



Newsletter 3-08

KUDOS TO MOM AND DAD

"Honor your father and mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you." (Exodus 20:12, ESV)

If you've heard the story once, you've heard it a thousand times. In 1935, Gene Sarazan hit "the shot heard 'round the world" when his approach to the fifteenth at Augusta National found the cup for double eagle. Thanks to this two, Sarazen moved into a playoff and on to victory at the Masters.

There is a significant reason you have heard this story so many times: Augusta honors its champions. Indeed, Sarazen was so honored that the bridge bypassing the lake that fronts the fifteenth green was installed on the 20th anniversary of his accomplishment. Similar bridges exist in honor of Ben Hogan and Byron Nelson, crossing Rae's Creek near the famed twelfth green.

Honoring men and women for singular accomplishments like a golf championship is relatively easy. We are allowed in this fashion to disregard faults that such champions may have in other arenas of their lives.

Perhaps this is the reason we so often breeze past the Fifth Commandment, heading full-tilt for those that are easier to grasp: no murder, no adultery, no stealing, no lying. But to honor our own parents--this requires that we overlook those human shortcomings that are so obvious when you live with others day in and day out.

And herein may lie the very reason God commands our honoring of our parents. While the Sabbath is designed to teach us trust in and thanksgiving for God's provision, the honoring of our parents teaches us to live out forgiveness. In honoring our parents, we are honoring those who have exposed to us the fact that they are imperfect. We must forgive them in order to do this well.

In our youth, there may be no lesson more valuable: people will let you down, even harm you, yet you are to forgive them. Jesus advanced the same idea when He said, "Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you." But this is not a lesson for our youth only. We must go on honoring our parents, for as the commandment teaches, the honor given by one generation to that which precedes it is the very thing that sustains a nation before God.

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What an awesome **2008 kick off for the C.G.C.C.C!** Get this, 52 players for our January 26th tourney at Riverside Country Club (just kidding) and I believe each and every one attended our breakfast at Carrow's Restaurant on Blackstone.

Beginning with a great spread laid out for us by the renowned Restaurateur Le Matthew Christoff Le Dickie', a great time of fellowship, and a riveting testimony given by former Clovis mayor, Nate Magzig, the gang left Carrow's all fired up with full bellies, to attack with vengeance, the unsuspecting Riverside G.C!

As usual Riverside fought back hard, and even though most finished bloodied and battered because of a winter lay off, there were those who stood tall and proud at the end.

The following teams took the spoils:

- 1st - Matt Cunningham, Rick Mathers, Norm Wiens, Roger Tarpin
- 2nd - Dave Angel, Ron Hickok, Dan Bartel, Jerry Neff (blind draw) always finds a way to win
- 3rd - Curt Hamett, John Gallagher, Ryan Roloff, Tim Mathers

Congratulations to the victors!!

Our annual **Blacklake golf tourney** is always looked forward to by our club membership. The idea of playing 27 holes of golf in the late winter at a coastal golf course with three totally different nines is a real treat. The format is fun too, with best ball, scramble and shamle games being played on the different nines. The winning teams are listed below.

Canyon – Best Ball

- 1st – KC Dickie / Tim Mathers
- 2nd – Jim Graham / Matt Halsey
- 3rd – Greg Knod / Jeff Gileo
- 4th – Ron Gonzales / Christian Gonzales

Oaks – Shamle

- 1st – Mark Saltzman / Jerry Neff
- 2nd – Steve Brunnengraeber / Don Lancaster
- 3rd – Jim Sullins / Charles McClung
- 4th – Ron Nitz / Don Loyd

Lakes – Scramble

- 1st – Dennis Hammond / Daniel Cowherd
- 2nd – Brad Fry / Randy Davis
- 3rd – Bill Horg / Rick Mathers
- 4th – Doug Ollenberger / Norm Wiens

Our **tourney at Fig Garden** on March 22 had a strong field of 60 players. We were blessed with a gorgeous spring day with weather in the 70's. The tourney format was an interesting one. With our four-man teams, it was single best ball on hole number one, two best ball on hole number two, and three best ball on hole number three, with that sequence starting over at hole number four and so on. It was a very close finish, with only two strokes separating the top five teams.

Taking first place was the team of Brad Fry, Rick Cowin, Miguel Mendoza, and Steven Brunnengraeber coming in with a total net score of 127. Don Sadler, Patrick Koop, Randy Davis, and Ruben Rey came in a shot back at 128. Joseph Vic Araujo, Tommy G Voss, Jim Sullins, and Jon Conriquez took third in a tie-breaker over two other teams all with net 129's. Fourth place team was Michael Gerosa, Greg Knod, Jeff Gileo, Matt Sempre. The fifth place team consisted of Norm Wiens, Dennis Hammond, Don Loyd, and Don Lancaster.

Closest to the hole winners were Jim Sullins on number 3 with a shot of 13' 3", and Dale Richey on number 11, putting his shot 11' 10" from the hole.

It is with a heavy heart that we announce to those of you who have not already heard, of the passing of former Christian Golf Club member, Bill Carender on April 7, 2008 of cancer. He was a true man of God and never missed an opportunity to share his faith with people. He was a long-time member of our golf club and might be remembered most for the beautiful and eloquent prayers he would thoughtfully deliver when our club would meet for tournaments. Bill Carender was 68 and is walking with our Lord.

Our **2008 CGCCC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP** begins with the **TULARE TOURNAMENT**, April 19th.

Winners of each **2008 CGCCC Club Championship** flight will receive a round of golf at **SPYGLASS Hill Golf Course** valued at \$350. Flights will be based on the number of entrants. You can expect a Gross Flight and 3 NET Flights! Everyone will receive **6 points** toward the **NCGA NET Amateur Qualifier** just for signing up (*see web for qualifying requirements*)! The format will be 3 rounds of Individual Medal Play at the following courses:

1st Round - Tulare Municipal G.C. on April 19 – 12:30 Shotgun

2nd Round – Pheasant Run G.C. on May 10 – 9:30 Tee Times/Shotgun

3rd Round – Sierra Meadows G.C. on May 31 – 10:00 Shotgun

Good luck, everyone, and may the best Christian golfers, win.

Notes from the President:

I don't often get a chance to write much in the newsletter, but this month has presented that opportunity. I'd like to express my extended appreciation to each and every one of you that has taken the time to play in one of our Monthly Tournaments. Attendance to our 2008 monthly tournaments has been simply awesome! For those who have not had a chance, do to scheduling, to play this year, I'd encourage you to make a spot in your schedule and join us. The fellowship and chance to meet new golfers has been exceptional. Better yet, grab a friend that you've been wanting to golf with, and bring him along. You'll both enjoy a great day of fellowship and golf.

The Club Championship:

This month starts the CGCCC Club Championship. I hope that all of you that can fit all 3 rounds into your schedule have signed up. The first round is at Tulare in April. See you all there. This is an individual Gross and Net competition by Flights. Just as last year we expect it will come down to the final round at Sierra Meadows.

The NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier:

On top of that we have several other competitions occurring at the same time. Most notably is the NCGA New Amateur Qualifier. To explain this a bit more, this is an annual NCGA competition that our club gets to send 2 or 3 individual players to compete based upon net scoring. This year we've, instead of making it a prize of the Club Championship winners, made it a separate competition. It has 2 parts and is based on points - attendance regular CGCCC monthly tournaments as well as a combination of team and individual finishes in each of our 1st 6 tournaments of the year will gain you the points to represent our club at this event. Our hope is that this competition will turn out to be very close and very competitive – coming down to the final round of this qualifier on May 31st at Sierra Meadows.

Website:

I'd like to draw your attention to our club website and the efforts of Jerry Neff. No he does not contribute all the information on the site, but he does contribute significant portions. He also takes what some of the rest of us put together and re-formats it in the final format – which you see on the site. He is responsible for the entire design and graphics that you see. For this we are greatly appreciative of his donated skill and dedication to extremely important, detailed & attention getting work.

Rules:

In the CGCCC, all putts must be holed. USGA Rule 3-2. Failure to Hole Out – In stroke play, if a competitor fails to hole out at any hole and does not correct his mistake before he makes a stroke on the next teeing ground or, in the case of the last hole of the round, before he leaves the putting green, **he is disqualified**. “Gimme’s” are not part of golf or the CGCCC. In our team competitions, if you fail to putt out (say your partner is in ahead of you), you are to put an X for a score on that hole, which will automatically disqualify you from any individual net competitions in the tournament. Thanks for your help with this very important part of the game of golf.