



January 2006 Newsletter for the Christian Golf Club of Central California

Another year has come and gone in a flash and 2006 is off and running. But before we get too far into the new year, we just want to take a moment and remember some of last year's highlights of the Christian Golf Club of Central California.

We first need to acknowledge the 2005 club champions.

Our 2005 Club Champions are:

Low Gross Championship Flight – Alwyn Stanford

President's Net Championship Flight – Rich Rathbone

Director's Net Championship Flight – Don Witt

Secretary's Net Championship flight – Jim Moore

These men will carry their respective CGCCC Perpetual Plaques with their names on it throughout the year and everyone will be looking to knock them off their thrones in '06. In fact, word has it that Jim Moore has become so attached to his Plaque that he takes it into the bathroom with him.

Over the years, our club has had many players that have gone over to the Monterey Peninsula to represent our club in NCGA Associate Club Championships. Whether it was a four-person or two-person team or an individual, no one from our club has ever won the Championship, until this year.

This past summer, long time CGCCC member, Bill Horg, went to Poppy Hills and won the Associate Club Net Amateur Championship. He didn't just win it, though, he crushed the competition. With a blistering opening round net 64, his closest competitor was 12 shots back after the second and final round. Congrats, Bill. More on Bill's conquest, in his words later in this letter.

From Tournament Chairman-Mike Gerosa:

Important NCGA Qualifier dates to remember in 2006:

March 4 @ Tulare Golf Course: 2 man one best ball NCGA qualifier both Sr. & Jr. (55+ by 9/18/06); one team from Sr. and Jr. flight.

April 15 @ Fig Garden: 4 man 2 best ball NCGA qualifier; one team.

May 13 @ Pheasant Run: 2 flights based on hndcp. net amateur; one person from each flight. *Plus match play qualifier for CGCCC Club Championship; top eight from 3 flights go to match play based on seeding. Matches played at mutually agreed sites by both players. Finals at Dairy Creek on July 8. You need not play at Avila on 7/7 to qualify for the finals. Semi finals can be played at Avila on 7/7/06. Both Avila & Dairy Creek will be flighted individual stroke play.

Sept. 8 & 9 @ Chalk Mountain & Hunter Ranch: will be 2 man one best ball both days, and separate tournaments. Players can (and should try to) play in both, but attendance at both is not required.

“HAWAIIAN CRUISE”

The CGCCC has lined up another exciting cruise for its members in 2006. This year we'll be going to Islands of Hawaii.

Leaving Fresno on Monday, December 4th flying into Honolulu and boarding the luxurious “*Pride of Hawaii*”, this ship will cruise the following islands over a seven day period:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Port</u>	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Depart</u>
Mon	Honolulu, O’ahu		8:00 pm
Tues	Hilo, Hawaii	8:00 am	7:00 pm
Wed	Kahului, Maui	8:00 am	Overnight
Thur	Kahului, Maui		6:00 pm
Fri	Kona, Hawaii	7:00 am	6:00 pm
Sat	Nawiliwili, Kaua’i	10:00 am	Overnight
Sun	Nawiliwili, Kaua’I		6:00 pm
Mon	Honolulu, O’ahu	7:00 am	

The cost is \$1446 (including flight) for an inside room and \$1595 for an outside room. For a limited period they have been offering an outside room for the inside room rate but you need to contact Lynn at Lewis Travel for updates @ 431-1800. You can also contact K.C. @ 905-9090. *We will of course try to arrange for affordable golf!!* **ALOHA**

Answers- 1) 12 2) Joshua & Caleb 3) Father I have sinned 4) Elijah 5) Titus 6) Faith 7) Changing water into wine

Bible IQ

1. How many spies were chosen to explore the land of Canaan?
2. Who were the 2 spies that gave a favorable report of Canaan?
3. What were the Prodigal’s first words to his father upon his return?
4. What prophet was taken alive to heaven in a whirlwind?
5. What young minister did Paul assign to work on the island of Crete?
6. Which Christian virtue does John say is the victory that overcomes the world?
7. Jesus first recorded miracle was at Cana of Galilee. What was it?

** Answers above

Club Updates

Reason 2nd low net did not receive 2nd low net prize is because he already is getting a larger prize- 1st team. CGCCC has a long standing policy of one prize per player. When a player qualifies for two prizes they receive the larger prize, and the player who was next in line in the lesser prize category receives the lesser prize.

Just an F.Y.I- Rick Cowin who won closest to the hole (9’-9”) on hole #5, accomplished this while playing in his first CGCCC tournament. Last year it was Matt Halsey who took home the free hotel package on his inaugural event.

Insights for Life

The big picture in life involves our relationship with God. That relationship is made possible because Jesus paid the price for our sins on the cross. When we believe in Jesus, receive Him as our Savior and trust Him with our life we see how much God loves us. Then, we are able to fulfill our purpose of serving God.

If we want to increase our faith we must build upon our relationship with Jesus. The following disciplines help us grow in our relationship with Him.

Pray...ask whatever you will...

Communicate with God on a regular basis. Just as the golf grip is your only connection to the club, so prayer is your only connection to God. Prayer is talking to God and listening for His gentle nudge or direction for your life. It is a pipeline between you and God made possible by Christ's payment for your sins. Keep it open, so your relationship continues to grow.

Read the Word...and my words abide in you...

The golfer plants his feet firm on solid ground to form a base for a smooth, powerful golf swing. The solid base for your life is standing firm on the Word of God. The Bible is the basis for following through and keeping Christ as the center of your life. It is the source of light from God. Reading and applying it to your life will help you to not be swayed in Christian walk.

Abide in Christ...abide in Me...

Abide means to have a close relationship; to follow, observe, and comply with. Abiding in Christ is seeking to follow His direction and guidelines as laid out in the Bible. Abiding is like keeping Jesus as the center post around which the rest of life revolves. Prayer and reading the Word will help guide you in knowing how to abide in Christ. But in addition to knowing how to live your life is the commitment to follow that guidance. Thus, abiding includes seeking to grow in character and to avoid sin so it does not entrap and slow us down in our walk with Christ.

Wally Armstrong

Blessed Giving

Do you have faith in God that if we are obedient and generous in our giving, that He will provide for us beyond what we can imagine? In Malachi 3:8-12 Jesus asks the following. "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me." "But you ask, "How do we rob you?" "In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. *Test me in this*, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit, says the Lord Almighty. Then the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land. Says the Lord Almighty. Hmm! WE CAN TRUST GOD

Riverside Tourney

Well, the new year for the CGCCC is off to a great start, with a membership higher than ever before for this time of the year. The Lord continues to bless our club.

Right out of the chute, with 54 anxious players, like thoroughbreds ready at the gate, all prancing in their new seasons golf threads, ready to take on the grand ol' lady, Riverside G.C. My guess is that each player slept very little the night before, as 3 under par danced in their dreams. Of course Bill Horg, fresh off of his stunning victory in the NCGA affiliate club finals at Poppy Hills probably envisioned himself pummeling the likes of Tiger, V.J and Di Marco. I hope his hat fits on his head this year!

Prior to tee off, which was somewhat hampered by a frost delay coupled with a Riverside men's club tourney delay, makes for an awesome 5 ½ round, we were treated to a great buffet breakfast with all the works. Additionally, after some club business was taken care of, Ryan Higon, former 2 time NAIA all American at Masters College and current high school pastor at New Covenant Community Church, I had to mention that, blessed us with an inspiring message based on the anachronism G.R.I.P.

After finishing off, and I mean *finishing off* their breakfasts, the group of Todd Angel, Brad Fry and Mike Fry were seen emulating the elephant seals north of Morro Bay, lying on their bellies near the trap behind the 18th green, flipping sand on themselves. Disgusting!!

After our lengthy delay, I've had shorter waits at Kaisers emergency room, the club was off and running as the elephant seal boys got us on our way. The rest must have done them good as all three rifled their tee shots. In Todd's case it was more like a howitzer!

Much to my chagrin, our group followed Todd's group and all I heard all day was "*that can't be his tee shot!*" "*that can't be his tee shot!*" Of course we were playing with Todd's proud papa and following these comments of disbelief, he would stand there with hands on hips, staring off down the fairway as if he were scanning his cattle on a thousand hills, and simply respond, *YEP!!* Well, in all cases they WERE his tee shots, and as a result our group will forever battle inferiority complexes. I hate that kid!

Obviously, many fared better than our group did, as the following results would show:

Low gross- Todd Angel 72 now here's a real surprise, when you're hitting drive wedge into every hole.

Low net- Brad Horner 65

2nd low net- Victor Araujo 70

1st team- K. Heath Johnson, Donald Wright, Frank Cozzi 111 & Gary Wright

2nd team- Ron Nitz, Dennis Hammond, Miles Baty & Leonard Garcia

3rd team- Doug Warring, Jeff Gileo, Greg Knod & Doug Hoskins

4th team- Todd Angel, Brad Fry & Mike Fry

Rick Cowin is the vacation package winner for his 9' 9" shot on #5