

The Willow Park

GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

Issue: October 2009

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

Next Club Meeting:

Oct. 22, 2009 - 6:30pm
WP Bar Annex

All members are welcome to attend.

Tournament Deadlines:

Wednesday, Sept 12

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2009 Tournament Schedule

Oct. 18 + Skins Competition
Nov. 22 TC Surprise – Red, White and Blue
Dec. 13 Regular
+ = Regular tournament PLUS special event

Presidential Focus

Ah fall is upon us with leaves falling and cooler weather. Soon we will be wondering when the rain will stop so we can take the clubs out of the garage and hit a few. Until then enjoy the weather as this is the perfect time of the year in the bay area.

With October begins our 2010 membership drive. Please start passing the word to friends, relatives, neighbors, wives, girl friends and anyone else who will listen. Don't forget to include yourself. Membership forms are available on the Web Site, Spike room, Pro Shop and Bar.

Speaking of membership, I'm sure all of you know by now that we had to raise our membership fees for 2010. The NCGA has decided that they needed to raise their fee so we had no choice but to pass the increase along to the membership. We hope you understand and will plan on being a member in 2010. I believe that 2009 has been a great year so far and 2010 can even be better.

The deadline for membership at the low fees \$99 (Renewal) and \$105 (New/Transfer) is December 27. Thereafter the fees increase to \$109(Renewal) and \$115(New/Transfer). As many of you know the extra \$10 is because the NCGA applies a late fee to memberships processed after a certain date. Remember that "Renewals" apply only to those that were members in 2009. Everyone else is considered New or Transfer. Avoid the increase and sign up early.

The October election meeting is coming up soon. If you haven't already announced your candidacy for one of the open positions there is still plenty of time. You can mention it to any officer or contact

Annual Meeting • October 27th

It's countdown time for our Annual Meeting and Elections for Officers and Directors. We will hold our Annual Meeting and Dinner in Tuesday, October 27th at approximately 6PM. We will continue our wonderful relationship with the **Castro Valley Masonic Lodge** (located on Crow Canyon Rd and Castro Valley Blvd).

This is an 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. Please remember that this meeting is for members only.

BONUS: Renew your membership at the meeting and save \$4, renew for only \$95! This is for returning members only and only if you renew at the meeting. A steak dinner and save money...what a deal!

Larry Cobleigh who is the election chairman. If you have ideas or want changes the best way to start the ball rolling is to get elected to the board.

We will also once again be providing a steak dinner. More details will be provided at the October 18 tournament. Hopefully we can also get some information on the web site for you as well.

Tony Paniagua – Club President

Tales from the Deep Rough!

Well the Club Championship is over and a Champion crowned. Congratulations to John Hone for winning the 2009 Club Championship. His winning two day score was 147. Second place went to Mark Hemenez with a two day total of 149.

Well October brings the skins Competition. Those who secured a pre-qualified spot need to make sure they enter by the Deadline. Signing up late may result in losing your spot. There are alternates hoping you will forget and ready to take your spot.

October also brings the aeration of the greens. This was done the week of September 21. Hopefully they will recover in time for our October tournament.

Speaking of the October tournament the deadline is Wednesday October 7. Plenty of room is still available.

Well the NCGA has done it to us once again. The two NCGA tournaments we traditionally send teams every year have both been moved to April in 2010. With the entry deadline for both set for March, I will have to revert back to the past and use 2009 tournaments as qualifiers. To try to continue to have two round qualifiers I will start the 2010 qualifying rounds in November and December. I will provide more details as soon as I figure out what I'm going to do.

To be on the safe side at least for now, you may want to plan on playing in both the November and December 2009 tournaments if you were planning on trying to qualify for the 2010 NCGA tournaments.

Tony Paniagua – Tournament Chair

Upcoming Willow Park Tournament in 2009

Date: Sunday October 18, 2009

Deadline: Wednesday October 7, 2009.

Club Tournament Entry Fee : \$50

Format: Stroke Play with net flights for all

Special Event: Skins competition for the luck 8 who qualified

Date: Sunday November 22, 2009.

Deadline Wednesday November 11, 2009.

Club Tournament Entry Fee : \$50

Format : Individual Stroke Play with flights

Special Event: May be 1st round for 2010 NCGA qualifier

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?

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Larry Cobleigh
Membership chairman

On the Lighter Side!

Submitted by one of our older members. ;-)

Drafting Guys over 60! Obviously written by a former soldier.

New Direction of any way: Send Service Vets over 60.

I am over 60 and the armed forces thinks I'm too old to track down terrorists. You can't be older than 42 to join the military. They've got the whole thing A**-backwards. Instead of sending 18 year olds off to fight, they ought to take us old guys. You shouldn't be able to join a military unit until you're at least 35.

For starters: researchers say 18 year olds think about sex every 10 seconds. Old guys only think about sex a couple of times a day, leaving us more than 28,000 additional seconds per day to concentrate on the enemy.

Young guys haven't lived long enough to be cranky and a cranky soldier is a dangerous soldier. "My back hurts! I can't sleep, I'm tired and hungry" We are impatient and maybe letting us kill some a**hole that desperately deserves it will make us feel better and shut us up for a while.

An 18 year old doesn't even like to get up before 10am. Old guys always get up early to pee so what the hey. Besides, like I said, "I'm tired and can't sleep and since I'm already up, I may as well be up killing some fanatical SOB...

If captured we couldn't spill the beans because we'd forget where we put them. In fact, name, rank and serial number would be a real stretch.

Boot camp would be easier for old guys. We're used to getting screamed and yelled at and we're used to soft food. We're also developed an appreciation for guns. We're been using them for years as an excuse to get out of the house, away from the screaming and yelling.

They could lighten up on the obstacle course however. I've been in combat and didn't see a single 20 foot wall with rope hanging over the side, nor did I ever do any pushups after completing basic training.

Actually, the running part is kind of a waste of energy, too. I've never seen anyone outrun a bullet.

An 18 year old has the whole world ahead of him. He's still learning to shave, to start up a conversation with a pretty girl. He still hasn't figured out that a baseball cap has a brim to shade his eyes, not the back of this head.

These are all great reasons to keep our kids at home to learn a little more about life before sending them off into harm's way.

Let us old guys track down those dirty rotten coward terrorists. The last thing an enemy would want to see is a couple of million pissed off old farts with attitudes and automatic weapons who know that their best years are already behind them.

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