

# The Willow Park

## MEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

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### **Next Club Meeting:**

Jan. 25, 2007  
6:30pm, WP Ballroom

### **Tournament Deadlines:**

Wednesday, Jan.24

### **Club Officers:**

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Peter Krass

### **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, As 2006 comes to a close and the dawn of 2007 is upon us, it's time to set, or at least remind oneself, of the resolutions that we are about to commit to....if only for the next few weeks!!????!! May all your drives find the short grass, may your putts be true, your handicaps go down, (or at least to where they should be!!!!), and may you play with an enjoyment and integrity that befits the game.

I wish all our Members, the Management and Staff of Willow Park, and the Management and Staff of The Paradiso Restaurant a prosperous, safe, and abundance of golf for 2007.

I hope to see all as much as possible throughout the coming year. Check out your 2007 Tournament Schedule and other plentiful information and details of your club on our website.

Happy New Year to All.

**George Vance, President**

### **Tales from the Rough**

Happy New Year. I hope your holidays went well...

Well another year has gone. Last year was not the best weather wise as we lost three tournaments to weather and course conditions. 2007 is supposed to be another wet one but let's hope there is ample dry time between storms to keep the course playable.

Looks like our membership will be on the small side for 2007. I believe the last count was 121 members so far for 2007. If you know anyone who is looking please get them a membership form. Our membership fee is only \$99 for new, transferring and returning.

Just a reminder, starting with the February tournament the entry fee has been increased to \$50. This was done in anticipation of certain expenses that will most likely increase in 2007. As you know we had the same thing happen last year in mid year which cause some confusion so to try and eliminate what happened last year it was thought that it would be better to start it at the beginning of the year. Thank you for your understanding...

I'm still looking for those of you who will not play if carts are not allowed. I sent out an email recently asking members to email me if they would not play if carts aren't allowed. I got some responses back but I know there are still more of you out there. I am trying to put a list together that I can use to provide the course with a player count with carts and a player count without carts during the "Wet" weather months. This list will go a long way in helping me accurately come up with these counts. For those that have not yet notified me drop me a line or mention it the next time you see me.

Well as most of you know we lost the December tournament for the first time in as far back as I can remember. It was to be our first round of NCGA qualifying. Those that entered the December tournament will have their entry fee rolled over to the next tournament that you play in.

The next tournament as hopefully you know by now will be January 14. As you know we originally did not have a January tournament but with the loss of the December tournament and the expected wet weather in 2007 I thought it might be a good idea to add a January date just to make sure we can get our early qualifier in.

Unfortunately by the time you see this it will in all likelihood be to late to enter. I did send out several broadcast email notifications and I want to thank those of you who have responded. Those that have not I as always will presume you will not be playing.

Speaking of Email... It is very important that you provide an accurate email address to us. This is used to contact you with news, updates and changes that may be occurring. It is still the fastest and most efficient method to contact all of you so please take a few moments a make sure our membership chairmen has your most current email address.

I'd like to thank all of you for the support you have once again given me though out the year. I know some of you didn't always agree with what I did but went along anyway. I could not do this job without the support of the membership. Although it may not seem so, I do listen and take note of everyone's ideas, complaints and suggestions. Some I use, some I take exception to and to be honest some I ignore. I do however acknowledge and review all of them before taking action. My goal is not to please everyone but keep as many of you happy and to try and do things that are in the best interest of the club. I like to think that most of the time I succeeded. The Tournament Chairmen who preceded me I'm sure understands and those that will follow me will also.

Finally I'd like to see more of you attend a meeting every once in a while. It is the best way to present your ideas or bring up issues or concerns up for general discussion. The club is only as good as its membership and the more the membership participates the better the club will be.

Happy New Years!  
Tony Paniagua

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## Meet Your Board

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### **Robin Paniagua - Treasurer**

Robin started the treasurer duties in January. When she heard Bob Fable couldn't finish his two year term, she said "I can do that". With encouragement from some members, she decided to give it a go. She has been a member for about three years but haven't participated in a tournament as of yet, but is look forward to entering a few this year.

### **Peter Krass - Postal Coordinator**

Peter has been a member of WPMC for about 30 years. He has been a Director for about half that time. He graduated to Mail Coordinator to stay active in club. Those of you who haven't entered the modern world of email can thank Peter for receiving club information.

Peter says he is looking forward to 2007, with all the new blood as officers, tournaments and activities should be interesting.

### **Steve Falzone - Newsletter Editor**

I have been a member of WPMC for only a couple of years now, having given up softball (been passionate about the game and playing since CYO) and taken up golf. I played in a few tournaments and am hooked.

I have been Newsletter Editor for the past year. I also help Daniel with the website. I look forward to the coming year and hope I can shave a few strokes off my game. I enjoy meeting and playing with many of the members.

### **Tony Paniagua - Tournament Chair**

I am entering my 17<sup>th</sup> year with the club. Some year's ago our Presi-

dent indicated that the TC position was opening and asked if I would be interested. For some unexplained reason I thought to myself "How tough can it be" and shortly thereafter took the position. It turned out to not be as easy as I thought but also not as difficult either.

As TC I brought the process into the computer age. This made tournament day's easier and provided immediate information to all that played.

I'm wouldn't say it's always been wonderful but I still enjoy doing it as well as interacting with all of you even during the difficult times.

I look forward to the 2007 year and hope to see many of you attending the meetings and getting involved in your club.

### **George Vance - President**

I became a member of WPMC in 1995, shortly after moving back to my Bay Area roots from an almost 20 year sojourn in San Diego and Phoenix, AZ. Almost immediately, I wanted to become an integral part of the Club, influenced by Bryan Cadinha, Larry Cobleigh, and Jim Derdevanis, to name a few. My newly recognized passion for golf and the desire to be a part of our Club, started me on this current journey from Membership Chairman to Vice President to my current position of President, which I've gratefully captained our Club since 2001. The associations and friendships that have been built and nurtured have been, and continue to be, rewarding.

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It's Here!

## **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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