

The Willow Park

MEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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2004 Tournament Schedule

- 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

Hello Fellow Members,

So, we had our January tournament in February, we did NOT have our February tournament at all, and we had to have our February Officers and Directors meeting in March. No, I'm NOT on medication!!!! The course is NOT in very good shape. The back nine is literally a quagmire, carts are only being made available for the front nine. We can only hope that the weather is accommodating so as to dry everything out in time for our next tournament on March 21st. Your entry fees will be rolled over for the next tournament unless you notify Mark Hemenez in ADVANCE of any change in your intention to play. We plan on having our Match Play event for those interested beginning in this March tournament. Mark will expand on this in his column. We will be hoping for up to 32 players for this single elimination tournament to be played in conjunction with our monthly tournaments running over the course of the next 5 months as in the past years.

Our annual away tournament has been confirmed for Saturday, June 5th at Brentwood Golf Course. Applications will be available in this or upcoming issues. Up to 56 players will have the opportunity to sign up. This is on a first come, first serve basis. You can include your own foursomes, if

you desire, so don't delay. The price will be as last year, \$75.00 including cart. This has become a very anticipated event, on a great course, with great hospitality at a very reasonable price! Let's continue to make this the success it has been in the past.

Also, our Memorial Tournament and Banquet has been confirmed for Sunday, September 19th with the new restaurant ownership. We are excited about this year's event. I guarantee, you will be in for a very pleasant presentation. No spaghetti and meatballs this year!!! Mike Weisner has assured me that he will provide us with a culinary extravaganza that will give us the "most bang for our buck...".

For the upcoming East Bay Zone Qualifier this March 8-9, your club will be represented by Tony Paniagua, Dennis Klein, Ron Walker, substituting for Keith Portue, who unfortunately had to withdraw, and yours truly, "ME"! I don't mind sharing with everyone my excitement for qualifying for this event. On behalf of my fellow qualifiers, I assure you that we will represent you with an abundance of enthusiasm and effort.

Lastly, it's my sadness to report that a former member of the club, (Glenn Stevens), recently and unexpectedly passed away. Glenn was a fixture at the Willow Park Lounge. Though he hadn't actively participated in our club for several years, he was a regular at the Lounge, always with a warm "Hello", enjoying the company of his former members. And the feeling was mutual. Though, he'd been ill for a while, personally, it was a shock to hear of his passing. He will be missed. We give our condolences to his family and friends.

Have a great month, and enjoy the green and blarney of a Happy St. Patrick's Day. Good Golfing
Your Prez

Addendum by the President:

Well, We went...we saw...we succumbed!!!!!! Personally, the surroundings of Spyglass on Monday got the best of me. What an incredible place...the course was in tournament condition, the scenery was beyond description!!! Having such incredible weather

certainly didn't allow me to focus on the task at hand either!!!!!!!!!!!!!! What a great venue, it is though. None of us did that well on Monday, however we played much better at Poppy Hills on Tuesday. We all left before the final group was in. At that time, we were about in the middle of the pack. Still, I wouldn't have replaced the experience for anything. I want to go back!!!!

George P. Vance

Guest Column:

Bob Fabel, Treasurer

I'm Bob Fabel, Treasurer of Willow Park Men's Club. All I have to do is to collect your money for dues and green fees, pay bills and keep the Prez out of trouble. Don't I wish it was that simple! After collecting the mail and logging in your name and green fees, a list of all players and requests for partners are forwarded to the Tournament Chairman, Mark Hemenez. On the Tournament Sunday, I write checks for the total green fees. After the tournament, the TC determines the prizes, and this is where it gets interesting.

Starting this month, you will be able to designate your winnings for either the Pro Shop or the Restaurant. The Pro Shop, Tom Jones the Manager, has a nice selection of golf shirts, shoes and if he doesn't have the equipment you want, he will order it for you and do his best to match "downtown prices." Mark will have your Gift Vouchers available to give to you at the next tournament. If you don't pick it up at that time, our new policy is that we will mail it to you. At the restaurant, Mike Wiesner, the new owner and a member of our club, will record your winnings and will provide an outstanding dinner when he opens next month.

But remember, you have to tell Mark where you want your money to go. We paid out almost \$10,000 in winnings last year and I think we all had a good time.

Another reminder: The fee for each tournament is \$45.00, and is due 10 days before the day of the tournament

Bob Fabel Treasurer

From The Editor:

I am so happy that this is my last year as the editor of this newsletter! Not only is my golf game getting worse, but I have very little patience for my fellow club officers. At this date (03/12/04) I have still to hear from the club TC so I am going to press without his valuable words of wisdom

(like how well his golf buddies are doing in one of the tournaments)

I know that he would be telling you about how he will penn the tournament players whose golf scores are significantly less than the current handicap that they carry and also, he would advise you that, due to the very warm weather, the rule will be that you will be playing the ball down in tournament play!! Also, since you weren't able to play, you will have a credit for cart payment and green fees if you signed up and paid the fees in advance for the last tournaments

Also I want to remind you that the scheduled "away tournament" at Brentwood will be held Saturday June 5 contrary to the date that I have placed in the previous News Letters. My apologies for that mistake

Gail Stanton, Editor

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Tom Joseph, Member WPMC

Willow Park Men's Club

Away Tournament

Saturday June 5th, 2004

Brentwood Golf Course

1740 Balfour Road

Brentwood Ca. 94513

(925) 516 3400



1st Tee-off 10:56 am

56 Player limit

\$75 (Includes Cart, Prize & Pro Shop Funds)

Soft Spike Shoes Required

Send Checks To: WPMC

P.O. Box 2600

Castro Valley, Ca.

Checks Must Be Received By May 26th

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!

You May Make Up Your Own Foursomes

Player #1 _____

Player #2 _____

Player #3 _____

Player #4 _____

**There is a map in the 2004 Norcal Blue Book
that shows you how to get there**

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