

Christian Golf Club of Central California

Boy, what a privilege it was for the CGCCC to play the likes of Kings River Country Club on Saturday June, 17th. It's not often us common folk get to experience the rarified air of a "country club."

To the members of KRCC it must have felt like invitin' the Beverly Hillbilly's to a Donald Trump weddin' recepshun. It doesn't help much when guy's like Bill Horg are overheard in the pro shop asking fer them stockin things that go over yer cluuubs, or Jerry Neff askin the waitress in the restaurant, whut ya got fer a quarter. It's this type of behavior that keeps our club from being invited back to these kinds of places.

My son Matt finally figured out on the 18th hole that the bottle holding dirt to pour into divots, wasn't holding granola for snacking after all. How the heck would he know any better, it was completely foreign to him! He didn't feel particularly well driving home though.

I knew right away this would be the last time any "Dickie" would be invited back to KR. Because Matt takes the juiciest divots on the tee box of anyone I know on his practice swings, and on about the 7th hole, after a most impressive divot, I looked over at our KR playing partner and he was curled up in a fetal position with thumb in mouth!

I think though, the most bizarre event of the day was on the fourth hole, around the dogleg where fairway has turned to marshland. I can't be certain, but I swear I saw a giant anaconda almost swallow up our playing partner who was playing a shot from the edge of the muck. He lived to tell the story!!

The star for the day was the impressive Doug Garwood, one of Ron Gonzales' ringers who shot a stunning 65! Bill Horg gained a little respect back, firing a 79 and the man with the home field advantage, Doug Nelson shot an 80.

Winning the team 4 man 2 best ball format was the team of Bill Horg, Rick Stark, Ron Hickok and Charles McClung. They each earned a cool \$35.00. Second place went to the team of Doug warring, Rick Cowin, David L. Mcentee and Jay Diaz. They each hauled in \$25.00.

NEXT: On to the coast!!!

Pheasant Run

One doesn't often think of a round of golf as *tortuous*, but our round on May 13th, proved to be every bit of that, and more!!

I now know why they call the course Pheasant RUN!! Because that's what the darn bird has to do, RUN to find any water on the course. It got so bad, I couldn't spit anything other than hair balls.

Remember Wily Coyote and the Roadrunner; that's how I felt all day as we all searched out something, *ANYTHING!*, to quench our thirst. You know you're in trouble when even the restroom lavatories look inviting. At the 2nd hole, long before my throat began to close, there was the ol' watering hole, my buddy, the popular 400 gallon, orange water thermos. My glee turned quickly to chagrin, as it was void of any drinkable fluid.

This became a pattern for the rest of the afternoon, as our group of civilized, so called Christian men, turned on each other like crazed loonies, as we RAN, following each hole, to be the first to find the next drop, only to be thwarted time after time. As the day wore on, I became dizzy, then began talking to myself, then ultimately crawled on my belly to the oasis I so surely saw, only to have my hopes dashed a final time on 18. The last thing I remember were the vultures hovering as I lay on my back, seeing my life pass before me... *enough whining!!*

There were those hump back camels who finished their rounds standing, and even had enough in the reserve hump to play a decent round. I can't help wonder if a certain party purposely emptied the thermos'. It's certainly no coincidence that ****BRAD FRY**** teed off early and was fully refreshed following *his* round of 1 under **71**.

This tournament also served to establish the qualifiers for the 2006 club championship.

Leading the way for the three flights were:

- Flight 1- Brad Fry
- Flight 2- Dennis Hammond
- Flight 3- Stan Day

Other impressive rounds for the day were:

Ron Gonzales- 78
Dennis Hammond- 79
Joseph Vic Araujo- 79

"It took me 17 years to get 3,000 hits in baseball. I did it in one afternoon on the golf course." Hank Aaron

"When it's breezy, hit it easy." Davis Love, Jr.

Fig Garden was the venue for the April 15 tournament of the CGCCC. This tourney was also our NCGA 4 man 2 best ball qualifier. It was a cool spring day that offered players to get some of the rust off their games and look forward to the golf season just ahead.

One player that showed no signs of rust was Alwyn Stanford, who took the individual low gross award with a smooth 76. Alwyn's team finished in third place.

Ryan Roloff took the individual net award for shooting a net 62 – that man was on fire. Ryan helped his team to the first place finish in the team competition.

The top four teams receiving awards included:

1st – net 29 -Daryle L. Johnson, Ryan Roloff, Charles McClurg, Robert Ying.

2nd – net 23 -Bill Horg, Frank Vargas, Ray Tarvin, John Gallagher

3rd – net 22 -Alwyn Stanford, Andy Batson, Ron Hickok, Chuck Fletcher

4th – net 19 -Doug Nelson, Roger Tarpin, Frank Krum, Rick Cowin

***B**illy Graham's daughter was interviewed on the Early Show and Jane Clayson asked her "How could God let something like this Happen?" (Regarding Katrina)*

Anne Graham gave an extremely profound and insightful response. She said, "I believe God is deeply saddened by this, just as we are, but for years we've been telling God to get out of our schools, to get out of our government and to get out of our lives.

And being the gentleman He is, I believe He has calmly backed out. How can we expect God to give us His blessing and His protection if we demand He leave us alone?"

"The trouble that most of us find with the modern day matched set of clubs is that they really don't seem to know any more about the game than the old one's did!"

Robert Browning, A History of Golf

They walked in tandem, each of the ninety-two students filing into the already crowded auditorium. With rich maroon gowns flowing and the traditional caps, they looked almost as grown up as they felt.

Dads swallowed hard behind broad smiles, and Moms freely brushed away tears.

This class would not pray during the commencements----not by choice, but because of a recent court ruling prohibiting it.

The principal and several students were careful to stay within the guidelines allowed by the ruling. They gave inspirational and challenging speeches, but no one mentioned divine guidance and no one asked for blessings on the graduates or their families.

The speeches were nice, but they were routine.....until the final speech received a standing ovation.

A solitary student walked proudly to the microphone. He stood still and silent for just a moment, and then, it happened. All 92 students, every single one of them, suddenly SNEEZED!!!!

The student on stage simply looked at the audience and said, " GOD BLESS YOU, each and every one of you!" And he walked off stage...

The audience exploded into applause. The graduating class found a unique way to invoke God's blessing on their future with or without the court's approval.

Isn't this a wonderful story? Pass it on to all your friends.....and

GOD BLESS YOU!!!!

In God We Trust, United We Stand.

This is a true story.

Todd Angel

A special thanks goes to the CGCCC for its support of Todd Angel's short-term mission's trip to the Philippines with JARON Ministries. Todd left on 6/26 and has arrived with the group of 14 to serve the LORD on the island of Palawan, city of San Rafael with missionaries from New Tribes. They will be assisting the Missionaries in running 4 camps thru 7/4. They will then move to the island of Luzon, city of Asingan (100+ miles north of Manila) to assist a pastor and his church with local ministry! Please pray for him and the group for a blessed time of ministry, good health, safe travel & safety. The group returns 7/12! No golf on this trip, but expanding the LORD's Work!!