

The Willow Park

Men's Club Newsletter

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FROM THE OVAL OFFICE

Jim Derdivanis

ing the column on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 3rd, the 49ers just beat the Packers, the Men's Club membership renewals are off to its best start ever, and best of all Willow Park is DRY. I personally would like to think that, thanks in part to Mr. Viviani, and all of his hard work, his many letters, phone calls and meetings with EB-MUD, the Upper San Leandro Reservoir is 15 feet lower this year than last. Please note this is a new mean for USL, and has nothing to do with the El Nino rains of last year. So far the creek that runs through Willow is reasonably dry. The course is in as good a shape now as it has been in quite sometime, especially considering where we've been since last year.

Jeff Roberts and his crew have started some major plugging on the first nine fairways and immediate areas around the greens to get oxygen and fertilizers etc. into the ground. This is a huge step in filling some of the bare spots and general health of the golf course. The course should be in great shape come this spring.

Finally, after much searching we have a Handicap Chairman in Daniel Turner. Daniel has been a member for the past 2 years and will have his hands full for the next 2 years at least. Please join me in welcoming Daniel to our board, I am sure he will do a fine job.

Congratulations to our illustrious News Paper Editor, Gail Stanton. Some guys have all the luck, for the 4th time Gail has had a hole in one. This time on Dec. 9th, at Sunol Golf Course, while playing Cypress #4.

Gail is living proof there is hope for the rest of us. Good job Gail.

1999 will present new challenges to the Men's Club and its board. I am hoping by next month's News Letter I will be able to tell you if we will be having an away tournament. We are starting plans NOW for the Tony Rodriguez Memorial. Please, if any of you want to donate prizes, cash or just want to help, don't hesitate, give me a call now. Those of you that didn't play in the Tony Rodriguez last year missed a great tournament, and this year's will be bigger and better.

Willow Park Men's Club has lost a good friend and a longtime member, Sam Esposito passed away December 26, 1998.

Jim Derdivanis

President

PS The weather will be changing in the not to far future and the golf will be more fun than ever. If you have any friends that want to belong to a great men's club, let them know about the Willow Park Men's Club. Applications can be obtained in either the pro shop or in the bar, or have them call either George Vance, Larry Cobelhead or me.

Jim Derdivanis, President

TC's Column

Larry Cobleigh

When you received your December newsletter, you got a copy of the 1999 tournament schedule and the rules about signing up for a

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tournament. These are important rules and should be followed to the letter. Please take time to read them. If you didn't receive the December newsletter, the schedule and rules are on page three of this newsletter. Also if you were not a member prior to Jan. 1, 1999, the membership chairman will have sent you a confirmation and copy of the schedule and rules. If you have not received this confirmation, contact either George Vance (510-582-9821) or me.

Some new members have asked us about membership cards. These hard plastic cards are not normally mailed by NCGA until February. Meanwhile, you will find your monthly handicap stickers in a little box next to the computer in the Spike Room. You should paste these onto your plastic membership card (when you finally get it) each month. Not only is this handicap sticker/card needed to get a discount at NGCA facilities, but you will need to show it at the Willow Park Restaurant for food and drink discounts - unless they already know you as a WP men's club lush.

Letters

The following letter was received at the Jan Board Meeting:

January 5, 1999

To: Members of Willowpark Men's Club
From: Disappointed Herman Kerber

At the October Director's meeting, the Board of Directors changed the format of the Club Championship.

The Board abandoned the Final third round. They said it is too hard to play three rounds in one month. Also, that a man leading by ten strokes was unable to play.

This was misleading. The man involved chose to forfeit and play in another tournament.

Members - this has been a successful format for many years. I personally know that the men involved in the Final 4 Format enjoyed the competition.

I am asking your support to change the Board of Directors mind.

Please call me, drop me a card, or attend the February meeting on the first Wednesday of the month.

Sincerely,
Signed Herm Kerber

This month's tournament is called "Super Bowl Sunday" and, of course, is played on Super Bowl Sunday (Jan 31). Depending on how many players we have, this will be played in flights. As stated in the December newsletter, this is also the day to qualify for the East Bay Zone tournament (dates to be announced). If you want to try to qualify, the entrance fee will be \$10.00. There will also be a Super Bowl pool that is free to all WP members that play on Jan. 31.

Unfortunately, my substitute who managed the December tournament, misplaced the Super Bowl tournament sign-up sheet so we had to call everyone that played in that tournament. As usual, we had some wrong phone numbers and also there were some who did not return our calls. Here's your last chance to sign up: John Kallio, Hubert Williams, Ken Cadinah, Steve Zaballos, Gary Fisher, Steve Platt, David Hu, and Matt Pedigo.

Then there are the guys signed up for the Dec. Tournament that did not show up and didn't cancel or call the Pro

shop prior to the tournament day. These persons were: Mark Zwicker, Paul Cabral, Keith Portue, and Jerry Kluball. We "PEN'd" them all. For your information, a "PEN" is where the computer takes the lowest score (differential) that you have shot in the last twenty games and posts it again on the day that you were a no-show and didn't previously call in.

We still haven't heard from anyone about future Wednesday tournaments. If you are interested in playing on a Wednesday tournament, give me a ring.

Enough of the serious stuff, the February tournament is scheduled for Feb. 28th and is "The Get Acquainted Scramble". These are always fun tournaments, but don't ask to play with a pal, as the teams will be made up using handicaps. After all, it is a get acquainted tournament!!

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