

# The Willow Park

## MEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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### **Next Club Meeting:**

Dec. 21, 2006  
6:30pm, WP Ballroom

### **Tournament Deadlines:**

Wednesday, Jan.24

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### **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**

Ho, Ho, Ho, Members. Our Holiday of Thanks having just been celebrated, we've hopefully enjoyed family, friends, parades, and football, (not necessarily in that order).

The Christmas Season is now wonderfully upon us. Frost welcomes us almost every morning with a chill in the air that is crisp and clear. These are the days when you yearn to step outside to brench in the clear, bright sky, then race back indoors when you actually realize the "mistake" you just made! Decorations are starting to appear and the sounds of Christmas are starting to resonate everywhere you go. Are you already making your list??? Have you checked it? Twice? Have you seen the new golf equipment that is now available??? You know it will improve and make your game, right??? It's a great time of feeling good.....I encourage all to spread the feeling if you aren't already doing so.

Our recent Monthly Meeting addressed issues that will affect us for 2007. We are formulating our Agenda and Budget for 2007 to better serve the membership. The 2007 Membership Drive is

now in high gear. We have received numerous renewals and new additions, yet, this is a reminder to those procrastinating!....**GET YOUR DUES IN, NOW!!!** We have already announced a reduction of Dues for 2007 (ONLY \$89.00 for Renewal), in every effort to reward loyal members and to increase membership which will allow us to increase benefits and prize fund to the membership. Don't forget the deadline, **without NCGA penalties, is December 24!!!** Send in your dues, **TODAY!!!**

The 2007 Tournament Schedule is out, and there will be interesting, and hopefully pleasing, changes to many items regarding qualifying and prize distribution. There will be a basis for members to be rewarded for participating in all aspects of our club. Further details will be available through your Tournament Chairman, Tony Paniagua, and on our Website. The Website will continue to be an integral tool for our communication.

I also am pleased to announce the appointment of a **NEW Treasurer** for 2007. Robin Paniagua was nominated and has accepted this very important position. I trust that you'll welcome her as enthusiastically as have your Officers and Directors. I know that she will be an asset to our club and very helpful and successful. Thank you, Robin, for your desire and commitment.

In closing, and on behalf of your Officers and Directors, I wish to the Management and Staff of Willow Park Golf Course, the Management and Staff of The Paradiso Restaurant, and to ALL our Members, a very safe, thankful, and wonderfully memorable Christmas Season and a successful 2007. God Bless.

**George Vance, President**

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## Tales from the Rough

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Well it was a close one weather wise. I had to work overtime to make sure the rain would hold off. It's been a few months since I've had to use my weather powers. They are a little rusty but it's good to see they still work.

The course was a little wet so I decided it was time to bring back the lift clean and place rule. I did modify it a little allowing only a 12 inch bump instead of the club length used in the past. I plan on keeping this in effect for the next several months as we appear to be heading into a rather wet season.

As some of you know I have been keeping track of the average scores for each hole during our tournaments. I've been doing this to see which holes the WPMC deem the hardest and easiest. Think you know which are the hardest and which are the easiest. Bet you don't! Keep reading and I'll give you the top 5 of each later in the article. I think you will be surprised...

Congratulations to those of you who won a "Turkey". I awarded 10 in each flight so 30 of the 45 won a certificate. My sympathies go out to the 15 who did not win a certificate. I know how you feel because I was one of the 15. Oh well there's always December. I was able to hand out most of the certificates after the tournament. For those who were not able to stay they have been mailed and you should have received them by the time you read this. If you didn't get one in the mail you were one of the unlucky 15.

It was nice to see many of you staying after completing your round. I hope this is a trend that continues for 2007. I might even throw in a surprise raffle every once in a while just to make things more interesting.

Speaking of winners I do have to apologize for the lateness in getting the certificates out to the winners in the October tournament. There was a mix-up between me and the Pro Shop so I received them later than normal.

By the time you read this you should have your certificates from October.

I'm going to be making some changes in the 2007 season to try and get some of you out more often. Briefly we will have an "A" (Blue Marker) and "B" (White Markers) long drive. The entrants to the skin competition will be based upon points. Points will be awarded for tournament participation, tournament play and meetings attended. All NCGA qualifiers will be 36 holes. With the NCGA first qualifier deadline and imminent bad weather approaching we will have to start our first 2007 qualifying round in December. More details on these and a few other changes will be available on the Web site and posted along the wall in the spike room.

The away tournament next 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.

Finally the answer... Think you figured out the hardest and easiest? Let's see how many you got right... The 5 overall hardest holes in order are #1(+2.04), #10(+1.66), #2(+1.60), #4(+1.59) and #17(1.45). The 5 overall easiest holes in order are #13(+.79), #5(+.85), #3(+.86), #12(+.94) and #14(+.99) Didn't expect to see some of those on the top 5 list did you... Wondering were number 11 and number 8 which are rated the two easiest fit in? I have posted the complete overall list as well as a breakdown by flight on the board in the spike room. Next time you're at Willow Park take a look Happy Holidays!  
Your TC,  
Tony Paniagua

Coming in January!  
**The 2007 Willow Cup**  
Details can be found on our website

Also, available on our website.  
**2006 Tournament  
Stats for Review**

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## Rain, Rain Go Away

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### December Tournament Cancelled!

Sorry about having to cancel the tournament but with the weather conditions and no carts I really had no choice.

Anyway looking at the 2007 year and the probability of carts not being allowed in the early tournaments I need to gather the names of those who cannot play unless carts are allowed.

I know that some of you cannot play unless carts are allowed. To help me in determining who you are and minimize me having to ask each month I would like to put together a list of those of you with this situation. I can use this list on the occasions when carts are not allowed to determine who to automatically roll over to the next tournament. This will minimize any communications problems resulting in the possible lost entry fees for no shows.

Can you please EMAIL me so I can add your name to the list. Please put "WPMC Carts" as the subject and please do not give out this EMAIL address to anyone else. **YOU ONLY NEED RESPOND IF YOU WANT YOUR NAME ADDED TO THE LIST FOR AUTOMATIC ROLLOVER IF CARTS ARE NOT ALLOWED.** There is no need to reply if you are ok with walking.

Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated  
Tony Paniagua

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