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Even though the author of the book of Hebrews is unknown, the writer was right on target and had great wisdom as he penned chapter 10 verses 24-25 which says this: ***“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another---and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”*** The CGCCC has flourished now for 19 years, and being one of the original founders of our club, I have seen these verses lived out in many of the lives of our membership. Some of the closest friends I have, I have met thru our club. I have been encouraged more times than I can count during difficult stretches, by members of our club. For the outreach to those in need, the times of prayer for others, the great on course battles I've been privileged to be a part of, I'm forever grateful. KC

It's been a wild ride for the CGCCC so far in 2010. On May 23rd we started the year with an uplifting breakfast message from pastor J.R. Coleman at Ridge Creek G.C. It must have really inspired the team of Ken Koop, Doug Gray, Rick Ellison & Steven Brunnengraeber, as they fired an impressive team score of -20 blowing the field away. 2009 low gross champion Bill Horg additionally, off to a stellar 2010 season, won the low gross title with an inspired 75. Pastor, your messages are needed more often.

February's tournaments, scheduled at Avila Beach & Black Lake G.C. were unfortunately cancelled due to rain. For most clubs this wouldn't be any big deal, but for the CGCCC this was only the 2nd tournament in 19 years that have been cancelled. The Lord has blessed our club!

The club then marched on to Fig Garden G.C. where the team of S. Sasso & J. Ray had their way with the field, firing a winning team net of -12. Three tied for low gross but the title went to Norm Wiens based on a back nine card off. In the Senior NCGA qualifier, the title went to Don Loyd and K.C. Dickie, in spite of a K.C.'s 10 on #15.

April's shootout at River Island C.C., on a very difficult course, brought out the best in Vic Araujo & Bob Albertson as they tore it up with a winning -12. This, additionally being the first round of the club championship, motivated Brad Fry with a sensational low gross round of 74. His round also anchored the winning 4 man team of Brad, Ron Nitz, Ron Gonzales & K.C. Dickie to represent the club at the NCGA qualifier in June.

Our May CGCCC tournament was held at Belmont Country Club in Fresno on May 15. Daniel opened up the meeting by informing everyone that the club will be having a prayer time before



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every tournament to anyone who would like to attend. Look for the where and when for these quick gatherings in upcoming tournament info sheets. Two long-time members of the CGCCC, Ron Gonzales and Mark Saltzman shared their testimonies with us after we all enjoyed a delicious breakfast burrito, juice and coffee.

Ron Gonzales shared with the group that he truly is a walking miracle. Early on in life during his high school years, Ron got caught up in a life of partying with alcohol that escalated after high school into a serious cocaine habit. Ron said that his mother had taken him, his brother and sister to church growing up, so he had a Godly foundation. She had always been faithful in prayer for Ron to be healed of his addictions. At his lowest point, Ron finally turned to God, and his desire for drugs instantly left him. He referred back to the scripture from Proverbs 22:6 which says "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Mark Saltzman also gave his testimony and spoke about some very serious physical ailments that he has undergone in his life, and also how he finally got the courage up as a small kid in High School to introduce himself to his future wife. He always new God was with him throughout these trials. Mark is now living with Crohn's Disease which really saps the energy that he has had so much of throughout his life. He is hopeful that this latest experimental medication he is now taking will work. We need to continue to keep Mark in our prayers for complete healing. I was fortunate to play with Mark at Belmont and he continues to display that "pure as silk" swing.

Many thanks to the both of you for sharing your stories with us, as we were blessed.

First place for low gross in the first flight with a gross score of 71 was Scott Smith and Ron Kellogg, with Vic Araujo and Mark Saltzman taking first with a low net score of 61 in that flight. First place for low gross and in the second flight went to new member Patrick McCoy and Ken Koop with a gross score of 73. Low net first place, with a smokin' hot low net score of 59 was new member Wynn Higley and David Rey. Congratulations gentlemen on some great play!

Daniel's infamous "little twist". Nine players guessed their correct partner, six guessed their partner's score within one stroke, and one player guessed his partners score right on the money. And that person is... sorry, Daniel will reveal the "little twist" winner at the Pheasant Run tournament.



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Our June tourney was at Pheasant Run, where Scott Smith won the first flight with a net score of 70. Second place finishers close behind at net 72 were Ron Gonzales, KC Dickie, and Mark Saltzman. The second flight winner was Daniel Cowherd who won over Leonard Garcia in a tiebreaker, both at net 68. Ron Hickok and Ray Tarvin tied third at net 72. Luis Medina won the third flight with a net 65, with Don Sadler close behind with 68, and third place was shared by David Rey and Winn Higley both at net 69.

Three elderly golfers are walking down the fairway.

"Sixty is the worst age to be," said the 60-year-old, "You always feel like you have to pee. And most of the time nothing happens."

"Ah, that's nothing," said the 70-year-old. "When you're 70, you don't have a bowel movement anymore. You take laxatives, eat bran, you sit on the toilet all day and nothing happens."

"Actually," said the 80-year-old, "Eighty is the worst age of all."

"Do you have trouble peeing, too?" asked the 60-year-old. "No, I pee every morning at 6:00 am. I pee like a racehorse; no problem at all."

"Do you have trouble having a bowel movement?" asked the 70-year old. "No, I have one every morning at 6:30 am." Puzzled with this the 60-year-old said, "Let's get this straight. You pee every morning at 6:00 am and poop every morning at 6:30 am. So what's so tough about being 80?"

"I don't wake up until 7:00."

Our July tournament site was at the central coast at two courses very familiar to our club, Dairy Creek and Morro Bay. Both tourneys were played in the two best-ball format and Dairy Creek saw Brad Fry and Ron Gonzales shoot a net 60, barely winning by two shots over Keenan King and Jim Ray who had a net 62, and three shots over the team of Vic Araujo and Daniel Cowherd.

The following day at Morro Bay there was some hot shooting on the golf course with two teams tying at the top with net 59's. Mike Gerosa and Ron Hickok won in a tie-breaker over Tony Crisco and Don Sadler, with the Rey contingent one back at net 60.

The August 13 tournament had us at Sierra Meadows for the final round of our Club Championship as well as a regular tournament. Three qualifying rounds were available to play up to this point with everyone's top two scores being counted going into the final round.

Jeff Regan and Don Lloyd both shared inspirational talks with our group after breakfast. Jeff talked about his wife Kristin's recent bout with cancer and how her illness made him rely on God



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more. She is in full remission now back teaching school again and they thank God for her wonderful healing which has brought them closer.

Don told the story of his very successful career in the supermarket business and how God's impact changed his life and gave him comfort and healing through family tragedy. He credits his special Christian friends and prayer partners in helping him deal with addiction problems. Thank you both so much for sharing.

The final tournament of the 2010 season was at Ridge Creek on November 5 and was a fantastic day of food, fellowship, golf and fun. The day started with a great breakfast and time to catch up with old friends. After the meal was completed our own Ron Hickok treated us with an inspirational talk. Ron spoke about how God was working in his life by leading him through a prison ministry. He reminded us that the Apostle Paul gave us early examples of how important this type of ministry is. He also related how hungry these men are for the word of God and how he often comes away feeling more blessed and ministered to than what he can give to them. Ron and his team are just one more example of how glorious and wonderful our God is.

Then it was off to the golf course. Except for a couple of brief wrestling matches with the weather, God provided us a glorious day for golf. The format was two-man best ball and the teams engaged in fierce competition. The end of the round brought 4 teams in at 7 under par. A tie-breaker settled the dust as follows: 1st place went to Tony Crisco and Don Sadler, the team of Peter Openshaw and Brian Rhodes were 2nd, Jeff Klein and Paul Birrell nailed down 3rd place, and Doug Nelson and Richard Henderson earned 4th place honors. We also had three other competitions going on. Ken Koop knocked it to 9' 6" on hole number 3 to win closest to the pin, while Wynn Highly stiffed it to 8' to win the honor on hole 16. David Rey was the big hitter of the day as he muscled up one to win the long drive competition. All in all, it was a great day of golf, friendly competition, and honoring our Lord.

Your Christian Golf Club of Central California club champions for 2010 are:

President's Flight - Vic Araujo

Secretary's Flight - Luis Medina

Director's Flight - Leonard Garcia

Low Gross Flight - Brad Fry

May everyone have a joy filled Christmas season and remember the true reason that we celebrate it. Our dear Savior's birth. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.