

The Willow Park

GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

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Next Club Meeting:

** Date Change **

Nov. 20, 2008 - 6:30pm
WP Bar Annex

Tournament Deadlines:

Wednesday, Nov. 5

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2008 Tournament Schedule

Nov 16 TC Surprise (RWB) + Turkey Shoot
Dec 14 + "Changed" NOT 1st round of 4ball
+ = Regular tournament PLUS special event

2009 Tournament Schedule

2009 Tournament Schedule is still tentative.

Feb. 1 + 1st round NCGA 4ball qualifier
Feb. 22 + 2nd round NCGA 4ball qualifier
Mar. 22 Regular
Apr. 19 + 1st round NCGA 2ball qualifier
May 17 + 2nd round NCGA 2ball qualifier
Jun. 28 Directors – Major
Jul. 19 TC Surprise – 4 Club
Aug. 2 Away Tournament –
Aug. 23 Presidents – Major
Sep. 12-13 + Club Championship
Oct. 18 + Skins Competition
Nov. 22 TC Surprise – Red, White and Blue
Dec. 13 Regular
+ = Regular tournament PLUS special event

Presidential Focus

My Fellow Members,
Our Annual Meeting and Dinner for the Election of Officers and Directors was held October 10th. Those in attendance experienced and enjoyed another successful meeting, quality camaraderie, and great food! Bob Fabel and Charlie Bishop were instrumental in securing the Masonic Lodge for our venue and I am again grateful to Bryan Cadinha for providing us with the great Ribeye steaks, side dishes, and beverages. It's dedicated Members like these, as well as your Officers and Directors, who have consistently and without fanfare stepped up to assist this Club.

As for the elections, I am proud and honored to introduce a new era for our Club. Tony Paniagua was overwhelmingly elected to serve as your next President. Join me in congratulating Tony and supporting him in this very important position. There are challenges and opportunities awaiting him in 2009. I know he will serve with the same zeal and

commitment as I embraced the office. As for the Directors, we had a very competitive race, as no more than a hand full of votes separated any of the ten (10) nominees. When the results were official, all three incumbents, Daniel Gil, Al Hamilton, and Tom Joseph, were re-elected to office. And Doug Goodale is back, as he was elected to serve as Secretary. Congratulations to all who will serve, and to those who were considered.

We have initiated a new feature for membership for 2009. We are proud to announce that for 2009 there will be an opportunity for Junior Membership in Willow Park Men's Club. A discounted fee will be available to youths from 15-17 years of age. This fee will include all the features and benefits of Club Membership. This is an opportunity for our youths to experience and enjoy the same passion for golf itself and share the values that it instills. We hope that this will provide a springboard for another generation to know the value of Membership for years to come.

As we have only two Tournaments left for 2008, I would STRONGLY recommend making every effort to participate. We have some interesting and exciting opportunities, (i.e. money to spend) over the next two months of play. As we are upon the "Season of Thanks & Giving", let that be our mantra over the final two months and your clue. So, as the leaves continue to turn an autumn hue, on behalf of your Officers and Directors, I wish everyone a wonderful Happy Thanksgiving!
George Vance, President

2009 Membership Renewal!

Renew your membership before the deadline for only \$89, after that it going up to \$99. So this is a reminder to those procrastinating **GET YOUR DUES IN NOW!!!** Don't forget the deadline, without NCGA penalties is December 24!!! Now is also a great time to encourage new members to join!

NEW Youth Membership

We have reintroduced for 2009 a junior membership for those between the ages of 15-17. It only cost \$30 (reduced from the original \$65). They receive the same membership privileges including playing in the monthly tournaments. We are checking if the course will make a youth rate for tournaments but for now the entry fee will be the same as everyone else pays (\$50). If they come up with a tournament youth rate we will of course reduce the entry fee.

Tales from the Deep Rough!

Our skins competition has been completed. The big money winners were Mark Hemenez in the Gross group and Mike Jones in the Net group. All participants did win something during the competition. Congratulation!

It appears our course is coming back in most areas from the annual aeration since I last wrote. The greens no longer appear to have the "Salvia" weed and for the most part are coming back nicely. There are a few areas that need more work but I suspect the maintenance crew will tackle those in the coming weeks. I like the idea of the left side of the fairway on #4 roped off as ground under repair, giving it time to grow. Hopefully the right side of #6 near the bridge is on the list for the same treatment. The recently installed cart paths will also help as carts can be direct to path only further helping the fairways to recover. I think our Course Superintendent, Bernie Holloway, is really moving the maintenance of the course in the right direction. This year, the course has seen many needed improvements. Hopefully it will continue next year.

The next tournament will be November 16 and is our TC Surprise: Red White and Blue. This is where each player plays 3 tee shots from the red disk, 3 from the white disk, and 3 from the blue disk on each nine. For this tournament, play will be from the NCGA disks for everyone. Which tee box is played is completely up to the player. The prize fund will once again

be our annual turkey shoot with gift certificates to Al's market to the winners. We have a bigger budget for this one so there will be more winners than in our usual tournaments.

Don't forget the 2009 renewals drive is on now. It's only \$89 to renew up to the December deadline, with it going to \$99 after the deadline. Pass the word to friends, neighbors and relatives. The more members we have, the more prize fund we will have. Membership forms can be found on the website, in the spike room and in the bar.

It appears we are heading into winter with rain. I will, of course, do everything in my power to make sure the rain stays away for our tournament weekend but it's near the end of the year and my powers are fading. You all might want to dust off the rain gear and get ready. With recent low rain fall I doubt EBMUD will be releasing much water from the upper dam, so as long as we get some breaks in the weather pattern the creek should be able to handle most of the drainage.

It was good to see many of you at the October Annual meeting. Thank you for your vote. In the coming months, I'm hoping to see more participation on the part of the membership to find out what we are doing right, wrong and what we can do better. I encourage all of you to attend a monthly meeting even if it's only once in a while. It's a great way to find out what's going on and what changes are coming. There are many topics that are discussed and it's a perfect opportunity for you to voice your opinions and offer suggestions. They are held the last Thursday of every month at Willow Park bar annex.

Upcoming Tournaments

Date: Sunday December 14, 2008.
Deadline : Wednesday December 3, 2008.
Club Tournament Entry Fee : \$50
Format : Individual Stroke Play
Special Event: None

Tony Paniagua – Tournament Chair

2009 Board - Elect

President: Tony Paniagua*
Vice-President: Mike Jones
Secretary: Doug Goodale*
Treasurer: Robin Paniagua

Directors:

Dave Albiar, Steve Davis, Joe Johnson, Daniel Gil*, Al Hamilton*, Tom Joseph*
* - elected at Oct. 10 meeting

"At Large" Columnist

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

No Column submitted this month

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