

Carmichael Golf Club Newsletter

September 19, 2011

Remaining 2011 CGC Schedule

The remaining Carmichael Golf Club (CGC) events during 2011 are as follows:

- Plumas Lake, Saturday, October 1, 2011 (10:28A start).
- Castle Oaks, Saturday, October 22, 2011 (9:00A start).
- Wildhawk, Saturday, November 5, 2011 (9:00A start).

Results from Rancho Solano, September 17, 2011

We actually ended up with a very nice September day for this event. While not too hot overall, the Delta Breezes were mild compared to normal for this area – a little more breeze on the back nine might have been appreciated! The group only managed 4 overall scores under net 70 and 9 overall scores under net par – we heard many comments concerning the rough and the greens (the size of these greens, compared to most courses, usually inflates both the number of greens in regulation and the number of putts per round). The back nine played significantly more difficult (based on scores) than the front nine – with only 8 players shooting a lower score on their back nine. Ten players had back nine scores that were 8 or more strokes higher than their front nine score.

A new set of gold tees, which we used for the men in the Fourth Flight for the first time at this course, produced the lowest net score of the day, a 64 by Jim Rohrer. Jim was the only new qualifier for the 2012 Tournament of Champions (TOC) event, as the other flight winners on this day (Mitch Johnson (1st), Marsha Suter (2nd), and Jim Holmes (3rd)) had qualified for the TOC previously. Mitch Johnson had one of the finest finishes we have ever seen in a CGC event, with natural birdies on 4 of the last 5 holes.

Number of Players: 34

Number of Flights: 4

Sub-par (gross) holes

Birdies: Mitch Johnson 4 (Par 4 14th, Par 3 15th, Par 5 17th, Par 4 18th), Mike Agrippino 1 (Par 3 5th), Vince Avila 1 (Par 5 17th), Gary Borge 1 (Par 5 17th), Shawn Campbell 1 (Par 4 4th), Jack Dever 1 (Par 4 16th), Clark Londquist 1 (Par 4 6th), John McLaughlin 1 (Par 4 16th), Jay Simi 1 (Par 5 17th), Marsha Suter 1 (Par 3 5th)

Results from Rancho Solano, September 17, 2011 (continued)

First Flight (handicaps 10-18, White/Red Tees)

Low Net: Mitch Johnson (41-37 = 78 – 10 = 68) \$ 30 (4th career CGC flight victory)
 2nd Low Net: Jack Dever (44-45 = 89 – 18 = 71) * \$ 20
 3rd Low Net: Jay Simi (43-43 = 86 – 15 = 71) \$ 15
 4th Low Net: John McLaughlin (47-44 = 91 – 18 = 73) \$ 10
 Low Putts: Mitch Johnson, 30 * \$ 10
 Closest to the Pin (12th): John McLaughlin, 36 ‘ 3 “ \$ 10

First Flight Skins

Shawn Campbell \$ 13; Mitch Johnson \$ 13; Jay Simi \$ 13.

Second Flight (handicaps 19-22, White/Red Tees)

Low Net: Marsha Suter (41-50 = 91 – 22 = 69) \$ 30 (7th career CGC flight victory)
 2nd Low Net: Gary Borge (42-47 = 89 – 19 = 70) \$ 20
 3rd Low Net: Ken Sano (47-45 = 92 – 19 = 73) \$ 15
 4th Low Net: Stella Garin (43-56 = 99 – 20 = 79) \$ 10
 Low Putts: Marsha Suter, 31 \$ 10
 Closest to the Pin (5th): Marsha Suter, 4 ‘ 2 “ \$ 10

Second Flight Skins

Greg Brewster \$ 15; Marsha Suter \$ 15; Gary Borge \$ 5; Rick Givans \$ 5; Ken Sano \$ 5.

Third Flight (handicaps 23-31, White/Red Tees)

Low Net: Jim Holmes (48-46 = 94 – 26 = 68) \$ 30 (2nd career CGC flight victory)
 2nd Low Net: Dan White (44-49 = 93 – 23 = 70) \$ 20
 3rd Low Net: Debbie Rankin (48-52 = 100 – 29 = 71) \$ 15
 4th Low Net: Tommie Rohrer (47-52 = 99 – 25 = 74) \$ 10
 Low Putts: Tommie Rohrer, 35 * \$ 10
 Closest to the Pin (15th): Jim Holmes, 11 ‘ 3 “ \$ 10

Third Flight Skins

Jim Holmes \$ 10; Clark Londquist \$ 10; Tommie Rohrer \$ 10; Mike Agrippino \$ 5;
 Debbie Rankin \$ 5.

Fourth Flight (handicaps 36-49, Gold/Red Tees)

Low Net: Jim Rohrer (45-55 = 100 – 36 = 64) \$ 35 (7th career CGC flight victory)
 2nd Low Net: Fred Fieldhouse (50-58 = 108 – 36 = 72) \$ 20
 3rd Low Net: Rhane Thomas (57-60 = 117 – 44 = 73) \$ 15
 4th Low Net: Letitia Ruiter (62-56 = 118 – 44 = 74) \$ 10
 Low Putts: Fred Fieldhouse, 33 \$ 10
 Closest to the Pin (8th): Letitia Ruiter, 37 ‘ 5 “ \$ 30 (included \$ 20 carryover)

Fourth Flight Skins

Rhane Thomas \$ 15; Tom Haltom \$ 10; Jim Rohrer \$ 10; Carol Fieldhouse \$ 5;
 Fred Fieldhouse \$ 5; Karen Maez \$ 5.

* - won tie-breaker

Results from Rancho Solano, September 17, 2011 (continued)

General Prizes

Men's Long Drive (7th): Jack Dever \$ 10

Women's Long Drive (7th): Stella Garin \$ 10

In the Leather: None

Pace of Play concerns at CGC Events

The pace of play email sent out prior to the Rancho Solano event was intended to help begin a dialogue and help develop a process (and a mind set) to improve the group pace of play at CGC events.

Experience tells us that this is an area that needs to be addressed every so often – otherwise, frustration over the continuing slowing of the group will lead many members to begin playing less often with the group, and eventually leaving the Club.

Based on the responses received to the email (both positive and negative), and the buzz at Rancho Solano prior to the round (again, including both direct comments and playful (and not so playful) side remarks intended to be heard) – we got your attention! Now it will be up to us to provide some thoughtful (and hopefully useful) suggestions that can be implemented within the group.

As we go through this process in a series of steps over the coming weeks and months, we will detail some of the reasons for our concerns – as well as differentiating what we believe to be the differences between individual play and group/Club play.

For those of you who played at Rancho Solano – you may have noticed that the scorecards had a pace of play timing for both each hole and the round as a whole. Our experiences (at both Rancho Solano specifically and with our group in recent events) told us that the recommended time of 4 hours and 16 minutes to play the course was going to be difficult to attain. Our email was, in part, our attempt to put a more reasonable expectation in place – and one that we could defend to the course if the marshals or the pro shop pushed our groups.

At our Presidio event in July, the course moved one of our groups up on a Par 4 from the tee to the 150 yard marker to improve the pace of play. While I am the first to agree that the Presidio marshals have a history of overzealousness and impatience in dealing with both individual foursomes as well as group play – I was also sitting between the 9th green and 10th tee watching our groups come through. I know Presidio is a difficult course, and was being played for the first time by many of the players playing that day – what troubled me not only was the spacing between a majority of our groups (easily 1 ½ holes between most groups), but the lack of urgency in the movements of our players in the face of these gaps. At the end of the day, I was surprised that only one group was moved forward.

‘Ready golf’ is the phrase we have heard the most since last week’s email. ‘Ready golf’ goes far beyond just the first person on the tee with a club in their hand hitting, regardless of honors. And contrary to some stated concerns about being rushed, most ‘ready golf’ applications are just common sense courtesies that can add time savings to the group as a whole and hopefully help everyone’s enjoyment of their time on the course. We will start putting lists of suggestions together that hopefully can help.

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