



[Final 2011 newsletter of the Christian Golf Club of Central CA](#)

Birth of the CGCCC.

Well, another year has come and gone for the Christian Golf Club of Central California. I just realized that I just had my 20th year with this club. I have some great memories through the years, have played some awesome golf courses, and have made some fantastic lifelong Christian friends along the way. What better way to have fellowship with Christian brothers than to play the great game of golf on a regular basis with them. It all started back in 1988 with four local golf buddies. KC Dickey, Dave Angel, Jeff Kollenkark, and Don Randolph got together and talked about what it would take to get an associate golf club with a Christian emphasis started. Soon after this meeting, the Northern California Golf Association was contacted and the nuts and bolts of how to start an associate golf club were learned and carried out. The following year was the official first year of the Christian Golf Club of Central California. The first tournament held that year and a field of 16 players participated. KC Dickey was the inaugural CGCCC President for the first several years, followed by Dave Angel who continues to do a great job of heading up our club. I know that many current and past members have been, and will continue to be blessed by the Christian fellowship that our club provides.

Tournament Results of the final three CGCCC tourneys of 2011:

Sierra meadows – Sept. 17

On a beautiful day in the Sierra Nevada's in a tightly contested two man best ball competition, two of cunning veterans Ray Goins and Ron Hickok combined for a net 15 under par 57 score. They edged out the team of Dennis Hammond and Rick Leas by a single shot.

Madera Municipal Golf Course – Oct. 8

Ray Tarvin and Terry Markus chewed the Madera course up and spit it out as they annihilated the competition on this day. Two back were the team of Jerry Neff and Rick Leas.

Poppy Ridge Golf Course – Nov. 5

Poppy Ridge was a real treat for those who made the trip to Livermore and participated in an 18 hole two man best ball competition, and a nine hold scramble on this day. It's been a long time since the club has booked a tourney there and hopefully we can go there again soon. Winners of the two man best ball were Mark Saltzman and Daniel Cowherd with a net 59. Close behind at net 62 were the team of David and Ruben Rey. Doug Billings and Ken Ollenberger were the winners of the two man scramble, followed by Bill Horg and Ron Hickok, and then Jeff and Cliff Klein in third place.

See all tournament scores on our wonderful CGCCC.com website. Many thanks to Jerry Neff for keeping our website up to date and looking good. This site is one that our club members can be very proud of. We're very fortunate to have Jerry devoting his time and giving his web expertise to our club.

Membership and Renewal Notes:

We had a total of 99 members join the CGCCC in 2011 and averaged five guests per tournament this year. The February and August coast trips were the tournaments with the best guest draw, and interestingly, Fig Garden is the next best guest draw. Great job by those who invited guests. We hope that we get new membership this coming year from many of those guests who played with us this year.

Remember the NCGA program which states: **Help us recruit new members and your next round is on us, the NCGA. For every three NEW members you bring in to the NCGA, you earn a complimentary foursome at either Poppy Hills or Poppy Ridge through the "Fill Your Foursome" program introduced last year. A new member is anyone not active in the NCGA during the 2011 season.**

See more info on the "Fill Your Foursome" program on our CGCCC website.

Did you know this about "ALICE"?

Say you're playing in a foursome with three of your buddies, when one of them lines up a putt, takes his stroke ... and doesn't even get the ball to the hole. What do you say?

Well, one possibility is, "hit it, Alice!" Another is, "nice putt, Alice!" The derogatory "Alice" statement has been part of golf for decades. But who is Alice? And what did she do to get immortalized in a golf insult that frequently follows a putt left short?

Contrary to one frequently offered explanation, this "Alice" has nothing to do with the Jackie Gleason sitcom *The Honeymooners*. Gleason was a golf fanatic, and his character on the show, Ralph Kramden, played golf, too. >> Ralph's wife was named Alice. It's a good guess, but the phrase does not refer to Alice Kramden.

It turns out that "Alice" isn't a she at all. "Alice" is a he, and it's not "Alice," it's "Alliss," as in Peter Alliss. Peter Alliss is the famous English golf broadcaster, the voice of golf on the BBC for decades. But before he became internationally famous as a broadcaster, Alliss was famous in Britain and Europe as a touring pro. And a pretty good one, too: Alliss won 21 times on the precursor to the European Tour and played on eight Ryder Cup teams.

At the 1963 Ryder Cup in Atlanta, Alliss played Arnold Palmer and Tony Lema in back-to-back singles matches and won 1.5 points, halving with Lema and beating Palmer. At some point during his match against Palmer, Alliss - for whom putting was not a strength - badly missed a 3-foot putt. Someone in the gallery yelled out, "Nice putt, Alliss!" Alliss described that moment in a brief article in a 1997 issue of *Sports Illustrated*, and explained how the phrase became part of the golf lexicon:

The BBC, for whom I now do golf commentary, played a large part in burning the phrase into the public consciousness. I was never renowned for my putting and therefore was an easy - and frequent - target for the many comedy programs on the "Beeb," where great humor was found in such knee-slappers as "That girl Alliss sure hits it a long way."

So BBC programs of the early to mid-1960s liked to get punny with Alliss' name and its homonym, the female moniker Alice. Ah, that good ol' golf humor: questioning a man's, well, manliness for leaving a putt short by calling him a woman's name. They did it in the 1960s and they - ahem, we - still do it today.

Except that today, most golfers - most of those outside of Britain, anyway - have no idea that "Alice" is actually Peter Alliss. But now you do.

Please join in giving Daniel Cowherd many thanks for doing such a great job as Tournament Director over the last few years. Daniel has a tremendous organizational talent and is always working behind the scenes to make our CGCCC tournaments the best they can be. Daniel will be stepping down and allowing Norm Weins to fill his shoes beginning in 2012. Daniel will be the new Vice President of our club and will continue to do tournament scheduling behind the scenes, which is great because he is adept at getting the best prices out of the courses we play.

The following is taken from The Man Minute, by Jason Cruise:

Living As If God Doesn't.

If you've been around Christianity for any length of time, then you have no doubt heard the phrase, "You just have to trust God." Have you ever thought about why God wants your trust? I can promise you that it's not because God wants you to have less stress in your life. Less anxiety may be a derivative of a trusting faith, but it's not the chief aim of a faith that trusts God with everything.

Jesus gave a simple insight into why trusting the Father is critical to the spiritual journey when He said, "*So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.*" (Matthew 6:31-32)

Did you spot it? "For the pagans run after all these things ..."

God is a sovereign God. He set the planets in motion, and He put life in your bones at the moment of conception. He is fully capable, and fully deserving, to manage your life both here and now ... and in the hereafter. When you and I reject the Father's love by rejecting His sovereign reign, we live as if God doesn't exist.

Worry is going to creep into your mind; it's what you do with it that matters. What is at the heart of this passage is a lifestyle that tends to gravitate to anxiety instead of faith. When worry creeps in, sovereignty must overcome it. It is to the sovereign heart of the Father that you must take your thoughts and plant them deep within your spirit in order to eject worry from the soul. When you live as if you are the one in control of the final outcome, whether you realize it or not, in that moment, there is no evident distinction between a disciple and pagan.

The CGCCC wishes for you all to have a wonderful Christmas season this year, and a blessed New Year. See you January 14 at Ridge Creek for our first tournament of 2012, which will include breakfast and an inspirational message prior to golf.