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From the desk of our new Tournament Chairman: Mike Gerosa

Fairly certain we all had a great time at beautiful Poppy Hills. Also know several people wondered why the greens keeper was mad at us. Even the pro shop said they haven't seen pin positions like we had on some holes. We got lucky and this venue will be on our Sept. schedule next year too. Keep in mind Poppy had over 60 club requests for Sept. '05 tournaments and they choose based on which club has not played for the longest time. This is the reason we had to settle for Labor Day weekend (9/3/05). If we don't sell out Poppy with paid entries by the end of May we will need to open the tournament up to guests. This year we had to do some last minute calling to fill three cancellations. If you don't signup early let us know if you want to play. Shortly we will be committed to pay for 40 players. The '05 Poppy event format will be one best ball of the twosome. Sign up as a twosome if you want to pick your partner. Individual signups will be assigned a partner with a different handicap where possible.

We'll have several blind draw tournaments next year. I feel it is the best way to get to know other club members. The computer will pick partners at random one player from the low handicaps & one from the higher handicaps. If we have large enough (60 players) signup for a blind draw event we can have two tournaments. Computer pairs A & B players in one flight, and C & D players in another flight.

The club is in good shape financially. We all need to be very grateful to tournament chairman for the last several years - Ray Tarvin. Thanks to his stewardship of our club's income our balance sheet has never been better. Special thanks must also go to Ray's wife Vallorie who has been handling the club's accounting and scorecards. We discussed prize funds at our last board meeting. Our plan for '05 is to continue to limit the size of the winners share, but as you can see below 14 of 40 players got something. The club champions will continue to receive a very valuable prize, but we want to remember our mission statement (www.cgccc.com) is our primary objective. We don't want our club to be all about competition and prizes.

Special thanks also goes to Daniel Cowherd who ran up his phone bill setting up a great schedule for '05: 1/15 - Riverside, 2/19 - Blacklake, 3/26 - Fig Garden (OK to walk), 4/16 - Tulare (this one was hard to get), 5/15 - Hunter Ranch (at a great price!), 6/11 - Pheasant Run, 7/23 - Morro Bay & 7/24 - Dairy Creek, 8/20 - Riverpark, 10/? - River Island, 11/19 - Madera Muni (walk OK). 2005 calendar will follow with club membership signup.

Contact any board member if you are interested in becoming '06 tournament chairman or helping to set up tournaments.

Poppy Hills

I think that we can all agree that golf is a wonderful game, and being able to play this game at one of the top courses in the state, Poppy Hills, is a real treat. Last year, many of you, myself included, really missed having Poppy Hills on our CGCCC schedule. Rest assured it is on our schedule for next year, and we are going to do our best to keep Poppy an annual fixture on our season tournament schedule. Other than us having an unreasonable marshal that kept bugging us about keeping up, it was another special time at Poppy Hills Golf Course and the Carmel area.

Golf is a sport with a boat load of rules; in fact golf has the most rules of any other sport that I can think of. Sometimes keeping and knowing all those rules can seem a bit impossible. Well, sure enough, I did not know a rule and the dreaded DQ at Poppy Hills hit me where it hurts. I know you're dying to know what I did, so here it is. I hit my tee shot perfectly straight, which is good, right? Wrong! The 14th hole is a dogleg right. I could see from the tee that my ball went through the fairway and right into the bushes. So I declared and hit a provisional ball, because from the tee it looked as if the ball was probably lost. When I got to the bushes, I found my ball unplayable. So I picked it up and went over to my provisional ball and played it out with a two stroke penalty. My thought was that I could play the provisional. Not a very good thought. The rules of golf state that if a ball that appears to be lost, is found, then the player must use that ball, unplayable or not. What I should have done when I found my ball, was to pick up my provisional, then take one of two options at the site of the original ball with a penalty of one stroke:

- 1) Drop a ball within two club-lengths from the spot where the ball lay no nearer the hole or
- 2) take line of site away from the direction of the flag and drop. Rule 27 C states: 'If the original ball is neither lost or out of bounds, the player shall abandon the provisional ball and continue play with the original ball. If he fails to do so, any further strokes played with the provisional ball constitute playing the wrong ball.'

Next year we will incorporate a section into our newsletters where we will brush up on some of the more common misunderstood rules of the game and maybe we can avoid the dreaded DQ.

Poppy winners include:

1st place team: Ray Goins / John Gallagher

2nd place team: Orlando & Christian Gonzales

3rd place team: Daniel Cowherd / Bob Albertson

4th place team: Terry Goulet / Steve Major

5th place team: Ron Lee / Roger Campbell

Closest # 6: Andy Patterson

Closest # 15: Don Witt (Note: Ray Goins was only 3'-9" on this tough hole, but he already won a better prize. Don't forget to mark your distance if you're in the top few closest).

Low gross: Jeff Ragan

Low net: Mike Gerosa (Note: MG was actually 3rd low net, but Ray Goins & Christian Gonzales won better prizes so MG takes low net prize, and Bob Albertson who was 4th low net takes Mike's 3rd place team prize). Will try to make low net & low gross = to 1st place team next year to avoid confusion.

River Island

There is no question Poppy Hills is a great course, and there is something very special about driving to the coast for a day of golf and a little sight seeing and maybe a nice sea food dinner on the wharf. But those of us that took that drive to the beautiful foothills above Porterville to play at The River Island Golf Course had an almost equally wonderful experience. I know it is a long drive from Fresno and I am sure that is why we had such a low turnout, but for those of us that made the trek we found it to be well worth it. The course was in very good condition the greens well groomed, the weather was perfect, not too hot not too cold. The view of the hills all around the course was excellent.

This course is on our schedule for next year, so if you are one of the unfortunates that did not make it this year, plan to be there next year. *You will enjoy.*

River Island Winners Include:

1st place team: Rick Stark, Bill Horg, Andy Patterson & Charles McClung 116

2nd place team: Graham Croot, Jennifer Croot, Dewey Martin & Kim Short 123

3rd place team: Phil Henderson, Bob Albertson, George Wortley & Dan Aleman 125

4th place team: Roger Cambell, Royal Cash, Ron Lee & Don Witt 125

Low Gross Mark Saltzman 75

Low Net Terry Goulet 63

Closest to the hole: #9 Jennifer Croot 7'1" & #16 Royal Cash 8'11/2"

Annual Renewal Time

Yes, it's that time of year again already. It seems like we were just getting started and already the season is about over and we need to start thinking about next year. The renewal package is being prepared and will be sent out in early November so watch for it in your mail. We've got lots of great venues planned for the coming year. Check them out when that package arrives!

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