

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:

April 22 - 6:30pm
WP Bar Annex

All members are welcome to attend.

Tournament Deadlines:

Wednesday, April 7

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2010 Tournament Schedule

Apr 18	Regular
May 16	TC Surprise (Red, White and Blue)
Jun 13	Regular
Jul 18	+ Directors (1 st RD Skins Pre-Qualifier)
Aug 22	+ Presidents (2 nd 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 just when we thought it can't rain anymore it rains some more. Although the rain is needed let's hope the worst is in the past and sunshine is on the way.

Don't know about the rest of you but my index is climbing and approaching double digits. It hasn't been this high in a long time. Knowing that my poor play had to be a result of bad equipment I went out and purchased a new set of irons. My recent play improved slightly but at least I have a good excuse in that I'm not yet acclimated to the new clubs. If I can borrow a line from one of our more experienced members, "I feel a break thought coming anytime".

There's nothing new to report on the Club side. Everything is moving along as planned and so far we are in pretty good shape. While we have recently passed last year's membership count we can use as many as we can get so if you know anyone interested give them a membership form.

The next WPMC meeting will be held on Thursday April 22, 2010 at Willow Park at 6:30pm. Hope to see you all there.

Tony Paniagua – Club President

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/

"At Large" Columnist

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

Well once again I have been assigned to write an article for our worldwide newsletter. Not really knowing what to write about I thought I would make a few comments on how my experience has been being a playing member and now an officer of the club.

I have been a member now for almost 6 years and I have to say it has been great. When I first joined I must admit I wasn't sure how I would be received. Sure there were a couple of women members but none that I was aware of that actually played in any tournaments. Tony tried to get me to join for a long time before I actually did. He said the best way to gauge how my game was progressing was to get an index and the Willow Park Men's Club had a great group that would welcome and treat me like one of the group.

It took me a while to get the courage to play in a tournament but once I did I realized that it wasn't nearly as bad as I thought it would be. I was able to kid the other players and they in turn opened up and reciprocated. After awhile I felt I was not the women member but just another member who is playing in the tournament.

A couple of years ago I was talked into running for office and became your treasurer. I must say being the treasurer has given me a different perspective on how golf clubs are ran.

In conclusion I would just like to say that I never regretted joining the club and it's because of all of you. You all have made me comfortable from the start and made me wish I had joined sooner.

Thank you all.

Your Treasurer Robin Paniagua

Tales from the Deep Rough!

As most of you know the March tournament was cancelled. They were allowing carts on the front side but not that back. Because of this and my suspicions that the back side was unplayable, I cancelled it altogether rather than try and work something out. I did stay and play the course and my suspicions were mostly correct. The front wasn't good but marginally playable. The back however was not good and mostly unplayable.

Just want to remind everyone that if you signed up and paid your entry fee for the March tournament you are automatically rolled into and signed up for the April tournament.

Those that signed up late and were to pay on the day of the tournament will need to let me know by sending in your entry before the deadline. The player count is shaping up to be one of our biggest and I don't want to miss anyone.

If anyone who signed up and paid for March cannot play in the April tournament you need to let me know. As stated you are automatically signed up for April. I don't want any of you to lose your credit. If you say nothing it's presumed you want to play and will continue to be included. I already have one person's notification to roll him into May and will accommodate any others that wish the same. Let me know as soon as possible.

Well it's that time of the year again and the greens are being aerated. Haven't looked at them since they were done but early reports indicate they are sandy and shaggy. Contrary to what you might believe this is a good sign. Hopefully they will be back to playability by tournament day.

Our April tournament(April 18) will be a regular stroke play event. The May tournament(May 16) will be our TC Surprise, Red, White and Blue tournament.

Upcoming Willow Park Tournament

Date : Sunday April 18, 2010.
Deadline : Wednesday April 7, 2010.
Club Tournament Entry Fee : \$50
Format : Individual Stroke Play with flights for all players
Special Event: None

Tony Paniagua – Tournament Chair

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