

The Willow Park

Men's Club Newsletter

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2004 Tournament Schedule

- 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

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

President's Column

Fellow Members, from your response and enthusiasm, it showed that we enjoyed our first tournament of the year, even though the weather was a concern throughout the day. Some 68 players participated in our traditional Super Bowl Sunday Tournament. A big thank you to all who came out.

As for our hosts, was there anyone there who did NOT enjoy the generous spread provided by the new restaurant management???? I had the pleasure of sharing a cart with Mike Weisner who is the new owner of the Willow Park restaurant, and, though my game "sucked", I enjoyed the round and the company immensely. He wields a pretty good game as well. Jim Derdevanis and Herm Kerber completed our foursome, and Jim and Herm shared the same enthusiasm as I for Mike's participation in our club's activities. I am sure that this is the beginning of an enthusiastic and proactive relationship that will benefit both the restaurant and the club. I encourage those who weren't in attendance on Sunday to do your selves a favor and frequent both the still being re-modeled Bar

and Grill as well as their restaurant in San Leandro. Its name is "Paradiso" and it is located at 685 Bancroft Ave., just south of Dutton Ave. YOU WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED if you go there!!!

As for those of us who were enjoying the festivities, I know from the responses I received and heard, that Mike has a "winner" in the works. As for the restaurant at Willow Park, it is scheduled to open in April. You should look forward with anticipation about its debut as well. I trust that this tournament will be a benchmark of exciting things to enjoy this year.

We have booked starting times on Saturday, June 5th, for our annual "away" tournament. It will be held, again, at Brentwood Golf Course. Details and entry forms will be available soon. For now, MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!, we will be limiting the number of players available.

I am looking forward to a great a turnout for our next tournament on February 29th. To sign up, contact Mark Hemenez or Larry Cobleigh(510-783-8827). I'm done!

Your Prez

George P. Vance

More Humor From The VP

1. Two men were leaving church on a bright Sunday morning. "Do you know", said the first friend, "I can always tell who the golfers are in church". "How is that?" Asked the other man. "It is easy", he said, "just look at who is praying with an interlocking grip."
2. A foursome were searching for a golf ball that had landed in the deep rough. After several minutes, the golfer who had played the ball, poked in

the grass and declared "I found it!" one of the other golfers said, "That can't be yours, I have your ball in my pocket!"

3. A couple, whose passion had cooled, went to a marriage counselor for advice. They went through a number of sessions with little success until finally, the counselor grabbed the wife and kissed her passionately. "There", he said, "that is what she needs every Monday, Wednesday Saturday and Sunday". "Well," replied the husband. "I can bring her in on Mondays and Wednesdays, but Saturdays and Sundays are my golf days."

Hugh Williams, VP

Guest Commentary

Doug Goodale

Rule of the Day: Delicate chip shots over bunkers always catch the top of the bank and fall back. There are thousands of good lines like that, that only us golfers can appreciate. But something keeps drawing us back for that flawless round we know we could experience!

I moved to Castro Valley 30 years ago in March. I came out to Willow Park soon after getting settled, asked the guys in the pro shop about the Men's Club. At the time they said there were no openings but I could get on a waiting list. I declined that offer. A number of years later I was playing a late weekday nine at W. P. I was joined at the first tee by Pete Krass. After a couple of holes he asked if I was interested in joining the Men's Club and I think he gave me an application! (Wow-that's a novel idea. We should all carry one.). I joined soon after that. As most of you know I'm not knocking on the door of scratch golf, however that first year I think I pulled down \$150 in prize money. The second year was equally rewarding. I got hooked!

I have belonged to other clubs with slightly lower dues but noth-

ing in prize \$ like this club. Also, in spite of comments to the contrary this course in competitively priced.

Glad to see our members renewing at a good clip and new membership going well this year after a couple of slow years. You think maybe the Secret is Out?

Regards,

Your Secty. *Doug Goodale*

From the membership chairman

As of February 1st, we had 207 members with the promise of more. We're slightly ahead of last year which ended with 229 members. In the glory days we carried 300 plus, but then our tournaments usually had at least a 100 players. That was really too many.

I'm sure the Prez will cover the "Super Bowl Sunday" tournament, but I'd like to say a few nice words about all the great food in the restaurant and those lovely young ladies, Cassandra, Billie, and Karen who made sure everything ran smoothly -- You made this one of our best tournaments ever! The new owner Mike Weisner helped some too.

And now I will tell you about that lousy Super Bowl. Why do I say that when all of the newspapers are talking about how exciting it was? Because I had 4 to 7 which was good up until 5 seconds before half-time. That stupid New England coach had his kick-off kicker try to kick a pooch kick or whatever that thing was in order to stop a long runback and two plays later Carolina kicked a field goal. As far as I'm concerned, he really didn't deserve to win the game. If you want to hear more about the game, read the newspapers. I'm through with it!

The results and winners

were:

1st Qtr -Pats 0, Pants 0 =
Joe Johnson \$25
2nd Qtr -- Pats 4, Pants 0 =
K Tracy Pierce \$50
3rd Qtr -- Pats 4, Pants 0 =
K Tracy Pierce \$75
Final - - Pats 2, Pants 9 =
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Did I mention Cassandra and Billie?

Larry Cobleigh

Comment by the TC

Hey Guys good turn out last month 68 players. Next months tournament should be a scramble depending on the weather.

I would like to point out that there is a problem with slow play and I will pen players in the future you've been warned. Please keep up with group in front of you. Four and a half hours is the norm... OK! Thanks.

We have a great schedule this season so play well and good luck. The next tournament is Feb 29th send checks to the PO box 2600 CV. \$45. 10 DAYS IN ADVANCE ALL YEAR!!! THANKS See ya on the links
TC Mark Hemenez

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A couple of items from the Editor

Some times I wonder who bothers to read this rag. Larry Cobleigh called me the other night to say that I should put a not in the letter about the requirement that all tournament players had to pay the green and cart fee at least ten days before the tournament date. I advised Larry that that note was and has been in the box which gives the tournament schedule for the past **thirteen issues!** Go figure.

Regarding the web page, the address is again: <http://gailstanton.com>. This correction was made with the aide of my computer savvy daughter. I apologize for the screw-up on last month's address. Which you can still use by the way.

Gail Stanton

