

The Willow Park

GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Next Club Meeting:

** Date Change **

Dec. 18, 2008 - 6:30pm
WP Bar Annex

Tournament Deadlines:

Wednesday, Dec. 5

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2008 Tournament Schedule

Dec 14 + "Changed" NOT 1st round of 4ball

2009 Tournament Schedule

2009 Tournament Schedule is still tentative.

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

Presidential Focus

Fellow Elves and Santa's "Caddies",

'Tis the season! But, where did 2008 go???
Was the year shortened or am I finally
getting to the time of my life that my
parents, swore would come!!!

Not only are there less than 30 days till
Christmas, but also less than a month to
get in your membership renewal for 2009
without the NCGA penalties. I know this
season is compounded by the climate of
the times, yet as we are again holding the
line on 2009 Dues, take advantage of 2008
pricing by sending in your renewal NOW.
This is still the "BEST DEAL IN TOWN"!

We still have one more tournament this
year and lots of prizes and surprises to
offer. Make every effort to participate in the
last tournament of the year, December 14. I
hope to toast a Holiday Cheer with as
many of you as possible.

Congratulations to November's 50/50
Raffle Winner Joe Johnson!

Finally, to all our members and their
families, I thank you for another successful
year and I wish everyone a joyful
Christmas! I greatly appreciate having had

the honor of serving as your President,
thank you.

Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2009 to
ALL!

George Vance, President

2009 Membership Renewal!

Renew your membership before December
24 for **ONLY \$89**. So GET YOUR DUES IN
NOW!!! Again, the deadline without NCGA
penalties is December 24, after that date
membership renewals are \$99. Also, now
is 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 for all (\$50). If the
course comes up with a tournament youth
rate we will of course reduce the entry fee.

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

Happy Holidays!!!

From all the WPMC Officers, Directors and
Chairpersons, we wish you a very happy,
health, and safe holiday!

May 2009 be prosperous and see all your
drives straight, your irons crisp and your
putts true! We look forward to seeing you
back next year! Have a Happy New Year!

Tales from the Deep Rough!

The November tournament is in the books. I hope all of you who played enjoyed the challenge. I heard many good comments regarding the format and not many complaints. There were a lot of low scores turned in so it wasn't too much of a challenge. I want to thank everyone for taking a moment to indicate which tee box they played from. I got some interesting statistics which I'm still putting together and will share with all of you once I get it all tabulated. There was one group who did not indicate, which was ok as you were not required to do so to win anything (at least not this time).

One stat of interest I will share is to acknowledge the one person who played from the blue tees on what is statistically as well as Handicap rated the two hardest holes (1 and 10). I'm not going to say who it was but she (yes it was a women) gets my respect and admiration for doing it.

Once again this year we had a little extra money so I was able to present everyone a certificate. I trust you all enjoyed whatever delicacies you purchased.

As I mentioned in prior communications, the December tournament will not be a NCGA qualifier. The NCGA has made some location and date changes for 2009 and moved their qualifiers to later in the year. We are thus able to play all the Club Qualifiers during the 2009 season. The December tournament will be a regular individual stroke play tournament.

Don't forget your 2009 renewals. It's only \$89 up to the December deadline with it going to \$99 after. You can't play in 2009 if you are not a member.

As the winter months approach, keep warm, stay dry and don't let rust build up on what was probably already a rusty swing to begin with. Hopefully we will get enough rain and snow to fill the rivers that feed our reservoirs but not so much that prevents us from holding our early tournaments

Lastly I would like to thank all of you for your patience and support in the 2008 year and hope to see you all back in 2009.

I hope all of you have a safe and happy holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

Upcoming Tournaments

Date: Sunday February 1, 2009.
Deadline : Wednesday January 21, 2009.
Club Tournament Entry Fee : \$50
Format : Individual Stroke Play
Special Event: 1st round qualifier for the two man best ball NCGA qualifier. You will choose your partner prior to the start of play and must play in both rounds in February to qualify. At this time there are no plans to charge a fee to try and qualify. This of course is subject to change. More information will be coming out in January.

Tony Paniagua – Tournament Chair

“At Large” Columnist

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

No Column submitted this month

2009 NCGA Outings

The 2009 NCGA member-only outings is out. Registration has begun on some of the early dates. Take a look!
www.ncga.org/about-ncga/member_outings/

Wanted: TC Chairperson

Notes from the oval office of your President Elect Tony Paniagua.

As many of you know by now, I will be your new president for 2009 and 2010. I look forward to the challenges and promise you that I will attempt do the best I can.

First of all, I have the dates and times for all the 2009 meetings set and will see to it they are made available to the membership. I hope with the advance notice that more of you can attend. At this point I don't plan on making any drastic changes but do have some ideas on how the time and skills of our governing board can better be utilized. I do anticipate them getting more involved in committees and special projects that will come up during the year.

Next, as far as my current position of tournament chairmen it is an appointed position and until I can find a replacement I will continue to

perform these duties as well. While I do enjoy the position and could do both I do hope to get someone to at least take over some of the tasks perhaps moving toward taking over them all. I am also open to exploring dividing the tasks between more than one person. I know many of you are apprehensive about doing it and I completely understand. I have split the job into several tasks and unlike in the past, rather than overwhelm someone, I would like to transition the job one task at a time. I'm hoping that doing this will peek the curiosity of someone to give it a try.

My immediate search will be for someone to take on the first task(also the easiest). This task is to take over the day of the tournament duties. I will handle everything up to and after so all this person will have to do is collect the score cards; input the hole by hole scores and periodically update the leader board for everyone to view where they stand as the tournament progresses. You must stay to the end of the tournament but will of course always get an early starting time(along with your regular playing group if you have one). Having a computer is not a requirement as I will be more than willing to make the one I have available on the day of the tournaments.

If anyone is interested in performing this task please let me know. If someone is interested in eventually serving as tournament chairmen somewhere in the near future let me know. We have our December tournament coming up and I would be more than willing to answer questions and show you what is involved.

Tony Paniagua.....

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