

The Willow Park

MEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Next Club Meeting:

November 29, 2007
6:30pm, WP Bar Annex

Tournament Deadlines:

Wednesday, Nov. 7

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2007 Tournament Schedule

Nov 18 TC Surprise (RWB) + Turkey Shoot
Dec 16 Regular + 1st Rnd 08 Norcal Qualifier

2008 Tournament Schedule

Feb 3 + 2nd round 2008 Norcal Qualifier
Feb 24 Regular
Mar 16 + 1st round Two Man Norcal Qualifier
Apr 20 + 2nd round Two Man Norcal Qualifier
May 18 + Colored Ball Team Competition
June 22 TC Surprise (4 Club)
July 20 Major - Presidents
July 27 Away tournament
Aug 17 Major - Directors
Sept 13/14 Major - Club Championship
Oct 19 + Willow Cup Skins Competition
Nov 16 TC Surprise (RWB) + Turkey Shoot
Dec 14 + 1st rnd 2009 Norcal Qualifier
+ = Regular tournament PLUS special event

Presidential Focus

Fellow Ghosts and Goblins

You came and you have spoken. The Annual Meeting and Elections was held on October 24th at the Castro Valley Masonic Lodge. We had the largest turnout that we'd had in a number of years. Your participating members, 60+ strong, have determined who would represent this club into 2008. As competitive as an election that it was, all incumbents were re-elected to their positions. I applaud and am proud of the turnout and support that ALL nominees received.

Prior to this event we had twenty play in our traditional 9-Hole Golf Tournament. Tony Paniagua handed out prizes to both the best net scores....and the highest net scores!!!

During the Meeting, I wanted to acknowledge all in attendance, specifically, those who have shown their loyalty through the years. I requested that ALL stand to recognize their consistent membership, till there was one standing. For all who have been with this club for so many loyal years, the number of members who were still standing with over 25 YEARS of consecutive membership was awesome. Ultimately, the

last man standing was a charter member, HERM KERBER, with 36 YEARS of consecutive membership.

CONGRATULATIONS Herm, for your consistent support. And I congratulate all you who have been so loyal to this club for their respective years, and also those who have recently joined.

The evening was culminated by our terrific Ribeye Steak Dinner, accompanied by all the trimmings! Led by Past President Jim Derdevanis, who captained the BBQ, and assisted by your dedicated Officers and Directors, this was the best we've had. My thanks to all for volunteering to make this a great evening, and a special and gracious "THANK YOU" to long time member and Past President, Bryan Cadinha, for his continued support of this club in again supplying us with the great steaks and donating all the side dishes.

I thank all our volunteers, specifically, from Charlie Bishop and Bob Fabel, who helped secure the Lodge again for this years event, to Hugh Williams, Al Hamilton, Pete Krass, and Dave Albiar, who orchestrated setting up the facility, to Tom Joseph and Joe Johnson for being "Team Players" in being jacks-of-all-trades, Larry Cobleigh, our dedicated bartender, and everyone else whom I have neglected to personally name who helped out on this evening.

All our Officers, Directors, and Committeepersons have worked energetically and tirelessly throughout the year. The players have been chosen, let the 2008 season be the best that your Willow Park Men's Club can be!!!

Actively support your club! Get your 2008 membership renewals in! Bring a friend! Have a thankful November.

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

The October tournament is in the books. The player count was around 46 which was pretty good. The Skins competition appeared quite competitive. Lots of carryover holes making some holes worth big money. Story has it that in the gross skins holes 1-8 we halved making the 9th worth \$156. Understand a birdie won the 9th hole for the big prize. I can't seem to recall who that was. I remember him being the underdog. Oh well perhaps it will come to me latter. There were several big winners in the net group as well. I had to split up quite a few holes as no one could seem to win any coming down the stretch.

Looks like the course is trimming trees once again. There are a few more options now available on some shots that in the past provided only one. Also I'm sure you know that some of the greens are taking more time to come back from the September aeration. Here's hoping they will all be back to normal soon.

As we near winter, I will be considering allowing lift clean and place for the next several months. I really don't want to until we get into the wetter months but there are still many areas of the course that are either very wet or very bare. I will continue to monitor the course conditions and let you know. As always the information sheet will provide the rules of play.

The 2008 tournament schedule is available on the web site and copies are posted in the Spike room. I had to

make one last adjustment for March. The date has been moved to March 16. It appears that March 23 is Easter. I knew that and even had a note in my file to remind me of it. Apparently I needed a reminder to remind me. Sorry for the confusion.

Don't forget to send in your membership renewal before the December deadline. Costs still \$89 prior to the deadline, goes up \$10 after. New membership still \$99, pass the word to friends, neighbors and relatives. The more members we have the more prize fund we will have.

Many of you know by now that the course has recently been re-rated by the NCGA. Our Handicap Chairman (Mark) represented our club in the process and I'm sure he will have words on the experience. Don't know about you but I'm interested in what the final results will be.

In line with that I looked at the 2007 tournament year so far and posted some additional information in the spike room regarding the course. Shows which holes are the hardest and which are the easiest. Some surprises, you may want to take a look if you get a chance.

Upcoming Tournaments

Date: Sunday November 18, 2007

Deadline: Wednesday November 7, 2007

Format: Red, White and Blue. Three each on the front and three each on the back.

Special Event: Turkey Shoot. Prize will be \$25 certificates to Al Market in Castro Valley

Next Tournament Details

Next Tournament: Sunday December 16, 2007

Entry Deadline: Wednesday December 5, 2007

Format: Individual Stroke Play.

Special Event: 1st round of the 2008 NCGA qualifier

Tony Paniagua – Tournament Chair

2008/09 Board

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"At Large" Columnist

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

Hello Members! I just want to say a few words about our annual meeting, election and dinner this past month. I have confidants the members voted for people that will attend most of our meetings and guide our club to be most successful for years to come. Thanks to everyone who came out.

I also thought this was one of our best meals we've had to date. Thanks to the chefs I couldn't eat anymore.

To the new year;
Al Hamilton - Director

2008 Membership Drive

As you know, we have begun our membership drive for 2008. Our goal is to increase our membership 20-30%. To achieve this we need your help and we're offering a reward. From Nov. 07 through Feb. 08 for every new member you bring in, your name will go into a drawing. Bring one new member you get 1 entry. Bring 5, you will be entered 5 times. Our membership form now has a "Referred by" field. Just make sure the person write your name before they send in the membership. The drawing will be at the March tournament with the prize being a \$100 gift certificate (not a WP gift certificate). So send in your membership and get out there and convince your wife, girlfriend, neighbors and friends to sign up. Disclaimer: You will also have to be a member to be eligible to win.

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