

# Christian Golf Club

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**W**hat an exciting finish to the 2007 club championship of the Christian Golf Club of Central California. This year's test was certainly one of endurance and perseverance.

Starting with underrated Tulare Golf Course April 21<sup>st</sup> round #1, Bill Horg and Vic Araujo took the early lead with both shooting respectable rounds of 78 in the gross flight. With Vic's 9 handicap he additionally led the 1<sup>st</sup> flight with a net 69. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> flight it was Jeff Klein who distinguished himself, starting with a strong net 74. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> flight it was ol' lefty himself, Ray Goins who took a commanding lead with a net 66.

Following round #2 of the championship at Pheasant Run in Chowchilla on May 12<sup>th</sup> it was Mr. Consistent Vic Araujo who took a commanding 4 stroke lead over closest challenger Brad Fry with a combined two round effort of gross 153. In the 1<sup>st</sup> flight it was still Vic Araujo who continued to lead over his closest rival Mark Saltzman by 7 strokes. Still leading the 2<sup>nd</sup> flight was Jeff Klein by 2 over his closest pursuer Larry Thompson with a two round net of 147. Leader on the board in the 3<sup>rd</sup> flight continued to be the steady Mr. Goins by 5 strokes over fast closing Randy Major with a combined two round net of 137.

Finally, on June 16<sup>th</sup>, at the ever dangerous mountain course, Sierra Meadows in Oakhurst, the ultimate gladiator challenge took place. Sierra Meadows, although not a lengthy course, is a real challenge because of the danger that lurks literally everywhere on the course. He who could beat Sierra Meadows on this day would deserve to be holding the hardware at the end.

In the gross flight, after closing within a stroke of leader Vic Araujo, Brad Fry ran into some difficulty and had to settle for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, as Vic Araujo, who has shown great consistency over the past two rounds held steady for a 5 stroke victory with a combined score of 230. In the 1<sup>st</sup> flight, Mark Saltzman roared to an incredible 8 stroke victory with a combined net score of 208. The 2<sup>nd</sup> flight proved to be exciting as Jeff Klein barely held on over Ray Tarvin, as they tied with a combined net score of 222. Jeff won in a play off. Flight #3 turned into the most exciting battle of the day, as Daniel Cowherd fought back from a remarkable 11 stroke deficit to overtake a shocked Ray Goins by shooting a sensational net 62 for a combined score of 210, to take the title.

Kudo's to the 2007 champion's, and a great thanks to the tournament committee for spending great deals of time setting these tournament venues up for the CGCCC. We also extend our appreciation to Mike Gerosa for a job well done leading that committee. Mike will step down after serving several years, in 2008. *See website for all results.*

## GO FIGURE

**A**n elderly man lay dying in his bed. In death's agony, he suddenly smelled the aroma of his favorite chocolate chip cookies wafting up the stairs. He gathered his remaining strength, and lifted himself from his bed. Leaning against the wall, he slowly made his way out of his bedroom, and with even greater effort forced himself down the stairs, gripping the railing with both hands. With labored breath, he leaned against the door frame, gazing into the kitchen.

Were it not for death's agony, he would have thought himself already in Heaven: there, spread out on newspapers on the kitchen table were literally hundreds of his favorite chocolate chip cookies. Was it Heaven? Or, was it one final act of heroic love from his devoted wife, seeing to it that he left this world a happy man?

Mustering one great final effort, he threw himself toward the table, landing on his knees in a rumped posture. His parched lips parted; the wonderous taste of the cookie was already in his mouth, seemingly bringing him back to life. The aged, withered and shaking hand made its way to a cookie at the edge of the table, when it was suddenly smacked with a spatula by his wife. "[Stay out of those](#)", she said, "[they're for the funeral](#)."

### ***Under the Knife***

**A** middle aged woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. While on the operating table she had a near death experience. Seeing God, she asked "Is my time up?"

God said, "No, you have another 43 years, 2 months and 8 days to live."

Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a facelift, liposuction and a tummy tuck. She even had someone come in and change her hair color. Since she had so much more time to live, she figured she might as well make the most of it.

After her last operation, she was released from the hospital. While crossing the street on her way home, she was killed by an ambulance.

Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I though you said I had another 40 years?"

God replied, "I didn't recognize you."

### **Newsorthy**

What a great article Ron Orozco wrote about the CGCCC on "[Golf's 10 Commandments](#)" in the Fresno Bee.

Hopefully we'll get some interest from readers interested in joining the awesome group we have within the club. Pray that we receive some fruit from the article!!

### **CHURCH SIGNS**

*"If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd."*

*"Have trouble sleeping? We have sermons—Come hear one."*

*"Where will you be sitting in eternity? Smoking or non smoking?"*

*"If you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns."*

*"Come in and pray today. Beat the Christmas rush!"*

*"It is unlikely there'll be a reduction in the wages of sin."*

## CGCCC Bible Study??

I've spent some time with Wally Armstrong, who by the way still holds the rookie scoring record at the Masters. What I have found is that Mr. Armstrong has an incredible passion for the lost, and to see men grow in their faith. Those who attended our banquet last year saw first hand how committed and passionate he really is.

He has sent me the finished book titled "The Mulligan." Written by Ken Blanchard and himself. This is an awesome story of a man, partnered with Davis Love III in a pro-am and whose life is changed drastically as a result.

Ken and Wally have developed a 6 week golf based bible study based on this book. After reviewing it, I came away totally impressed. This study ideally is to be set up in groups of four or foursomes (how ironic!). There is a lot more exciting things associated along with this book which I won't go into detail about now, but *if any of you would love to grow in Christ, using a golf based study, please contact K.C. Dickie @ (559) 905-9090.*

Here's a little excerpt from the "The Mulligan."

*Wouldn't it be great to do some things over in life—to get a second chance? In golf, that is called a mulligan, and in the grip of golf pro Wally Armstrong and Ken Blanchard, it becomes a life—changing principle.*

*"The Mulligan" is the story of Paul McCallister, a man whose business success overshadows a life of poor choices. Estranged from his son, Paul is too busy achieving to take stock. That is, until a blowout on the ninth green of a Pro-Am. "What you just did may have as much to say about your life as your game," he's told. And that is when he meets the Old Pro.*

*The Old Pro helps Paul revisit his skewed priorities. "Before I help anybody with their golf fame," say the Old Pro. "I make sure they know that their golf game is not their score, and their life is not their performance." In the process, Paul finds a new confidence. He learns to set his own par, and to prepare for the game, large and small. The Old Pro lets Paul in on the secret of the Ultimate Mulligan, and challenges him—and us—to walk the Course Less Played.*

*Wouldn't it be great to be able to take a mulligan in life? That's the message of The Mulligan: redoing the shots we've flubbed, and playing a good game—in golf and in life.*

## **WISDOM**

I have been attached to many things. In each case I needed grace to be freed. God wants us to be free, so there'll be open, unhindered space for God's presence in our lives. Freedom always begins with grace. ***"God, give us grace to be free from what we hold tightly to. Create a sacred space once again for you."*** Amen.

## July Tip of the Month

**E**very golfer thinks about it at one time or another: How far apart should my feet be when I swing? It is a fundamental that has created more than its share of confusion, for a couple of reasons. First, most golf instruction says the feet should be shoulder-width apart, but there is a disagreement as to what constitutes shoulder-width. Is it measured at the insteps, the middle of the feet, or the outside edges? I believe the heels should be shoulder length but that can change from person to person. We are all built differently so the width of our stance can vary. Secondly, it is very difficult to tell when looking down at your own stance how far apart your feet are in relation to your shoulders, which you can't even see. Here's my fail-safe to tell if your feet are the proper width apart at address: Make a rehearsal swing and hold your finish. Your kneecaps and the insides of your thighs should be lightly touching. If there's a space between your thighs, your stance is too wide. If your right knee is moving ahead of your left knee toward the target, your stance is too narrow. Adjust your stance width accordingly until your knees and thighs are barely touching when you finish the swing. Then the width of your stance is perfect for your physique.

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## SECOND HALF

**T**he second half of the CGCCC season begins on July 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> as the club seeks out the cool and calm of the central coast. Our club championship is now the archives, and the pressure is off, so we can attack with a vengeance, two very good golf courses that can change our year with the CGCCC from marginal to magnificent.

### Rancho Maria C.C.

With a course rating of 69.7 and a slope rating of 119 from the white tees, Rancho Maria will test us I'm sure.

*Hole #10 is Rancho Maria's Signature Hole. Although a short dogleg left, trouble lurks on three sides...fronting the tee, players must carry a lake and a waterfall...On the left a barranca runs the entire length of the hole...Club selection is important...A very good hole.*

### Monarch Dunes

With a course rating and slope from the golds at 70.7 and 135 respectively, and since I've played Monarch Dunes, I can guarantee this course will test us.

*"The #13 423-yard par 4 personifies the links-style feel of the entire course. The tee shot plays down hill to a wide landing area into the prevailing left to right wind. The semi blind approach shot plays to a green that is fronted by a large dune that ends 40 yards from the green – it is a challenging mid to long iron depending on the strength of the wind."*

**W**e hope all of you have made your plans to join us for the July tournament. With the heat being what it is in the valley, there isn't a better place to go than the central coast!! **SEE YA THERE!!**