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2005 Tournament Schedule

April 24 Two-man Best Ball(NCGA Zone Qualifying)
May 22 President's Tournament(Skins Qualifier)
June 4 Away Tournament (Shadow Lakes-Brentwood)
June 25 Director's Tournament (Skins Qualifier)
July 24 TC's Surprise II
Aug 21 Invitational/Memorial Tournament (Golf and Late Lunch)
Sep 17/18 Club Championship
Oct 30 Tournament of Champions
Nov 13 Turkey Shoot
Dec 11 Turkey Shoot (Possible '06 Zone Qualifying) **Tournament Green fees are \$45.00 to be paid 10 days in advance**

President's Column

This 'n' That regarding our Club:
It was deja vu all over again, as yours truly got our last Tournament off to the same start as I did the previous year, losing our team's orange ball on the opening drive!!! I took the pressure off right away for the rest of my team. This next Tournament is the Zone Qualifying 2-Man Best Ball. The date is April 24th. Grab your partner or notify Tony Paniagua so he can match you up with someone. Daylight Savings is upon us, so that opens up a lot more opportunities for play and enjoyment as we approach the summer months. Get out and just play! Our Annual Away Tournament is coming up in June. This year it will be held at Shadow Lakes in Brentwood on Saturday, June 4th. Check our Website for Applications. Also, remember to mark your calendar for our Memorial Tournament. This year it will be on Sunday, August 21st. Further details will be forthcoming. Share this opportunity to invite your friends and family. Speaking of getting new members into the fold, we have offered a pro-rated membership opportunity for anyone interested in joining our club as we get further into the year. Check our 2005 Membership Application on the Web, posted in the Spike Room, or in the Bar,

and pass it along. We've tried to make joining a convenience throughout the entire year, and I believe this is a constructive opportunity to accomplish that. Thank you for asking. We do seem to have a recurring problem with some members having brain lock as to how much our Tournament fees are. It seems that there are a small group of you who think our entry fee is \$43.00. It was, back in 2002!!!! For the last 3 years now it has been \$45.00 Please make note. We shouldn't have to have you dig into your packets for change in order to play. Just remember, it's \$45.00!!!! Also, we have a few members who also seem to forget how much the Annual Dues are. The NCGA penalizes us \$10.00 for LATE ENTRIES. This charge is passed on to those who renew late and has been a procedure "FOREVER". We know who you are. You have been requested to send in your unpaid balance. Frustratingly, we are forced to initiate a policy of suspending your participation in any Tournaments till your account is settled, or DEDUCTING from any potential winnings you may receive. So why not just send in your \$10.00 as we've politely requested. And let's get on with just playing golf! I also would like to announce that we have a new Newsletter Editor. Daniel Turner is officially our Newsletter Editor/Webmaster. Check out the exceptional job he's already done for us with our new Website. Thank you, Daniel. Very soon we will be on our own as to getting our Monthly Index Cards from the NCGA. They are eliminating this process with the advent of increased Website and E-mail functions. Therefore, I would advise everyone to log on to (**NCGA.ORG**) and subscribe to their e-mail for updates monthly. You will be able to pull your index card every month. Now is a good time to start getting in the practice of this procedure. In closing, I want to thank Ken Cadinha for his purchasing and planting of two trees in Memorium for Joe Esposito and Phil Halloran. With the help of Al Hamilton, Ken planted them up the left side of the 18th Fairway. Remember them and all our members who've walked our course and enjoyed this Club. Good Golfing to all.

Your Prez.

George Vance,
President

TC's Column

Dateline April
2005.....TC Tales
from the
Rough.....
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Well it's time to start thinking about our away tournament in June. This year it's at Shadow Lakes. By the time you read this the entry should be on the Web site. For those of you who haven't played it yet you are missing one of the good ones around. The tournament is limited to the first 60 players. Entry forms will also be available on the wall in the spike room and at the April tournament.

Speaking of tournaments we are starting to plan the August invitational and are looking for suggestions and ideas. I am now offering you the opportunity to help in the beginning to provide constructive ideas in the organizing of the event. Next time you see an Officer or Director pull them aside and speak up and tell them your ideas and better yet mention what it will take to get you to play.

For those who have not seen or heard yet the 4th tee box is almost ready. As soon as they move the blue marker back we will also move back. Next time your out there take a look. It's not going to be so easy to reach this one in two anymore.

Looks like the weather might start to cooperate a little. At least the storms are shorter although it seems like a lot of rain still comes with it. Perhaps we've seen the end....

Don't forget the April tournament will be a two man best ball. I will provide a partner for those of you who have not indicated one on your entry form. For those of you who wish to try and qualify for the NCGA event there will be an additional fee of \$20.00 per player. There will be someone on the first tee waiting to take your money before you start. I will have more details on the criteria prior to the tournament. Please get to the first tee early to read it before you pay.

For those of you who won something at the March tournament and selected the pro shop for your winnings, they are ready for pickup. They will be available to you at the April tournament. Please come by and see me....

Well that about does it for this segment... Remember its boring playing from the fairway all the time. Hit it in the rough or better yet the trees every once in awhile and experience golf as it was meant to be played....

Tony Paniagua, Tournament Chairman

Membership Chariman

1st: You had better keep us informed of any changes in your mailing address and most importantly your Email address. Apparently everything is going to be handled by us through the NCGA. They want everyone on Email although that's impossible. So keep in touch with us.

2nd: There will no longer be any stickers for your hard cards. I'm not even sure there will be hard cards next year. For those of you on Internet go to www.ncga.org and pull up "Your Handicap index" on the left side. It would be a good idea to read the whole page that comes up because they are letting you know what is coming up in the next few months.

3rd: On the lower right of the NCGA home page is a place to Register your Email address with NCGA. I've been on this since they started and I get an automatic print out each month. It will even have a picture of your hard card and scores.

4th: We're not sure how we are going to handle handicap information for members not on the Internet. As soon as we know we will let you know.

Larry Cobleigh
Membership chairman

Webmaster

I have made several small changes to the site. I added logos at the top of the main screen for the NCGA and USGA web-sites. Click on either logo you will be directed to that site. Also under the Touranment column there is an application for the June away touranment at Shadow Lakes in Brentwood. I would like to thank everyone who has praised the site and I would welcome any suggestions you have for improving the site. This is your club and it is your Website ! Lets make it the best site we can!

Daniel Turner, Webmaster

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