agenda for 2004, budgeting and making 2004 our best men's club year yet! And, in that regard, I count on all of you to participate and play a part in the direction of your club. Let your voice and thoughts be heard, whether Larry agrees with them or not!!!

Our last tournament for 2003 will be December 7th, a Turkey Shoot. Let's have a great finish for the year! I've notified the "Golf Gods" to give us decent weather on tournament day. They haven't failed us so far this year. So, I encourage all to participate in this last tournament of the year. This tournament will also be a NORCAL-Zone Qualifying Tournament. There will be a \$20.00 entry fee for those who wish to try to qualify. This fee will be collected by one of the directors on the day of the tournament. Further details will be available in Mark's column, or contact him directly. Also, our

2004 Tournament Schedule

- February 1st Superbowl Sunday
- February 29th Get Acquainted
- March 21st TC's Surprise
- April 25th President's Tournament
- May 23rd Two Man Best Ball Qual.
- June 6th Away Tournament
- June 27th Director's Tournament
- July 25th TC's Surprise
- August 28th 29th Club Championship
- September 19th Memorial Tournament
- October 24th Tourn. of Champions
- November 14th Turkey Shoot
- December 12th Turkey Shoot

2004 membership drive is on. We have already received numerous renewals. Yet, this is addressed to those who are sitting on the fence or have forgotten. The deadline is December 18th!!!!!! So don't delay! The NCGA charges you a fee for late renewal! Don't be left out. Send your renewal in TODAY!!!

That's all for now, other than from me, and on behalf of your Officers and Directors, I wish ALL a very happy, safe, and memorable December and Christmas Season.

Your Prez

George P. Vance

Vice President's Column

(Yes, Hugh is favoring us with some of his golf observations that he has been collecting over the years. Ed.)

(Hooked on Golf)

#1 Gimme - An agreement between two losers who can't putt

#2 Golf is the hardest game in the world to play and the easiest to cheat at!

#3 Golf is a game in which the slowest people in the world are those front of you and the fastest are those behind you.

#4 When you are too old to chase other things, you can always chase golf balls.

#5 An amateur golfer is one who addresses the ball twice before hitting the ball and twice after the ball has been struck

Hubert Williams, V.P.

From the TC~ Mark Hemenez

Hey Guys:

This is it... Our last tournament of the year and it is a Norcal Event!! At the last director's meeting, the directors voted that the entry fee for all Norcal Events be raised from \$10.00 to \$20.00. These include - "Two man best ball," "Four man best ball," and other "events". This month has to be a qualifier for Norcal because NCGA moved the date for East Bay Zone up to February. Don't worry, I will try to make some extra tee times for those that get this letter late. So call me or George if you want to participate.

Congratulations to Dave Roberts and Matt Henderson for coming in fourth place in the Four Man Best Ball net championship! A good job and they missed the medallist level by one stroke!

Last weekend Shari and I stayed at Quail Lodge and I played Poppy Hills GC. The Course is in great shape. I was at the lodge and a woman walked up to me and mentioned that the greens were slow. I said yes, they are, don't I know you? She said no, but I am Amy Alcot. I said, I do know you, and we talked golf awhile and that was great.

Quail Lodge is really nice. The Lodge has just finished renovating the rooms and has installed plasma TVs, new beds, baths and a nine-hole putting green... very nice!

Happy Thanksgiving and will see you at the Turkey Shoot.

Mark Hemenez TC

Comments by the Membership Chairman

At the end of the 2003 enrollment (Oct 1st) we had 229 members of whom 169 were full members and 60 associates. That is

the lowest membership enrollment in my memory. Do we attribute that to the economy? I'm sure that it can catch some of the blame. Our dues? I think not as they haven't been raised in two years. Having to pay ahead for tournaments? Ah!!! Now there, I think, is where we had trouble. When talking to some of our past members who didn't rejoin in 2003 most of them said they didn't like the idea of being tied down once they made their decision to play. A few said they felt the course didn't trust us and was treating us like an outside tournament. Whenever you went to the course you would find WPMC members on the course or in the bar. Where were the people from other tournaments that played here once a year? I'm just quoting, but there is some merit to their gripes. At the same time, Willow Park is a business and as such has to make money. They cannot put up with no-shows.(and the men's club can't afford to pay for no shows - Ed.) When they know exactly how many are going to play they can fill up the empty spots. Ergo, we pay before we play. I've seen no real hardships so far. If it rains your entry fee is deferred to the next month or whatever month you want (within reason). Frost delay, same thing. Although collecting entrance fees has been a problem for some of the officers, we'll muddle through. We do prefer checks, but in a pinch will accept cash, which is as good as money according to Yogi. It's easy to make mistakes when handling money, especially after highballs. That's another reason we ask you to get a receipt for cash.

So far this year (11-23-03), we have 133 members of whom 90 are full members and 43 are associates. Since we have almost a month before the deadline we should be in pretty good shape. What is this deadline I'm talking about? After December 18th you will pay an extra \$10 per NCGA instructions.

Finally I don't know if anyone else is going to touch on this but the Restaurant has been sold to the owners of Paradiso in San Leandro. I saw a price list the other day and the Men's club will continue to get its 25% discount on booze in the main bar. Now that's real important stuff

Larry Cobleigh

From the Editor

Well, - - - you have me as editor for another year!!! Good old George sweet talked me into another year of putting up with late submittals by the various chairmen, reviewing, editing and formatting the columns for the letter, making copies, folding, addressing, stamping and sending copies to those of you with no e-mail addresses and finally, wrestling with the web page program so that the members with e-mail may receive the letter by that venue. As you will or should know by the time you read this letter, the web page address has been changed. Pacbell and SBC have not been nice to me during the latter part of this year! Anyway, 2004 is my last year (George) and by December 2004, the club had better have a new editor on board!!!!

Hope you enjoyed your turkey and have a great Christmas Season>

Gail Stanton, Editor

Just wondering

- Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp which no decent human being would eat?
- Why is there a light in the fridge and not in the freezer?
- Can a hearse carrying a corpse drive in the carpool lane?
- Why is a person that handles your money called a Broker?
- If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

**Willow Park Men's Club
Turkey shoot Tournament
November 9, 2003**

Handicap 1 thru 16

Name	Gross score	Handicap	Net score	
Zaballos ,Steve	78	13	65	Won Turkey
Johnson, Joe	81	16	65	"
Vance, George	76	10	66	"
Davis, Steve	80	11	69	"
Joseph Joe	84	15	69	"
Pedigo, Matt	84	15	69	"
Riblett, Bob	85	15	70	"
Joseph, Tom	88	15	73	"
Klein, Dennis	77	4	73	"
Brolin, Stan	85	11	74	" Had 33 on back 9
Carerra, Tony	86	12	74	No Turkey Had 35 on back 9
Hunz, Rich	81	7	74	" Had 36 on back 9

Handicap 17 and up

Holmstrom, Tom	84	20	64	Won Turkey
Massone, Joe	93	25	68	"
Stanton, Gail	88	19	69	"
Kim, Sam	92	21	71	"
Hamilton, Al	90	18	72	"
Fabel, Bob	102	29	73	"
Cobleigh, Larry	97	23	74	"
Esposito, Joe	105	31	74	"
Williams, Hugh	101	27	74	"
Haslam, Ron	102	27	75	" Had 40 on back 9
Redfield, Todd	97	22	75	No Turkey Had 42 on back 9

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