

The Willow Park

MEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Next Club Meeting:

March. 29, 2007
6:30pm, WP Bar Annex

Tournament Deadlines:

Wednesday, March.7

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2007 Tournament Schedule

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 Golfers,
So, we sneak in a January Tournament, have great weather for our Super Bowl Tournament, only to upset the Golf Gods enough for them to "rain on our parade" on our following tournament late in February. Let's remember the rulesspeak softly and respectfully to the Gods, Oh and don't ever birdie the first hole!!!!

Well, if March truly comes in like a lion, then we are in for a rough ride this month. The weather has been nasty! As much as we've needed rain, I wish it to be more accommodating to our golf time. There I go, stirring up the Golf Gods again.

Remember that we have Daylight Savings Time TWO weeks earlier this year!!!! March 11 is this year's magic time to set your clocks FORWARD!!!! Plus, it will last an extra week into the fall. I LOVE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME!!!!

You might start thinking of who you want to pair up with for our April Tournament. It will be the first round of the NORCAL Two Man Qualifier. Details will be available through the website or your Tournament Chairman. That's about all I have for this edition. Have a great month on and off the course. And don't forget to wear green on the 17th. Happy St. Pat's Day!!!

George Vance, President

Tales from the Rough

Well we got one of the two February tournaments in before Mother Nature decided to continue with winter. The February 25th tournament had to be cancelled. I had second thoughts for about 10 minutes then the sky opened up and although unfortunate at least I felt much better about having made the right decision.

For those of you who where entered, I am making the presumption that you will want to play in the next tournament so I will automatically roll you over to the March 18th tournament. If you cannot play in the March 18th tournament you will need to let me know prior to the March 7 deadline. If you let me know, I will roll your entry to April. If you don't say something and just don't show up on March 18 you will forfeit your entry. I do not want any of you to lose your money so let me know early if you cannot make it.

Congratulations to the 4 who will be going down to Poppy Hills and Spyglass Hills to represent our club. The players are John Hone, Mark Hemenez, Dave Albiar and Fred Cortopassi. I believe the tournament will be held on Monday April 9 and Tuesday April 10. You can verify this by going out to the NCGA web site. You should be receiving a letter from the NCGA with more information and your starting times. If any of you are not able to make the tournament please let me know as soon as possible so I can provide the NCGA with the alternate's name. Good luck and play well but don't forget to also enjoy the event.

"Willow Cup : The Road to the October Skins" : Several changes in the standings after two tournaments but everyone is still closely bunched up and within striking distance of the top 4 spots in each category. Remember you can't get points unless you play so get your entries in before the deadline.

Tony Paniagua - Tournament Chair

Next Tournament Details

Next Tournament: Sunday March 18, 2007
Entry Deadline: Wednesday March 7, 2007
Format: Individual Stroke Play with multiple flights
Special Event: None

"At Large" Columnist

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

Greetings! My name is Tom Joseph. I'd like to thank you for reelecting me to the WPMC Board of Directors. You might not have seen me at the last elections meeting. Why you ask? Because I was in the kitchen washing dishes most of the night. A job, I might add, I am greatly qualified for.

If you look around at the next tournament you're in, you will probably see your club officers doing a little scrambling around trying to keep things running smoothly, and maybe even see them drinking a little too (for medicinal purposes, of course). I what to thank them for giving so much of their time and energy to the club.

Our last tournament was unfortunately rained out. A few of us loony's went out anyway and it turned out to be not that bad, once the rain stopped. Hopefully that was the only rain out for the year but the next time there is a rain out you might want to think about sticking around, have some breakfast and give the rain a chance to brake. You will have the course to yourself (except for us other diehards) and can play a nice relaxing round. Just remember to club up!

I hope that I will have a chance to meet and play with our newer member at an upcoming tournament.

Here is to good weather and good fun golfing. And thanks again for reelecting me, it have been a pleasure.

Tom Joseph - Director

Commentary From The TC

Today's topic Tees: Blue vs. White

As you all know by now during our tournaments we play the NCGA "Disk" markers rather than the "Ball" markers the course puts on the tee box. This is done for two reasons. The first and most obvious is that there are no course "Blue" ball markers.

The second is because I noticed that that some players who got the opportunity to play from the whites were playing which ever one (marker or ball) played the hole the shortest.

I applaud their initiative, adaptability and creativity in using the rules to their advantage. Even though it provided only a minimal advantage it obviously was not fair to the rest of the filed playing from the Blue Disks.

So to bring everyone back to the same playing level I changed the rule to state that all play will be from the NCGA disks only and the course balls would be ignored.

I hope that you all have noticed that I have been including the Marker to which I have you playing from on the Group/Starting time sheet.

The current 85er's have the option to play either but must play from wherever they started from. If this was a different marker than I've designated they are required to inform me so I can adjust their handicap accordingly.

Speaking of white markers you may be asking, how someone gets to play from the white markers. Glad you asked.

Under the current tournament rules if your handicap when calculated from the "Blue" markers and your age add up to 85 or above you are allowed to play from the white markers. This of course doesn't mean you have to play from the whites. You can choose to continue play from the blue disks if you wish, keeping in mind that whichever set of markers your start from on the first hole will be the markers you must play the entire round from. As this was the rule prior to me taking over as TC I have no idea who or how the magic number of 85

was determined. Speaking of the magic number I have been considering alternatives to allow more of you to perhaps play from the White markers rather than the Blue markers.

I know that many of you, whether you want to admit it or not, would like to play from the White markers. I'm sure many of you during a casual round play the white markers and feel that it is challenging enough. I want to let you know I'm looking into figuring out an equitable formula for allowing more of you to do so.

Presuming I am able to come up with a fair and equitable method you will of course not be required to play the White markers and can continue to play the Blue markers if you wish. For you 85er's fear not. I am not changing anything that will affect you from whatever your current status might be.

I haven't decided on next months topic or if I'll have one so if there's one in particular you'd like me to cover please let me know.

Tony Paniagua – TC

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