

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:

March 18 - 6:30pm
WP Bar Annex

All members are welcome to attend.

Tournament Deadlines:

Wednesday, March 3

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2010 Tournament Schedule

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 trust you all enjoyed the super bowl. While I wasn't surprised New Orleans won as I always thought they had a chance but was surprised at the level of play of Indianapolis. Oh well just proves no pass rush on a good quarterback will catch up to you in the end. Always helps when you also have a coach willing to take risks in the biggest game of his life.

Well it appears weather is improving a bit and the course is drying out. It's too bad I can't say the same for my golf game. Apparently my game has decided to go south for the winter. Hope it comes back soon. At the rate I'm playing my index may get me to the White disks by summer. I would really hate for that to happen.....

You may have noticed that the web site is under construction. Steve Falzone is updating the look of the web site. As with all construction there may be some lingering bumps to deal with. I'm sure Steve will have everything running like a Timex watch real soon. I want to thank Steve for taking on this effort and am sure the rollout of the new and improved web site will prove to be great.

Updating you on our financial situation so far, although still early, we are doing ok. I've been looking at our fixed expenses trying to see if we can get those a bit lower. With the boards assistance we have already made some changes that have

reduced some of our expenses and looking at a few others. The more we can lower our fixed expenses the more we will have available for tournaments, annual meeting, etc. I will continue to keep you informed as progress is made.

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

Tony Paniagua – Club President

“At Large” Columnist

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

Well here we are in 2010. Where does the time go? Welcome back to our returning members and welcome to our new members.

This year my wish is for everyone to get out as much as possible and enjoy each others company. Let's also conquer the challenges of this crazy sport we know as Golf.

While our crew is far removed from the headlines and endless discussion on the Golf Channel we do suffer from an addiction and that is GOLF.

Fortunately our Twelve Step program is simple. Just attend the monthly tournaments. You can do community service by getting lessons if your swing and ball flight has put others in harm's way and finally there are the extra credit projects.

Extra credit can be playing in our away tournament or showing up any day of the week to play this beautiful venue and perhaps have the round of your life or just make some new friends.

In any case Willow Park is my HOME course and I feel at Home competing and commiserating with a great bunch guys and gals like you.

Your Vice President
Mike Jones

Tales from the Deep Rough!

Well we got another tournament in. I was left with a tournament day decision that didn't involve weather. With the rain the issue all week leading up to the tournament was whether carts would be allowed or not. Typically in the past no carts means half the field will cancel. Well it turn out that carts were allowed but only on the front side. With help from Charlie in the pro shop we were able to work out a plan to play the front side twice. While a bit strange it did mean everyone could ride. As a result the tournament was 18 holes with carts but playing the front side twice. We had 50 golfers signed up for this tournament and doing this resulted in all 50 playing. I would like to thank all 50 knowing you could still cancel but did not. Your cooperation was greatly appreciated.

The February tournament scramble format seemed to be well received. I was a bit skeptical but everyone seemed to enjoy the format. I will be keeping it in the rotation but will probably move it to better weather. This will hopefully make it easier for more of you to play.

The away tournament is on for 2010. I made a couple of calls and have secured the Mare Island golf course for this year's away tournament. The date is Sunday August 8. I have booked 44 players. The cost will be \$69 which included green fee, cart, range balls and a pro shop mandatory prize fund. I will make more details available on the web site and post details on the board in the spike room.

Keep dry and play well....

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

2010 NCGA Members-Only Outings

The 2010 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/

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