

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:

Sept. 17, 2009 - 6:30pm
WP Bar Annex

Tournament Deadlines:

Wednesday, Sept 2

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2009 Tournament Schedule

Sept. 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

Sept. notes:

Well the summers almost gone. Soon we will be complaining about it being too cold and wet and wondering when better weather will be upon us.

As the summer comes to a close it also signals the time for the 2010 membership drive. The 2010 membership form will be available on October 1. I'll let our membership chairman fill you in on the details. Please tell all your friends, neighbors and anyone who will listen to sign up. I'm sure you can fill them in on what a great club and group of members we have. Our goal for 2010 is to have a membership between 130 and 140. Higher would of course be better.

This is also the time of the year when we start preparing for the 2010 October election meeting. Yes I know you all look forward to the dinner but more importantly it's the time when you vote on who you want to run the club. It is also a time when you can step forward and run for an open office. This is your opportunity to be one of the movers, shakers and policy makers of the club. Even if you run and lose it will let folks know you are interested and sets the ground work for future election campaigns. I can't begin to tell you how many campaigns I lost before I was able to finally get on the board.

On a personal note as you may have heard I finally got my first hole in one. The hole was the 140 yard par 3, 6th hole at Genoa Lakes. Contrary to what you may have heard I did not use a 3 iron or 5 wood. I hit a pitching wedge with a slight draw. It landed pin high about 8 inches to the right of the hole. It took one hope left and went

Annual Club Meeting – Oct. 27th

It's countdown time for our Annual Meeting and Elections for Officers and Directors.

We will continue our wonderful relationship with the **Castro Valley Masonic Lodge**. We will hold our Annual Meeting and Dinner in Tuesday, October 27th at approximately 6PM.

This is a evening NOT to be missed. 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.

in. Now that I got the first hopefully there will be many more to come

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday September 17, 2009 at Willow Park at 6:30pm. The meetings generally last less than an hour so it won't take much of your time. All members are welcome. Hope to see some of you in attendance.

August notes:

Congratulations to Randal Fraters for winning the 50-50 raffle.

Speaking of the 50-50 raffle how many of you know what happens to the clubs 50%. Despite what you might think or have heard let me set the records straight and tell you that every dollar collected as part of this raffle goes directly into the fund allocated for tournament prizes. Without this supplement our prize fund for tournaments would not be nearly as good as it has been. I would personally like to thank you all for your continued participation.

. Hope to see some of you in attendance.

Tony Paniagua – Club President

Tales from the Deep Rough!

Sept. notes:

Congratulations to all the winners in the August tournament. Once again there were some low scores turned in. It appears the 3rd flight is becoming quite competitive. Glad I'm in the first flight.

Well the final Pre Qualifying round for the October Skins is completed. For the Gross flight the qualifiers are Mark Hemenez, Dennis Klein, Tony Paniagua, Larry Becker. For the Net flight the qualifiers are Tom Walker, Herm Kerber, Dan Stevens, Tom Holmstrom. The complete results will be posted on the board in the spike room and on the web, which will also indicate who the alternates will be. If they don't enter the October tournament their spot will go to the alternate. If a player signs up late there spot may also be given to the alternate. Bottom line is getting your entry in for the October tournament early or you could lose your spot.

The final criteria, is of course your play through September. The number of tournaments through September turns out to be an odd number. Because I used a percentage (won't happen in 2010) instead of a specific number (will be for 2010) of tournaments, I eliminated the away tournament from the total number of tournaments making the count an even number. It will still count toward the players tournament count if they played. This means that the Pre Qualifiers will need to have played in and completed 4 tournaments by October 1. Haven't made up my mind yet but next year the specific count will either be 4 or 5. Anyway it appears all 8 will meet that criteria so the only hope for the alternates will be no sign up or late sign up.

As you know the September tournament is a 2 day event. In addition to the club championship it will also be some sort of two day combined round tournament with the usual flights. Because it's a major the CP competition will be all 5 par threes on both days. All players will be eligible on both days. I will once again give away a dozen ProV1x balls to the person whose shot is closest over the two days.

I realize that some of you have to work weekends or can't play two days in a row. What I will offer this year is that you

can play one day but that day will only be Sunday. There will be no Saturday only play allowed. Your options are both days, Sunday only or not play at all. I am working on some changes for 2010 to come up with a way to have both options have winners. I will let you know as soon as I get it figured out. For those that will play both days please make sure you submit your entry with \$100. Those wishing to play Sunday only submit only \$50.

I have the 2010 tournament dates finalized and will be making them available sometime in October. I still haven't decided on whether to have an Away tournament. With a low turnout the past two years, it appears to have lost the magic it once had. I will think it over some more and let everyone know one way or the other before the 2010 season starts.

August notes:

There were some pretty good scores turned in for the July tournament. The average score was not much different than scores from any other month. Perhaps some of you don't realize the problem may be that you have too many clubs. Apparently all that is needed is 4. Congratulation to all the flight winners.

A suggestion has come for a "two person" scramble format as one of the yearly TC Surprise tournaments. As you know we designate two tournaments a year as TC Surprise events. I was thinking about this and it sounded like a good idea for one of next year's events. You will of course be able to pick your own partner and it will be played as a net score with handicaps calculated based on a widely used national formula.

I would be interested in hearing opinions on doing this and other future tournaments. I was thinking it might be a good format for our November Turkey Shoot. Let me know what you all think.

Congratulations to the 4 players who participated in the 4 man NCGA tournament. While they didn't do as well as last year they did finish 10th in a field of 26 teams.

Tony Paniagua – Tournament Chair

Upcoming Willow Park Tournament in 2009

Date: Sat. & Sunday September 12-13, 2009.

Deadline: Wednesday September 2, 2009.

Club Tournament Entry Fee:

- For Both Days Submit \$100

- For Sunday Only submit \$50

Format: Two day combined Stroke Play with flights for all players

Special Event: Club Championship

2010 Membership

October. 1st through December. 27th is the renewal "discount" period for 2010 membership. You can still join after Dec. 27th but you will not receive the \$10 NCGA discount.

At our Aug. 20th club meeting it was decided we needed to slightly raise the membership dues. This will be the first time in several years, but because of low membership (128 in 2009) we just couldn't let it go.

The 50/50 Raffle and closest to the hole contests have really helped, but we can't be certain of participation and a set amount of money is needed for future planning. So the increase will be \$10. Now if you play with a group of guys like I play with, that's less than a round of drinks. If your group are all beer drinkers then at Men's Club prices you're coming up a little short. You guys all buy a round of drinks don't you?

Oct 1st Thru Dec. 27th - \$99 Membership

After Dec. 27th - \$109 Membership

So get those 2010 memberships in early!

We're also looking for officers for 2010. The open jobs are Vice President, Treasurer, and three Directors. So far I have two nominees for Director. Let me know if you are interested.

Larry Cobleigh
Membership chairman

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