

The Willow Park

MEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

P.O. Box 2600, CASTRO VALLEY, CA. 94546

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Next Club Meeting:

May 25, 2006
6:30pm, WP Ballroom

Tournament Deadlines:

Wednesday, May 10

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2006 Tournament Schedule

May 21 - Presidents-Major
+ NCGA 2 man best ball qualifier
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

An unfamiliar, yet welcoming warmth came over me this last couple of weeks, and, no it wasn't hot flashes!!!! A strange looking orb shone it's warming rays upon me. It was a revelation!!!!...It was a sign!!!!. Oh, it was the SUN!!!! I was possessed to grab my clubs and search out green fairways!!!! Hallelujah!!!! May the Golf Gods shine their blessing on us for the rest of the year.

I'm too giddy to resort to much more rambling within this venue. So I just want to reach out to all members to return to Willow Park and the Paradiso Restaurant with enthusiasm and re-ignite the camaraderie and friendships that we've unfortunately been missing. I can't wait to make up for all the frustrations and withdrawals that I've been having, and wish for all members as well for plentiful golfing under ideal conditions. We've ALL earned it!

Our next Tournament will be of twofold importance. May 21 will be the President's Tournament, a Major tournament, a Skins Qualifier. It will also be the qualifying tournament for the 2-Man Best Ball. So, find yourself a partner, match up with your buddy, or just sign up on tournament day. Further details will be available through your T/C's column or on our website.

If you haven't already, become close and friendly with your new and improved website. There's more there than can be thought or even imagined. Knock yourselves out!

Here's to Hittin' 'em straight, long, and hopefully not too often

Good Golfing, somewhere, to ALL.

George Vance, President

Tales from the Rough

Well April was not pretty but May is looking very promising and it appears we may actually get to play a golf tournament. The course is open and is slowly recovering. The greens are being aerated but with a new company doing it the recovery time is suppose to be short. For those of you who signed up for the April tournament I have automatically roll you over to the May tournament. If this is not what you want you will need to let me know. Those who played in the March tournament still have the \$12 credit for the cart so your entry for May need only be sent in for \$33.

The entry form for this year's away tournament is now available (and included in this newsletter). The form is on the Web site and I will also have some available on the wall in the spike room. It will be at the Metropolitan Golf course near the Oakland Airport on July 9, 2006. The deadline is June 9, 2006. We have 60 spots available.

As I stated in last months newsletter the May tournament will have a few things going on simultaneously.

First the tournament is the first "Major" (The Presidents) of the year. This will be individual stroke play.

Second the two players with the low gross score and the two players with the low net score will qualify for our "Skins" competition in October.

Lastly there will be the qualifier for the NCGA Two-Man Best ball. 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. There will be no fee collected from teams trying to qualify. Unlike in the past, the players comprising the "Team" are not required to be in the same group. The team (both players) must sign up prior to the player with the earliest starting time on the team.

If you wish to participate please keep the following in mind.

- Only one team will qualify (Limited by the NCGA).
- Teams trying to 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' handicap differential is more than 8

strokes you are welcome to enter but an additional 10% reduction in the handicaps will be applied. Remember the max is 18.4 so a player with an 11.2 can play with a player with a 22.6 with no penalties applying. The 22.6 would have to play as an 18.4 so the differential would actually be 7.2.

I will pick up the list after the last group has teed off. Only those on the list will be considered trying to qualify.

Upcoming Tournaments

- May 21 with the deadline of May 10. The first Major (Presidents) plus NCGA Two Man Best Ball Qualifier.

- June 25 with the deadline of June 14. This will be our 5 club only tournament.
- July 9 with a deadline of June 9. This is the away tournament.

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.

The cost of playing golf has always been a problem. Our club is no exception. We have tried to keep the cost down, but some might say it has gotten out of hand.

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Full members now pay a base fee of \$110. What would you think of \$85 or \$90 for all members? In other words, no associates! It would simplify book-keeping and make everyone equal in the eyes of the club. Your officers are contemplating this for next year.

Presently we have 178 members. By my figures that gives us \$16,695 of which \$4,815 goes to the NCGA. In 2005 we ended up with 209 members which gave us \$18,265 of which \$5,750 went to the NCGA.

My figures won't agree with the Treasurer's as I've only included the monies from the members, not the incidentals that occur with a club of our size. You ought to see his spread sheet. But this is our basic income.

What we are trying to do is get our club back up to 200 or so members. What with gas prices rising and so many other contributing factors, this number is going to be hard to reach. The heavy rain wiping out most of the first four months this year didn't help us either.

Just about the only alternative we have is to lower fees. With 200 members at \$85 it would give us \$17,000. With 200 at \$90, it would be \$18,000. If you would like a better breakdown on the current membership, let me know. In any case, we need your thoughts on this. Please send me an Email at tclarrycob@aol.com

Your HC – Larry Cobleigh

Hot Off the Press!

I will be emailing out a “Business Questionnaire” sometime this month. If you would like to be included in our Business Directory please complete and return the questionnaire to me.

The “club” will be staying away from endorsing or recommending any of the businesses. We will just be providing business information of fellow members. It will still be upon you to do the research before selecting a business.

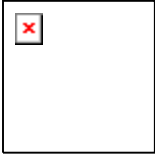
OK, on a side notes, does anyone know the year that Sam Ross shot a 62 at WP. If so, please email me with the answer.

We are looking for member pictures that can be put onto the website. Do you have some old tournament picture that we can include?

That's it for now.

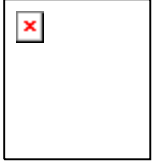
Steve Falzone

[Click here to use the easy to complete Away Tournament form.](#)



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Members Only - "Away" Golf Tournament - 2006 Entry Form

Sunday, July 9 2006 at Metropolitan Golf Course

Entry Deadline: Wednesday, June 7, 2006

Location: 10051 Doolittle Dr.

Participants: Limited to the first 60 Players

Oakland, CA 94603-1029

1st Tee Time: 8:30am

510-569-5555

Total Tee Times Available: 15 Tee Times

www.PlayMetro.com

Players Fees Include:

Green Fees, Cart Rental, Small Bucket of Range Balls, and \$5 Lunch Voucher

Prizes Fund: Pro Shop Gift Certification (number of flights awarded based on player participation)
Flights: 1-3 Flights (based on player participation)
Closest to Pin: Par 3's (holes to be determined based on player participation)

Please mail completed entry form with check(s) made payable to "Willow Park Men's Club". Entries received after the deadline may be placed on "Standby". Full Members receive priority placement. **Only entries with full payment will be included in the tournament.**

Single Entry: First and Last Name: _____

Starting Time Preference* (Check One): Early Middle Late Don't Care

Member Entry Fee**: Away - \$87

Group and Pairing Entries*: Please follow the instructions below for each additional member entry.

For "Pairing Entry": Check the box "Pairing Entry" include only member's first and last names. Pairing members must complete a separately entry form for the tournament and their entry received on or before the deadline.

For "Group Entry" Check the box "Group Entry" include first and last names, plus the information in the group info box. Group entries must include all fees for members of the group.

Player 2 _____ Pairing Entry Group Entry - Member Entry Fee**: Away - \$87

Player 3 _____ Pairing Entry Group Entry - Member Entry Fee**: Away - \$87

Player 4 _____ Pairing Entry Group Entry - Member Entry Fee**: Away - \$87

Note: *While every effort will be made to comply with your selected preferences please keep in mind that circumstances beyond the control of the club may prevent doing so from time to time. **Entry fees are subject to change without notice.