

Carmichael Golf Club Newsletter

April 2008

Upcoming Events

Mather, Saturday, May 3, 2008 (9:00A start) – we have 40 players scheduled to play – watch for the starting time listing on the website (www.carmichaelgolfclub.com) the week before this event.

Blue Rock Springs (East), Saturday, May 31, 2008 (10:00A start) – this is a first-time course for the CGC. Located just east of Marine World off of I-80 in Vallejo, those of us who have played this course believe this will be an enjoyable venue for those members able to play on this date. We hope to see you there!!

Graeagle trip, Thursday-Saturday June 19-21, 2008 – final payments are due to the courses by May 20, 2008, so via email we will be requesting balances of payments to be made by no later than May 17. Initial deposits indicated a group of between 26 and 30 players for this trip.

Results from Turkey Creek, April 5, 2008

A group of 40 players (39 members and 1 guest) joined us on this beautiful early April morning for only the CGC's second event at Turkey Creek. Good scores were available, as 14 of the 40 players broke net par. Turkey Creek is quickly becoming one of the consistent quality courses in the area – we expect it will begin showing up on our CGC schedule on a more regular basis in the future.

Sub-par (gross) holes

Eagles: Jay Simi 1 (Par 4 1st)

*Birdies: Stella Garin 2 (Par 4 2nd, Par 4 17th), Richard Boesch 1 (Par 4 2nd),
Richard Cisneros 1 (Par 3 8th), Larry Daniels 1 (Par 3 11th), Jack Dever 1 (Par 3 14th),
David Mariani 1 (Par 3 3rd), Joe Mexas 1 (Par 4 18th), Jim Rohrer 1 (Par 4 15th)*

First Flight (handicaps 10-15, White Tees)

*Low Net: Joe Mexas (45-39 = 84 – 14 = 70) * \$ 30 (3rd career CGC flight victory)*

2nd Low Net: Shawn Campbell (43-40 = 83 – 13 = 70) \$ 20

3rd Low Net: Jack Dever (44-43 = 87 – 15 = 72) \$ 15

*4th Low Net: Alan Rankin (45-40 = 85 – 12 = 73) * \$ 10*

*Low Putts: Alan Rankin, 30 * \$ 15*

Closest to the Pin (3rd): Joe Mexas, 6 ‘ 9 “ \$ 20 (includes \$ 10 carryover from Teal Bend event)

First Flight Skins

Vince Avila \$ 13; Jack Dever \$ 13; Joe Mexas \$ 13; Danny Olaivar \$ 13.

* - won tie-breaker

Results from Turkey Creek, April 5, 2008 (continued)

Second Flight (handicaps 16-21, White/Gold Tees)

Low Net: Greg Paulo (39-44 = 83 – 17 = 66) \$ 30 (1st career CGC flight victory)
 2nd Low Net: Stella Garin (44-43 = 87 – 19 = 68) \$ 20
 3rd Low Net: Larry Marietti (41-45 = 86 – 17 = 69) \$ 15
 4th Low Net: Mike Johnson (48-43 = 91 – 21 = 70) \$ 10
 Low Putts: Greg Paulo, 31 \$ 15
 Closest to the Pin (14th): Terry Barr, 5 ‘ 6 “ \$ 10

Second Flight Skins

Greg Brewster \$ 8; Larry Daniels \$ 8; Stella Garin \$ 8; Mike Johnson \$ 8;
 Larry Marietti \$ 8; Jay Simi \$ 8.

Third Flight (handicaps 23-27, White/Gold Tees)

Low Net: Ken Sano (45-46 = 91 – 23 = 68) * \$ 30 (6th career CGC flight victory)
 2nd Low Net: Mike Agrippino (46-47 = 93 – 25 = 68) \$ 20
 3rd Low Net: Sharon Arnot (51-46 = 97 – 27 = 70) \$ 15
 4th Low Net: Debbie Rankin (51-48 = 99 – 27 = 72) \$ 10
 Low Putts: Mike Agrippino, 31 \$ 15
 Closest to the Pin (11th): Debbie Rankin, 9 ‘ 8 “ \$ 10

Third Flight Skins

Debbie Rankin \$ 15; Ken Sano \$ 10; Marsha Suter \$ 10; Julie Marr \$ 5; Sandy Schayltz \$ 5.

Fourth Flight (handicaps 28-44, White/Gold Tees)

Low Net: Richard Cisneros (44-49 = 93 – 28 = 65) \$ 35 (4th career CGC flight victory)
 2nd Low Net: Tommie Rohrer (50-46 = 96 – 29 = 67) \$ 20
 3rd Low Net: Jenny Boesch (54-49 = 103 – 33 = 70) * \$ 15
 4th Low Net: David Mariani (48-57 = 105 – 35 = 70) \$ 10
 Low Putts: Tommie Rohrer, 33 * \$ 15
 Closest to the Pin (8th): Richard Cisneros, 36 ‘ 2 “ \$ 10

Fourth Flight Skins

Jim Rohrer \$ 20; Richard Cisneros \$ 10; David Mariani \$ 10; Jenny Boesch \$ 5;
 Heidi Duncan \$ 5; Tom Haltom \$ 5; Mike Neff \$ 5.

* - won tie-breaker

General Prizes

Men's Long Drive (7th): John McLaughlin \$ 10
 Women's Long Drive (7th): Jenny Boesch \$ 10
 In the Leather: None

Check the CGC website for detailed statistics of all players from this event. From the main page, click down the menus ‘Event Results→2008→Turkey Creek Sat April 5, 2008’ to find 4 different files of statistical information from the days’ round. Also, pictures taken from this day should be available for viewing over the next 2-3 weeks – it will be a red button at ‘Event Results→Last Event’s Pictures’.

Handicaps applied to CGC events

The Northern California Golf Association (NCGA) is always looking for ways to level the playing field for events at both the NCGA level and at the NCGA Club and Associate Club level. Over the past 4 years, the CGC has applied two of these recommended practices to our CGC events.

Background: Both the United States Golf Association (USGA) and the NCGA subscribe to the theory that an individual's handicap index is to identify that person's potential more so than the current state of that person's game – and that in net scoring events, an individual should only shoot under net par 20% of the time.

In 2005, the NCGA acknowledged the increasing number of events where players play from different sets of tees (men playing from blue tees vs. white tees, men playing white tees vs. women playing red tees, etc.), and provided a mechanism to adjust handicaps based on the course ratings from the different sets of tees. This was particularly useful for the CGC, as early on in our Club's history the women members were adamant about competing against the men and not having women's only flights.

Since the beginning of 2005, we have applied these revised handicaps (the higher course rating gets additional strokes added to the handicap for that day) on 34 occasions. This is being brought up now because for the first time at our Turkey Creek event, we reduced 10 handicaps instead of increasing 20 handicaps because we were running short of time in preparation of the scorecards – and we had a handful of inquiries afterwards about handicaps not being right. We are continually fascinated by human nature - where we get more inquiries the 1 time we reduce handicaps than the 33 times we have increased handicaps!!

Sandbagging (or at least the perception of it), has probably been around as long as handicaps. Over the past 15-18 years, the NCGA has applied a 'penalty' index for perceived blatant abuse in NCGA tournament scores. However, this generally only caught the players shooting more than 1 net sub 65 tournament score in a 12 month period, while the player consistently shooting net 67-69 (against the 20% rule described above) just kept plugging along with just the whispers of discontent within the group they played with.

In 2007, the NCGA suggested a formula that could be applied by Clubs – where a handicap chairman can apply the low index of either the current NCGA index or the index based on scores in Club events. We acknowledge that the CGC is a bit more casual than other Clubs (more often than not playing a 6 inch bump, no exchanging of scorecards, drop a ball with an extra stroke rather than going back to hit another ball, etc.) – that is our goal, and will remain so as long as our membership and turnout for events remains at significant levels. We do feel, however, that this proposed application of the lower of the two indexes does at least partially address consistent low scores without all the drama associated with exchanging scorecards and calling multiple rules infractions that begin to suck the positive life out of a Club.

Beginning in 2008, we have been applying this lower of two indexes in CGC events. So far this year, about 1/3 of our membership has played CGC events at CGC indexes instead of NCGA indexes. 5 of the 12 flight winners to date have won with a CGC index – an early indication that a good round of golf is still rewarded. We will continue this through 2008, then determine whether we will continue this in the future.

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