

Christian Golf Club Of Central California

December 2007

This has been one heck of a year for the Christian Golf Club of Central California. Beginning with our traditional first tournament of the year kick off at Riverside G.C. and ending with our scavenger hunt (lots of lost balls) at Stevenson Ranch, it has been one of the most enjoyable years ever.

Let me explain the reasons that I say this:

- 1) *Probably the best tournament schedule we've had!*
- 2) *Greatly competitive 3 round club championship!*
- 3) *Awesome camaraderie and fellowship with a great blend of the good ol' boy's and new members!*
- 4) *Wonderful unity among our board members!*
- 5) *Being surrounded by godly men who love the Lord Jesus Christ!*

As we head into 2008 we would ask that each member of the C.G.C.C.C approach this coming year determined to follow the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, as laid out in Matthew 28: 18-20: *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

The C.G.C.C.C was founded on the vision of mobilizing men, coming together as brothers in Christ to enjoy this great game of golf, but that's only half the story. The most important part of the initial vision was to use this club as a non- threatening way to bring the lost into the kingdom of God!

To that end I believe we've really only scratched the surface of what God has in store for us. Please begin to pray that God would begin to expand our territory and use this club in a powerful, new and exciting way, to reach those that share our passion for this game, yet haven't turned their lives over to our Lord and savior.

Look for some outstanding changes in 2008, as the board of directors is intent on making this the premier club in the valley. God expects us to work with excellence and the men I serve with strive for that.

Well, we look forward to seeing you all in January at Riverside G.C. 2008 is gonna' be a great year for the C.G.C.C.C!! K.C.

2007 champions "Wall of Fame"

January: Riverside G.C.- *Mike Gerosa & Daniel Cowherd*

February: Black Lake- *Brad Fry/Mike Fry*
Mike Gerosa/Ron Hickok
Ray Tarvin/Jerry Neff

March: Fig Garden- *Horg/Baty/Loyd/T.Mathers*

April: Tulare G.C- *Ray Goins & Mark Saltzman*

May: Pheasant Run- *Joseph Vic Araujo*

June: Sierra Meadows- *K.C. Dickie*

July: Monarch Dunes- *Daniel Cowherd/Mark Saltzman*

August: Diablo Grande- *Gerosa/Tarvin/Hickok/Chapman*

September: Laguna Seca- *Hammond/Gallagher/Klein/*
Goins

October: Madera G.C- *Ron Nitz & Ray Tarvin*

November: Stevenson Ranch- *Ron Nitz & Jerry Neff*

**Club Champions: Gross- *Vic Araujo*
1st Flight- *Mark Saltzman*
2nd Flight- *Jeff Klein*
3rd Flight- *Daniel Cowherd*

THE KEY TO GREATNESS, PART 1

"One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: 'Teacher, which is the greatest commandment?'" (Matthew 22:35-36 NIV)

Some friends in North Carolina invited me to a golf outing at Pinehurst, one of the golf meccas of the world. For those who have not been there, it's a place packed with towering evergreens that furnish pine needles for the sandy ground like golden leaves flowering New Hampshire in autumn.

Part of my responsibility was to put on a clinic on the basic fundamentals and draw some comparison between the game of golf and life.

Our group of 40 men was all clumped in a semi-circle, three deep on the practice range. I wanted to say some things before I began my clinic.

"What is the most important fundamental in golf?" I asked. "The grip," one golfer said. "Keep your head down," another said. "Alignment!" someone else shouted. "No," I said as forcefully as I could. Heads popped up. They looked stunned.

"It's target," I said. "You see all kinds of grips, swings, and set-ups with pros on the PGA Tour. But one thing great players have in common is they know where their target is." No one disagreed. At least out loud.

"So what is the most important fundamental in our life in Christ?" I asked. I motioned them to answer. They began to speak: "Serving God." "Witnessing." "Prayer." "Bringing others to Christ."

"These are good answers, but the most important fundamental goes back to the most important commandment in Scripture." I quoted Jesus: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment." (Matthew 22:37-38)

"To be great in golf we have to get better at putting the ball into the hole in fewer strokes. The greatest players in golf simply get the ball into the hole in less strokes. To be great in the Kingdom of God we need to get better at loving Him with all our beings."

I preach this message to myself most everyday now. I remind myself I have nothing really to do today but *love God passionately, obey Jesus precisely and act on His Word promptly*. When I do this, I feel I'm on target. And everything else that matters follows.

Jim Hiskey

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Predictions from Gary McCord 1997

I predict the Tour caddies' association puts together a video of exercises for the aspiring Tour caddie, complete with cigarette rolling paper, and it outsells the Richard Simmons workout tape. Ten percent of their profits are donated to the Colombian government.

I predict that John Daly makes so much money that he eventually buys a Las Vegas casino and has all the slot machines rigged so they pay off in M&M's. Hollywood eventually gets the movie rights.

I predict that Gary McCord wins an Academy Award for his role in Tin Cup. He is eventually barred from Hollywood for overacting.

I predict that Corey Pavin is thrown off the PGA Tour because he could not maintain the height requirement.

I predict that Prozac becomes the "official drug of the PGA Tour.

I predict that Ben Crenshaw wins the first four tournaments using a putter that's sixty-seven inches long and is later banned from the Tour when it is found out the putter he was using is actually the club-footed sister of Manute Bol.

Photographer

The C.G.C.C.C is on the lookout for a person to be responsible for taking pictures of club events.

Most pictures would be taken prior to or after the tournaments.

If you own a digital camera and would like to contribute your skill to enhancing our club newsletter then please call K.C. Dickie @ 905-9090.

Additionally, there will be a new addition to our newsletter called "*up close and personal*" and a picture would be needed of that member

Club Newsletter

After 16 years of co-writing the C.G.C.C.C club newsletter K.C. will be stepping aside and we are on the search for one or two guy's with the ability to write, and help contribute to a new look and feel for our newsletter.

Additionally we will be looking for someone with the ability to lay out the newsletter as articles are sent to you.

If you desire to play a part to help take our club up a notch in quality, please contact K.C.

JUST SAY YES!!

Special Speaker

Our guest speaker for our January tournament at Riverside G.C. on Jan 26th will be none other than Nathan Magzig, our former Mayor of Clovis, and currently running for District Supervisor of district 8 in Fresno.

Nathan is not only a bright and engaging guy, but he is, much more importantly, a man of God.

Our breakfast will be at Carrow's Restaurant on Blackstone and Ashlan.

We hope to see you all there for our January kick-off.