

The Willow Park

MEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Next Club Meeting:

July 27, 2006
6:30pm, WP Ballroom

Tournament Deadlines:

Wednesday, July 12

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2006 Tournament Schedule

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

NOTE: Green Fee Increase:
Tournament Green fees are \$47.00
to be paid 10 days in advance

Presidential Focus

Fellow members, as one of the few "perks" of being an Officer or Director of our club, we treat ourselves to an annual golf outing. This past month, we spent a pleasant afternoon playing and enjoying a round of golf at **Callippe Preserve Golf Course**. Amongst our invited dignitaries, were member guests Ed Rose and Kip Classen. And our special guest was Tom Jones, Manager, from our own Willow Park Golf Course, who graciously accepted our invitation to join in our day.

After an afternoon of golfing, sharing "lies", and camaraderie, we held our scheduled monthly Meeting at **Bosco's Bones & Brew**, in Sunol. That proved to be a treat as well.

Our Meeting focused on our upcoming Invitational Tournament. It will be held on Sunday, August 20th. Addressed was the golf format, the dinner menu and pricing. The Golf format will again be Stroke play, with winners decided in both Men's and Ladie's Flights. I am pleased to announce that we will HOLD our cost of holding this Tournament to **LAST YEAR'S PRICING!!!**. In spite of the recent increase to green fees, there will be NO increase in the price for this Tournament. Golfers Entry Fee will again be \$80.00. This will also include our now famous Ribeye Steak Dinner with ALL the trimmings, as prepared by your well renown Officers and Directors, and Volunteers. Dinner Only guests will also receive the benefit of last year's price of \$25.00. Dinner

will be held, again, at the Castro Valley Masonic Center. Of course, we will have our Raffle of great and exciting prizes, with the usual, and maybe unexpected, surprises!!!

Applications are available on the website and in Willow Park's spike room. Make your plans to gather your friends and neighbors so as to share this opportunity of a wonderful day of golfing and plain good eatin'!!!!

On a solemn note, please extend your thoughts and prayers to Hugh Williams, Former V.P. and current Secretary, who lost his wife, Fay, recently, and also to Bob Fabel, our Treasurer, and to his wife Louise, on the passing of Bob's Mother-in-law. God Bless.

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

George Vance, President

Tales from the Rough

News Update... As I have stated several times over the last month, from now on the entry fee will be \$47 for full members and \$62 for Associate members

The 5 club tournament is over and I must say I was quite surprised by the number of low scores. I expected the low handicappers to play reasonably well but there were many high handicappers that also shot lower than normal scores. With the rough still high and playing the ball down the resulting scores were lower than I expected. I must admit I am a little suspicious about the play. It does bring up the question that if you can hit the green using the wrong club for the distance you have, either your index is way too high or you should consider using only 5 clubs from now on.

I did not hear any grumbling about me moving the Blue tee back on number 4. The hole plays a little different from back there. I will take the silence as overwhelming approval. It really doesn't matter as I like it back there so until further notice we will be playing back there for every

tournament from now on. I'm still toying with the idea of moving the folks playing the white markers back to the blue marker for that hole but haven't made up my mind yet. You better pay attention to the information sheet I might surprise you one of these days...

Until further notice we will also be playing the ball down. No touching unless the USGA rules state you can. We will no longer recognize the bump to grass local rule. It's time we played the course as is so play it down.

Just a reminder, if I find anyone in violation of the rules they will be disqualified immediately. This applies to the group as well if it's determined that they collectively changed a rule. As you've seen I have allowed latitude to the group to make decisions on the course. Abuse this privilege and the whole group will be disqualified.

Pretty good turn out. We had 55 players sign up and 53 showed up and played.

I have requested that the rough be cut a little shorter. Tommy has assured me that it is in the plans. I heard rumors that they have a new mower that is more versatile and can do many things better. I do like the separation of fairway and rough. Perhaps they can make a primary and secondary rough layout to further enhance the look.

We got a low turn out for the away tournament for the second year in a row. Last year it was 32 this year it is 29. I will be evaluating this over the next couple of months to determine if it should be offered next year. If you have any comments now's the time to speak up. I want to hear why you did not play not why you think others didn't.

To conclude the following folks still have a credit on the books.

Charles Bigelow(\$12), B.J. Chamberlain(\$45), Mike DeSanto(\$12), Steve Falzone(\$12), Kirk Folger(\$12), Mike Goodman(\$1), Gary Henrickson(\$12), Rich Huntz(\$12), Tom Joseph(\$12), Marven Lightner(\$12), Jack Little(\$45), Charles Rodger(\$12), Ron Walker(\$12), Mike Wilson(\$12)

Next Tournament format...

July 23 with the deadline of July 12.

This is our second Major (Directors).

Play will be individual stroke play with the low gross and low net qualifying for the October Skins competition..

See ya all on the course...

Tony Paniague,

"At Large" Columnist

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

MONEY BAGS

Hello, Bob Fabel here. I have been Treasurer of WPMC for 8 years, ever since the THEN president Jim Derdevanis talked my wife into "volunteering" me for the job. So, what do I do as Treasurer?

Each year I prepare a budget with a lot of "what if's": if we have 190 members, we will have this amount of income and this amount to spend, and so on for 200, 210, 220, and even 225 members. The Prez then sets a target for the Membership Chairman and we try to meet it.

Our biggest expense at the beginning of the year is to NCGA. To get your card and Blue Book. They charge us \$25/per member if we get the names in before December 15. After that date, they charge an additional \$10 for each member. We then have to pass this expense onto the member as a late fee.

Other expenses include such things as the lease of the NCGA computer in the Spike Room, including the monthly phone bill which we pay for so everyone can record their scores at Willow Park, our website, and the Annual Meeting.

Of course, our Tournament Chairman (TC) is the GREATEST. He is responsible for our biggest expense, which he uses to fund our monthly tournament prizes. Last year the club awarded over \$9,000 in prizes to our members to spend at the Restaurant or the Pro Shop.

Speaking of the Pro Shop, the Manager, Tom Jones, said that he will order anything you want from his catalogues and will do his best to match the prices at various golf shops. You can't get much better than that! We also can

apply your winnings to the restaurant so you can take your "favorite" to dinner on the money you won.

So, let's have a great year.
Bob Fabel

Member/Guest Tournament

The Willow Park Men's Club Member/Guest Invitational Tournament and Dinner will be held on Sunday, August 20. We encourage all members to join us and invite Spouse / Family / In-laws / Friends / Business Associates to this annual event.

The golf format will be Stroke Play, with three Flights.* In spite of the recent increase in green fees at the golf course, we are pleased to announce that we will hold our cost at last year's pricing! Golfers' Entry fee will again be \$80.00 per golfer. Dinner Only Guests will also receive the benefit of last year's price of \$25.

This is a great chance for members to help promote our club in a fun, relaxing and entertaining atmosphere. See you there!

Entry form for the Member/Guest Invitational Tournament and Dinner is now available online and in Willow Park's Spike Room.

Visit our website for more info!

Interested in Volunteering?

The LPGA is coming! The 11th annual Longs Drugs Challenge (LDC) tournament has moved to the Blackhawk Country Club in Danville on September 18-24.

As a volunteer you will receive some cool benefits (Valued at \$120) and you will also have the opportunity to see some of the world's best women golfers up-close, and be a part of this exciting new East Bay tradition.

To volunteer at the tournament you must be willing to work a minimum of three half day shifts.

For more information or to sign up visit.

<http://www.longsdrugschallenge.com>