



2008 Year End Newsletter

The Promises of God.

“It’s often easy to get weighed down with the disappointments and challenges of life. Without realizing it, our hearts become heavy and our hope for a fulfilling life turns sour. In his kindness, God has provided uplifting promises of help and encouragement for His children with in the pages of His word, the Bible. Whatever our needs, we can find in scripture the principles we need to address the issues we face.”

This quote is taken from the introduction of the book, *199 Promises of God*. Some of the promises listed in the book that spoke to me the most at this time in my life are the following:

*The Lord is my Light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1*

*The Lord gives wisdom: out of the mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.
He lays up sound wisdom for the righteous: He is a shield for those whose walk is blameless. Proverbs 2:6-7*

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will provide you a way out, so that you can stand up under it. 1 Corinthians 10:13

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Psalms 23:4

Notes From Your President:

This has been another great year for our Club! We played new courses, added new members, added new board members & new committee chairmen. Even you’re President got to play much more than in past years! I’ve enjoyed each tournament and the opportunity to meet many of you in person. I’d encourage you to renew your

membership for 2009 and bring a friend along. The larger our tournaments, the easier it is to get those shot gun starts and finish on time, together and faster!

For 2009, we have already added Dale Richey to our leadership. He will be in charge of our newsletter for 2009, as Chairman of that committee. His past experience as a High School Golf Coach and family experience in the publishing business will give him a unique viewpoint to bring to our newsletters. If you are interested in helping with an article every once in a while or all the time, contact Dale directly.

As you know we have asked for some accounting help with our tournament committee, as they handle the entrée fees for all our tournaments and purchase all prizes. We've had at least 2 responses, thanks. We'd like to expand our tournament committee a great deal so that we have more folks helping out and take the burden off our new chairman. If we spread the duties just a little I think we will see even better results and organization at each tournament.

Remember, RENEW your membership for 2009 today and give that extra brochure to a friend and encourage them to join our fellowship. We've got a great lineup for 2009 with new courses and play scheduled at a few of our private clubs here in the valley, plus a trip to POPPY HILLS! PS there will be one revision to the schedule that is in process as we go to print, so keep an eye out for that important change in venue to yet another private course!

A little note on our Club Championship: the 2009 Tournament will be contested over a 2 month period starting in June at Riverside and will be flighted stroke play. The final round will see a unique finish to this Annual event!

2008 Club Championship Recap:

Joseph Vic Araujo, the two-time reigning club champ and Bill Horg, were headed for a two man race in the Low Gross flight of our club championship. Each had shot 79's in the first two rounds at Tulare and Pheasant Run and lead the closest competitor by four strokes. Brad Fry had played some very average golf over the first two rounds and now he needed something low at Sierra Meadows to have a chance. Brad was able to limit mistakes and came in with a one-under par 71 in the final round to nip Bill Horg by one shot after a solid 76, and Vic Araujo by two shots, to win the flight of ten players.

The President's Flight of ten players saw Mr. Horg take the prize with a 7 under par net score over the three rounds. Coming in four shots back, and not in the winner's circle for the first time in three years was Vic Araujo. Third place in this flight was Mike Gerosa at 3 over par.

The Director's flight had that steady ol' gunslinger Daniel Cowherd having his way with the field by coming in at 2 over par over his three rounds. Brett Cunningham came in second place at 10 over par, and Leonard Garcia at 11 over, came in third place in this

flight of 12 players. Ryan Roloff led the 12 players in the Secretary's flight by seven strokes after the first round and never looked back in winning the top prize by 12 shots over second place finisher, John Gallagher. Third place was earned by Randy Davis in a tie-breaker over Dale Richey.

Congratulations to our new 2008 club champions, and many thanks to our Tournament Committee for putting together this well organized 3-round club championship tournament.

More Tournament Results:

Cypress Ridge:

Our **Cypress Ridge** tourney in July was a two-man best ball format that could be played on both Friday and Saturday with cumulative totals. The two-day winners were Dennis Hammond and Bill Horg who shot a total of 163 over the two rounds. Second went to Jeff Klein and Ron Nitz, three shots back and third place went to Craig Hill and Chris Hill with a net score of 170. Individual winners included Jeff Klein with a net score of 67 on Friday and Jon Conriquez who shot a net score of 68 on Saturday.

Sierra Meadows:

It was back to **Sierra Meadows** for our August tourney. This is the tourney where club president Dave Angel scorched the golf course with a blistering gross score of 75, net 61. It's been a while since Dave has put together a round like that in one of our tourneys, but everything was clicking in his round on this day. Dave took the individual low net prize with Bill (hot all summer) Horg taking the low gross prize with a sizzling 2-under par 70. The team competition saw Dave Angel and Daniel Cowherd taking the 1st flight (handicaps 17 and below) team prize with a net 58. Second place saw Norm Weins and Doug Nelson at one shot back 59, and third place went to Jeff Kein and Roger Tarpin with a net 60. The 2nd flight (handicaps 18 and up) winning team net prize went to Steve Major and Ray Goins with a net 53 winning by 7 strokes. Second place went to Tony Crisco and Don Sadler at net 60 in a four team tiebreaker, with third going to Steve Brunnengraeber and Don Lancaster.

Ridge Creek:

Our final tourney of the year was at the new course in Dinuba called **Ridge Creek**. On a morning the looked very ominous for rain, it turned out to be a very mild and wonderful day for golf. We were served a stellar breakfast, after which were treated to a talk by our very own Todd Angel. Todd is a current member of the Fresno State golf team, and for those of you that don't know, Todd's father is Dave Angel, one of the founders of our club and current club president. Todd literally grew up before our eyes as I remember him as a scruffy little kid that Dave would bring along to our tournaments, along with Todd's older brother Bryan.

On this morning, Todd spoke about his faith and some of the ways he's using that faith around the Fresno State campus. As a leader of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Fresno, he gets many opportunities to share his faith with kids as he speaks to them at regular FCA gatherings. He also has been able to be an example on the golf course in his attitude and in the way he carries himself during competition. It was a pleasure to hear Todd speak and see how God is using him for His kingdom. Thanks, Todd.

The format for Ridge Creek was a best ball with a twist. With blind draw four-man teams, it was single best ball, on hole #1, two best ball on hole #2, and three best ball on hole #3, and then back to single best ball on hole #4 and so on.

The winning team of KC Dickie, Phil Henderson, Leonard Garcia, and Dale Richey took home first prize with a net 122 on the day. Leonard Garcia also came away with the individual low net award with a net 7 under par 65.

Below is our 2009 tournament schedule:

Print out your own calendar from our website.

Month & Day	Course & Web Link	Club Championship	NCGA Qualifiers
January 24th	Ridge Creek GC		
February 27th	Rancho Maria GC		
February 28th	Blacklake Resort		
March 28th	Fig Garden GC		
April 18th	Tulare GC		
May 9th	Pheasant Run GC		
June 6th	Riverside GC	Club Championship	
July 11th	Sierra Meadows GC	Club Championship	
August 28th	Eagle Ridge GC		
August 29th	Poppy Hills GC		
September 19th	Madera GC		
October 10th	Madera GCC		
November 7th	Kings River CC		
December	Enjoy the Christmas season		

As you can see, we have a great lineup of golf courses to play next year, some of which have never been played by our club. So, may God bless you, and see you in 2009.