

# The Willow Park

## GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

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### **Next Club Meeting:**

July 31, 2008  
6:30pm, WP Bar Annex

### **Tournament Deadlines:**

Wednesday, July 9

### **Club Officers:**

#### **George Vance**

President  
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#### **Mike Jones**

Vice President  
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#### **Huge Williams**

Secretary  
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#### **Robin Paniagua**

Treasurer  
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### **Directors:**

Dave Albiar  
Steve Davis  
Daniel Gil  
Al Hamilton  
Joe Johnson  
Tom Joseph

### **Committees:**

Tournament Chairman  
Tony Paniagua  
Handicap Chairman  
Mark Hemenez  
Membership  
Larry Cobleigh  
Sergeant at Arms  
Ken Cadinha  
Morale Officer  
Herm Kerber  
Webmaster  
Daniel Turner  
Newsletter Editor  
Steve Falzone  
Postal Coordinator  
Peter Krass

### **2008 Tournament Schedule**

July 20	Major - Presidents
July 27	Away Tournament - Seascapes
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 <sup>st</sup> round 2009 Norcal Qualifier
	+ = Regular tournament PLUS special event

### **Presidential Focus**

Fellow Members,  
Let the fireworks begin, Summer is here!!! The weather is our friend, so "no excuses" for not honing your game.

We certainly have the opportunity this month with two (2) important Tournaments scheduled. And after both MY personal results from our 4 Club Tournament, and those of the majority of the rest of you who participated, 14 Clubs is way overrated!!!

I hope most, if not all, have read the interview that Steve Falzone had with Course Superintendent, Bernie Holloway in last month's Newsletter. Thanks to Steve, for providing the time to interview Bernie, and to Bernie, for taking the time to share some insightful information for our members.

I've always pondered and toyed with what could be done to initiate the most enthusiasm and excitement for our members who participate in our Tournaments, besides the golf and wonderful camaraderie. With the expanded and concerted efforts of our Officers and Directors, I think we've finally come up with a plan! Be ready for surprises and excitement by our next Tournament. You just may be a lucky winner!!!.....if you participate.

Have a patriotic and safe 4th of July holiday.

**George Vance, President**

### **Looking for Officer Candidates**

It's the time of year when we have to start thinking about next year's (2009) officers. We have two Officer positions opening up next year, plus our standard three Directors spots. Time to get involved in your club!

George Vance, our current President, has held the job for the last six years and says he's done, through, kaput! He says he wants to be the Emeritus, a do nothing job Jim Derdevanis has held for the last six years. The President's job is remunerated by the NCGA so you get a free ride on dues. No one else gets a free pass in the club, so what's the problem?

The next open office will be the Secretary. This is a job that requires you to show up at the monthly meetings, record the business on hand and then read it back at the next meeting. Hugh Williams says that's where his problem is. He either can't read his notes or he can't pronounce some of the names. He wants out!

The Vice President, Mike Jones, is locked in for another year, as is the Treasurer, Robin Paniagua. (That's one of the names Hugh has trouble with.)

We have six Directors and three will be back in 2009; Dave Albiar, Steve Davis, and Joe Johnson. Three will not and their jobs are up for grabs, but they can run again if they like: Daniel Gil, Allen Hamilton, and Tom Joseph. Their main job is to show up at the meetings and produce helpful ideas for running the club.

As usual we are looking for volunteers. If you have ever called the officers a clique, then this is your chance to join the clique. After all, someone has to run the club. If we don't get volunteers, it will be the same guys over and over. Ergo, we'll have a clique. Although I prefer the word DYNASTY.

If you're interested, let me know. [tlarrycob@aol.com](mailto:tlarrycob@aol.com)

Larry Cobleigh, Membership Chairman

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## Tales from the Deep Rough!

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Well another month is gone and another tournament is history. I must say that I was a little apprehensive about lowering the club count from 5 to 4. After seeing the scores that came in I don't know what I was worried about. It appears that all of you adapted quite well to fewer clubs. Some of you even scored better.

I compared the June tournament scores to the May tournament scores. The 0-9 handicappers averaged 5 shots less, the 10-19 averaged the same, and the 20-29 averaged 1 shot more with the 30 and above averaging the same. The overall tournament scoring average was the same. Granted most of us moved up to the white tee and were able to lift clean and place but you also had 10 fewer clubs to choose from. In addition to the regular flight awards I also wanted to award the Low Gross and Low Net scores with a little extra. To them I will send a \$20 Pro Shop certificate for Low Gross and Low Net. Congratulations to John Hone with a low gross of 68 and Charles Bigelow with a Low net of 64.

Well the "Majors" are here and so is the qualifying for the October Skins competition. Don't forget that the competitors for the Skins competition will be determined by the combined Low Gross and Combine Low Net scores for the July and August tournaments. Please also don't forget that even if your score qualifies, in order to secure the spot you must have also played in at least 50% of the tournaments between January and September. Please make sure you keep this in mind as I would hate to see anyone qualify for the skins and not play enough tournaments.

Like many of you I too have started my preparation for the "Club Championship". As most of you know there is a 3 tournament minimum requirement that you must have played prior to the Club Championship tournament. Participation in the Club Championship tournament does not count toward the 3. I would hate to see anyone score really low in the club championship tournament and win

flight awards and not the club championship.

To conclude, as many of you know there are no out of bound, water or lateral hazard stakes. Also like many of you I sometimes wonder where the playing field ends and the hazard or out of bounds begin. All I can tell you is when this situation comes up use your best judgment. Look at the surrounding terrain and figure out what makes the most sense. Between the members of your group come up with a consensus opinion and apply it. It's not always going to be favorable and sometimes you will just have to bit the bullet and admit your ball is out of bounds or in a hazard. There are many improvements being done to the course and I hope that one of them will be the application of stakes for easier identification. I also understand that if it is on their list it surely is low in priority and rightfully should be.

### Upcoming Tournaments

**Date** : Sunday July 20, 2008.  
**Deadline** : Wednesday July 9, 2008.  
**Club Tournament Entry Fee** : \$50  
**Format** : Individual Stroke Play with flights.  
**Special Event**: This is the first Major and the first round of the two round tournament to decide who the lucky 8 participants will be for the October skins (Willow Cup).

**Date** : Sunday August 17, 2008.  
**Deadline** : Wednesday August 6, 2008.  
**Club Tournament Entry Fee** : \$50  
**Format** : Individual Stroke Play with flights.  
**Special Event**: This is the Second Major and the Second round of the two round tournament to decide who the lucky 8 participants will be for the October skins (Willow Cup).

*Tony Paniagua – Tournament Chair*

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## Away Tournament Carpool

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Our annual Away Tournament will be held on Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at the Seascape Golf Course in Aptos.

With the current price of gas, some members have suggested that members carpool down to Aptos.

As a club, we think the logistics would be too difficult for us to organize but we are encouraging all our members to arrange transportation with a friend. Some members are planning to meet at WPGC and carpool together. We will send an email broadcast with a time for all those interested to meet.

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## "At Large" Columnist

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

Hey Guys. Mark Hemenez your Handicap Chairman here.

Well, we had our best Zone Qualifier in years. I drove to Monterey on Sunday, and played Laguna Seca Golf Ranch, a Robert Trent Jones Design. Green Fee's were \$75. It was a very nice layout and scenic, a fair test of golf. I went and checked in at the Hyatt -Old Del Monte after. I like the atmosphere there.

The next day was the tournament and I was at the course 10 minutes before my tee-time at Poppy Hills. My team was on the putting green - Joe, Criag, and Rick.

We wished each other good luck and went to the tee. Joe and I played really well, so did Rick and Criag after the first round. At the end of the day, we were tied for second place. We had a couple of drinks in the bar. Rick mentioned a great restaurant we should try for dinner (The Fish House). We went there and it was very good. We had some more drinks and relished the moment of our second place accomplishment.

The next day was Spyglass Hill, always a gem. We arrived early and sized up the competition. We were playing with Blackhawk Country Club. They were in the lead by two shots. I thought if we beat them, we win, but I thought wrong. I shot 75 the first day and 87 the second day, not my best.

When we finished, we were tied for second place with Stonebrae. One shot off of first place. I can't believe it. Next, we got to a play off (sudden death). Craig and Rick teed off the first with Stonebrae. Joe and I followed. One the first hole, I had the last putt and missed it right to go the extra holes. Stonbrae took second, and we took third. I am really proud of my team and can't wait until next year.