

The Willow Park

MEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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2005 Tournament Schedule

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

Does everyone realize that 2005 is 3/4 over??? Is it a sign of age that we start asking this question about how fleeting time is??? It's ONLY about 120 days till Christmas?!?!? I was going to include my Christmas List as my column. I wouldn't dream of having anyone have to make any last minute decisions as to what to get me! All right, so much for the glib humor. We had our Annual Invitational Tournament this past August 21, and, as I did at the accompanying dinner, I want to thank all who participated, especially those who gave of their time, energy to the cause, plus those who donated prizes. I especially want to acknowledge Bryan Cadinha, for his providing us with the GREAT steaks and provisions for making our dinner the success that it was. Every year we've tried to bring the most that we can for those who participate. As much as I believe that we've accomplished this goal, I am also mystified why we don't get an even better turnout. Therefore, I ask all of you to submit, one way or the other, to me, or any of your Officers or Directors, what you like, or don't like, what you might want, or what you'd like to see changed. As much as we attempt to do what is best for the club, without the feedback or input of the majority of you, we must make our own conscientious decisions. So, tell us what you like, or don't like; what you want, or don't want. I assure you that we will listen and act, in accordance with what is in very best inter-

ests for the club and , you, its' members. Remember, our Annual Meeting and Elections will be in late October. It is tentatively scheduled for the 26th, a Wednesday. As usual, we will have a 9 Hole Tournament at Willow Park preceding this event. We are looking for a few good men who would like to be an integral part of your club. So, if you know of someone you would like to nominate, even yourself, let us know. The best way to make something happen is to be a part of what can make it happen. Also, it's the time to start our renewal drive for 2006. For the first time in four (4) years, we are forced to increase our annual dues. It's been decided to hold the increase to a mere \$10.00 for FULL MEMBERSHIP. This is still the best buy in the East Bay!!! There is still plenty of time, yet rather than putting your renewal off till the last minute, mark your calendar to remember. The NCGA cuts off submission of renewal in December. To make the renewal process as convenient as possible, we set a cutoff date of Mid-December. After then, the NCGA charges a LATE FEE which we must collect, so don't be one of those few who gets caught not knowing the drill. Applications will be available throughout the Willow Park and on our Website by next month. Good Golfing and Good Livin' to all....and watch out for those school kids....THEY'RE BACK!!!!

George Vance, President

TC's Column

Dateline September 2005.....TC Tales from the Rough.....

It appeared a good time was had by all during our August Member/Guest Invitational. There were certainly a lot of low scores especially from that third flight. I hope you all enjoyed the little "Challenge" on the eleventh hole. That little challenge turned the easiest hole on the course into the hardest. I want to also congratulate Joe Johnson for his "Albatross" on the 18th hole. Having played many times with Joe I know that the only way he got the ball within 20 feet of the hole was because he was playing to the middle of the green and pulled it.

The course and greens are still looking good and picking up more speed. The smoother greens seem to have more break as well. I also like the creativity on the pin placements. Moving

them around presents a new look and in some cases a definite challenge. I have a few suggestions for some pin placements that I hope can be put in place for our "Club Championship". Keep up the good work.....

Our next tournament will be the "Club Championship". This will be a normal stroke play tournament over two days with the low combined gross total being the winner. The date of the tournament is Saturday September 17 and Sunday September 18. The deadline will be Wednesday September 7.

This is also the last tournament to qualify for the October skins mini tournament. I will be taking one low gross(two day combine) and one low net(two day combine) to round out the October foursomes. The current qualifiers for low gross are Tony Paniagua, Mark Hemenez and Daniel Turner. Low Net are Joe Massone, Steve Zaballos and Sam Kim.

For those of us who have little or no chance please read on...

For the majority of us I thought I'd try something a little different this year and play a "Modified Stableford" tournament. For those not familiar with this format it is regular stroke play except the net score is converted into a point value. The point value for net scores will tentatively be a Net Eagle(+5), Net Birdie(+2), Net Par(+0), Net Bogey(-1) and Net Other(-3). Score better than a net Eagle and you will receive +7. There will be our usual flights divided based upon handicaps. The winners will be the players with the most points accumulated over the two days. **Please remember when you sign up you must pay for both days so make your checks out for \$90...**

As an added treat I will also be raffling a gift certificate for the pro shop on Saturday and Sunday. Raffle tickets for your group will be attached to the official score card each day like last time. To win you must be present and have the winning number when it's called. As with last time only one ticket per player. More details on this and perhaps some other rewards will be in the informational sheet on the first tee...

Finally please keep in mind that the October Officer elections are coming up. The club is looking for anyone interested in serving a term as an officer of the club. Now is the time for those of you interested in having a hand in running the club to step forward. It really doesn't take up much of your time and is the best way to get something changed or get new ideas implemented. I'm sure you will be hearing more in the next several weeks as the search for candidates continues. Any full time member in good standing is eligible to hold office.

Tony Paniagua, Tournament Chairman

Membership Chairman

As you will note in the President's column we are raising our memberships \$10. What he didn't mention, was that this is on Full Memberships only. Before you start hollering, remember that about half of you paid the extra \$10 last year because you were late. If that half pays on time for 2006 there will be no actual raise in their membership. As of this date we have not heard back from the NCGA about the cut-off date but we are sure there will be one and for our purposes it will be around December 23rd 2005. Then there will be an extra \$10 hike for everyone who has not joined by that date. Incidentally this assessment is for every club in the NCGA. Before and after the NCGA assessment the fee menu will look like this:

Renewal Fees

- Form received and processed Oct. 1, 2005 to Dec. 23(?), 2005 Full -- \$110 Associate -- \$75
- Form received and processed Dec. 24(?), 2005 to Jul. 31, 2006 Full -- \$120 Associate -- \$85

New or Transfer Membership Fees

- Form received and processed Oct. 1, 2005 to Jul. 31, 2006 Full -- \$120 Associate -- \$85

Larry Cobleigh, Membership Chairman

Treasurers Column

At our Invitational Tournament, the tee prize contained a sleeve of Titleist balls, 3 ½ inch tees and a blue towel. This is the second year that Sterlent Credit Union has provided towels for this tournament. Sterlent Credit Union has been in Alameda

County for over 60 years old and was formally known as the East Bay Telephone Federal Credit Union, (EBTEL). Sterlent has five branches located in Oakland, Pleasanton, San Ramon, Sacramento and Hayward. As of September 26, the Hayward branch will be relocating to the 580 Shopping Center on East Castro Valley Boulevard next to PW Market. Three members of the Board of Directors are members of our Mens Club. They are Bob Pike, Joe Hendren and myself.

Membership in Sterlent Credit Union is available to all members of the Mens Club and their families. If you have any questions concerning the credit union, please contact the branch nearest you. Someone will always be available to assist you.

Bob Fabel, Treasurer

Handicap Chairman

Good news the NCGA has pushed the button! According to the NCGA you can now look up your handicap at every course, yes every course! The new system has been activated. Now that we don't get those GHIN reports or cards for you guys this is the way to go. You can read about it in the summer NCGA magazine on page 60. You can also look up your handicap on the WPMC website. I would like to remind you guys to post your scores, this is very important. The course is in the best shape ever so see ya on the links.

Mark Hemenez, Handicap Chairman

Webmaster

My thanks to everyone who contributed to the newsletter. I would love to include articles from the general membership. If you would like to submit an article for the Newsletter, email it to me in Word format at daniel1340@hotmail.com. I reserve the right to edit all articles for form and content.

Daniel Turner, Webmaster

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