

Carmichael Golf Club Newsletter

December 2005

Upcoming Events

Castle Oaks, Saturday, March 4, 2006 – This will be the CGC's fourth season opening event at Castle Oaks. We are hopeful that the winter season will bring us steady, but not torrential, rains – and that all CGC members recharge their golfing batteries and come out ready to play in 2006. While Castle Oaks is a long time favorite, our 2006 schedule is probably our most eccentric and unique yet (with 5 first time CGC venues) – we're looking forward to it. Entry forms will be sent out in our January 2006 newsletter.

Teal Bend, Saturday, March 25, 2006 – Teal Bend is quite proud of their drainage, so we feel this is a much better early season course than a summer time course. We'll see what the winter brings, and celebrate the beginning of the spring season in our second event of 2006.

End of Year Prizes (Statistical Leaders) for 2005

At our annual Christmas Party on December 3, the following year end prizes were awarded (multiple wins for each individual in a particular category noted with []):

First Flight

Golfer of the Year: Craig Wahlquist (flame trophy) [1995]

Most Improved Golfer: Duncan Herda (octagon trophy)

Net Scoring Average: Craig Wahlquist, 70.27 (\$ 15 gift certificate)

Putts Per Round Average: Alan Rankin, 30.47 (\$ 15 gift certificate) [1997,2003,2004]

Putting Average (per Greens In Regulation only): Alan Rankin, 1.98 (\$ 15 gift certificate) [2001,2002,2003]

Greens In Regulation Average: Craig Wahlquist, 6.45 (\$ 15 gift certificate)

Second Flight

Golfer of the Year: Larry Daniels (flame trophy)

Most Improved Golfer: Larry Daniels (octagon trophy)

Net Scoring Average: Larry Daniels 71.83 (\$ 15 gift certificate)

Putts Per Round Average: Mike Johnson, 32.77 (\$ 15 gift certificate) [2004]

Putting Average (per Greens In Regulation only): Jim Greco, 2.09 (\$ 15 gift certificate) [2004]

Greens In Regulation Average: Ken Sano, 3.67 (\$ 15 gift certificate)

Third Flight

Golfer of the Year: Debbie Rankin (flame trophy) [2003,2004]

Most Improved Golfer: Robert Duncan (octagon trophy)

Net Scoring Average: Debbie Rankin, 74.67 (\$ 15 gift certificate) [2004]

Putts Per Round Average: Debbie Rankin, 33.42 (\$ 15 gift certificate) [2002]

Putting Average (per Greens In Regulation only): Debbie Rankin, 2.00 * (\$ 20 gift certificate) [1998,2003]

Greens In Regulation Average: Ken Worman, 1.88 (\$ 15 gift certificate) [2003]

* - ties all-time low yearly average in flight

Improved Indexes in 2005

Just under 43% of our members improved their handicap index in 2005 (26 of 61). The improvement was wide spread amongst all flights – with 7 players in the first flight (6 at greater than 10%), 10 players in the second flight, and 9 players in the third flight showing a lower ending index in 2005 over 2004.

Listed below are members who improved their index in 2005, their percentage improvement and index reduction (improvement by 10% or greater in bold print):

Dottie Almquist – 10%, 3.3

Terry Barr – 15%, 2.2

Gary Borge - 3%, 0.6

Greg Brewster - 8%, 1.9

Larry Daniels - 9%, 1.8

Heidi Duncan - 8%, 2.6

Robert Duncan – 19%, 6.2

Carol Fieldhouse - 1%, 0.1

Fred Fieldhouse - 3%, 1.2

Stella Garin - 6%, 1.1

Tom Haltom - 2%, 0.7

Randie Henry - 5%, 0.9

Duncan Herda – 25%, 4.4

John Ireland - 3%, 0.5

Mike Johnson - 3%, 0.6

Gary Lampi - 4%, 0.9

Susan Levitt - 1%, 0.2

David Mariani - 1%, 0.2

John McLaughlin – 11%, 2.1

Lane Nicholas - 2%, 0.4

Alan Rankin – 18%, 2.4

Debbie Rankin - 9%, 2.4

Ken Sano - 7%, 1.4

Marty Solov – 23%, 2.0

Jon Souza - 4%, 1.1

Craig Wahlquist – 18%, 2.4

Dottie Almquist now carries the mantle alone as the CGC member with the longest active streak of consecutive years with a reduced index at 4 (2002-2005) – during that period, Dottie has lowered her index from 46.4 to 30.2, an improvement of 35%. Way to go, Dottie!!

2006 Memberships

We just passed the 50 member mark (52) for 2006 (49 renewals and 3 new members). We hope to hear from more returning members, and have had a fair number of inquiries from potential new members we hope will pan out before the 2006 season starts. Thanks to those of you who have actively recruited new members – let's keep bringing new blood into the group!!

This is the last newsletter for 2005. If you are not re-joining the CGC in 2006, this will be your last newsletter. We wish you the best and hope our paths cross again in the future.

Happy Holidays to all – hope to see you on the links in 2006!