

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:

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

All members are welcome to attend.

Tournament Deadlines:

Wednesday, Dec. 3

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2010 Tournament Schedule

2010 Tournament Schedule is still tentative.

Jan. 17 + 2nd RD NCGA 2person Qualifier
Feb 7 +2 person 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

I trust all of you had a great Thanksgiving. It's one of my favorite times of the year if only for the day after turkey sandwiches. Christmas is just around the corner and with it cold and wintery weather ahead. They keep saying this will be a wet winter. As long as it doesn't rain on the weekends I'm all for it.

Our 2010 membership signup is looking pretty good right now. As you know we had 128 members in 2009. We currently have 79 members for 2010. It sure would be nice to get our entire 2009 membership renewed by the December 27 deadline. I know you will all be renewing right? Don't forget that after December 27 your renewal will increase to \$109. I'd hate to see any of you have to pay the extra \$10.

Looking back on 2009 and my first year as president I have to say it was just about what I expected it to be. The position is what I thought it would be and to be truthful not as difficult as you might think. Like every president before me I have stumbled at times but would like to think I've also done some good things as well. Overall I have to say that I've enjoyed the first year and look forward to the challenges in 2010. You have a good group of Officers and Directors running the club and if you've ever attended a

monthly meeting you know they can be quite entertaining as well.

On behalf of the Directors, Officers and Committee Chairmen's I would like to thank all of you for your patience, understanding and support in 2009 and know you will continue to do so in 2010.

Have a safe and joyful holiday season. See you all in 2010.

The next WPMC meeting will be held on Thursday December 17, 2009 at Willow Park at 6:30pm. All members are welcome to attend.

Tony Paniagua – Club President

Happy Holidays

From all the WPMC Officers, Directors and Chairpersons, we wish you a very happy, health, and safe holiday!

May 2010 be prosperous and see all your drives straight, your irons crisp and your putts true! We look forward to seeing you back next year! Have a Happy New Year!

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! We had 60 players in our November Turkey shoot tournament with 57 receiving a \$25 certificate to Al's Market. Why only 57 and not 60, glad you asked. As you know all year I have suggested that you at least browse through the information sheet posted on the first tee. Like last year we were able to award certificates to the entire field. This year however I added special criteria. To get your certificate all you had to do was complete the round and then come in after and sign or initial the player log and a certificate would be presented to you. I also mentioned that none would be mailed so if you did not come in you did not get a certificate. I must say that many came in still not knowing. Fortunately several of their fellow players reminded them of the criteria and they also received their certificates.

As you know the November tournament was also our first round of the 4 man Zone qualifying. We had 24 players sign up. The gross flight is lead by Rick Bierman's 74 followed closely by Tony Paniagua(77) and Mark Hemenez(79). In the hotly contested net flight the early leaders are Rick Bierman and Fred Cortopassi with opening rounds of net 68's they are followed by a group of 3 with 71's. There are 5 players within 4 shots of the lead. Please remember that if you qualified in both you will be awarded the Gross flight spot.

Unfortunately I had to disqualify 3 of the 24 players from the qualifying competition. One of the rules was that all qualifiers had to play from the Blue NCGA Disk. Three players who are allowed to play from the White NCGA Disks during our regular tournaments continued to do so. Because they played from the wrong tee area they were unfortunately disqualified from the qualifying competition.

Just a reminder that the December tournament in addition to being the last round of the 4 man zone qualifier will also be the first round of the 2 man NCGA qualifier. You can choose your own partner but you must declare prior to either starting their rounds. A signup sheet will be located on the first tee and you do not have to play in the same group as your partner. At this time there is no plan to collect an entry fee. All qualifiers will once again play from the Blue NCGA Disk. There are a few other rules which are currently displayed on the board in the spike room and will be on the first tee. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with them before you sign up.

Remember that in order to maintain your qualifying spot in both the 4 man and 2 man qualifiers you must be on the active member roster by January 1, 2010. If you are not you will lose your 4 man Zone qualifying spot and your team will be disqualified from the 2 man qualifier.

Please remember that our first tournament of the 2010 is in January. The 2010 schedule will be posted on the board in the spike room and is on the web (as well as on the 1st page of this newsletter).

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 2010

Date : Sunday January 17, 2010.

Deadline : Wednesday January 6, 2010.

Club Tournament Entry Fee : \$50

Format : Individual Stroke Play with flights for all players

Special Event : 2nd round 2 man 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.

2010 Board Elect

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