

The Willow Park

GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

Issue: January 2010

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

Next Club Meeting:

January 21, 2010 - 6:30pm
WP Bar Annex
All members are welcome to attend.

Tournament Deadlines:

Wednesday, January 5

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Committees:

Tournament Chairman
Tony Paniagua
Handicap Chairman
Mark Hemenez
Membership
Larry Cobleigh
Webmaster
Daniel Turner
Newsletter Editor
Steve Falzone

2010 Tournament Schedule

Jan. 17 + 2nd RD NCGA 2person Qualifier
Feb 7 TC Surprise (2 person Scramble)
Mar 14 Regular
Apr 18 Regular
May 16 TC Surprise (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 hope all of you had a great Holiday and trust you all have survived the New Year celebrations.

Well another year gone by and a new decade has started. The November and December weather seems a little wetter than past years also a little colder than I remember.

The course looks in great shape. A special thanks goes out to the management and maintenance crew who did a great job in 2009.

Our 2010 membership signup is progressing nicely. We are slightly ahead of last year's count at this time. I sure would like to see it get back up around 150 so please continue to put out the word.

Speaking of membership, the discount is no longer available. The Renewal fee is now \$109 for 2009 members. New or transferring member fee is now \$115.

Like last year I will try and keep you updated on decisions or changes that were made throughout the year at the meetings. As always I encourage you to try and attend one or two meetings to see what goes on. Although there is only so much we can do we are always looking for ideas and opinions to help make the club better.

The next WPMC meeting will be held on Thursday January 21, 2010 at Willow Park at 6:30pm. Hope to see you all there.

Tony Paniagua – Club President

Happy New Years!

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!

2010 WPMC Board

The Board would like to express our thanks and say goodbye to departing Directors; Dave Albiar and Steve Davis. We would also like to welcome Directors; Jim Derdevanis and George Pekkari.

If you have any ideas, concerns or issues and can't (or don't want to) bring them up at our monthly meeting. Let one of your board member know and they will bring it up at the next meeting.

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Chairpersons:

• Tournament:	Tony Paniagua
• Handicap:	Mark Hemenez
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2010 NCGA Members-Only Outings

The 20109 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!

Well, I'm sure you all have heard by now of the slightly wet conditions in the December tournament. Ok maybe it was a little more that slightly wet. I must admit I relied on the weather forecast. Figured they would be off a little but didn't figure they would be totally wrong.

We had 45 players sign up for the December tournament and 34 actually played and finished. We have also concluded the 4 man zone qualifying. The 4 players who will represent the club in April will be Mark Hemenez, Rick Bierman, Keith Portue and Tony Paniagua.

There were 11 players who signed up but will have their entry fee roll over to 2010. You will be required to inform me when you would like to enter a tournament and use your credit. Until I hear from you I am presuming you will not be playing.

The NCGA two man qualifying started with the team of Larry Becker and Tom Holmstrom once again in the lead.. They are clinging to a 1 shot lead with 5 teams within 4 shots of them. The January tournament will be the final round.

Yes we will have a January tournament. I've opted out of having two in February and went back to the conventional one tournament a month. The January date is Sunday January 17. The deadline is Wednesday January 6. Our February tournament will, as in past years, be on Super Bowl Sunday with the deadline for this one being Wednesday January 26. The rest of the year is listed on the web site and on the bulletin board in the spike room.

I'm going to start working on an Away tournament. We have had some low turnout the last couple of years and there has been some debating on continuing. I will send out an official notification if I get one scheduled.

As you know as TC I always post your tournament scores. Being the beginning of a new year I would like to remind you that in tournament play all holes must be played complete out. The score you write down should be the score you received after holing out your last shot.

If you pick up (not completing a hole) you are disqualified. If you pick up and write down a score equal to the maximum you can take, you are disqualified. If you write down any score that is lower than you actually got, you are disqualified. I know it's painful and frustrating sometimes when you have a bad hole but you must always finish the hole no matter how many shots it takes and write down that score or sadly be disqualified. I will always adjust your score, if needed, prior to posting your tournament score based upon the NCGA guidelines for your course handicap. With that said, I hope we have a fun and enjoyable year.

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

"At Large" Columnist

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

Hello Members! Steve Falzone here.

I have been a member of the club for six years now, and your Newsletter Editor going on five.

I took up golf just a short time ago but like many, have become completely obsessed with the game in that short time. I would like to thank the many members with whom I have had a chance to play and enjoy a round in the bar afterwards with.

I believe our members are a "great bunch" even though our numbers have dropped in the last few years. Just like our economy, let's hope we have seen the bottom and are heading upwards.

I love our course, even though the

greens aren't the fastest or truest and there are times when the fairways could use some help. But I think the ground crew has really been giving extra effort to improve those issues. Looking at the many positives: it's a beautiful course; it's challenging (it's narrower than most); there's an abundance of wildlife (I can't think of a round where I haven't seen deer or turkeys on the course); it's an easy course to walk; and the green fees are reasonable. All in all, I love our course.

My wishlist for the course would be to see the 9th hole's blue tee box area reconditioned and reopened. If you have never played from there, it completely changes the hole. If you don't know where it's located, look left (east) when you're on the 8th green. It's up the little hill. Again, **it's closed** so don't tee off from there but if you have a moment, go check it out.

My job as newsletter editor is mainly to assemble the articles and work with the layout. By the way, anyone can write an article for the newsletter. You just have to get it to me about a week before the end of the month (via email is best). The article should be about golf and be positive in nature.

Finally, I invite you to attend at least one club meeting this year. Ok, they may not be as exciting as a birdie on 18, but they don't last more than an hour or so and they're always close to the bar. Meetings are generally held on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. You can find out what is going on in the club, make suggestions to the board, harass Tony, and voice comments. Plus, you really shouldn't miss hearing our VP's monthly report!

Finally, thanks to the board, directors, and chairpersons. You guys do a great job with little fanfare or notice!

Hey, I'm looking forward to seeing you on the links!

Life in the Trap by Rick Newell

www.lifeinthetrap.com

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Duff Jones hates this game! I am never going to pick up a set of clubs again.
2 minutes ago • Comment • Like

Duff Jones is having an incredible round! 3 strokes over at the turn. 20 ft putt to save par on the 8th hole. I love this game! Wish I could play it every day.
2 hours ago • Comment • Like

Duff Jones is going golfing with Clay.
4 hours ago • Comment • Like