

# CHRISTIAN GOLF CLUB

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**O**n a cool overcast day in Tulare, our club, the CGCCC (*Cool* Golf Club of Central California) converged on Tulare Municipal Golf Course all salivating for the chance to bring home the hardware.

Fifteen teams challenged Tulare G.C., which is one of the tougher layouts in the valley because of the small, raised greens that call for accurate, laser sharp approach shots. Although I wasn't at the tournament, my recollection is clearly that you're hitting into 18 lima beans, and just as distasteful!

Based on the scores I have been given, there was a lot of throwing up going on out there. Not only the previous nights dinner and breakfast that morning, but milk duds from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade as well! I don't know if the course was set up under U.S. Open conditions, or if it was a case of the pre spring blues, but either way these scores are absolutely UNACCEPTABLE!!! ***THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN!!***

Because of the severity of this issue, the club is bringing in a select group of PGA and European PGA stars to give us a sense of how the pro's finish off tournaments. The PGA players and their area of expertise will be as follows: **Greg Owen**, "*putting to win??*" **Jean Van De Velde**, "*course management.*" **Greg "the shark" Norman**, "*overcoming doubt.*" **Stephen (9&8) Ames**, "*mastering match play*" and finally, **Bubba Watson**, "*choking down for more control.*" We hope you'll find this quite helpful!

There were, thankfully, apparently a couple of bright spots in this pool of muck. The team of **Gary Marsh** and **Doug Warring**, working with the precision of doctors in heart surgery, persevered with an awesome team winning net 64. Finishing in second place one stroke back was the dynamic duo of **Don Witt** and **Royal Cash**, who fittingly pocketed a tidy sum of the ol' cashola with a net 65. Just to make me proud, the New Cov team of **Brad Horner** and **Steve Rea** took the final money spot, finishing third at net 66.

In the battle for the individual title, **Gary (once again) Marsh** fired a stellar 82 to take top honors, followed by **Mark (mr. consistent) Saltzman**, and last but not least, **Mike (mr. G.E.) Gerosa** shot his all time best score of 87 (just kidding!) to take third.

Finally, individual net honors went to **Royal (bags O') Cash** with a net 72, followed closely by **Gary (ho-hum) Marsh** with a net 73, and lastly **Bob (do you ever finish out of the money) Albertson** with a net 74. See you all next month!! KC

## God is my CEO

**J**ust wanted to share on an issue that a lot of us struggle with. It's how to become successful in today's business world without sacrificing God's principles. "*God is my CEO*" by Larry Julian is a book I'd highly recommend that will give you valuable insight from highly successful business leaders who have managed to create impressive bottom-line results while upholding God's principles.

The following dilemma illustrates the disturbing choice we have to make quite often in business: Either we embrace bottom-line success and turn from God, or we accept and live by God's principles and suffer whatever negative business consequences come our way.

### **Business Principles versus God's Principles**

#### Unwritten Business Rules

- \* Achieve results
- \* What can I get?
- \* Success = dollars
- \* Work to please people
- \* Fear of the unknown
- \* Leadership is being first
- \* Take charge; surrender means defeat
- \* The end justifies the means.  
Get to the outcome regardless of how you accomplish it.
- \* Short-term gain
- \* Slave to the urgent
- \* You can never produce enough

#### God's Principles

- \* Serve a purpose
- \* How can I give?
- \* Significance = people
- \* Work to please God
- \* Living with hope
- \* Leadership is being last
- \* Let go; surrender means victory
- \* The means justify the end.  
Do the right thing regardless of the outcome.
- \* Long-term legacy
- \* Freedom of choice
- \* Unconditional love

The author asks the question, "Can I do what's right and be successful in a competitive, bottom-line world?" and "Can I be both ethical and profitable?"

If you trust in God's principles, have the courage to live them, and have the patience to wait on His timing, then he believe the answer to these questions is "Yes." Biblical principles and bottom-line success are not opposites. Yes, *you can* do what's right and be successful. Yes, *you can* be both ethical and profitable. And yes, *you can* honor God, serve others, and fulfill your professional obligations.

God did not call us to be victims of circumstance. He calls us to grow closer to Him by courageously working through our dilemmas. He wants us to prosper, to be valuable leaders, and to serve as models to help others. GREAT STUFF!!

## Blacklake Tourney recap-Feb. 18.

**R**ain or shine, Blacklake Golf Course is a real treat to play. Well, we had a bit of both at our annual CGCCC tourney at Blacklake in Nipomo this year. And as the day wore on, it did get a bit nippy also. But not too cold to keep 50 Christian Golf Clubbers from finishing 27 holes of golf at our annual central coast tournament stop.

As we have done in the past at Blacklake, we played in two-person teams and played three different games on the three different nines. We played a Best Ball format on the Canyon course, Scramble on the Oaks course and on the Lakes course we played a Chapman Scotch format.

God always seem to bless us when we go over to the central coast for this tournament. It's a great time to spend the weekend with family or friends and enjoy God's creation. It also seems like the time to "get the rust off our games". And during the 27 holes the rust was flyin', and my back was achin' the next day.

### Results from Blacklake:

#### Best Ball

1 <sup>st</sup> – Doug Ollenberger & Daryle Johnson	30
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Brad Fry & Tony Monis	32
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Doug Nelson & Roger Tarpin	32
4 <sup>th</sup> – Curt Hamett & Steve Hamett	33

#### Scramble

1 <sup>st</sup> – Mike Fry & Gary Fry	28.7
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Jeff Klein & Dennis Hammond	30.5
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Vic Araujo & Ray Goins	32.4
4 <sup>th</sup> – Alwyn Stanford & Andy Batson	32.5

#### Chapman Scotch

1 <sup>st</sup> – Ron & Christian Gonzales	32.4
2 <sup>nd</sup> - Orlando Gonzales & Jerry Dyer	37
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Mark Saltzman & Miles Baty	37
4 <sup>th</sup> – Bill Horg & Laura Studt	37.2

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### The Five Fundamentals Of Impact

1. The *path* of the club through impact.
2. The *speed* at which the club head is moving.
3. The *position of the clubface* at impact.
4. The *angle* at which the club head approaches the ball, and
5. The *point on the clubface* where contact occurs.

## Ten Tips to Better Driving by John Abendroth

If any of you listen to that popular radio golf show called Hooked on Golf, on Saturday mornings (KNBR 68 am) then you know exactly who John Abendroth is. John and Mitch Juracich combine for that hour long show that is very informative and fun-I highly recommend it. The following Ten Tips to Better Driving was written by John.

1. **Don't swing too hard:** Driving the ball to me is like dribbling in basketball: Move it down the court, and then try to score.
2. **Light grip pressure:** This is so key. It allows the natural rotation of the club and for better extension to the target.
3. **Proper swing path:** Extend away from the ball, fairly straight -- this will allow for and begin a good extension to the target.
4. **Proper ball position:** With the ball on the tee, be sure the ball is fairly forward in your stance. This is how you get the proper launch of the ball "on the up and outswing."
5. **Tee height:** Have ball teed up fairly high, so you can sweep the ball off the tee. If you pop up the ball, you are hitting down and not sweeping up on the ball.
6. **Have a target, even in practice:** Pick out spots on the range to have a target. Play your "back nine" at your golf course, and if there aren't many players around, hit extra tee shots on the hole that gives you trouble.
7. **When to lay-up?** If you know the hole, know when to lay up or not. If the hole does not work well, or you are hitting to a small target, lay up to increase your percentages.
8. **Pick which side of the tee to use:** On dogleg holes, or with hazards, it may be wise to use a side of the tee to allow the best angle for you to play from.
9. **Slice??** If you slice, you may want to hit a 3-wood. It is shorter and easier to handle because of the loft, and will give you less of a slice.
10. **Swing the longer club slower, to hit it farther:** Huh?? Well, your driver is longer, and will take longer to swing the arc. So, you need to swing slower, and "wait" for the club. There should even be a pause at the top of the swing to allow this to happen. Many golfers try to swing the driver harder and faster, and it creates problems. Swing slow, and allow the length of the club to create the distance.

To score well, you need to drive the ball well. The better players are better drivers -- follow these tips to get yourself in that class.

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### Hawaii Cruise

Just a reminder about our 2006, December cruise to Hawaii. There are still rooms available, but time is getting short for the discount rates. *Contact K.C. @ 905-9090.*

### Updated Website

If you haven't had the opportunity to go to the CGCCC website lately, please check it out. It's awesome!! Thank you Jerry Neff for your incredible work. It's a home run!