

The Willow Park

GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

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Club meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Next Club Meeting:

April 23, 2009 - 6:30pm
WP Bar Annex

Tournament Deadlines:

Wednesday, April 8

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2009 Tournament Schedule

Apr. 19	+ 1 st round NCGA 4person qualifier
May 17	+ 2 nd 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

Just want to thank all of you who participated in the 50-50 raffle. As you know 50 percent of what is collected goes to the club to be used to help supplement the prize fund. This past month we collected \$460. The other half goes to the winner who for this month was George Pekkari. We will be doing this at most tournaments. I have established a committee to run this. They may come up with some other ideas that you may see in the future. I want to emphasize that these are voluntary and you are under no obligation to participate. I guarantee you it's perfectly acceptable to say no.

As I may have mentioned I will use this venue to pass along information on any topics that affect the club that have come up during the monthly meetings. You all are welcome to come to the meeting but I certainly understand not being able to so I'll try and remember to include the highlights in this forum.

In the March meeting we discussed the NCGA qualifiers and the related increase in cost to send a team to represent the club. Our next qualifier is the 4 man. As you know in the past we have collected a small onetime separate entry fee for those wishing to qualify. The fee collected was divided up equally between the four qualifiers to help with expenses during the two day tournament.

Well the NCGA in their infinite wisdom, and of course no explanation, has increased the fee to the clubs by \$100. We discussed several alternatives that resulted in several options. We finally got it down to what we think will be the best approach for the players as well as the club. It was put to a vote which passed unanimously.

Here's what we will do. As in the past we will collect a onetime entry fee of \$20 from anyone wishing to try and qualify. From the sum collected we will deduct \$100 to cover the increase. The remaining sum will then be divided up between the 4 qualifiers to help with their cost. The board does apologize for having to do this but with membership down and the bulk of our funds allocated to the prize fund and other member related endeavors we saw no other way. We hope you all will understand.

We value your ideas, thoughts and suggestions. If any of you have ideas or suggestions please feel free to attend a meeting or stop any officer or director and convey it to them. They can then bring it up at the meeting for discussion and vote if necessary.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday April 23rd at Willow Park at 6:30pm. All members are welcome to attend. Hope to see some of you in attendance.

Tony Paniagua – President

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/

Tales from the Deep Rough!

We had another big turnout in March with 64 players signed up. The weather looked a little dicey there for a while but except for the wind gusting the weather was pretty good for mid march.

The qualifiers in the two man best ball were Larry Becker and Tom Holmstrom. They finished with a 2 round combined best ball net total of 127. Second place went to Kipp Classen and Craig Pitts with a 2 round combined best ball net total of 130. They will be the alternates should Larry and Tom not be able to participate in the next round. Congratulations to Larry and Tom and good luck in the next round.

The April tournament will be the first round of the 4 ball NCGA qualifier. There will be no teams for this one as individual stroke play will determine the qualifiers. The qualifiers will be the two low net and two low gross combined over 2 rounds. You must play in both to qualify. You must also play both rounds from the Blue NCGA Markers. If your index is above 18.4 you will be lowered to 18.4 for the qualifying rounds. All qualifiers will play at 90% of handicaps. I'm going to try something different this year in that as we cannot play the 2 rounds in the same month should you wish to qualify you will play both rounds (April and May) using your April index. This is for the qualifying only and does not apply to the regular flight tournament.

We will once again be collecting a onetime small fee of \$20 to enter the qualifier that will be collected on the morning prior to starting your round. Players are under no obligation to try and qualify. Those signing up to qualify will compete in both the qualifier and regular flight tournament.

Just want to remind everyone that the greens have been aerated during the week of March 23rd. They did a great job last time with the greens coming back in pretty good shape. As you may have noticed it appears they have been spraying in some areas for that pesky weed again and appear to have

it under control so the greens should come back even better.

I believe I may have mentioned this before but will again just in case. I made one minor adjustment for 2009 to the criteria for playing the White Ball marker area. The rule of 90 still is the combination but I have added other criteria that you must be at least 65 years old. If any of you meet the rule of 90 but have not yet reached your 65th birthday you can contact me and make your case for moving. I promise I will take everything into consideration before making my decision.

Finally I would like to touch bases again on the cancellations. We all know that things happen which result in not being able to make the tournament. The sooner I know this the better chance you have of not losing your entry fee. If we have to pay the course for your spot, your entry fee is used to cover the cost. If you just don't show up you will forfeit your entry fee. I rarely check emails over the weekend so sending me one Friday and over the rest of the weekend may go unnoticed. You can always call the pro shop on Sunday morning and tell them you will not be playing. Please do so as early as possible. I'm on my way to the course at around 6:15am so calling them is the best bet. I always ask when I get there if anyone has contacted them. We had forfeits this past tournament. I really do hate to see entry fees forfeited so please call.

That about covers it for this month...

Upcoming Tournament in 2009

Date : Sunday April 19, 2009.

Deadline : Wednesday April 8, 2009.

Club Tournament Entry Fee : \$50

Format : Individual Stroke Play with flights for all players

Special Event: 1st round qualifier for the four man best ball NCGA qualifier.

Tony Paniagua – Tournament Chair

“At Large” Columnist

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

No Column submitted this month

Wanted: TC Chairperson

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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