

# The Willow Park

## GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

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

### **Next Club Meeting:**

May 20 - 6:30pm  
WP Bar Annex

All members are welcome to attend.

### **Tournament Deadlines:**

Wednesday, April 5

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### **2010 Tournament Schedule**

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**

It's official, Spring is here. You can officially put the rain gear back in storage and bring out the shorts and the sun block. If this past weekend is any indication sunny and warm weather is here to stay.

Kudos goes out to Bernie and his crew. The greens appear to be coming back nicely from the recent aerations. It looks like we will be back to our regular fast greens pretty soon.

I'm also noticing that they have been cutting the fairways kind of narrow. It does make hitting the fairways a little more challenging. At least they have cut the rough down a bit to minimize delays in looking for balls. Overall the course is looking really good.

Hopefully somewhere on the agenda is some care for the tee boxes. Some areas are a little bumpy and more importantly it's getting extremely difficult to locate the Red, White and Blue NCGA markers.

Official Presidential congratulations to Joe Johnson and Rick Bierman who have qualified in the two man and will be moving on to the next round. Good luck to both.

The next WPMC meeting will be held on Thursday May 20, 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.*

Hey Members...

Well, May 8 I'm turning 50 . I can't believe it, where does the time go? I'm going to Half Moon Bay to play golf with the guys tomorrow and stay at the Ritz Carlton. It's time to party! The first time I played there was with a Senator from Louisiana-Lewis Lambert. He played to a 10 handicap and we accidentally switched head covers. I keep it with all my golf memorabilia. I beat him and his buddy's. The golf course is a treat being on the ocean but can be tricky when the weather is factored in. The weather should be nice. I hope to break 80 or 70... ok, let's not get to crazy.

Anyway, the club looks good and we're off to a good start this year. If anyone has any problems with posting scores, etc. please ask and I'll try to help. If you're having trouble with your game now that will cost you! See you on the range.

Off to Half Moon Bay. I have to get used to this 50 thing!

Your Handicap Chairman  
Mark Hemenez

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

## Tales from the Deep Rough!

Wow where did all the golfers come from.. We had our biggest turnout when 79 players signed up for the April tournament. I can't remember the last time we had starting times past 10:00. While it turned out to be an extra long day for me I still hope we can continue to get large tournaments in the future.

The 4 man team of Mark Hememez, Keith Portue, Rick Bierman and Tony Paniagua finished seventh for the two day event. After the first day they were 16<sup>th</sup> and came on strong the second day. With only the top 2 spots out of the 26 team event qualifying for the next round they were just too far back to start the second day.

The two man team of Joe Johnson and Rick Bierman finished second in there one day event which qualified them to move on to the next round held in May.

We will be discontinuing our new closest to the pin buy in format. There still continues to be folks who either don't understand it or continue to not read the information sheet on how it works. As a result we continue to have names on markers who either haven't entered the competition or did not play from that markers designated tee area. I will on occasion bring back our old version opening up all five par three's to everyone with the winners getting a \$10 Pro shop certificate.

Speaking of certificate winners I want to again mention that while you can state your desire to get your winnings in the Restaurant there is a chance that you may not get it and have to receive a Pro

Shop certificate. As you all should know by now and for the new members who may not know, we have a \$6 per player obligation for certificates in the pro shop for every tournament. If the sum of the winners who requested pro shop falls short of the obligation I then have to move the Restaurant winners back to the pro shop. The criteria for moving is done based upon where a player finishes in the flight. I move from bottom to top across flights. Those that finish 1-2 in their flights have a better chance of getting restaurant then those finishing 3-6. Please keep in mind that at this point there is nothing I can do so I hope you all will understand.

The May tournament played on Sunday May 16 with the entry deadline of Wednesday May 5 will be our Red, White and Blue tournament. Handicaps and posting of round will be based upon the White NCGA markers. For each nine you must play 3 each from the Red, White and Blue NCGA markers. There will be no White ball play for this tournament. More details will follow as we get closer to the tournament date.

To conclude I just want to mention that for the June tournament I will need you to get your entry in by the deadline. I will be on vacation and unavailable the week of June 5 through June 12. I will therefore have to go with the player count as of the deadline. As I will not be available late entries will be impossible to accommodate before hand and will have to be dealt with on the day of the tournament filling openings. I'll try and remember to

send out a reminder broadcast several times before the deadline. Your cooperation in getting your entry and payments in by the June 2 deadline will be greatly appreciated.

### Upcoming Willow Park Tournament in 2010

Date: June 13, 2010.

Deadline: Wednesday June 2, 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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