



CGC Recap - Castle Oaks, June 2, 2018

Recap:

Castle Oaks was one of the first 'new' courses in the Sacramento area during the golf boon of the 1990's - and even though it was a little bit of a drive, the quality of the course made it an attractive option to the crowded Sacramento City and County courses available at that time. For the CGC, it was a constant on our schedule for many years - in fact, on more than one occasion Castle Oaks has bailed us out when other courses were unplayable due to weather conditions. Our relationship with the course has remained strong - and the combination of the personnel and the quality of the golf course makes it a stop on our schedule at least every other year.

With a fairly mild Spring leading up to this event, the course was in quality shape. The first few days with temperatures above 90 degrees were just beginning to show some brown spots around tees and fairways. Castle Oaks doesn't rely on length to challenge golfers - they don't mind letting the rough grow a little, and the various hazards throughout the course force golfers to work their way around the course. Good, consistent golf is rewarded - but you can pay a steep price for wayward shots, especially if you can't hold your frustrations in check.

On this day, the weather created an additional hazard, as the temperatures neared 100 in the latter stages of the round. Castle Oaks is another golf course with a tough beginning, a potentially gentle middle, and a challenging ending to your round. Those who struggled with the weather probably didn't have much left in the tank for 17 and 18 - two of the tougher finishing holes in the Sacramento area!

Of the 34 players on this day, only ten (10) players shot scores of net par 71 (Men)/net par 72 (Women) or lower (with 4 scores in the net 60's). Nine (9) players shot scores of net 80 or higher.

The Flight winners on this day were as follows:

1st Flight: Bruce Hoffman, net 71 (won tie-breaker over Mitch Johnson, Gary Phillips and Jay Simi)

2nd Flight: Ken Worman, net 67 (by 3 strokes over Alan Rankin)

3rd Flight: Judy Hales, net 69 [3 under par net] (by 1 stroke over Barbara Edgar and Rick Givans)

4th Flight: Sue Marubashi, net 66 (by 7 strokes over Sheila Johnson)