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2005 Tournament Schedule

- April 25 Two Man Best Ball(Norcal)

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

President's Column

A much belated Happy New Year to all Members and your families. A new and exciting year is upon us, and I look forward to making this the best yet. We have made some changes in the direction your club is taking this year, with a new Tournament Chairman, Tony Paniagua, Handicap Chairman, Mark Hemenez, an official Webmaster in Daniel Turner, and a new Director, Steve Davis. Embrace and encourage them, as I have, with your support. Personally I've been secluded away most of these last few months, working on my "other" passion.....developing a helpful golf manual. Tentatively titled, "The Truly Useful Golf Book", I've so far developed the following chapters:

Chapter 1-How to Properly Line up your Fourth Putt.

Chapter 2-How to Hit a Nike from the Rough When You Hit a Titleist from the Tee.

Chapter 3-How to Avoid Water when you Lie "8" In a Bunker.

Chapter 4-How to Get More Distance Off your Shank.

Chapter 5-When to Give the Marshall the Finger.

Chapter 6-Using Your Shadow on the Green to Maximize Earnings.

Chapter 7-Proper Excuses for Drinking Before 9AM.

Chapter 8-How to Find That Ball That Everyone Else Saw Go in the Water.

Chapter 9-Why Your Spouse Doesn't Care That You Birdied the 4th.

Chapter10-How to Relax when You

Are Hitting Five from the Tee.

Chapter11-When to Suggest Major Swing Corrections to Your Opponent.

Chapter12-God and the Meaning of the Birdie-to-Bogey Three Putt.

Chapter13-When to Regrip Your Ball Retriever.

Chapter14-Can You Purchase a Better Golf Game?

Chapter15- Why Golfers Fight to Pay \$7.00 A Beer From the Cart Girl, And Why They Would Pay More!

Check out new Website,

<http://willowparkmensclub.com>

,your 2005 Tournament Schedule, make your plans, and have a great 2005.

Your Prez.

George Vance, President

TC's Column

Dateline March 2005

TC Tales from the Rough

Well the third tournament has concluded. While I heard some grumblings early on about the "Orange Ball" it seems to me that I heard a lot of conversations as groups came in debating on what should have been done to avoid losing it. I hope everyone enjoyed the variety. I have one more TC surprise coming up in July. I don't want to give the surprise away to early but have you ever wondered why you are allowed 14 clubs when you really only need 4, 5 or 6!!!!

Congratulations to all the winners both individual and "Orange Ball". There were an awful lot of low scores. Not one but two net 62's and as many 64's???? I saw the handicap chairman making some inquires. The weather seems to be getting better so we will start playing the ball down pretty soon. Perhaps that will move

some of these scores back to reality....

There were only four orange balls turned in. I figured there would be more but after seeing the first player in the first group hook the ball in the creek (um..... Hooking the ball into a creek on the right I wonder who that was) it lead me to believe otherwise. I must admit I hit it into the creek on the first hole. Driving down the fairway I was assured by my "Friends" that it was ok if it was lost and they would assist me in looking closely for the ball. Now I know what they meant when they asked me if I know how to swim... Fortunately I was able to find it without there assistance.. Took a drop and proceeded to score a 6 on the first hole getting us off to a sizzling start.

Awards will be ready for pick up at the next tournament. The winners will be posted on the web site. Please come by and see me

I have gotten a few questions on applying award certificates. I instituted the entry form so I could make sure your request for Pro Shop or Restaurant could be met should you win. You do not have to fill out an entry form to enter the tournament but must get your check to me at least post marked by the deadline. Keep in mind that if you do not indicate your preference on the form or submit your check without a form you will be entered in the tournament if received on

time but I will presume you don't care where your winners go and will default the award to the Pro Shop.

Please remember to read the information sheet on the first tee. I'd advise you to get to the first tee in time to take a few minutes to look it over.

There may be changes in play or rules for that day. If you fail to follow an instruction you may be subject to being penalized or disqualification. I have let things slide a little because of the changes in format and structure when I took over but the grace period is about over so beware. I am making an attempt to get it on the web site prior to the tournament but that is still a work in progress.

As this will be the first newsletter under the new editor many of you were not aware of an event that occurred in the February tournament. One of the many dilemmas I was not looking forward to was disqualification of a player. I knew I would have no trouble doing it if necessary but still wasn't looking forward to it. I regret having to do it but also thank the player for making it an easy decision. It seems the player was driving up as his group was already hitting their second shots. By the time he got to the first tee his group was on the second tee with the second group already in the fairway ready to hit their second shot. This of course means he missed his tee time. I'm not going to mention this player by name but just be aware that if I can disqualify the President no one will be exempt.

The course is in pretty good shape considering the rain. There are still some soggy areas but overall not to bad. The new tee box on the 4th hole looks ready. I can't wait for the Blue marker to be moved back so I can move everyone back as well. This hole will become a true three shot par 5.

It's not too early to start planning for the June 4, 2005 away tournament. This year's tournament will be at Shadow Lakes golf course in Brentwood. Look for the entry soon on the

web site. Entries will also be posted on the bulletin board in the spike room. You can also get one by asking your TC. The tournament will be limited to the first 60 players with the deadline for entries set for Wednesday May 11, 2005.

I would like to conclude by thanking everyone for going along with me on some of the changes I've instituted over the last couple of months. I realize some of these changes are dramatically different than what was done in the past but I believe it will make everything better in the long run. This job is tough enough as it is and I really do appreciate your patience and cooperation in going along with the changes. I also welcome comments good or bad.

Next tournament April 24, 2005..... Deadline April 13, 2005..... This is a two man best ball tournament so please indicate the person you would like to have as a partner. You do not need a partner to enter. If you don't have a partner I will pair you with someone.

Tony Paniagua, Tournament Chairman

Editor's Column

Hello everyone, This is my first attempt at a Newsletter so please bear with me as I try to juggle the duties of both Newsletter Editor and Webmaster. My main task as editor will be to assemble the columns of the various contributors into this document and distribute it to the Membership. I will address the website in a separate column.

Daniel Turner, Newsletter

Webmaster

I don't have very much room this month, I hope everyone is enjoying the new Website. As I add new features and changes to the site I will highlight them in this column.

Daniel Turner, Webmaster

Willow Park Mens Club Tournament Recap - 03/13/05

Total Prizes Awarded		\$605
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		Prize	Player	Gross	Net	Where
1st Flight	1st	\$35	George Pritchard	71	62	Pro Shop
	2nd	\$30	Tom Joseph	77	62	Restaurant
	3rd	\$25	Joe Johnson	80	65	Pro Shop
	4th	\$20	Ron Walker	74	66	Pro Shop
	5th	\$15	Larry Becker	81	69	Restaurant

2nd Flight	1st	\$35	John Mc Carthy	80	64	Pro Shop
	2nd	\$30	Dan Gil	85	64	Pro Shop
	3rd	\$25	Bob Riblett	82	65	Restaurant
	4th	\$20	Dan Stevens	89	68	Restaurant
	5th	\$15	Jim Derdevanis	87	70	Restaurant

3rd Flight	1st	\$35	Mick Kortz	92	66	Pro Shop
	2nd	\$30	Ron Haslam	93	67	Restaurant
	3rd	\$25	Vic David	94	68	Pro Shop
	4th	\$20	Ken Mendelsohn	100	69	Pro Shop
	5th	\$15	Doug Goodale	102	72	Restaurant

Orange Ball	1st -Team Split	\$80	Tony Paniagua	Steve Davis	Tom Joseph	Joe Joesph	Pro Shop
	2nd -Team Split	\$60	Ron Haslam	Doug Goodale	Sam Hitcher	Dave Albiar	Pro Shop
	3rd -Team Split	\$30	Kirk Folger	Robert Grenier	Shane Sharkey		Pro Shop

CP - #3	\$10	Mike Mendonca	Pro Shop
CP - #5	\$10	Joe Johnson	Pro Shop
CP - #7	\$10	Walt Ehlers	Pro Shop
CP - #13	\$10	John Kallio	Pro Shop
CP - #16	\$10	John Mc Carthy	Pro Shop
LD - #17	\$10	George Vance	Pro Shop

		Par 3	Par 4	Par 5
Hardest	1st Flight	16 / 3.95	1 / 5.57	12 / 5.95
	2nd Flight	13 / 3.41	15 / 5.94	12 / 6.94
	3rd Flight	7 / 4.78	1 / 6.89	4 / 7.28

Easiest	1st Flight	5 / 3.38	11 & 14 / 4.76	18 / 5.57
	2nd Flight	13 / 3.41	8 / 4.71	18 / 5.94
	3rd Flight	3 / 3.83	2 / 5.67	12 / 6.94

Average Score	First Flight	86
	Second Flight	95
	Third Flight	106

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