

# Christian Golf Club

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**W**ell, 2006 is coming to a close for the CGCCC and what an awesome year it was! As usual, we had a great schedule, which included some awesome venues, such as Stevenson Ranch, Hunter Ranch, Chalk Mountain, Kings River C.C., etc. Thank you Daniel and Mike for your time and effort to put these tournaments together. Your passion for our club shows.

Winners of the final three tournaments of the year played some awful good golf and have a lot to be proud of. They were: Team winners- The "Chief" and son *stole*, I mean took top honors with a low net of 51, a score that needs some scrutiny!! Low gross for the day went to Jeremy Dyer with an exceptional 73.

At Riverside in October, the stellar team of Michael Gerosa and Brad Horner took the hardware in the tough format of best ball, scramble and alternate shot.

In the final tourney of the year at formidable Stevinson Ranch, the 4 man team of Jerry Neff, Don Loyd, Ron Nitz and Rick Mathers fired an unbelievable score of net 132 to run away with the title. None other than the illustrious Curt Hamett took the low gross with an 81 which could have easily been a 75 if not for some horrific luck.

Additionally, a new set of club champions were crowned in 2006, guy's that really stepped up and gutted it out on some quality courses! The guy's you'll be looking to dethrone in 2007 are **Vic Araujo** in the championship flight as he blitzed Mike Fry, Ron Gonzales and then Mike Gerosa in the finals.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> flight **Ray Tarvin** took down Johnson, Henderson and then finally Dennis Hammond in the finale.

Flight 3 was taken by **Frank Krum** who waxed Gallagher and Sullins before hammering Stan Day in the final match.

Congratulations go out to these warriors, but I guarantee you these will be marked men as we enter 2007. It's extremely difficult to repeat as club champs in the CGCCC. I don't know that it has happened in the 16 years of the club.

We look forward to seeing each of you for the 2007 season which has a schedule that even trumps the one in 2006. There will be some exciting new events and formats that we believe will make 2007 a year to remember!

**A**s a long time member of the CGCCC, I know that we have been blessed to have played some very, very nice golf courses over the years. Stevenson Ranch, Ridgemark, San Juan Oaks and of course Poppy Hills come to mind as a few of the nicer ones. However, one golf course stands out in my mind as being one of my all time favorites, Hunter Ranch, which is where we had our September tourney this year. Besides being close, at a little more than an hour and a half drive from Fresno, this course has it all. Huge, well manicured greens, elevation changes, undulating fairways with both right and left doglegs, plenty of water, and usually always great weather with winds normally picking up in the afternoon, and certain holes that always seem to jump up and bite you.

Hole number 12 is my nemesis at Hunter and seems to be a momentum breaker for me as I always have a difficult time putting my drive in that, oh so narrow, fairway. Over water, trouble on the left and right, it happened to me again. I pulled my 3 wood drive left and had to hit my ball backwards into the fairway just to give myself a shot at the green. After putting my approach into the right bunker, I two putted for a smooth double bogie six. Some day, I'll par that hole, but it hasn't happened yet.

Some very good scores were posted at Hunter Ranch including the "sweet as molasses" 75 shot by my partner, Keith C. Dickie, who walked away with individual low gross honors. Daryle Johnson shot a sparkling net 64 to take the individual low net prize. Ron Lee and Roger Campbell took first place in the team net portion with a 59, followed by Keith C Dickie and Brad Fry with a net 60. Third place went to Don Witt and Royal Cash with a net 60, and Daryle Johnson and Robert Ying closed out the team awards with a fourth place finish with a net 61.

About four groups gathered on the Friday before Hunter Ranch at a course in Atascadero, called Chalk Mountain. After years of Ron Gonzales's constant begging to get "The Chalk" back onto our schedule, Ron's wish was finally granted, and 16 showed up to play it.

### **Wisdom For Today**

**W**e all want to make wise decisions regarding how we handle our time, money and responsibilities. What are the best ways to eliminate debt? To buy a home? How do we prepare for future expenses?

Some treat this "rat race" of life by becoming workaholics or living in constant worry and stress, leaving little or nothing left for those they care about most. No matter the pressures we face, we can all benefit from basic principles for managing work, home and family life.

The above two paragraphs are taken from the web site of Focus on the Family which is an organization that for many years has been helping families with advice, from a Christian perspective, on everything from relationships, marriage and raising children, to social issues and financial guidance. The Focus on the Family motto is "Nurturing and Defending Families Worldwide" and the website is <http://www.family.org>.

## Senior Rules

**A**fter lobbying the PGA for years to make their rules more "senior friendly", action was finally taken. Here is the latest revision to the rules:

Rule 1.a.5: A ball sliced or hooked into the rough shall be lifted and placed on the fairway at a point equal to the distance it carried or rolled into the rough with no penalty. The senior should not be penalized for uncontrollable mechanical phenomena.

Rule 2.d.6.(B): A ball hitting a tree shall be deemed not to have hit the tree. This is simply bad luck and luck has no place in a scientific game. The player must estimate the distance the ball would have traveled if it had not hit the tree and play the ball from there.

Rule 3.b.3.(G): There shall be no such thing as a lost ball. The missing ball is on or near the course and will eventually be found and pocketed by someone else, making it a stolen ball. The player is not to compound the felony by charging him or herself with a penalty.

Rule 4.c.7.(H): If a putt passes over a hole without dropping, it is deemed to have dropped. The law of gravity supersedes the law of golf.

Rule 5: Putts that stop close enough to the cup that they could be blown in, may be blown in. This does not apply to balls more than three inches from the hole. No one wants to make a travesty of the game.

Rule 6.a.9.(J): There is no penalty for so called "out of bounds". If penny pinching golf club owners had bought sufficient land, this would not occur. The golfer deserves an apology, not a penalty.

Rule 7.g.15.(Z): There is no penalty for a ball in a water hazard, as golf balls should float. That they do not is a technical problem that manufacturers have to correct. Senior golfers should not be punished for manufacturer's shortcomings.

Rule 8.k.9.(S): Advertisements claim that golf scores can be improved by purchasing new clubs, balls, shoes, etc. Since this is financially impractical for the average senior golfer, 1/2 a stroke per hole may be subtracted for using old equipment.

Please advise your senior golfer friends of these rules changes.

## Calendar

Month & Day	Course & Web Link
January 27th	Riverside G.C.
February 17th	Blacklake Resort
March 24th	Fig Garden G.C.
April 21st	Tulare G.C.
May 12th	Pheasant Run G.C.
June 16th	Sierra Meadows G.C.
July 20th	Rancho Maria G.C.
July 21st	Monarch Dunes G.C.
August 25th	Diablo Grande G.C.
September 28th	San Juan Oaks
September 29th	Laguna Seca
October	Marshall PGA Golf Tournament at Running Horse. 30 to 40 volunteers are needed.
November	Stevinson Ranch G.C.

**H**ere is our exciting “2007” schedule for the CGCCC. A lot of new courses pepper this schedule and that’s what makes our club special. We get to experience courses all over the central valley and the coast.

This would be a great year to bring a new buddy or budette into the CGCCC and not only enjoy great golf, but to make godly friends. We’ll provide the ammunition (brochures).

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### Ryder Cup

**R**umor has it that we may have a Ryder Cup championship at the end of 2007. Qualifying will be based on points for playing in tournaments, place of finish in tournaments, additional points for NCGA tourneys. This could really add an element that would be exciting in 2007. Details to follow!