

The Willow Park

MEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Next Club Meeting:

ANNUAL MEETING

October 26, 2006

5:30pm, Masonic Lodge

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2006 Tournament Schedule

Oct. 22 - TOC - Skins Game

Nov. 12 - Turkey Shoot

Dec. 10 - Turkey Shoot

Tournament Green fees are \$47.00

to be paid 10 days in advance

Presidential Focus

Fellow Members, This is the month for Ghosts and Goblins, Tricks and Treats, casting Spells, and our **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS**. We will be holding this event on Wednesday October 25, at the Castro Valley Masonic Lodge. This is the same location as last year, as well as where we held this year's Invitational dinner. It is located at the corner of E. Castro Valley Blvd. And Crow Canyon. I am requesting some sort of RSVP from our membership so as to competently account for the number of steaks that we will be ordering for this event. This is your opportunity to experience as well as participate in the direction that your Club will take for 2007. The schedule of events for the night will be the Officers and Directors Reports, election of nominees, BBQ Steak Dinner, sponsored by "us", and a few other surprises!!!! And don't forget our traditional 9-Hole Golf Tournament at Willow Park preceding our Meeting and Elections. You need to confirm you intention of playing with your T/C, Tony Paniagua. First Tee Time is tentatively scheduled for 2:30PM. Our Meeting will follow at approximately 5:30PM. So, please confirm to me or any of our Directors if you plan to at-tend.

Next, join me in congratulating our 2006 Club Champion, John Hone. The course has been in as good of shape as I personally could recall. The greens particularly, have been as pristine and true-rolling as memory can recall. According to Tom Jones, he attributes a lot of the

condition and improvement of the greens to their "Verticutting" them. Though this is the time of year when they have to be aerated, they are still very playable. Till then, stay between the "moguls", and putt with authority and the greens will be you "friend". How they will be in a month or so lends to being that much more excited about the prospects for 2007!

May the Golf Gods be with you.....May your month be full of treats!...And don't forget to set your clocks forward.

Daylight Savings Time ends on the 29th!!!!!!!

George Vance, President

Tales from the Rough

Congratulations to John Hone for winning the 2006 Club Championship. John played consistently over the two days shooting a pair of 74's for a winning total of 148.

In addition to the Club Championship we also had the final qualifiers for the October Skins. The final spots were taken by Bob Riblett(Low Net) and John Hone(Low Gross). I believe I may have reported an incorrect low net qualifier on the board Sunday. The low net qualifier was determined by the low net combined score over the two days not the two day best ball score that may have been previously reported. I do apologize for any confusion.

Here are the final foursomes for the Skins. Gross Foursome will be John Hone, Nate Weidner, Dave Freias and Mark Hemenez. The Net Foursome will be Bob Riblett, Ed Rose, Gary Fisher and Gary Hendrickson. If you do not get your entry in by the deadline you will lose your spot to the alternate. Once the alternate is given your spot you cannot get it back so get your entries in early. Both groups will be playing for a total of \$360. I have changed the value for each hole to be a

progressive amount rather than the constant \$20 per hole in the past. I posted a document in the Spike room which indicates the value of each hole as well as the list of alternate players.

I know many of you were grumbling about having to play the ball down. I assure you there were a few times while I was looking down at where my ball was that I also was grumbling. Trying to come up with an equitable set of rules to try and have everyone competing on the same level has been and will continue to be a work in progress. Willow Park is our home course and we have to play the course as it's presented. No matter what I do I cannot come close to pleasing everyone. I have in the past and will in the future make local rule modifications to try and compensate for any unusual situations or course conditions unique to Willow Park that are not covered in the USGA rules. Thank you for your patience.

I have been working on some small changes for the 2007 year. I'm trying to come up with better ways to run the tournaments to give more players a chance to win something. I'm not making any promises but one of my goals is that I would like a player regardless of handicap or age to come into a tournament thinking they have a chance to win something. I hope to have more details available at the October tournament and October election meeting.

I am finalizing the 2007 schedule. I hope to have copies available at the October Tournament and the October election meeting. I will also post some in the spike room, include one in the newsletter as well as have it posted on the Web site for your viewing pleasure.

Speaking of the October election meeting, this is your opportunity to run for an open office to become part of the movers and shakers and policy makers of the club. Please contact an officer if you are interested in running. At the very least it gives you the opportunity to vote. I'm sure our Presi-

dent will be announcing the date, time and location.

Tournaments(fee \$47):

- October 22, 2006 with the deadline on October 11, 2006.
- November 12, 2006 with the deadline on November 1, 2006
- December 10, 2006 with the deadline on November 29, 2006

See ya all on the course...

Tony Paniague,

"At Large" Columnist

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

In the September newsletter I told you that the 2007 fee for all returning members would be \$90 and for new or transfer members \$100. George Vance, the "Prez" and ever the salesman, has suggested that \$89 and \$99 would sound better. Like he said, "he would have to think hard about buying something at \$90, but would jump at \$89. Such a deal!" Well, at our board meeting on Sept. 28th it was put to a vote and passed. You will find a corrected 2007 application on our website at www.willowparkmensclub.com.

The nominating committee for 2007 officers recommended the following:

President: (vote for one)

George Vance (inc),
Daniel Turner

Secretary: (vote for one)

Hugh Williams

Directors: (vote for any three)

Bryan Cadinha
Daniel Gil
Doug Goodale
Al Hamilton (Inc)
Joe Joseph
Tom Joseph (Inc)
Pete Krass
Bob Riblett
Walt Zwirek

This does not mean that the election to be held Oct. 25th at the Annual Meeting and Dinner is limited to those named above. If you are interested in becoming an officer

please get in touch with me, and we will be glad to add your name to the ballot.

Happy Voting!
Larry Cobleigh
Membership chairman

Golf Facts

Golf can best be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle, followed by a good bottle of beer.

Golf! You hit down to make the ball go up. You swing left and the ball goes right. The lowest score wins. And on top of that, the winner buys the drinks.

"Golf is harder than baseball. In golf, you have to play your foul balls."

If you find you do not mind playing golf in the rain, the snow, even during a hurricane, here's a valuable tip: your life is in trouble.

Golfers who try to make everything perfect before taking the shot rarely make a perfect shot.

The term "mulligan" is really a contraction of the phrase "maul it again."

A "gimme" can best be defined as an agreement between two golfers ... neither of whom can putt very well.

An interesting thing about golf is that no matter how badly you play; it is always possible to get worse.

Golf's a hard game to figure. One day you'll go out and slice it and shank it, hit into all the traps and miss every green. The next day you go out and for no reason at all you really stink.

I play in the low 80s. If it's any hotter than that, I won't play.

If your best shots are the practice swing and the "gimme putt", you might wish to reconsider this game.