

The Willow Park

GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

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Next Club Meeting:

September 25, 2008
6:30pm, WP Bar Annex

Tournament Deadlines:

Wednesday, Sept. 3

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2008 Tournament Schedule

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,

So "*Hot August Nights*" has now transformed to "HOTTER" September everything!?!?!?!? At least we don't have to worry about Hurricanes or Tornados!!!

We know now that the summers' drought and accompanying EBMUD water rationing has taken its toll and has caused concern for our course and its' playability. With the consultation and advise of Willow Park Management, i.e. Tommy, and your TC, Tony, and in a constructive effort to not only help our players to keep our enjoyment level at its' peak, we are going to allow lift, clean, and **DROP** in our Tournaments as is necessary. See Tony's article for specific details and rules to be followed. We trust this will not only make our passion more enjoyable, but also less frustrating and could speed up play.

Our Club was again well represented as the **41st Annual Four-Ball Net Qualifying Tournament** was held on August 21. Playing at Poppy Ridge, **Joe Johnson and John Hone's** combined score of **64** won them position as 1st alternates. The competition was fierce as evidenced by the fact that only three (3) strokes separated the top four teams. They actually tied for Third Place, only missing out of qualifying outright by a tie-breaker decision. Is it OK to hope that one of the qualifying teams "*break a leg*"???? Congratulations to Joe and John for your great round!

Now the REAL important stuff!!! It's countdown time for our **Annual Meeting**

and Elections for Officers and Directors.

During our last monthly meeting, we confirmed location and menu. We will continue our wonderful relationship with the **Castro Valley Masonic Lodge**. We will hold our Annual Meeting and Dinner in October. Exact date is being finalized as this goes to print, but we are earmarking either Wednesday October 15th, or 22nd, based on Lodge availability. Final notice will be posted on this website. This is a evening NOT to be missed. We have appointed our Dinner Committees to provide another memorable feast with the usual "surprises". For those who have participated in the past, you know what to expect. And for those of you who DON'T know what you've been missing.....ASK THOSE WHO WON'T MISS THIS EVENT.

We also have appointed our Election Committee to nominate those who wish to run for office. Larry Cobleigh will Chair this Committee, with the assistance of Robin Paniagua and Steve Falzone. All nominees will be placed on official ballot no later than October 1. There will still be opportunities for "late entries" as write-in votes.

As always, we will also have our Traditional 9 Hole Golf Tournament prior to commencing with our meeting. The usual starting tee time is 2:30PM for the approximately 28-30 players that sign up. The details and signups for this Golf Outing will be posted as usual on our Website. Our Annual Meeting will be held afterward, at approximately 6PM.

As in past meetings, we've requested a **body count** of how many members who, not only will decide the direction the Club will be going by their ballot, but also how many mouths to feed! This is YOUR opportunity to make an impact on who will direct this Club for the next year. I would like to see our largest gathering to date, so please watch for further details and make your arrangements to be there. Please **RSVP** to any of our Officers or Directors over the next few weeks.

Thank you everyone for your continued support to your club. Finally, congratulations to our August 50/50 Raffle winner of this month's winnings: \$153.00.....**Dennis Eltrich!!!**

George Vance, President

Tales from the Deep Rough!

The final round of the October Skins qualifier is in the books. The qualifiers for the Gross foursome were John Hone, Mark Hemenez, George Pritchard and Tom Joseph. The qualifiers for the Net foursome were Hugh Williams, Chet Grywczynski, Tom Canterbury and Mike Jone. Congratulations to all of you. Now all they have to remember is to sign up by the deadline for the October Tournament. This is their warning that if they sign up late or not at all the spot will be filled from the alternates list.

I should have copies of the 2009 schedule (complete with the type of tournament) to hand out at the September tournament. A copy will also be out on the web site by then as well. This will give you ample time to start marking your 2009 calendars.

Excellent work by everyone on the pace of play during the August tournament. It looked like the groups were within reasonable range of each other throughout the round. Don't know if the fact that the group the went out right in front of us was playing slow (they were two holes behind all day) but I'm inclined to give everyone the benefit of the doubt so I will thank you all for keeping the pace of play up. Much appreciated.

The course remains dry so I will be allowing a lift clean and drop to grass rule during both days. Your ball must be on dirt to apply the rule and once you start the procedure you cannot change your mind. If you land in a divot you will not be allowed the drop.

Congratulations to John Hone and Joe Johnson in the two man best ball qualifier. They tied for the 4th and last spot. Unfortunately they lost the tie breaker and will not move on but will become the first alternate.

The September tournament as you know is also our two day Club Championship. The majority of players will be playing a two day best ball (eclectic if you prefer). Your best net score for each hole over the course of the two days will be your tournament score. All players will be playing at 90% of their handicaps with the usual flights and awards.

Don't forget that October is election time. If you are unhappy with the way the club is being ran this is your opportunity to run for office and change things. I'm sure our President will have more to say on the election process.

October is your first opportunity to renew/sign up for 2009. It is also a good opportunity to get your friends signed up. They will be members for 2009 and also be eligible to play in the remainder of the 2008 tournaments as well. I'm sure our membership director will have more to say on this subject.

Upcoming Tournaments

Date: Sunday October 19, 2008.
Deadline : Wednesday October 8, 2008.
Club Tournament Entry Fee : \$50
Format : Individual Stroke Play with flights.
Special Event: Skins competition for the lucky 8.
Tony Paniagua – Tournament Chair

“At Large” Columnist

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

Hello once again. It's Robin Paniagua your treasurer here.

My goal at the start of the year was to get my game in shape to challenge for the club championship this year. I had everything planned out and was on schedule for what I believe was going to be a surprise upset victory and the first women club champion. Well as we all know sometimes the best plans get derailed. As most of you know I am going through a medical issue right now and have not been able to play in a tournament for awhile.

I want to thank all of you who passed on your best wishes and let you know that I'm doing well. While I'm disappointed I'm not able to play at the moment you will see me at the

tournaments on the first tee conducting raffles and making sure things move along. I'm targeting the November tournament for my big comeback and will now target the 2009 club championship for the historic moment.

I'd also like to add that I'm on the election committee whose job is to look for candidates for our 2009 board openings. We are looking for a few good people but will take almost anyone. See you all on the first tee.

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.

Month	Date	Entry Fee	Tourn. Type
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
Prize fund

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