

# The Willow Park

## MEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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### **Next Club Meeting:**

May 30, 2007  
6:30pm, WP Bar Annex

### **Tournament Deadlines:**

Wednesday, May 9

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### **2007 Tournament Schedule**

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 Members:

Contrary to recent rumors that I've heard I've, in no particular order, joined the Secret Service, a Monastery, The Hooters Tour (For the Hot Wings???, wishful, but NOT!!!), or even been catching up on "Honey Do's", I've been doing what most working, wanting-to-be-retired, want-to-be-playing-golf fanatics do. I parlayed an actual vacation with the proud honor of giving away my daughter in marriage. What an emotional experience. Right up there with getting a Birdie on #1, driving the green on #14, one-putting #17, or playing eighteen in under five hours with Joe Johnson!!!! Ok, it was a little more exciting. Kidding aside, I am the proverbial "Proud Dad". I thank those who acknowledged or cared to be concerned about my perceived absence, though.

Now that I got the personal itinerary out of the way, let's talk Club stuff. Congratulations to Mark Hemenez, Dave Albiar, John Hone, and Fred Cortopassi, who represented our Club so well at the recent NorCal Tournament held last month in Monterey. Playing Poppy Hills and Spyglass on consecutive days, they finished with a very strong tie for SIXTH (6th) Place finish against the "usual" sand-bagging entries from other clubs.

This is the beginning of our PRIMETIME for us golf fanatics. Willow Park is in as good of condition as I can EVER

remember. The Fairways are sculptured and manicured, and the Greens are in such great shape and are rolling so true that they're actually testing one's prowess with the flat stick. Our continued and supportive thanks to the Management and Staff.

The weather is warming up, so our best golfing is upon us. Our Website continues to provide useful and supportive updates and information for your benefit.

Good Golfing to All...Happy Cinco de Mayo and DON'T FORGET YOUR MOTHERS .....or your kid's Mother, as the case may be, on Mother's Day, this May 13.

*George Vance, President*

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

Well the big turn out for tournaments continue. Had 67 players sign up for April. Averaging around 63 which is up 13 from last years average of 50. Good to see all of you coming out. Please keep signing up!

Congratulations to our four man team that went to Monterey for the NCGA best ball. I believe they finished 6<sup>th</sup>. Pretty good finish.

17 teams entered the 36 hole qualifying for the two man best ball NCGA event. The first round leaders are Al Hamilton/Dave Freias and Jim Derdevanis/George Pritchard with a net 60. There are 6 teams within 4 shots. Round 2 will be May 20.

The greens are coming back very well from the "Aeration". They are looking good and rolling fast. With some creative pin placements our tournaments should be a little more challenging.

Still got a few folks writing their name on the wrong CP markers. The penalty as you know by now is that you are not eligible for any CP or LD for the next two tournaments you play in. Even if you do not read the information sheet on the first tee (shame on you if you don't) the designated holes are clearly marked. **PLEASE READ BEFORE YOU PUT YOUR NAME ON A MARKER.**

Pace of play for the April tournament was better. I want to thank you all for stepping it up. Please remember that pace of play is not how much time you take to complete the round. It's based solely on your position in relationship to the group in front on you. It is everyone in the group's responsibility to keep up the pace. I plan on implementing some changes starting with the next tournament to monitor times throughout the round. You are all aware when you get behind so don't expect a warning. Continue to play slow and your group will be penalized. Your group will also be moved to the end of the tournament.

As many of you know the winning certificates have been exclusively in the pro shop. This was due in part by our obligation of \$6 per player in the pro shop. With the increase in the number of players in the tournaments and the prize fund I was working under we were not able to offer certificates in the restaurant. Well that's about to change. I have asked for and been granted more funds to be used for the tournaments. Even with the high player count (Hopefully to continue) this will allow a limited number of the winners to get there certificates in the restaurant. The default will be the pro shop so if you want restaurant please indicate it on your entry form or tell me on the day of the tournament. Informing me after the tournament is too late. If more folks ask than I can provide, the determining factor will be your net score as the tie breaker.

To conclude the away tournament will be held at Deer Ridge in Brentwood this year. The date is July 1, 2007. The entry form is out on the web site. We have to pay the course two weeks in advance for the balance due so the deadline will be Wednesday June 6,

2007. This will give me time to recap the entrants and get them the check. The fee is \$75 and includes Green Fee, Cart, Prize fund and practice balls. I am limited to the first 60 golfers so please be aware of the deadline.  
Next Tournament Details  
Next Tournament: Sunday May 20, 2007  
Entry Deadline: Wednesday May 9, 2007  
Format: Individual Stroke Play with multiple flights  
Special Event: 2nd 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.*

Hey Guys,  
Mark Hemenez, your Handicap chairperson, here. It's been way too long since I wrote anything, so bear with me.

Fred, Dave, John and I went down to Monterey and represented WPMC in the Norcal Qualifier. We had a great time, taking sixth place, those Sandbaggers....I tell ya! But sixth is nothing to sneeze at. John and Fred sure played great. Dave and I played pretty good too. We could have won, it was close. I think the guys who won, need to start posting their scores. It only validates my thoughts that “we” need to post our scores more often.

We have a lot of tournaments coming up. The schedule looks really good. I can't believe I've already played in the SF City, Nationwide Tour Pro Am, Commuters, and our club tournaments (Two Man Qualifier)! I still have the rest of the season to go, public links, etc. I just started practicing or playing five days a week. Let's see what happens this season. The course is in great shape and Tony is doing a good job with tournament play. Speaking of play, I can't help but notice a little slow play. I'm hearing there will soon be some changes....you will see (Tony will soon be filling you in).

The Officer's and Director's are also doing their jobs behind the scenes ....thanks guys!

The Two Man Best Ball has started. My team is (Keith Portue and me) three back with 18 to play. We have our work cut out for us. This field is very deep.

You guys don't mess around, did you see those scores? Good luck to everyone. It should be very interesting!

I am off to Willow Park in the morning to work on my game.  
See you on the links...  
Remember, **POST YOUR SCORES!**  
Your Handicap Chairman  
Mark Hemenez

### **Commentary From The TC**

#### *Today's topic Entry Fee*

You all pay \$50 for the entry to the tournaments but do you know what this entry fee covers. Most will know or figure out that most of it is applied to cover the cost of the Green and Cart fees. Here is the current breakdown for your entry fee.

- The Green fee is \$34
  - The required Cart fee is \$12
- This adds up to \$46. So where does the extra \$4 go?  
Currently the entire \$4 is applied to the tournament prize fund. This extra \$4 will only be used to cover tournament expenses. If golf course management should unexpectedly increase the Green or Cart fees during the year this increase will be applied with any remainder again going to the prize fund.

We obviously cannot predict the future so there are no guarantees additional increases will not be necessary. It is the clubs hope that the current fee will be adequate to handle any unexpected increase in expense with no impact to the membership.

### **The 2007 Willow Cup**

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