



2002 Starts off with a Brisk Round of Golf and a Slab of Bacon!

A cold January day greeted 54 golfers at our first CGCCC tournament of the 2002 season at Riverside Golf Course. I chose to walk the course, thinking that this would keep my blood pumping and my body warm during the round. It worked to keep me warm, but I was done tuckered out by the end of the round. Must be my winter work-out program that failed me. You'd think that pulling up on my recliner lever several times an evening would keep me in tip-top condition—but it didn't. A fine breakfast "mmm those potatoes", was provided by the golf course and an inspiring message was given by Steve Johansen who is the co-pastor of Sunnyside Community Church. Players got to choose their own partner for a 2-man best ball competition, and there was some pretty good scoring under difficult playing conditions

"Up Coming **Tournament News** from the Handicap Chariman" NCGA Qualifiers by Curt Hamett

This is just a reminder that we have all of our NCGA qualifiers coming up. March 9, 2002 is the 4-person qualifier. It will be played at Lemoore G. C. Please feel free to put your own team together. Coming up on April 20, 2002 at Madera Muni is the 2-person qualifier, where you will again pick your partner. Finally, our last one of the year will be an individual qualifier to be held at Pheasant Run in Chowchilla on May 18, 2002.

Please note that the NCGA requires all participants of an NCGA qualifier to have an established index. New members must have at least 5 scores posted to receive an index. The cutoff date for posting scores for March is Feb. 23. Post your scores at the course you played and if you have any problems just ask the pro-shop clerk for help.

However, if you can't get 5 scores posted in time, come on out and play in March anyway. Hopefully you will have 5 scores for the April tournament and have your index established. June 29 will be our "CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER". To be eligible for the championship portion of this tournament, you must have played in at least 2 prior CGCCC events. We look forward to seeing everyone at Sherwood in June for our club championship qualifier.

What's up with Nathan Croot, son of members Graham & Jenni!
by Brad Fry, Co-Newsletter Editor

One of the nicest things about our club is being able to fellowship and get to know neat Christian people during the rounds of golf at our tournaments. I had that pleasure last year when I played with Graham Croot and his son, Nathan. It was obvious to me during the round that Nathan, who was a Freshman at Fresno State at the time, is a smart, witty, respectful young man, with a



300 yard drive to boot. I asked Graham and wife Jenni about Nathan at our Riverside tourney and they said he's doing something that sounded interesting. Jenni agreed to tell about Nathan's exploits: "Nathan Croot, 19 years old, has almost finished his Sophomore year in the Business School at Fresno State University. He has done very well with a 3.9 grade point average. This stood him in good stead for the semester he has chosen to take off to attend the Leadership training course run at The Focus on the Family Institute in Colorado Springs. To Attend a student must have 45 college credits, write three essays & have three references plus all the usual applications. Eighty-eight students are selected for the course of 15 weeks study and a practicum usually in their area of study. Nathan is excited about his internship in the Finance department of Focus on the Family.

The Subjects covered include Christian Worldview Studies, Family, Church & Society Studies, Family Life Studies, Marriage & Leadership Studies and the Practicum. He has been very excited about all of the subjects even though there is a lot of reading. They are involved in the radio ministry of Focus on the Family.

After 2 weeks Nathan says " It is the best choice I have ever made in my life and I am coming home to tell all my friends to make the effort to take the semester out to experience this course and what God can teach in such a positive environment."

Of course the social life is wonderful! Sixty-six girls and twenty-two guys and a full social calendar of Retreats, ski weekends and the mountains of Colorado-- why wouldn't life be great? They live in brand new apartments - 4 people in each, Focus on the Family staff invite them in for dinner during the week and they have Koinonia groups during the week too.

He will return to Fresno in May - we think?! We will see what God has for him in the future. Not too much golf is played at this time of the year in Colorado so that may bring him home."

Thanks, Jenni, for the update, we'll be praying for his safe return. PS One of those "girls" also attending the Focus on the Family Institute is Sunny Henderson, a Biola Graduate and daughter of, member, Phil and Sandy Henderson.

Get Involved in the CGCCC!

The Board of the CGCCC would like to extend a open invitation for any member who has writing talents to join our Newsletter Staff. This is the most important communication method to our membership. Join us and put your talents to work! If you can give just a little time call Dave Angel @ 224-4600.

"CGCCC.COM"

by David Angel

The internet and the CGCCC are connected. Everything you want to know about the club is on our web site. What we're about, our Mission Statement, Newsletters, Tournament Schedule,



Tournament Results, Tournament Sign-ups, Board Members email addresses, Links to other golf web sites, and much more. Check it out the next time your on the web and save our site to "Favorites". That way you'll never have to type the site address again. You'll easily be able to look it up every time you're on the web to check out the latest CGCCC news! The next time you're talking to a friend about golf and you bring up the CGCCC, just point him to the web site for all the info! We even have a membership form for printing and sending to the club for new members. If you have other Christian or Golf web sites you'd like to see on our "Links" page, just email them to me and I'll check them out and put them on! Next time you're on the Web just surf over to cgccc.com!!!

Notes from the Tournament Chairman - Vote your Choice! by Ray Tarvin

In an effort to get more members involved in deciding where we schedule tournaments, please notice on the sign up sheets a place to vote for your favorite courses. Please take the time to vote for three different courses (local or out of town) each month. Do not vote for the same course twice.

Even if you do not plan to participate that month please send in your choices. By August we should have a good idea where we will be playing next year.

"Prayer Power"

We all have things we'd like others to pray with us about! What is your prayer need? We'd like to Pray with you. Just jot a note on your tournament sign up form or email a board member. Private or Public, God Answers Prayer!!!

Membership Corner "Lets Double in 2002"

By Barron Gage, Membership Chairman

It sure was a pleasure introducing all those new members at our January Tournament. We have 14 new members so far this year and 12 of you were there for our first tourney of the year. What a great start! The new members are:

Roger Adams

Wesley E. Barry III

Mike Davis

Bob Davis

Jon Eriksen

Bob Gray

Greg Knod

Tom Loomis

Chas. McClung

Frank Monis



David Park
Andy Patterson
Laura Studt
Roger Tarpin

Please make these guys and girls feel welcome when you get to meet them. For the new members that I didn't get to meet in January, remember to see me at your next tournament so I can give you our "official" club towel!

Want to be dressed for Golf!

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"Benevolence"

A special thanks goes out to all those who began the 2002 by making a donation to the CGCCC Benevolence Fund. Throughout the year we will be taking a love offering every month to support a needy member.

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