

The Willow Park

MEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Next Club Meeting:

September 27, 2007
6:30pm, WP Bar Annex

Tournament Deadlines:

Wednesday, Oct. 3

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2007 Tournament Schedule

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

Presidential Focus

This 'n' that to our Members:
School's back in session!! With apologies for paraphrasing Alice Cooper, I was having a moment! As we commence the last third of 2007, important venues and dates are approaching, with the "coveted" Inaugural Willow Cup up for grabs!!! Our *Club Championship* commences this weekend, the 8th and 9th. Followed next month by our *Tournament of Champions*, which includes our prestigious *Skins Competition*.

October 24th will be our **Annual Club Meeting and Elections**. Our traditional *9-Hole Golf Tournament* will again be held prior at Willow Park. There will be limited entries so please notify your T/C as to if you will be participating. First Tee Time is tentatively scheduled for **2:30PM**. Our usual cast of characters is about 28-32. Our Annual Meeting/Elections with accompanying Dinner will again be held at the **Castro Valley Masonic Lodge** at the corner of Castro Valley Blvd. and Crow Canyon Blvd., following the Golf Tournament. **Start time will be 5:30PM.**

We will be getting a "head count" of those expecting to attend the Annual Meeting so as to order and provide again our great Steak Dinner. Anyone planning on attending, please confirm to me, or any of your Officers or Directors.

The **NCGA** has announced its' **2008 Membership Renewal Period**. The dates for renewal will start on **Monday, October 1, 2007** and conclude on Monday December 31, 2007. For the purpose of assuring renewals are processed and posted prior to

cutoff date, we will expect **ALL** renewals to be received in hand or to our P.O. Box by **Monday December 24, 2007**. Any applications received after this date, we cannot guarantee that they will be posted. Therefore, plan your renewal **NOW** so as **NOT** to be left out! An NCGA mandated late fee of currently \$10.00 will be enforced for entries received after the December 24 date. Therefore, plan your renewal **NOW** so as **NOT** to be left out!!!

Now is the time to encourage your friends, neighbors, and golfing buddies to join the "best kept secret in the Bay Area". Strength is in numbers!!! One of many exciting plans under consideration is a "Reward" for members who refer or sponsor **NEW** applicants! A committee has already been designated toward discussing this and other potential rewards as well as planning our 2008 Budget. Announcements will be posted soon.

And remember, the newly published Willow Park Golf Course Rules/Guide Book is available in the Pro Shop.

Enjoy what is left of this summer....Fall officially begins on September 23! Great golfing and camaraderie to all!

George Vance, President

2008 Newsletter Changes

Beginning in 2008 the WPMC Newsletter will be delivered exclusively by electronic format.

For members that may not have internet access at home; most libraries, community centers and friends are easy avenues to getting on-line. We will continue to post a copy of the current Newsletter in WP's spike room.

Please let our membership chairperson know if you have an updated email address. This will insure that you are notified of important information about the club.

Tales from the "Deep" Rough

Well our five club tournament is over. The results once again were not much different than a regular 14 club tournament. Granted we all played from the white tees but overall the scores did not reflect the use of fewer clubs. One thing I did notice is that it did not necessarily take the drive out of the bag. I may play it a little different next year perhaps with fewer clubs!!

The Willow Cup standings for the "Road to the Skins Competition" are still close. The net flight has 12 or so within 10 points. When I came up with this format my hope was that it would go down to the last tournament and it appears that will be the case. Please remember that the participation points will be 15 for the "Super Major" in September but you must complete both rounds to get it. I'm sure you all remember that there is also the added bonus of 5 points. If you have played in all the 2007 tournaments or have only missed one through the September tournament, you will receive an additional Super "Participation" Bonus of 5 points. That means there will be 20-30 points up for grabs.

Just in case here again are the Willow Cup tiebreakers

1. Number of tournaments played
2. Number of points accumulated for top ten finishes
3. Number of top ten finishes
4. The Player with the lowest scoring average year to date. Player must have completed 9 of the 11 rounds (80%) to be eligible for this tie breaker.

As we get near the end of the year it's time to also think about the 2008 season. I should have a tentative schedule out on the web site this month. I will also post one in the spike room and on the first tee of the September tournament. I'm not anticipating any changes but will call it tentative for now and provide you with a sneak peek. The final version should be out in October.

Speaking of 2008 the membership forms should be coming out soon so start passing the word to friends and neighbors.

The 2008 elections will also be taking place in October. Not to late for any of you to throw your hat in the ring and become part of the governing board. Time to seize the opportunity to make some changes.

Please note that I will be on Vacation the week of October 6-13. This means that if I don't have your entry when I pick up the mail on Thursday October 4 you will not be participating in the October Tournament. Get your entries in on time.

Next Tournament Details

Next Tournament: Sunday October 14, 2007
Entry Deadline: Wednesday October 3, 2007
Format: Individual Stroke Play w/ multiple flights

Special Event: This will be the "Skins Competition" for the luck 8 Willow Cup leaders.

Tony Paniagua – Tournament Chair

"At Large" Columnist

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

Hi. My name is Robin Paniagua. I am the WPMC Treasurer. Being an officer of the club it is my turn to write an article, so here you go.

This is my 4th year as a member, first year playing in the tournaments. I was a bit apprehensive taking part in the tournaments being the only female. After having played, I realized there was nothing to worry about, thanks to the warm welcome I received from the players.

You usually see me with the camera to my eye after I have finished my round. Many of you have thanked me for taking the pictures and it is my pleasure. If there is a shot you would like me to take don't be shy and ask. Well this is it, see you on the course. Happy shooting.

"At Large" Columnist (makeup)

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From your Webmaster Daniel Turner Is Tiger Woods good for Golf? I was disappointed last year when Tiger and Phill decided not to play in

the tour championship. I would have loved it if the tour had allowed the 31st and 32nd players on the money list to fill those spots.

I'm not sure that the solution is to have Fedex put up 35 million dollars to entice these players to play the final season events. (Tiger has already missed the first event). The final cost of all this prize money is born by the people who use the products advertised by the tournament sponsors. I feel I am being asked to pay to mush money to watch the top 3 or 4 golfers on the money list .Although in fairness I do not drive a Buick, have an account at the Deutsche Bank, or need erectile dysfunction medication (at least not yet, plus the fact that I am not about to haul a couple of cast iron bathtubs up to the top of a mountain just to have sex with my own wife.).

For my money Tiger, Phill and the other top of the money list can go ahead and stay home. The highlight of my year so far has been watching Brandt Snedeker get his first win at the Wyndham. I especially enjoyed watching Will Mackenzie high-five Brandt on the seventeenth after his birdie. That's the kind of sportsmanship I tune in to see. Tiger? Phill? Are you listening?

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