

The Willow Park

MEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Next Club Meeting:

May 29, 2008
6:30pm, WP Bar Annex

Tournament Deadlines:

Wednesday, May 7

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2008 Tournament Schedule

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	+ 1 st round 2009 Norcal Qualifier

+ = Regular tournament PLUS special event

Presidential Focus

Fellow Members,
From the, "This 'n' that" concept.....One can tell that spring is in full harvest and how well their golf game has recovered from the winter months by the number cases of Poison Oak one has contacted so far. I'm already experiencing my SECOND itchy episode with Willow Park's indigenous plant!!! I've got to keep the ball in the short grass....or use LESS EXPENSIVE golf balls!!! I'll blame it on gas prices, Al Davis, Barry Zito, Barry Bonds, BALCO, George Wubuyuh, Clinton (Both of 'em), Obama, McClain, and everyone in Congress..... and Hollywood!!! (They ALL have an opinion that they can play, let alone make, better politicians than those who've been elected anyway!) It must be an election year, I'm getting way too wrapped up in this nonsense! It's time to think about my next tee time. Besides, I've got an itch to scratch!

In related observations, the course continues to look and play better every week. The fairways are being cut and groomed in a very professional and playable way, previously unused or broken sprinklers are being repaired and/or replaced, and the greens are looking and rolling the best that they have in years. There seems to be a concentrated commitment to making this course the "Jewel of the Bay Area". I've heard and echoed the compliments of the ever improving condition of the course. My compliments to the Management and Staff,"keep up the great work....".

In closing for this month, Good golfing to all, keep it in the short grass, and as you stride up our ever better looking fairways and greens, if you hear any rustling in the woods.....DON'T SHOOT!!!! It might be ME!!

Good Golfing to all.

George Vance, President

Tales from the "Deep" Rough

Well another tournament is concluded. It looked like we might have had a frost delay for a while there. It sure was colder than I would have expected for late April.

As you know by now the winners of the two man best ball NCGA qualifier was John Hone and Joe Johnson. They shot a final round 61 for a total of 125 beating out the second place team of Larry Becker and Tom Holmstrom by 2 shots. Congratulations to John and Joe and I know they will represent the club well in the next stage of qualifying.

The course is looking pretty good these days. Still have a few rough spots and the greens are still a little bumpy but all in all not bad. The green aeration appears to be progressing nicely. They should all be back in a couple of weeks. Hole number 16 which was in bad shape appears to be back and looking good. It appears the tree trimming that allowed the greens to get more sun is making a big difference.

We will be playing the ball down for the next several months so you might want to do so in your weekly rounds just to stay sharp.

In addition to our regular stroke play the May tournament will also be a Group Team Orange/Yellow ball competition. Each group will be given an Orange or Yellow "Team" Ball. Each player in the group will be designated to play a specific number of holes based upon the handicaps with the low handicap players on the hard holes and the high handicap players

on the easier holes. I will have your score card already marked so you will know who is to play the "Team" ball. The players score will count for the individual and also be the "Team" score for that hole. This will be a "Net" competition so handicaps will be applied should the player receive one. I will be awarding each member of the first place team a \$20 Pro shop certificate and each member of the second place team a \$15 pro shop certificate. Returning the ball to the TC after the round will be required for your team score to count. If your team loses the Orange/Yellow ball or you fail to turn it in with your score card to the TC, your group is no longer eligible for the Team award. An information sheet will be attached to your score card on the day of the tournament with more specific details. It will include what to do if your group is a twosome or three-some.

As a heads up the June tournament will be the 4 club so you have about 6 weeks to practice. It used to be 5 but I thought we'd try 4 and see how creative you all really are..

Well that about covers it for now. Hope to see you all in the May tournament and beyond

Upcoming Tournaments

Date: Sunday May 18, 2008.

Deadline: Wednesday May 17

Club Tournament Entry Fee: \$50

Format : Individual Stroke Play with flights.

Special Event: Team Orange/Yellow ball Competition

Date: Sunday June 22, 2008.

Deadline: Wednesday June 11.

Club Tournament Entry Fee : \$50

Format : Individual Stroke Play with flights.

Special Event: 4 club only tournament

Tony Paniagua – Tournament Chair

"At Large" Columnist

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

Not available this month!

NCGA Member Outings

Registration for the NCGA 2008 Members-Only Outing is now available for many of the courses. More information can be found from the link on our website.

Great Golf To Be Seen!

The next few years the Northern California is in for some great Professional golf. Not including the Nationwide or Champion Tours (which are a lot of fun if you haven't been to one), look what we have coming!

2008 – LPGA Samsung World Championship (Half Moon Bay)

2008 – LPGA Longs Drugs Challenge (Blackhawk CC)

2009 – President's Cup (Harding Park)

2008 – LPGA Longs Drugs Challenge (Blackhawk CC)

2010 – US Open (Pebble Beach)

2012 – US Open (Olympic Club)

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