

Christian Golf Club Of Central California

September 2005

Club Championship

It is so cool each year to come to the central coast to compete in the C.G.C.C.C club championship. There's a special excitement in the air as each of us visualize coming up the 18th on Sunday needing a birdie to win, the gallery transfixed, awaiting the shot that will earn us the title of "*club champ*."

The two venues that we compete on are about as different as they can possibly be. Morro Bay with its marginal length but murderous greens, and Dairy Creek with its windy conditions, substantial length, but manageable greens.

Following round 1 at Morro Bay, no one distanced themselves from the pack as the unpredictable greens took their toll. It was great following the round to hear the horror stories that were being shared.

Day 2 had a much different atmosphere as a bunch of very determined golf nuts stormed the course hoping to bring the "*Creek*" to its knees. Each player had to fight their nerves, their doubts and their swings. He or she that could overcome these factors would end up with the crown.

In my group the player that was able to do just that was Rich Rathbone, as he came out firing on all cylinders. He put on a clinic with the putter, making just about everything in sight, and shooting an impressive 74, but in the end it was probably the most quiet, humble member of our club who grabbed the title. Alwyn Stanford simply went out on a very difficult golf course and brought it to its knees with an incredible round of 72 to back up his first round of 78 for a winning gross score of 150. Congrats **CHAMP!!**

Final results:

Championship flight

1st- Alwyn Stanford 150
2nd- Rich Rathbone 156
3rd- Brad Fry 160

1st flight (net)

Rich Rathbone 139
Mark Saltzman 144
Bill Horg 144

2nd flight (net)

Don Witt 136
Ron Nitz 139
Bob Albertson 140

3rd flight (net)

Jim Moore 140
Royal Cash 150
Laura Studt 150

Guest flight

Victor Araujo 139
John Aguiar 143
Paul Wellencamp 149

A retired gentleman spent most afternoons at the local golf course. Every day he would spend about three hours out on the course, playing a round by himself. When he would return to the clubhouse, the resident pro would inquire about his score.

"Ed, how'd you shoot today?" to which the man would always reply, "Another perfect par."

The golf pro (being of average intelligence) knew that there was no way the old man was shooting straight par every day. But since he was a regular customer, he didn't want to insult the man by accusing him of lying.

Finally, one day, the pro decided to accompany the old man on his daily round, just to see for himself.

On the first tee, the older gentleman sliced the ball way off into the rough. He found his ball, but his second shot was even worse. Finally, putting it into the first hole (a par 4) took him 8 swings.

The golf pro thought to himself, "I knew it! This guy's been lying all this time. There is no way he is gonna shoot anywhere NEAR par."

They continued on, and the old man's game stayed the same, never once getting a par on any one hole. After almost 3 hours, they teed off on the 13th hole. The old man actually hit it straight down the middle -- It was the best shot he had made all day! He promptly walked down the fairway to his ball, picked it up, and began walking back to the clubhouse.

The pro was confused. "Hey, that was a great shot! Where are you going now?"

"Oh, I'm done," the old man replied with a smile. "That shot was number 72 . . . another perfect par!"

From the 20 Laws of Golf

LAW 1: No matter how bad your last shot was, the worst is yet to come. This law does not expire on the 18th hole, since it has the supernatural tendency to extend over the course of a tournament, a summer and, eventually a lifetime.

LAW 2: Your best round of golf will be followed almost immediately by your worst round ever. The probability of the latter increases with the number of people you tell about the former.

LAW 3: Brand new golf balls are water-magnetic. Though this cannot be proven in the lab, it is a known fact that the more expensive the golf ball, the greater its attraction to water.

CGCCC Banquet

Many of you, I'm sure, remember the exciting end of year banquet the club held in 2002. Well, it's back again this year, bigger and better than before.

This year's event will be held at New Covenant Community Church in Fresno, on Friday night, November 4th, from 7:00 to 10:00 pm, and you won't want to miss it! We'll have great entertainment, excellent food and a great time of fellowship.

The evening's attire will be semi formal, and a night to remember!

More details to follow.

The Rules of Golf

Rule 7. Practice

Definitions

All defined terms are in *italics* and are listed alphabetically in the Definitions section

7-1. Before or Between Rounds

a. Match Play

On any day of a match-play competition, a player may practice on the competition course before a round.

b. Stroke Play

Before a round or play-off on any day of a stroke-play competition, a competitor must not practice on the competition course or test the surface of any putting green on the course by rolling a ball or roughening or scraping the surface.

When two or more rounds of a stroke-play competition are to be played over consecutive days, a competitor must not practice between those rounds on any competition course remaining to be played, or test the surface of any putting green on such course by rolling a ball or roughening or scraping the surface.

7-2. During Round

A player must not make a practice stroke during play of a hole.

Between the play of two holes, a player must not make a practice stroke, except that he may practice putting or chipping on or near:

- (a) the putting green of the hole last played,
- (b) any practice putting green, or
- (c) the teeing ground of the next hole to be played in the round,

provided a practice stroke is not made from a hazard and does not unduly delay play (Rule 6-7).

Strokes made in continuing the play of a hole, the result of which has been decided, are not practice strokes.

Exception: When play has been suspended by the Committee, a player may, prior to resumption of play, practice (a) as provided in this Rule, (b) anywhere other than on the competition course and (c) as otherwise permitted by the Committee.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF RULE 7-2:

Match play — Loss of hole; **Stroke play** — Two strokes.

In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole.

Note 1: A practice swing is not a practice stroke and may be taken at any place, provided the player does not breach the Rules.

Note 2: The Committee may, in the conditions of a competition (Rule 33-1), prohibit:

- (a) practice on or near the putting green of the hole last played, and
- (b) rolling a ball on the putting green of the hole last played.

Poppy Hills Tourney

Our club had our annual Poppy Hills tourney on September 3rd and the course showed its teeth once again to almost all of us. That's right; *most* of us succumbed to the treacherous greens at Poppy. As a matter of fact, one of us, I won't name any names, but his initials are Orlando Gonzales, had six-3 putts on the round. There was, however, just one of us that seemed to tame this difficult course and its greens on this rather chilly day on the Monterey Peninsula. This is a man that who, for the first half of his adult life, was devoted to making sure that the tires on our cars were safe and regularly rotated. And now as a school teacher, is devoted to filling children's little mush minds with the three "R"s. You remember those, reeding righting and rithmatic.

Yes, I'm talking about Bill Horg – a man who was raised on the mean streets of Easton and honed his golf game on the mean fairways of Riverside. On this day, this man tamed Poppy Hills, shooting a smooth 78 to win individual low gross honors and blowing away all other pretenders by 4 shots and more. Great round, Bill.

Individual net honors went to Stan Day, as he shot 3 strokes under his handicap at Poppy, coming in with a net 69. Stan's fresh off knee surgery in August, but you sure couldn't tell by the way he's playing right now-must be a quick healer.

The two-team net competition was won by Miles Baty and partner Laura Studt, who ham and egged their round for a stellar 15 under par, 57. The key there had to be Miles' calming approach to the game combined with Laura's relentless "go for it" attitude, which in combination left Poppy Hills defenseless against them. In second place was the team consisting of that ol' lefty gunslinger Ray Goins and his partner John Gallagher, coming in with a net 63, just edging out Mike Gerosa and Stan Day in a tiebreaker. New club champ Richard Rathbone and his partner Dennis Hammond took 4th place with a net 64. That's some great individual and team play at Poppy Hills-congrats to all.

"The Great Comparison"

Tiger Woods

First year: 1995

Tournaments entered: 11

Cuts made: 10

Scoring Average: 70.83

Victories: 4 (1997, 2001, 2002, 2005)

Top 3: 4

Top 5: 5

Top 10: 6

Top 25: 9

Rounds played: 42

Rounds under 70: 14

Low Round: 65 (1997, 2005)

High Round: 77 (1995)

Highlights: In winning the 1997 Masters at 21 years, 3 months and 14 days, Tiger became the youngest champion, besting Seve Ballesteros (23 years, 4 days in 1980) and Jack Nicklaus (23 years, 2 months, 17 in 1963). Arnold Palmer was 28 years, 6 months, 27 days old when he first won in 1958.

Jack Nicklaus

First year: 1959

Tournaments entered: 45

Cuts made: 37

Scoring average: 71.98

Victories: 6 (1963, 1965, 1966, 1972, 1975, 1986)

Top 3: 12

Top 5: 15

Top 10: 22

Top 25: 29

Rounds played: 163

Rounds under 70: 41

Rounds under par: 73

Low Round: 64 (1965)

High Round: 85 (2003)

Highlights: The only year Nicklaus followed a Masters victory with a win at the U.S. Open was 1972. Tiger won the 2002 U.S. Open following his third green jacket.