

Christian Golf Club

Of Central California

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It's the beginning of a new year and the Christian Golf Club is off to another great start. Membership is growing with most members renewing and a large number of new members joining our golfing lay ministry. It is very encouraging to the leadership that you are bringing your friends into our club. We pray that this will be a ministry that is blessed by the Lord and an encouragement to all who choose to join. We'd like to encourage you to bring a guest to as many tournaments as possible to continue spreading the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

At our January Tournament, "The Jim Claypool Memorial", we honored the life of Jim Claypool a longtime member of CGCCC who passed away last summer. Brad Fry read several passages from those who spoke at his going home celebration. Those who knew Jim were truly blessed by his lifetime of Christ like examples, family and friends alike. The CGCCC will truly miss his enthusiasm and smile. A special thanks to his good friend Vernon Gonsalves for his help in helping our club remember Jim in this special way!

We are going to be trying a secondary distribution method for our Monthly Newsletters. For those of you who have indicated, we will be emailing this newsletter to you in Acrobat Reader (.pdf) format. The view program for this format is free at www.adobe.com. If you'd like to be added to this email list, please contact Barron Gage, our membership chairman, via his email address on the CGCCC web site under Club Contacts. We would be happy to add you to our emailing list for our next mailing.

The web site is up to date with all the information you need to have about the club and more. Member Index's, Tee Times of Tournaments, Tournament Sign Up Forms, Membership Forms (2), Links to Courses and other Golf Sites, etc. Check it out and refer to it often for the latest CGCCC Information.

As announced by me at the Riverside Breakfast, the CGCCC donated, from Member/Guest Tournament donations and a review of the CGCCC financial status, a year end \$1500. With \$750 to the Hinds Hospice Center and \$750 to Valley Teen Ranch. Both letters are currently available for viewing on the CGCCC web site. We also maintain a Benevolence Fund for very special and immediate needs of our members!

Remember to invite a guest to the next tournament you attend. It's your way of ministering to those you know through the game of golf! See you on the Links!

David Angel, Pres.

We are truly blessed to be able to meet regularly with Christian brothers and sisters and play the game of golf we love and to fellowship with one another at the same time. God has truly blessed our club over the years as we now have well over 100 members. It started with a group of four Christian men in 1989 who loved golf and wanted to form a club for Christians to be able to play regularly and share the love of Jesus with one another. Many people have been blessed through the relationships that have been formed within this club.

Our first tournament of the 2003 year began at Riverside Golf Course on January 25. This tournament was named the Jim Claypool Memorial Tournament. We were privileged to have Pat Callahan, worship pastor for New Covenant Community Church, share with us at the morning breakfast prior to the tourney. Pat spoke about the parallels of the Christian life and the game of golf. How we need to stay in the fairway and out of trouble to avoid the pitfalls of life that can ensnare us. We need to be fundamental in our Christian walks just as in our golf swings. That means we need to be in the Word constantly and in prayer continuously in order to persevere in our Christian walks.

It was a cool and damp day at **Riverside** and many players were getting the layer of rust off their games after the winter lay-off. Congratulations to the winners who include:

Brad Fry

Low Team Net:	1 st -	Randy and Steve Major	net 62
	2 nd -	Alwyn Stanford and Ron Hickok	net 63
	3 rd -	Laura Studt and Dennis Bailey	net 63

Low Individual Gross:	1 st -	Todd Angel (showing no rust at all)	77
	2 nd -	Bill Horg (another rustless performance)	79

RULES OF GOLF

(Question) A player hits his ball into an area where it may be lost outside a water hazard or out of bounds. The player then drops another ball and plays it. The player intends the dropped ball to be a provisional ball, but he does not inform his opponent, marker or fellow-competitor that he is “playing a provisional ball”. In such a situation, can a player’s actions constitute announcement that he is playing a provisional ball?

(Answer) No! Rule 27-2a specifically provides that the player must inform his opponent, marker or competitor that he intends to play a provisional ball. The player’s statement must specifically mention the words “provisional ball” or must make it clear that he is proceeding under Rule 27a. Therefore, a player who says nothing has put another ball into play. The following examples of statements that do not satisfy the requirement of announcing a provisional ball:

- (A) “That might be lost. I am going to re-load.”
- (B) “That might be out of here.”
- (C) “I’d better hit another one.”
- (D) “I will never find that one. I’ll play another.”

Ray Tarvin

Each and every time I get to play in a CGCCC tournament I realize what a privilege and blessing it has been to have played a part in the formation of the club many years ago. It is always so cool to get to tourney site and see the many friends I've been so fortunate to have made. Guys I never would have met otherwise.

That being said, Our tournament at Black Lake G.C., as usual, was great fun and as always a great test of our skills and um..patience. Anytime you have to play nine holes of alternate shot golf, Christian or not, typically you're ready to strangle your partner at the end.

This year was certainly no different. As we passed other groups on adjacent fairways, the theme was all to familiar. A couple of scenarios that I'd like to share: *"Great shot you schmuck! see if I invite ya next year!!"* *"If I had known you were this bad, I would have invited my 90 year old grandma!!"* *"Ya think you could have left me a little tougher shot you moron. Maybe down a gopher hole?"*

Normally I would have been totally shocked and appalled, but *MY NOODLE NECKED, CHICKEN LEGGED, DUFUS PARTNER WAS SO BAD, THE CREEP DIDN'T MAKE A PUTT AND MISSED SHOTS MY BLIND, ONE LEGGED YORKIE (LUCKY) COULD HAVE HIT BLINDFOLDED!!!! IT'S THE LAST BLASTED TIME I EVER TALK TO THE TWIT!!!!* Ah, to be a Christian!

All kidding aside, it was a great day. Weather was great, fellowship was great, course was great and the formats (best ball, scramble and ugh!!alternate shot) were great. You know; even if you wanted to kill your partner, this is still the greatest game there is.

K.C.

BLACKLAKES

	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
CANYON	Ray Garcia (net 29) Greg Knodd	Roger Tarpin (net 30) Doug Nelson	Ron Kanzler (net 31) Bob Strunk
LAKES	Bill Horg (net 24) Becky Horg	Ray Tarvin (net 28) Mike Merigian	Andy Batson (net 30) Alwyn Stanford
OAKS	Joe Monis (net 30) Tony Monis	Ray Goins (net 31) Ron Pack	K C Dickie (net 34) Jeff Ragan

Canyon Most accurate drive: Mel Spurgeon

Lakes Closest to the pin: Jamie Brisco

Oaks Closest to the pin: Ralph Hawkins

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

What a great start we've had this year! Not only have we received a strong response from renewing members but we also have a lot of new members signing up. And it has been from referrals from our current membership. Keep up the good work everyone! We've had 24 new people join so far this year including:

Al Abdulla ~ Brian Allen ~ Dennise Bailey ~ Andy Batson ~ Darrell Banks ~ Stan Day
Bob Fike ~ David Gagliardi ~ Ray Garcia ~ Christian Gonzales ~ Becky Horg
David Janca ~ Ken & Carol Johnson ~ Jeff Kollenkark ~ Randy Major ~ Jim Moore
Ryan Nelson ~ Bill North ~ Steve Rea ~ Rick, Jeannei & Kevin Trippel ~ Doug Walker

Let's all take the time to meet, greet and introduce ourselves to these fine people at your next tournament. A reminder also that you can tell your friends that the CGCCC website now has a complete brochure on it that can be used to sign-up for our club. I look forward to seeing you all at Valley Oaks in March.

TIME TO QUALIFY

Yes, it is time to qualify for the 2003 NCGA tournament qualifiers. This years qualifiers will again be held in concession.

The first is the (BEST TWO BALLS OF FOUR). Pick your own foursome and bring your "A" game to Valley Oaks on March 15.

In April the (TWO-PERSON BEST BALL) will be at Madera Muni, so pick your partner wisely and we will see you at Madera Muni on April 26.

May brings the big one, or actually two. Pheasant Run will host not only the (INDIVIDUAL NET AMATURE) but will also be host to the (SENIOR TWO-PERSON BESTBALL).

The rules have changed this year for the (NET AMATURE). Only one person from the club can qualify for this tournament. Handicaps will be used by all contestants. The person representing the CGCCC in the next round will then be flighted according to their current index. In the (SENIOR TWO-PERSON BESTBALL) per NCGA rules all contestants must be 55 or older by September 22, 2003. So seniors pick your partner and good luck! Just remember we are there to fellowship and have fun. Even though these are qualifiers don't get nervous or stressed out. **JUST HAVE FUN!**

FROM THE HANDICAP CHAIRMAN

It has been brought to my attention that some of the new members have not yet received their NCGA card. Fear not they will be coming. This time of year they get a little behind. However you are on the master list so you can post scores. For you new members that have never had an NCGA index. You must post 6 scores to be issued a temporary index. After 20 scores have been entered you will have a true handicap index. Next we have had some guests without NCGA indexes. If your guest does not have an index, send at least 5 scores and the courses that they were played on. Then we can figure their handicap before the tournament and things can go much smoother the day of the tournament.