

The Willow Park

MEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

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Next Club Meeting:

Nov. 30, 2006
6:30pm, WP Ballroom

Tournament Deadlines:

Wednesday, Sept 6

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2006 Tournament Schedule

Nov. 12 - Turkey Shoot
Dec. 10 - Turkey Shoot
Tournament Green fees are \$47.00,
paid 10 days in advance

2007 Tournament Schedule

Feb 4 Super Bowl – 07 Norcal Qualifier
Feb 25 Regular
Mar 18 Regular
April 15 Regular - Two Man Qualifier - R1
May 20 Regular - Two Man Qualifier - R2
June 24 Presidents *Major*
July 1 Away Tournament - Deer Ridge
July 22 Directors *Major*
Aug 19 TC Surprise I - Colored Balls
Sept 8, 9 Club Championship *Major*
Oct 14 Regular – Skins Completion
Nov 18 TC Surprise - 5 Club
Dec 16 Turkey Shoot – 08 Norcal
Qualifier

Presidential Focus

Fellow Members, Fellow Members,
November is upon us. This is a time of
harvest Moon, cold, crisp mornings, and
driving the late afternoon in the DARK!!!
So, who missed a tee time by not turning
their clocks back!?!?! Twilight golf now
officially begins at 1PM!!!

Well, the voters have spoken. Preceding
the decision as to which direction our State
and Nation was going to take, the really
important election was held at the Castro
Valley Masonic Lodge for the election of
Officers and Directors on October
25. Those in attendance witnessed our
monthly meeting agenda, as well as the
opportunity of letting their voice be heard
regarding a number of issues. The voting to
determine the direction of your club for
2007 was followed by our now traditional
Ribeye Steak Dinner with ALL the trim-
mings. This has annually been an event
and feast NOT to be missed.

I personally thank those who participated in
helping to mold the direction of our club for

the coming year and thank our Officers,
Directors, and volunteers for making this an
event of celebration. Those elected to office
are announced in this issue. I want to
acknowledge Daniel Gill for not only being
elected to serve for the first time, but also for
being the highest vote getter among Director
nominees. With that, I also want to acknowl-
edge and thank Bob Riblett for his years of
service as Director. Bob finished 4th in a
closely voted contest and will be replaced on
the Board by Daniel Gill. Bob has been a
loyal and dedicated member of this club and
our Board of Directors. I would hope that he
will continue to be an integral part of this club
for years to come. Thank you, Bob.

Our 2007 Tournament Schedule is out and
displayed on our Website and in this
newsletter. We anticipate an exciting and
fun-filled year of golf for all. Mark your
calendar for the coming year!

Also, don't forget to renew your member-
ship. No reason to delay, especially since
your 2007 renewal will be 20% LESS (Re-
duced from \$110.00 to \$89.00) than last
year!!! The Board of Directors voted to
adjust the coming year's dues to the
reduced amount with the thought and
anticipation of allowing Associated
Members to become FULL Members,
giving Full members' renewal the "most
bang for their buck", and generating more
membership.

I'm excited about 2007 and trust that this
feeling is addictive and evident in what we
have planned for the membership for this
coming year. Again, thanks you and
congratulations to those who attended,
those who ran for office, those elected, and
those who have served.

Have a great and safe November. Enjoy
your golf and enjoy your families and
friends. Gobble, gobble to all!!!
Happy Thanksgiving!
Good Golfing and Good Living to all.

George Vance, President

Election Results

President- George Vance - Re-elected
Secretary- Hugh Williams - Re-elected
Director- Tom Joseph - Re-elected
Director- Al Hamilton - Re-elected
Director- Daniel Gill - Newly elected

Your 2007 Board of Directors:

President- George Vance (2008)
Vice-President - Mike Jones (2007)
Secretary- Hugh Williams (2008)
Treasurer – *Current Vacant* (2007)

Directors:

Dave Albiar (2007)
Steve Davis (2007)
Daniel Gill (2008)
Al Hamilton (2008)
Joe Johnson (2007)
Tom Joseph (2008)
() indicates end of term

Chairpersons are appointed by the President and will remain the same next year.

Tales from the Rough

Our October tournament is completed and in the books. The weather was nice and I trust everyone enjoyed the day whether you played good, bad or somewhere in between. The skins competition appears to have been pretty evenly matched. It's good to see everyone won something even if it was a split of the carryover. We had a pretty good turnout with 55 golfers. Overall the scores in the flights were a little higher than in the past. I am going to look at comparing the rating of the course to how we played it. I hope to make the results available later in the year. The recap of the skins and the flight winners will be on the web site as well as posted in the spike room.

There still seems to be some confusion on what the entry fee is for our Home WPMC tournaments. **The current entry fee is \$47.** In June of this year the course raised the green fee \$2. Starting with the July tournament our club raised the entry fee the same \$2. **Please make sure you submit \$47.**

The 2007 tournament schedule is posted on the web site and copies are also located in the spike room. You may have noticed there are two February tournament dates and no January. January seemed to be bad weather wise with the weather better for the most part in February. This of course will mean that the weather in January will probably be the best in the last 100 years and February the worst. You may have also noticed that the August date is a regular WPMC only tournament. The Memorial-Invitational has been eliminated. I have felt for the past several years that the prime date in August should belong to the membership and have been working on getting it back.

The away tournament this year will be held at Deer Ridge in Brentwood. I've played it a few times and it's short but has some interesting hole. The cost is reasonable at \$75.

I will be making some changes for 2007 in how players will qualify for the NCGA and Skins competition. All NCGA qualifiers will now be 36 holes to be conducted over consecutive monthly tournaments. You must play in both to qualify. If weather or course conditions prevent a second tournament competition then the qualifiers will be determined from the first tournament played. With the first having an early in the year NCGA deadline, we will actually be starting the qualification process with our December tournament. Those who wish to qualify make sure you sign up for the December tournament. More details will be available at the monthly meetings.

I am also making a change to the Skins qualifier. In the past we have designated tournaments were the top Gross and Net scores qualified. To promote more play and get more players involved with a chance to qualify I am instituting a point system for qualifying. Each player who finishes a tournament will receive 5 points. In addition if your score is in the top 10 for low Gross and top 10 for low Net, you will receive additional points. Every player is eligible to gain points in both the gross and net categories in every tournament. At the end of the September tournament the top 4 players receiving the highest number of points will qualify. If your point total qualifies you

in both you will be given the spot in the Gross and the next player on the Net list will qualify. I will provide a YTD running total for both categories and post a copy in the spike room. I also hope to acquire some space on the web site as well. More details will be available at the monthly meetings

It was good to see many of you at the October meeting. We need more participation on the part of the membership to find out what we are doing right, wrong and what we can do better. I encourage all of you to attend a monthly meeting even if it's only once in a while. It's a great way to find out what's going on and what changes are coming. There are many topics that are discussed and it's a perfect opportunity for you to voice your opinions and offer suggestions. They are held the last Thursday of every month at Willow Park.

Remaining 2006 Tournaments

Nov. 12 - Stroke Play/Turkey Shoot
deadline on Nov. 1
Dec. 10 - Stroke Play/ Turkey Shoot
+ NCGA Qualifier
deadline on Nov. 29

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Tom Joseph, Member WPMC