



February 2005 Newsletter

**I**n Genesis 6:17 God says, 'I am going to bring flood waters on the earth'. Well, they weren't exactly flood waters this time, but the rain and wind were with us at our most recent CGCCC tourney at Nipomo's Blacklake Golf Course on February 19. Umbrellas were out, and big, baggy rain gear was being displayed from many of our members. Question! Why is it, that golf rain gear is required to be worn 6 sizes too large? People wearing this attire remind me of a cross between the Michelin Man and the Sta-Puft Marshmallow Man. Take KC Dickie for example, he looked just like Mr. Sta Puft himself – oh, KC wasn't wearing golf rain gear? Never mind.

Actually the rain was intermittent and the course was very playable, which allowed for some very good scoring. Unfortunately, that scoring didn't come from anyone in my foursome. The people at Blacklake have always treated our club with courtesy and professionalism and we will definitely continue to have our annual 27 hole tourney there. Besides, where else can you get a *green* breakfast burrito before the round? Delicious.

As I mentioned, there was some very good scoring during the day in our three separate 9-hole mini-tourneys. Results from the three formats include:

On the **Lakes Course**, this was the Alternate shot format, winning teams include:

- 1<sup>st</sup>** - Victor Araujo and current club champ Daniel Cowherd - these guys blew away the field with a mind numbing 29 on the difficult "for most of us" alternate shot format.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Orlando Gonzales and Jerry Dyer - These guys were literally stumbling to a stellar second place finish at net 36.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Mike Gerosa and Dennis Hammond - Even with his tournament chair duties - Mike still was able to help his team pull out 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a net 36.

On the **Canyon Course**, this was the best ball format, winning teams included:

- 1<sup>st</sup>** - Ron and Christian Gonzales - A father-son team that relied heavily on this young 8<sup>th</sup> grader named Christian, and how he managed to carry his worn out old dad around the course to victory with a net 28.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Jeff Gileo and Greg Knod teamed up & came through with a strong net 30.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Bob Albertson and current club champ Mark Saltzman - These two steady ol' grinders came in third place with a solid net 30.

On the **Oaks Course**, this was the Shambles format, winning teams included:

- 1<sup>st</sup>** - KC Dickie and Laura Studt - With occasional help from her partner, Miss Studt willed her team to victory with solid play and a boat load of strokes to come in with a tremendous net 26. Actually if truth be told, KC did help with the umbrella from time to time, and did in fact play his best ball portion at 2 over. It appears that KC is peaking early this season-so watch out for this man.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Steve and Randy Major - You just knew these two brothers couldn't be held out of the winnings. When these two play together, it's like peanut butter and jelly, Oreos and milk, or pizza and carrots (you'll have to ask Daniel C. about that last one). Anyway, these guys came in with a net 27.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Doug Nelson and current club champion Roger Tarpin - The hardware mogul and his Selma sidekick from "across the pond" are always in contention when they team up. These two also shot a net 27.

Jeff Ragan used the pin point accuracy he's known for and came away with the closest to the pin prize at #5 on the Oaks. **BF**

## I did all of that?

**A**fter a particularly poor game of golf, a popular club member skipped the clubhouse and started to go home. As he was walking to the parking lot to get his car, a policeman stopped him and asked, “Did you tee off on the sixteenth hole about twenty minutes ago?”

“Yes,” the golfer responded. “Did you happen to hook your ball so that it went over the trees and off the course?”

“Yes, I did. How did you know?” he asked.

“Well,” said the policeman very seriously, “Your ball flew out onto the highway and crashed through a driver’s windshield. The car went out of control, crashing into five other cars and a fire truck. The fire truck couldn’t make it to the fire, and the building burned down. So, what are you going to do about it?”

The golfer thought it over carefully and responded...

“I think I’ll close my stance a little bit, tighten my grip and lower my right thumb.”

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### **The Power in Prayer**

“**I** believe that man prays because there is something in prayer. When the Creator gives His creature the power of thirst, it is because water exists to meet its thirst. When He creates hunger, there is food to correspond to the appetite. Even so, when He inclines men to pray, it is because prayer has a corresponding blessing connected with it.”

*Charles Spurgeon*

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### **Bible Trivia**    Answers page 4

- 1) *Which king failed to give glory to God and was struck dead by an angel and eaten by worms?*
- 2) *What enemy of Israel stole the sacred ark of the covenant and was cursed with many calamities for seven months?*
- 3) *Who went to sleep while Paul was preaching and fell from a window to his death, but was revived by the apostle?*

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Eighteen holes of match or medal play will teach you more about your foe than will 18 years of dealing with him across a desk!

*Grantland Rice ~*

Golf, like measles, should be caught young, for, if postponed to riper years, the results may be serious!

*P.G. Wodehouse ~*

## Rules Quiz

- 1) **Which is correct regarding lifting of a players ball?**
    - a) The player himself must lift the ball.
    - b) The players caddy may lift the ball without authorization from the player.
    - c) The players partner or someone authorized by the player may lift the ball.
  
  - 2) **Which is correct regarding a player taking relief under the unplayable ball rule?**
    - a) He may not drop a ball nearer the hole than where the original ball lies.
    - b) He must drop a ball in the bunker, if the ball lies on grass covered ground in a bunker.
    - c) If the ball lies in a tree, he may drop a ball within two club lengths of the spot on the ground directly under the place where the ball lies, not nearer the hole.
  
  - 3) **Which is correct regarding loose impediments?**
    - a) A half-eaten pear is not a loose impediment.
    - b) A solidly embedded is a loose impediment.
    - c) A dead snake is a loose impediment. A live snake is an outside agency.
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### **Membership Drive**

**J**ust a reminder that for every **3** new members you bring into the C.G.C.C.C. in 2005 you get a tournament round free. The exceptions to this benefit would be our Club Championship and Poppy Hills.

By reaching out to a Christian friend or certainly someone who, may not even as of yet know our Lord Jesus Christ, you just might be able to play a part in his or her life being impacted in a powerful way

Our suggestion would be to set up a table at your church (get approval first) between services. The club will provide all you would need; a banner, membership applications, membership rosters, copies of newsletters, etc. This is how we started the C.G.C.C.C. ***It works!***

***Make a difference for the C.G.C.C.C.***

### **VACATION GETAWAYS!!**

**H**ow bout' them awesome new "Holiday Passport" prize packages now being used by the C.G.C.C.C. Currently they are being offered as buy-ins for things such as closest to the pins, raffles, etc.

Each of these packages, which include ***all inclusive resorts! Free airfare! 2 for 1 cruises! Many other trips in and out of the country!***, are a \$1500.00 retail value Individual trips can be given to others for, an example, a honeymoon gift, Christmas gift, etc.

At upcoming events we'll have them available so you can get a little better feel for the outstanding program that this is.

If there is an interest in purchasing one at an affordable value, thru the club, contact K.C. Dickie @ 298-2565.

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***Useless piece of golf trivia-*** ***Ted Hoz***, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, has collected 69,384 golf balls since 1986. If the balls were set in a line side by side, they would extend almost 2 miles

***Most holes in one-*** ***Norman Manley***, of California, holds the record for most holes in one with 59. Manley shot his first hole in one in 1964 and aced four holes in 1979. That's not too bad considering the odds of hitting a hole in one are 1 in 40,000.

***Famous first holes in one-*** ***Tiger Woods*** was 6 years old when he hit his first hole in one. ***Michelle Wie*** has had six hole in ones in her short golfing career. Wie shot her first ace when she was 12.

***Longest carry of a golf ball-*** The greatest recorded carry of a golf ball is 458 yards by America's ***Jack Hamm*** at Highlands Ranch, Colorado, USA on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 1993.

Answers to bible trivia questions- 1) Herod 2) The Philistines 3) Eutyclus  
Answers to rules of golf quiz- 1) c 2) c 3) c

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## If I Were the Devil

**I** would gain control of the most powerful nation in the world; I would delude their minds into thinking they had come from man's effort, instead of God's blessing;

I would promote an attitude of loving things and using people, instead of the other way around; I would convince people that character is not an issue;

I would get control of the media, so that every night I could pollute the mind of every family member for my agenda; I would attack the family, the backbone of any nation;

I would make divorce acceptable and easy, even fashionable, because if the family crumbles so does the nation; I would compel people to express their most depraved fantasies on canvas and movie screens and call it art;

I would persuade people that the church is irrelevant and out of date, and the Bible is for the naïve; I would dull the minds of Christians and make them believe that prayer is not important, and that faithfulness and obedience are optional;

***I guess I would leave things pretty much the way they are.***

-Excerpted from *If I Were the Devil* by Paul Harvey

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***"He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."***  
-Jim Elliott

***"Aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown in. Aim at earth and you will get neither."***  
-C.S. Lewis