

# The Willow Park

## MEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

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### **Next Club Meeting:**

April. 26, 2007  
6:30pm, WP Bar Annex

### **Tournament Deadlines:**

Wednesday, April 4

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### **2007 Tournament Schedule**

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
Sept 8, 9	Club Championship *Major*
Oct 14	Regular - Skins Completion
Nov 18	TC Surprise II
Dec 16	Turkey Shoot - 08 Norcal Qualifier

### **Presidential Focus**

Fellow Golfers,  
This 'n' that...and anything else that comes to mind...Spring has sprung!!! With the advent of earlier Daylight Savings Time this year, the days are longer, earlier, and with that the opportunities for that extra round or even 9 holes of golf are available, even for us who still work for a living, (those who are in the construction industry, or computer industry, not withstanding!!!)....names being withheld to protect the guilty!!!

The greens at Willow, as well as most all courses this time of year, are being aerated, yet it should not pose an issue to our next Tournament. Early feedback are that the greens are obviously slower, yet, rolling true. The Management of Willow Park has, as last year, contracted with an outside Professional company to aerate the greens, and the initial results are pleasingly obvious.

Our Website continues to be upgraded and improved. Make sure you check it out! Thanks to Daniel Turner and Steve Falzone, to their dedication and commitment to bring you the most accessible and concise venue available. Your energies and results and greatly appreciated.

In closing I wish to remember a member, and friend, who we recently lost. Larry McFadden passed away on March 27, after a much too short battle with cancer. I offer this Golfer's poem, re-published from an

issue a few years ago, that Larry sent to me. His passion for golf, and life, was well recognized. For those of us who knew him, he will be missed...and well remembered.

*In my hand I hold a ball  
White and dimpled, rather small.  
Oh, how bland it does appear,  
This harmless looking sphere.  
By it's size I fell beneath its' spell,  
I've wandered through the fires of hell.  
My life has not been the same,  
Since I chose to play this game.  
It rules my mind for hours on end,  
A fortune it has made me spend.  
It has made me curse and cry,  
I hate myself and want to die.  
It promises a thing called par,  
If I can hit it straight and far.  
To master such a tiny ball,  
Should not be very hard at all!  
But my desires the ball refuses,  
And does exactly as it chooses.  
It hooks and slices, dribbles and dies,  
Or disappears before my eyes.  
Often it will have a whim,  
To hit a tree or take a swim.  
With miles of grass on which to land,  
It finds a tiny patch of sand.  
Then has me whimper like a pup,  
And swear like a sailor that I will give it up.  
And take to drink to ease my sorrow,  
Knowing that.....I'll be back tomorrow!!!  
Happy Easter!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*

**George Vance, President**

### **New Members Needed!**

So currently how does WPMC get new members? Well, the easy answer is through you, our current members. And we need your help in increase our membership. Please promote the club every chance you can. Whether you are playing eighteen with someone new or "shooting the bull" with some long-time friends, bring up the pluses of joining our entertaining and energetic club. Applications are in the spike room and on our website.

## **Tales from the "Deep" Rough**

We had one of our biggest player tournaments in a very long time. 69 players signed up with 65 actually playing. Don't know what happened to the unlucky 4 but I would like to applaud the 65. I actually had to expand out to a 4<sup>th</sup> flight. Here's hoping that the player participation continues to be high.

With the weather and the course shaping up we will in all likelihood start playing the ball down starting with our April tournament. You may want to start getting used to the idea by playing at least some of your shots during your casual rounds with the ball down. Please read the information sheet on the first tee for more on this and any other modification.

Once again there were a couple of players who played from the Blue markers but placed their names on the closest to the pin marker that was exclusively for those who played from the white. Hole number 3 is only for the players who play from the white NCGA markers. Hole number 7 is only for the players who play from the Blue NCGA markers. Holes 5, 13, 16 are for all players. As I stated in the information sheet that was attached to the groups official score card as well as displayed on the first tee prior to the start of the tournament, the players who placed their names on the wrong marker will not be allowed to win any Closest to the pin or Long Drive for the next two tournaments they compete in. The names of these individuals will be listed in the information sheet on the first tee.

Good luck to the lucky 4 traveling to Monterey the week of April 9 to represent the men's club in the NCGA tournament. Hit them long and straight and hopefully as few times as possible. Having participated in the past I know you will all enjoy the event not to mention the courses you will be playing.

Well it's "Aeration" time once again. Like many courses Willow Park has aerated their greens the week of March 26. I have played two rounds on them. As you might suspect they are bumpy but they actually played reasonably well. They are a little shaggy at the

moment but that is a good thing. If they cut them to short to soon they will not come back well. So far it looks like they may be back to normal real soon. Here's hoping they are back by our April tournament date.

I was a little disappointed in the pace of play. We need to step it up in future tournaments. It appears that I will have to take some steps to get groups to speed up. I do not want to penalize groups for slow play but will have no problems doing so if it becomes necessary. This is a heads up and a warning to please make sure you keep up with the group in front of you. If you get behind it is your responsibility to catch up. So if you're well behind the group in front of you, don't be surprised if you come off the green on 18 and are notified your group has been penalized for slow play.

### **Next Tournament Details**

Next Tournament: Sunday April 15, 2007  
Entry Deadline: Wednesday April 4, 2007  
Format: Individual Stroke Play with multiple flights  
Special Event: 1st round NCGA Two-Man Best Ball Qualifier

### **Tony Paniagua – Tournament Chair**

## **"At Large" Columnist**

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

Hello!! My name is David Albiar. I want to thank you for voting for me to become one of the elite, Directors, of our wonderful club....and I do mean wonderful!!!

I joined WPMC in the year 2000 and have enjoyed playing Willow Park. I got involved through a great friend Dave Freais as he has been an old friend for over 25 years, I playing golf with his dad and uncle for many years. We played a lot of great golf courses through the years. I can proudly say we played Pebble Beach a few times, what fun. Hey! I was just learning this great game, at the time we only had to pay \$17.50 a round. The last time we played there it had gone up to \$75 and we thought "to heck with that, it was to damn much..." Well guess what it is now (\$475). I guess \$75 wasn't so bad!

But to get back to WPMC, I know we have the best club around and the best bunch of guys and gals you can play with. I look forward to keep playing at Willow Park for many more years until....well you know. I also want to say that our officers are the greatest. It is a lot of work to keep our club humming so let them know the great job they are doing next time you see them.

Again thanks for voting me as one of your directors. And I would like to continue to be your director for many more years!

**David Albiar - Director**

## **Are You A Golfer?**

*How to sound and act like a golfer!*

Golfer: You've just made a five on a par five. Your playing companion asks what you scored on the hole. You answer, "I made par."

Non-golfer: "I shot par," or "I shot a par."

Golfer: Who's away?

Non-golfer: "Who's closer?" or, "Who's farther away?"

Golfer: "What do you lie?"

Non-golfer: "How many do you lie?"

Golfer: Marks the scorecard on the way to the next tee, or every few holes.

Non-golfer: Stands on the green, looking back at the hole and pointing to where he hit his shots from, while counting.

Golfer: Walks off rear of green

Non-Golfer: Walks off front of green.

Source: A disorderly compendium of golf.  
2006: Lone Rubenstein and Jeff Neuman

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## Commentary From The TC

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### Today's topic Slow Pace of Play

One of the biggest issues in golf today is pace of play. As a group you are obligated to keep up with the group in front of you. If you get behind you are required to do whatever it takes to catch up. Your duration is solely based upon how close you are to the group in front. Everyone has been told that the goal is to complete a round in no more than 4 and ½ hours. If however the group in front of you finishes in 4 hours or less then you should also finish in 4 hours or less.

Pace of play is defined by the position of your group in relationship to the group in front of you. Unless you are the first group with no one in front of you the time it takes your group to finish the round is irrelevant. I have seen to many times in the past several tournaments where there are gaps of 1-2 holes between groups. Whether you finished in 4 and ½ hours or 4 hours is irrelevant if you finished 1-2 holes behind the group in front of you.

I am currently working on and hope to implement a plan to monitor your time as well as your progress throughout the round. If you are consistently out of position you will be penalized for slow play. This will apply to the whole group. Every player in the group is responsible for the pace of play. Do not be surprised if you walk off a green and are told your group has been penalized for slow play. It is your responsibility to be aware of where you are in relationship to the group in front of you. Don't wait for someone to tell you that you are behind.

Here are some guidelines to follow...

1. Play ready golf. If you are ready and will not endanger anyone with your next shot go ahead and play.
2. Be prepared on the greens. While others are looking over their putt you can start looking over yours
3. Pay attention to the play of the others. Following their shot will make locating it easier and quicker.

4. If you think you have hit your shot into trouble, play a provisional. This will save time in case you cannot find your original shot.
5. Limit your searches to 3-5 minutes. Going beyond 5 minutes for a search is a rules violation for undue delay of play and subject to penalty strokes being accessed.

**Tony Paniagua – TC**

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## Website Updates

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The website has some exciting new additions and updates!

- ✓ Pictures have been added to our Officers and Director page.
- ✓ Tournament details are available for each of this year's tournaments.
- ✓ Complete Willow Cup points breakdown are now available.
- ✓ Photo Gallery area should be available in the coming week.

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## The 2007 Willow Cup

Find out the current standings and where you stand on our website  
[www.WillowParkMensClub.com](http://www.WillowParkMensClub.com)

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## How to tend a flagstick

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1. Stand beside the flag so that you are not in anyone's line and your shadow is not in the line of the person putting.
2. Hold the flag and flagstick together so that the flag does not hang or flap.
3. Lift the bottom of the flagstick out of the cup-liner to ensure that it does not stick in the liner and angle it away from the player.
4. Remove the flagstick once the putt is on its way and step away from the hole without stepping on anyone's line.

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