

# The Willow Park

## GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

### Issue: February 2010

Club meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.

#### **Next Club Meeting:**

February 18 - 6:30pm  
WP Bar Annex

All members are welcome to attend.

#### **Tournament Deadlines:**

Wednesday, January 27

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### 2010 Tournament Schedule

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 (1 <sup>st</sup> RD Skins Pre-Qualifier)
Aug 22	+ Presidents (2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 you all found a dry spot during our recent showers. Ok maybe "shower" isn't the right description. Oh well looks like we are in for a wet winter this year. It's been awhile and was bound to happen sooner or later. Hopefully there will be enough breaks between storms to allow the course to dry out a little.

I would like to welcome the new members to the club. I know you will enjoy the year. Hope to see all of you at the tournaments.

Currently our 2010 membership is almost at last year's count. Hopefully we can get a couple more good rushes and get our membership up around 140.

There's nothing new to report from the January meeting. Please feel free to attend them. We are always looking for constructive comments, opinions and suggestions.

The next WPMC meeting will be held on Thursday February 18, 2010 at Willow Park at 6:30pm. Hope to see you all there.

*Tony Paniagua – Club President*

### 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/](http://www.ncga.org/about-ncga/member_outings/)

### "At Large" Columnist

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

I've been a member of our club since 1976 and an officer all of those years. I can remember when we had 275 members and 110 players in our tournaments. As of now (1/31/2010) we have 124 members and average about 64 players in our tournaments. I'd say that was pretty good for a club of this size.

That's the point of this letter, the size of the club. We need more members. I show that of the 24 2009 members who haven't rejoined to date, 12 were first year members. We must have done something wrong, because I can't picture all of them losing their jobs. I've sent reminders to them, but that hasn't helped much. So we are asking you that whenever you play with a non-member, talk up the club to them. It might help! You're our Ambassadors.

Luckily we have picked up some of the Golf Nut's members. That's a Saturday group that started on this course when it first opened. For some reason (change of ownership in the restaurant?) we lost most of them some years ago. Good to see they're coming back now though.

One thing that has kept us going is the 50/50 raffle. I should know, as in 2009 I put more money into that than I did my membership. I don't want to say I have kept the club afloat, but it sure feels like it. Oh yeah, I haven't won anything yet either.

Larry Cobleigh

Membership Chairman

## Tales from the Deep Rough!

Well, it's been awhile since we've played a tournament in January. I knew we needed the rain so helping out the environment and knowing that scheduling a tournament would bring rain I did so for January and low and behold the rains came. Just doing my part to help relieve the drought condition in California.

We had a good turnout for January. We also were able to complete the final round of the NCGA two man qualifier. Joe Johnson and Rick Bierman will be our representatives in this year's two man competition.

As you know it's been a long time since we've played any type of scramble so I'm looking forward to the February two person scramble tournament. If you didn't specify a partner on your entry form I will pair you up with someone. It will be handicapped with a formula used to determine team handicap. I will also have two blind bogey holes, one on the front and one on the back, to further even things out.

As you know I've been going back and forth on an away tournament. Well I'll be making a few calls over the next couple of weeks to try and find a course. I'll let you all know if I'm able to get something scheduled.

Just want to remind all of you who still have a credit on the books. You are not automatically rolled into the next tournament. You have to officially enter the tournament. This method while maybe not the best way does prevent

miscommunications issues. Just make a note on your entry form. I will display a list of those with credits after the February tournament on the board in the spike room.

We had some issues with slow play during the January tournament. I realize the weather and course conditions may have been a contributing factor but it is still your responsibility to catch up and keep up. I know our Handicap Chairmen is working on a plan to start penalizing groups so beware.

Finally I have been looking at the rounds posted in 2009. It appears that the total rounds posted for some folks were a lower than expected. As you know I post all the WPMC tournament rounds but you are responsible to post all the others. I'm not sure why you wouldn't with being able to post at any course computer or over the internet. Please for 2010 post all your rounds. We want the monthly index assignments to be as fair and accurate as possible.

### Upcoming Willow Park Tournament in 2010

**Date** : Sunday March 14, 2010.  
**Deadline** : Wednesday March 3, 2010.  
**Club Tournament Entry Fee** : \$50  
**Format** : Individual Stroke Play with flights for all players  
**Special Event** : None

*Tony Paniagua – Tournament Chair*

## Editor Note!

Of course, I finally find a pretty good comic strip that is royalty free to use and what happens? Bam! It comes to an end. At least I will be able to use some of his archived strips. That will keep it going for a while.

Steve.

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