

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:

Nov. 19, 2009 - 6:30pm
WP Bar Annex

All members are welcome to attend.

Tournament Deadlines:

Wednesday, Nov 11

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Committees:

Tournament Chairman
Tony Paniagua
Handicap Chairman
Mark Hemenez
Membership
Larry Cobleigh
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2009 Tournament Schedule

Please Note Tournament Changes below:

Due to NCGA tournament date changes, our 2010 NCGA qualifying event dates had to be moved up.

Nov. 22 + 1st RD NCGA 4person qualifier
Dec. 13 + 2nd RD NCGA 4person qualifier
+ 1st round NCGA 2person qualifier
+ = Regular tournament PLUS special event

2010 Tournament Schedule

2010 Tournament Schedule is still tentative.

Jan. 17 + 2nd RD NCGA 2person Qualifier
Feb 7 +2person Scramble (see TC column)
Mar 14 Regular
Apr 18 Regular
May 16 + Red, White and Blue
Jun 13 Regular
Jul 18 + Directors (1st RD Skins Pre-Qualifier)
Aug 22 + Presidents (2nd RD Skins Pre-Qualifier)
Sep 11-12 + Club Championship
Oct 24 + Skins Competition for Qualifiers
Nov 21 Regular
Dec 12 Regular
+ = Regular tournament PLUS special event

Presidential Focus

Well, Halloween has come and gone. Hope you all got lots of candy during your trick or treating adventure. Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Don't know about you but it's one of my favorite holidays. Just love those next day turkey sandwiches on a toast garlic French roll.

The Election meeting appears to have been another rousing success. Had a little lower turn out this year than in the past. Not sure if it was the day of the week or just a conflict in commitments. My thanks go out to the officers of the club who helped with the set up and cleaning and a special thanks to the members who volunteered to stay and lend a hand in breaking down the tables and cleaning up the hall. Your efforts were greatly appreciated and did not go unnoticed.

I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to Mike, the owner of Paradise Grill, for ordering, cutting and trimming the steaks. They were excellent.

For those in attendance we offered a one-time lower special renewal fee of \$95. Yes, it's only \$4 but apparently it was incentive enough as we had 75% of the members in attendance sign up for 2010. Not sure why the other 25% didn't but will be glad to take the extra \$4 from them. We also had a raffle with the prizes of two 2010 memberships and four \$50 gift cards at Golfsmith. Congratulations to winning members.

Speaking of election, the results are now official. Up this year were the election for the office of Vice President, Treasurer and 3 Directors. The winners were Mike Jones Vice President, Robin Paniagua Treasurer and the 3 directors getting the most votes and winning the seats on the board were Jim Derdevanis, Joe Johnson and George Pekkari. All will serve through the 2010-11 calendar year.

I want to thank all the members for your support and understanding throughout the 2009 year. Don't forget to send in your renewal before December 27 to get the \$99 fee. It jumps to \$109 after. Please also don't forget to pass the word for new members.

The next WPMC meeting will be held on Thursday November 19, 2009 at Willow Park at 6:30pm. All members are welcome to attend.

Tony Paniagua – Club President

2010 Board Elect

Officers:

President	Tony Paniagua
Vice President	Mike Jones
Secretary	Doug Goodale
Treasurer	Robin Paniagua

Directors:

Jim Derdevanis	Joe Johnson
Daniel Gil	Tom Joseph
Al Hamilton	George Pekkari

Membership News

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 with the current 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 2010 increase will be \$10.

Again, 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).

Larry Cobleigh
Membership chairman

Tales from the Deep Rough!

Congratulations go out to all the winners in the October tournament. Hopefully by now you all have received your certificates of choice.

The Skins competition went well. All players in the net and gross flight won something. The Net flight winners were Tom Walker (\$180), Herm Kerber (\$140), Dan Stevens (\$20) and Tom Holmstrom (\$20). In the Gross flight the winners were Mark Hemenez (\$120), Craig Pitts (\$120), Tony Paniagua (\$100) and Larry Becker (\$20).

As you know by now, the November tournament will be used as a 2010 NCGA qualifier. It will be the 1st round of the NCGA 4 Man Zone. There will be a \$20 one time entry fee which will be collected by an officer of the club on the day of the tournament. As in 2009, a portion will go to offset the increase to the club for the entry of the winning team with the rest being divided amongst the 4 players who qualified.

The December tournament will be used as the 2nd round of the NCGA

4 Man Zone qualifier, with the early tournaments in 2010 used in case of rainouts.

Due to the US Open being played in Pebble Beach this coming year, the NCGA moved all their 2010 tournaments to earlier dates than usual.

Remember, 2010 membership is required to keep your qualification with your renewal expected to be received by the December 27 deadline.

I have the 2010 tournament schedule completed (see page 1). Still no date on an Away tournament and not sure we will have one. I will be making a final decision on this by the end of this year with notification of any changes sent out in our January eNewsletter.

We will still have our usual 12 WPMC tournaments with the first one in January. I have decided to try and get a January tournament in rather than two February tournaments. This is the way we used to do it so I thought we'd give it a try once again. The 2010 schedule will also be posted on the board in the spike room and on the web site.

One new format next year will be a 2-person scramble to be held on the February super bowl tournament. You will be allowed to pick your partner. You will, of course, need to declare your team when entering the tournament. If you are a single by all means enter and I will pair you with another single entrant. The calculations for handicapping will consist of adding the two handicaps together, dividing the total by 2 then subtracting 8. So if the twosome had a 30 and 10 handicap there team tournament handicap will be 12 (30+10=40, divided by 2=20, 20-8=12). I will provide more details as we get closer. I hope this will be a fun new event for our members.

Tony Paniagua – Tournament Chair

Upcoming Willow Park Tournament in 2009

Date: Sunday November 22, 2009.

Deadline: Wednesday November 11, 2009.

Club Tournament Entry Fee : \$50

Format: Individual Stroke Play with flights for all players

Special Event: 1st round for 2010 NCGA 4 man zone qualifier

Date: Sunday December 13, 2009.

Deadline: Wednesday December 2, 2009.

Club Tournament Entry Fee : \$50

Format: Individual Stroke Play with flights for all players

Special Event: 2nd round for 2010 NCGA 4man zone qualifier

Plus 1st round of NCGA 2man best ball

NCGA "Norcal" Qualifiers*:

These are our regular individual tournament with a side event for those wanting to qualify for one of the upcoming Northern California Golf Association events. WPMC is involved with two NCGA qualifiers; Individual qualifier and 2-person best ball. For the individual qualifiers the club sends four players; top 2 GROSS and top 2 NET scores. For the 2-person best ball qualifier the club sends the team with the top NET score.

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