

The Willow Park

GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

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Next Club Meeting:

August 28, 2008
6:30pm, WP Bar Annex

Tournament Deadlines:

Wednesday, Aug 6

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2008 Tournament Schedule

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 round 2009 Norcal Qualifier
+ = Regular tournament PLUS special event

Proposed 2009 Tournament Schedule Dates can be found on page 2.

Presidential Focus

Fellow Members,

"Hot August Nights" are upon us, which also means to make sure you have your sun block handy for the days!!!

We are now in the part of the year for our most important Tournaments. One "Major" is in the books and the next is this month. This is the time to mount your charge for the pinnacle of our season, the Club Championship and our "Skins" contest. The competition overall looks formidable and the results will be rewarding.

By the responses heard and audience present, it seems that the raffle we held after our last Tournament generated quite a bit of enthusiasm. It was satisfying to see such a captive audience, anxious to be THE ONE with the winning ticket. Congratulations to.....George Pekkari!?!?!?!? Yes, let's hold another after our next Tournament. I really like to see our members hang around....and win stuff!!!

That's all for now. Have a great month and enjoy your golf!!!

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 your interested, let me know. tlarrycob@aol.com

Larry Cobleigh, Membership Chairman

Tales from the Deep Rough!

Well the first major is over and the low net winner is Hugh Williams with a net 62. Mike Jones also shot a net 62 but lost out on the back nine tie breaker 28 to 33.

The first round of the October Skins qualifier is in the books. There were a lot of low scores both on the gross and net side. In the gross there are 14 players within 6 shots of the 4th spot. In the Net two players are also in the top 4 of the gross so that opens the door to 16 players within 6 shots of the 4th spot. This of course doesn't mean any of the top three in each can't be overtaken. There are only 6 shots separating 1st from 4th in the gross and 2 shots separating 1st from 4th in the net. Remember the August tournament is the second round and will be added to your first round for determining the top 4 Gross/Net qualifiers. Make sure you get your entry in on time. You can't qualify if you don't play both. Also remember should you win a spot, in order to keep it you must also have played in at least 50% of the tournaments prior to the October tournament. Don't want to give the spot to an alternate so keep playing.

The away tournament was also conducted last month at Seascope Golf Course in Aptos. For those that did not play you missed a great day. Our first group teed off at 12:00 and by 1:30 the sun was out and the weather was near perfect. The course looked on paper to be as long as Willow Park but most of that was in the distance of the par threes. Two of them were 175 yards and a third at 200 and that was from the Gold(the equivalent to White). From the Black(equivalent to Blue) the 175 became 190 and the 200 became 210. There were several elevation changes on tee and fairway shots to also make it play longer. The course was in great shape, the greens rolled smooth, the facility was nice and I for one enjoyed it.

I have secured all the dates for the 2009 schedule. I'm still working on assignments of the type of tournament. The away tournament will be a Shadow Lakes. I got it for a

reasonable low price of \$69. I should have everything finalized by the end of the month and will get it posted on the web site and copies in the spike room so you can all start marking your 2009 calendars.

To conclude, slow play still haunts us. Still don't understand why some folks continue to play slow, get behind and appear to not be concerned that they are. Starting with the next tournament if your group was slow or is slow you will not be given an early starting time and moved near the end of the tournament. The Handicap chairman and I are also at the point were we will start handing out penalty strokes as well. Your grace period is over. Don't be surprised if you are assessed a penalty. We don't have roving marshals so we can only go on what we see. Once we see you are behind we will allow a reasonable time to catch up. It's up to you to keep up or catch up with the group ahead of you.

Upcoming Tournaments

Date: Sunday September 13 & 14, 2008.

This is a Saturday and Sunday

Deadline : Wednesday September 3, 2008.

Club Tournament Entry Fee : \$100
(Two rounds@\$50 each)

Format : Club Championship with Individual Stroke Play with flights.

Special Event: Thinking about a two day Stabelford points tournament but also considering two day best ball tournament as well. Will have it finalize by the August tournament date.

Date: Sunday October 19, 2008.

Deadline : Wednesday October 8, 2008.

Club Tournament Entry Fee : \$50

Format : Individual Stroke Play with flights.

Special Event: Skins Competitions for the luck 8.

Tony Paniagua – Tournament Chair

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Tom Joseph, Member WPMC

2009 Tournament Schedule

**** Proposed Schedule ****

Information provided below is subject to change should circumstances beyond the control of either the Golf Course or the Men's Club require it.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Entry Fee</u>	<u>Tourn. Type</u>
February	1	\$50	TBD
February	22	\$50	TBD
March	22	\$50	TBD
April	19	\$50	TBD
May	17	\$50	TBD
June	28	\$50	TBD
July	19	\$50	TBD
August	2	Away tournament.	
August	23	\$50	TBD
September	12-13	\$100	TBD
October	18	\$50	TBD
November	22	\$50	TBD
December	13	\$50	TBD

Away Tournament Details

When : August 2, 2009

Where : Shadow Lakes Golf Course

Entry Deadline : TBD

Entry Fee : \$69

First Starting Time : 9:30am

Includes: Green Fee, Cart Fee, \$5 per player

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"At Large" Columnist

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

No article submitted this month.