

# The Willow Park

## MEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

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### **Next Club Meeting:**

October 24, 2007  
5:30pm, CV Masonic

### **Tournament Deadlines:**

Wednesday, Oct. 3

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### **2007 Tournament Schedule**

Oct 14 Regular – WC Skins Completion  
Nov 18 TC Surprise II  
Dec 16 Turkey Shoot – 08 Norcal Qualifier

### **Annual Club Meeting & Election**

Wednesday, **October 24<sup>th</sup>** • 5:30pm  
**Castro Valley Masonic Lodge**

Come join us for our **Annual Club Meeting and Elections** with accompanying Dinner. This year it will again be held at the **Castro Valley Masonic Lodge** at the corner of Castro Valley Blvd. and Crow Canyon Blvd. beginning around 5:30pm

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**.

### **Presidential Focus**

Ghosts, Goblins, and other Autumn thoughts....Fellow members, First of all, I'd like to congratulate John Hone for defending his Club Championship for 2007. What an exciting ending! Like two heavyweight boxers, John held off former multiple year Club Champion, Mark Hemenez, in a playoff!!!

Our Annual Meeting and Elections are upon us. This is the most critical event of the year in regards to formulating what direction that the club will embark on for 2008. As mentioned last month, we will preface our Meeting with our Traditional 9-Hole Golf Tournament. If you want and are able to play, please let us know ASAP. Spaces are limited. If you haven't played in the past, you **ONLY** need to confirm that you will play so we can have a head count for the Course. Payment is not due till that day! There is **NO** pre-payment due!!! Four-somes will, or can, be determined amongst yourselves! First Tee Time will be at 2:30PM. Officers and Directors will have first tee times so as to proceed following golf to the Masonic Lodge in order to set up

the facility for our meeting and to start cooking.

The Meeting and Elections will be held following golf as in the past couple of years, at the Castro Valley Masonic Lodge in Castro Valley. Dinner will follow. We will request a confirmation of those planning on attending this important event so as to order and provide a great meal for all. The menu will again be Ribeye Steak Dinner with all the trimmings! There will be prizes awarded for Tournament play and we will again have some surprises during the Meeting. I look forward to our best member participation. So circle the date on your calendar and make a commitment to help in making 2008 the best that it can be!!!!

**George Vance, President**

### **2008/09 Election Slate**

#### **Vice President: Vote for One**

• Mike Jones (Inc) • Daniel Turner

#### **Treasurer: Vote for One**

Robin Paniagua (Inc)

#### **Directors: Vote for Three**

• Dave Albiar (Inc) • Joe Johnson (Inc)  
• Larry Becker • Pete Krass  
• Steve Davis (Inc) • Walt Zwirek  
• Doug Goodale

### **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 the club championship is over and the winner in a thrilling playoff was John Hone. Congratulation once again to John who successfully defended his title and is our 2008 Club Champion.

Mark Hemenez birdied the 18<sup>th</sup> hole to tie John at 144. I decided that there would be a playoff consisting of three holes with the winner having the low gross score after the three holes. If still tied it would then be a sudden victory (don't care for death as no one would physically die). The playoff had to wait about an hour as a few players still on the course were making a run but they came up short. Only three holes were needed as John posted 11 to Marks 13. Congratulations to both for they put on a fine match.

The Willow Cup standings for the "Road to the Skins Competition" finally concluded. In the Gross group will be John Hone, Mark Hemenez, Tony Paniagua and George Pritchard. In the Net group will be Joe Johnson, Craig Pitts, Tom Joseph and Larry Becker. The biggest competition, as you might have suspected, was in the Net group. It turned out that 11 players were all in contention for the 4 slots. The final and 4<sup>th</sup> slot won by Larry Becker went down to the 4<sup>th</sup> tie breaker. The final results are on the web site and posted in the spike room. Heads up to the alternates, if they don't sign up you are the replacement.

I know many of you were skeptical about the "Willow Cup" process. My main goal in doing it was to promote more play over the year rewarding the players who continued to play each month and keep the interest level up over the competition. Looking at the results I think it was a success and I will be bringing it back next year perhaps tweak a little here and there. To give you an idea here is an interesting statistic. In 2005 27% of the players played all or missed just one tournament. In 2006 that figure went up a little to 30%. **In 2007 with the new format the figure jumped to 45%.** I want to extent my thanks to all of you for supporting the new format even if

you did it reluctantly and only a little bit.

The 2008 tournament scheduled dates are official. All that I have left is to decide the monthly tournament formats. I should have a copy posted on the web site in a couple of days. Until then you will fine the tentative schedule on the website. As with all schedules it is of course subject to change due to weather and conditions beyond the control of the WPMC.

Don't forget to ask about the 2008 membership and the annual election meeting in October. I'm sure the President would be more than willing to provide you with the details

**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*

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## "At Large" Columnist

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

There will be two "At Large" columns next month!

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## LPGA in Blackhawk

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Danville, Calif. – From October 4<sup>th</sup> though 7<sup>th</sup>, Blackhawk Country Club will once again host the LPGA's Longs Drugs Challenge.

This year marks the strongest field in tournament history as 19 of the Top 20 players on the Official LPGA Money List will compete, including the entire Top Ten.

Highlighting the field is the #1-ranked women's golfer in the world, Lorena

Ochoa. The field also features several players with local ties, including Paula Creamer, Natalie Gulbis, Christina Kim, Pat Hurst, and Hall of Famer Juli Inkster.

The entire Top Ten in the LPGA Player of the Year race will compete, as well as 11 of 12 members from the victorious U.S. Solheim Cup team, Nicole Castrale, Creamer, Laura Diaz, Gulbis, Hurst, Inkster, Cristie Kerr, Brittany Lincicome, Stacy Prammanasudh, Morgan Pressel and Angela Stanford.

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