

# The Willow Park

## MEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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### **Next Club Meeting:**

April 27, 2006  
6:30pm, WP Ballroom

### **Tournament Deadlines:**

Wednesday, April 12

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### **2006 Tournament Schedule**

Apr. 23 - Regular  
May 21 - Presidents-Major (see TC Column)  
Jun. 25 - TC Choice - 5 Club  
Jul. 9 - Away Tournament - Metropolitan  
Jul. 23 - Directors - Major  
Aug. 20 - Member / Guest  
Sep. 16 - Club Championship - 2 Days  
Oct. 22 - TOC - Skins Game  
Nov. 12 - Turkey Shoot  
Dec. 10 - Turkey Shoot

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

### **Presidential Focus**

Fellow Members: The record rains this month are NOT anything that I like to brag about! Enough is enough!!! With the persistent rains, compounded by EBMUD releasing hundreds of thousands of gallons of water from the dam, the course has been forced to close till a projected date of April 15. Out of the frustrations of this persistent rainy weather comes some exciting things. While not golfing, your Officers and Directors, specifically our newly named Newsletter Editor, Steve Falzone, has brought some fresh and exciting things for us to have at our disposal. You will see a new Website format, with an incredible amount of information and enjoyment at our fingertips. I applaud Steve, in conjunction with our Webmaster, Daniel Turner, for remodeling and improving this website for the benefit of our members' ability for access of club activities, laws, and information. If you would like to see a preview, go to [www.willowparkmensclub.com/wpmc.aspx](http://www.willowparkmensclub.com/wpmc.aspx)

**News Flash!** April 5. I, along with Mark Hemenez, Dave Albiar, and Ron Walker are back from the East Bay Zone Qualifying in Monterey. Though we played well at Poppy Hills, finishing in the top ten, the weather was no better than it's been in the bay Area. We were "jacked" up ready for the next day! The good news was that Tuesday we were scheduled to play at Spyglass Hills. The bad news was that the Tournament was CANCELLED. We were ALL bummed!!!!!! I'm sharing this on the Wednesday after, watching the rain continue to fall.....I'm not in a good mood. I've had enough of this, haven't the rest of you?!?!?!?!

Good Golfing, somewhere, to ALL.  
**George Vance, President**

### **Tales from the Rough**

Well we played another one. It looks like we are squeezing these in at the right time. We had 48 players sign up and we had 48 players finish. Considering the conditions and the unpredictable weather my hats off with a hearty thank you to one and all. Based upon the numerous low score it appeared the weather and course conditions did not play as big a factor as one might have guessed. Congratulations to all the flight winners. The low gross score was 74 by your favorite TC (no not Larry it was me). The recap of the winners is on the web site. Detailed statistics will be posted on the "Wall of Fame and Fortune" in the spike room.

All those who played in the March tournament have a \$12 credit on my books. As I mentioned in the broadcast Email I sent, your entry for the April tournament will only need to be for \$33. If carts are allowed your \$12 credit will be used to cover your cart expense. This credit will continue to roll until it is used. This tracking of rollover credits is getting tricky but I think I have my arms around it.

The April tournament was original scheduled for the two man best ball qualifier. Because of the uncertain weather and conditions of the course it has been decided to move the qualifier to the May tournament. The April tournament if played will be as a regular individual stoke play event.

I will modify the May tournament a little bit. It will continue to be played as an individual stroke play and continue to be the "Presidents". Like the last qualifier we will have a sign up sheet on the first tee. Teams wishing to qualify will sign up prior to their starting time. Sign up must be prior to the earliest starting time of a player on the team. There will be no extra fee collected from teams trying to qualify. The players on a team also will not be required to play in the same group. When choosing a partner please keep the following in mind.

One team will qualify (Limited by the NCGA) Those qualifying will play at 90% of their handicap. The maximum handicap will be 18.4. Those with handicaps above that are welcome to participate but they will play at 18.4. If partners' handicaps differ more than 8 strokes you are welcome to enter but an additional 10% reduction in the handicaps will be applied. If your team is not on the sign up reduction in the

handicaps will be applied. If your team is not on the sign up list you will be entered in the individual event only.

Well it appears with the recent rains following our tournament the course is once again closed. It appears the "Creek" has become a raging river as more water is being released. It looks like the course will be closed for a couple more weeks. I will keep track of the course conditions and pass the information along as it becomes available. There is a realistic possibility that the April tournament will be cancelled. If that becomes a reality all those signed up will automatically roll over to the May tournament. I will keep you informed as more information becomes available.

Upcoming Tournaments...

- April 23 with the deadline of April 12. Individual Stroke Play
- May 21 with the deadline of May 10. The first Major (Presidents) plus NCGA. Two Man Best Ball Qualifier.

See ya all on the course...

**Tony Paniague, Tournament Chairman**

## "At Large" Columnist

Each month this column is from a different Officer, Director or Chairman.

Hi, long time no hear from!

Well, I would like to share my latest experience as a Golf Nut. I was lucky enough to play in the Nationwide Tour Pro Am.... What an experience!

We started by going to Wentle Vineyards to a pairings party. They pair you with a Pro. They served hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. You were able to bid on some of the Pro's so you could play with a certain Pro. Chip Beck went for about \$1300. Blaine

McAllister went for about \$600. We got Chad Collins, who I didn't know.

The next day we were on the course at Wentle. They had all the food and drink you could eat. We met Chad our Pro. He finished 2nd last week and is a four time All American (6) on the money list and 30th last year...we scored!! He is ranked 17th in driving accuracy on the tour. And as I found out throughout the day, he is Good. I was very nervous, but managed to maintain a decent game.

They had spotters on the course to mark your ball in the rough and that was really cool. Also, they had all the leader boards and grandstands set-up. The experience was very interesting...we got some good tips and we were able to see what a Pro goes through before a tournament. They work pretty hard on yardages in and around the greens. Chad had a really nice putting stroke. He kept his hands real still and his chipping looked just like his putting stroke. We had a lot of fun. We took Third place with a 59 in the Pro Am Scramble. In my group from our club were Rich Hunz and Kipp Classen. Chad finished 33rd in the tournament. I hope some of you got out to see the tournament. I would like to thank Rich for getting us in at the last minute. Best golf experience of my life!!

**Your HC – Mark Hemenez**

## Hot Off the Press!

Hello all!

LOST! One very large yellow ball....goes by the name of SUN. If found please return ASAP!

I'm still looking for suggestions for additional sections for the newsletter. Please let me or any club officer know and they will pass it along. We had a suggestion for a club

business directory. Would like to hear some member feedback on this idea.

That's it for now.

**Steve Falzone**

## On the lighter side

### The 10 Laws of Golf!

**LAW 1:** Your best round of golf will be followed almost immediately by your worst round ever. The probability of the latter increases with the number of people you tell about the former.

**LAW 2:** Brand new golf balls are water-magnetic. Though this cannot be proven in the lab, it is a known fact that the more expensive the golf ball, the greater its attraction to water.

**LAW 3:** The higher a golfer's handicap, the more qualified he deems himself as an instructor.

**LAW 4:** Every par-three hole in the world has a secret desire to humiliate golfers. The shorter the hole, the greater its desire.

**LAW 5:** Sand is alive. If it isn't, how do you explain the way it works against you?

**LAW 6:** A golfer hitting into your group will always be bigger than anyone in your group. Likewise, a group you accidentally hit into will consist of a football player, a professional wrestler, a convicted murderer and an IRS agent -- or some similar combination.

**LAW 7:** A severe slice is a thing of awesome power and beauty.

**LAW 8:** "Nice lag" can usually be translated to "lousy putt." Similarly, "tough break" can usually be translated "way to miss an easy one, sucker."

**LAW 9:** The last three holes of a round will automatically adjust your score to what it really should be.

**LAW 10:** All vows taken on a golf course shall be valid only until the sunset.

## Remembrance

We are saddened to report that Dennis Pearson, 62, died at his home in Modesto on March 26, 2006. Dennis was a long time member at WPMC. Our condolences go out to his family.

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