

# The Willow Park

## GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

### Issue: Jan/Feb. 2009

Club meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.

### Next Club Meeting:

Feb. 19, 2008 - 6:30pm  
WP Bar Annex

### Tournament Deadlines:

Wednesday, Feb. 11

### Club Officers:

#### Tony Paniagua

President  
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#### Mike Jones

Vice President  
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#### Doug Goodale

Secretary  
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#### Robin Paniagua

Treasurer  
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### Directors:

Dave Albiar  
George Pekkari\*  
Daniel Gil  
Al Hamilton  
Joe Johnson  
Tom Joseph

\* Appointed to complete term of Steve Davis

### Committees:

Tournament Chairman  
Tony Paniagua  
Handicap Chairman  
Mark Hemenez  
Membership  
Larry Cobleigh  
Webmaster  
Daniel Turner  
Newsletter Editor  
Steve Falzone

### 2009 Tournament Schedule

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| Feb. 1     | + 1 <sup>st</sup> round NCGA 2person qualifier |
| Feb. 22    | + 2 <sup>nd</sup> round NCGA 2person qualifier |
| Mar. 22    | Regular  |
| Apr. 19    | + 1 <sup>st</sup> round NCGA 4person qualifier |
| May 17     | + 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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

Well its official the New Year is here and with it, whether I like it or not I am now the President of the Willow Park Men's Club. Not sure what I have gotten myself into once again but will try and do the best I can. The first month has gone quite well so I'm not sure if it's the calm before the storm or this easy all the time.

I believe we are a member or two ahead of last year's count at this time. A special thank you to Larry Cobleigh for taking the time to send individual emails to the group who were members last year and have not yet signed up for this year. I know it was a lot of hard work and we have actually gotten a couple to sign up as a result.

We had our first meeting of the year which lasted about 25 minutes. The highlight if you want to call it that was that Steve Davis officially resigned as a Director. He is in the process of moving to the Green Valley (near Fairfield) and felt he would not be able to perform the duties of the office and would miss most of the meetings living that far away. In light of this he thought it appropriate that he step down and allow someone else to step in and take over. He will continue to be a member and participate in the tournaments so we will still be seeing him around. A special thanks to Steve for the fine service he

provided the club during his tenure as director.

To fill his spot I have appointed George Pekkari to finish out Steve's term of office. He has received the full endorsement of the governing board that was in attendance at the meeting. I know he will be an asset to the club.

Speaking of meetings I have posted the 2009 dates for the meetings in the spike room and they are posted on the web site as well. I want everyone to know when they are (especially the Officers and Directors) well in advance so you all can make plans to attend. Your input will help in determining the direction the club goes in for 2009. They will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. This is to allow more time to conduct and complete any month end business should it be necessary.

I will officially be eliminating the appointed positions of "Sergeant at Arms", "Morale Officer" and "Postal Coordinator" at the next meeting. These have been held by a variety of people over the years and the elimination is not a reflection of how well or not they performed the job. The positions really have no task or goal and therefore no real need at the present time. Should the situation change they will of course be filled as needed.

Finally I would like to thank the maintenance superintendent and the management of the Willow Park Golf course. The course is in pretty good shape and looking better every day. The greens are coming back nicely and seemed to be recovering well from the weed elimination and aeration process of the past several months. Thanks you again for all your hard work in bring the course back to a level it hasn't been in for quite some time.

Well that about covers it for now Hope to see you all at the February meeting. .

*Tony Paniagua – President*

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## Tales from the Deep Rough!

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Well our first tournament is on the books. The turnout was big with 60 golfers participating. I was surprised a little by the high scores. Perhaps it was just the first tournament of the year and you all haven't quite worked out the winter kinks just yet.

Now before you blame me I have to say I had nothing to do with the pin placements. I will say that I liked each and everyone and would like to once again say thank you to the course for giving us some interesting pin placements. Please continue to do so for all our future tournaments.

This was the first round of the two man NCGA qualifier. We had 14 teams competing for one spot. Kudos go out to Gary Thomas and Jacquie Owen who formed a team and competed. I know it couldn't have been easy for Jacquie to move from the usual Red NCGA Markers all the way back to the White NCGA markers. They are currently in 13<sup>th</sup> place 8 shots out of the lead.

There is a tie at the top of the leader board after the first round. The team of Kipp Classen and Craig Pitts are tied with the team of Joe Johnson and George Pritchard with net scores of 64. Most of the rest of the field is right behind. There are two teams one shot behind, 1 team 2 shots behind, 3 teams 3 shots behind and 2 teams 4 shots behind. This should be an interesting second round which is scheduled for February 22. If this is cancelled then the second round will be the March tournament. Should that be cancelled the winners will be the team in the lead after the first round.

I will be missing the February 22 tournament as I will be in sunny Puerto Vallarta. I hope to leave the tournament in the capable hands of one of the officer/directors (or several for that matter). I will be contacting them in the next week to find volunteers. I'm flying out the Saturday before the tournament so I will be able to take care of everything as usual except the day of the tournament activities.

Finally I would like to remind the new members (and some of the old ones too) that you do not post your

tournament round. I will take care of posting all your WPMC tournament rounds.

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### Upcoming Tournament in 2009

**Date:** Sunday February 22, 2009.

**Deadline:** Wednesday February 11, 2009.

**Club Tournament Entry Fee :** \$50

**Format:** Individual Stroke Play

**Special Event:** 2nd round qualifier for the two man best ball NCGA qualifier.

*Tony Paniagua – Tournament Chair*

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## “At Large” Columnist

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

No Column submitted this month

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## Presidential Remembrance

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A special thanks goes out to George Vance for the 8 years of service as president. While his accomplishments are too numerous to print we're sure as the new president emeritus he will continue to dedicate his time and support the club at the same high level he did when in held office. From all the Officers, Directors, and members, THANK YOU GEORGE for your years of tireless energy and commitment.

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## 2009 Newsletter updates

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A couple of members have given me some good suggestions for additional sections for the newsletter. Some I can use, others...well thanks for your input. One suggestion that I think might work will for the club is a “used club” section. I am still working on the details and am looking for member input. Currently, my thinking is to have a section in the newsletter once a quarter (March, June, September, and December). Members submit a short club and contact information; we will post it in the newsletter. I am looking for input so if you see me in the rough sometime on the course please let me know your thoughts

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## Wanted: TC Chairperson

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As many of you know by now, our TC was elected club president for 2009 and 2010.

Tony is currently pulling double duty until a TC replacement can be found. We are looking for someone to at least take over some of the tasks perhaps moving toward taking over

them all. We are also open to exploring dividing the tasks between more than one person. We know many of you are apprehensive about doing it and it's completely understand. Tony can split the job into several tasks and unlike in the past, rather than overwhelm someone, we can transition the job one task at a time. We hoping that doing this will peek the curiosity of someone to give it a try.

Tony's 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. He 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 he will be more than willing to make the one he has available on the day of the tournaments.

If anyone is interested in performing this task please let Tony know. If someone is interested in eventually serving as tournament chairmen somewhere in the near future also let him know.

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## 2009 NCGA Outings

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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/](http://www.ncga.org/about-ncga/member_outings/)

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