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Men's Club Activities

April is a busy month for our men's club members. On Saturday, April 12th the first of NCGA qualify tournaments kicks off with the NCGA Zone Qualifier, 2- man Best Ball Partners tournament in which the top two teams become our 4-man zone team. The regular and senior qualifiers for 2-man better ball are in June. The event begins at 9:00am with scheduled tee times.

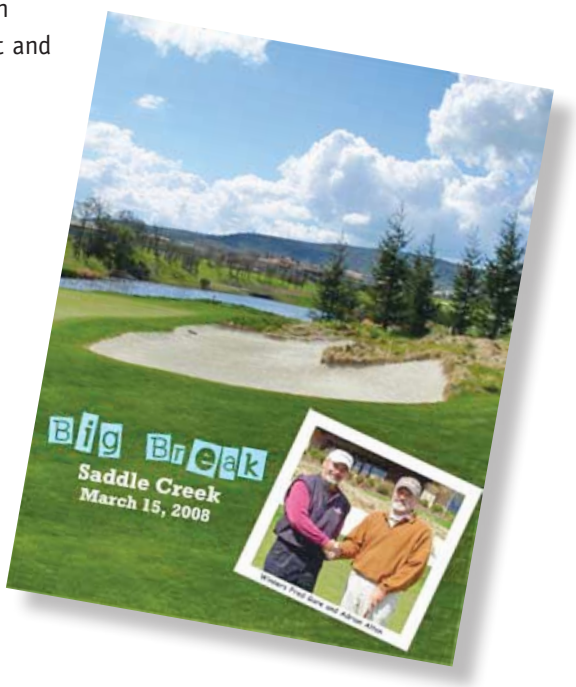
One of Saddle Creeks members (men & women) favorite tournaments, the TIGER tournament is scheduled to be held on Sunday, April 20th at 9:00am. If you didn't already know, this event was created by one of Saddle Creek's original members, Lou Cherniss. The men tee off from the Red tees and the women hit from approximately 50 yards ahead of those same tees. The whole idea is to make each individual feel like they can hit the ball as far as Tiger Woods.

The final event of the month is our Men's Club Match play Championship. First and second rounds are to be held April 26th and 27th. The semifinals and Final will be held on May 3rd and 4th.

As you may already know, last year Saddle Creek participated in the NCGA's Team Match Play events. Saddle Creek utilized two teams last year for the first time, our normal Saturday team along with the new Thursday Team. Members electing to participate play individuals with similar indexes from other golf clubs. Last year the teams from Saddle Creek held matches against Greenhorn Creek, Sequoia Woods, and Woodbridge just to name a few. The NCGA Team Match play begins this year June 19/21. We are now in the process of developing the information to send to each member in the hope of soliciting participation. You should begin to look for an e-mail during April further describing match play and asking if you would like to join one of the teams. If you have any questions Saturday's Team captain, Steve Marsden and co-captain, Charlie Robinson as well as Thursday's Team Captain, Bob Grant and co-captain, Don Hirschbein are available for questions.

Upcoming Mens' Club Events

- May 10
  One Man Scramble
  & Putting Championship
- May 18
  Couples Championship
- June 14
  NCGA Four Ball Qualifier
- June 14
  NCGA Senior Four Ball Qualifier
- July 12
  NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier
- July 13
  Saddle Creek Anniversary Tournament



Upcoming Ladies' Club Events

- May 10
  Bingo Bango Bongo
- May 18
  Couples Championship
- June 8 & 9
  Copper Classic Invitational
- June 14
  A Day at the Beach
- July 12
  American Foursomes Pinehurst/ Chapman Format
- July 13
  Saddle Creek Anniversary Tournament

Linda Summers, Ginna (ok, it's Dave) Pugno and Linda Bond

Mary Ellen Lynch, Susan Bishop, Mary Ellen Lazarus and Susant Bresee

Ladies Club Update

By Vicki Robinson, Captain

The SCWGA 2008 Handbook has been completely revised and now includes lots of information about our Club, event calendars, golf rules and etiquette, our hole-in-one and birdie contest rules, a complete member directory, our By-Laws and more. The new Handbook was a collaborative effort, but special thanks to Secretary, Bonnie Schaefer, for making sense of all the new content and coming up with such a great-looking finished product. Copies are available in the Ladies Lounge (labeled with your name), so pick one up, along with the 2008 WGANC Greenbook, which includes everything you wanted to know about the WGANC including the Open Day and Tournament schedules. If you won't be at Saddle for awhile, let me know and we'll mail the books to you (contact information below).

Karen Kaja has accepted the Board's appointment to act as Rules Coordinator for the year; look for her monthly emails and let us know if there is a particular rules issue you'd like to see addressed. Donna Hirschbein has agreed to co-chair our WGANC Open Day Committee, along with Mary Ellen Lazarus. Be on the lookout for periodic emails containing information about upcoming WGANC Open Day tournaments. Pat Thionnet has agreed to remain our Historian/Photographer and will have her trusty camera at all of our events, so stick around for the picture-taking! We'll post her pix to the Photo Gallery on our website.

Play Dates: Don't forget that in addition to our monthly tournaments, we continue to have Thursday play dates for those that wish to play 18 holes and the 9-holers have a standing Tuesday play date. Times vary a bit from week to week, but you can check Jonas for the specifics. Call the Golf Shop to sign up.

Match Play: For those that didn't play in February's Divorce Open, the format was 2-person better ball: the best net score of the two ladies, versus the best net score of the two men. The beauty—and fun—of match play is that you can have a bad hole and it doesn't matter; you just forget it and move on to the next. Although we didn't win as many matches as we would have liked, we did win quite a few and many teams stayed even with the men until the last few holes. After the round, many ladies asked the same questions: "could we have more match play events?" and "how can we learn more about match play—was there some strategy I was missing?". Since interest is so high and to help educate us, Chris Bitticks, has offered to hold a workshop for the Ladies Club on how match play differs from stroke play. We're still working on the details, but if you would be interested in attending this workshop (on a weekend) and/or participating in team match play within our Ladies Club, please let me know. We hope to get started with the workshop early this Spring.

Mark your calendars now for our second Copper Classic Invitational, June 8th and 9th. Our "Save the Date" flier, as well as a complete 2008 Events Calendar, is posted on our website (see below).

Membership in the SCWGA is open to all women 18 years of age or older, who have purchased a full golf membership at Saddle Creek Golf Club. For more information about the SCWGA, or any items in this article, contact Captain, Vicki Robinson, at SaddleCreekLadies@gmail.com, or check out our website at www.saddlecreekmensclub.com/womensclub. For a membership application, contact the Golf Shop or see the website.

Wine Society to sponsor a Dinner Club

Based on feedback from our members, the Wine Society Founding Members board has decided to form a Wine Society "Dinner Club". Many of you may have participated in a social event/club such as this in the past, and we have decided to model it after one which two of our Founding Members enjoyed while living in Atlanta, Georgia. In fact, we tested the concept on March 2nd, with an Italian theme, and had a great time!!

THE CONCEPT

For each "event", a dinner is "hosted" by several couples or people in their home. Each host will entertain a total of eight people, including couples and/or individuals. For each site, there will be at least one other couple/person with whom each attendee is familiar and has socialized with in the past. Ideally, each couple/person will meet or expand their association with two new couples/people at each dinner.

THE MENU

The menu is determined by the hosts for each dinner, who meet as a group prior to the event to agree on the selections. Menus are planned and complete recipes and wine pairings are decided upon, generally using non-complex recipes (example would be recipes in the Circle of Friends Cookbook) and reasonably priced ingredients. The dinner is "contributory" in that each attending couple/person is responsible for one aspect of the dinner (appetizer, salad, main course, dessert; and the appropriate wine) which is assigned in advance of the event and prepared in accordance with the recipe.

A record is kept of who has hosted and what attendees provided to ensure balance among all members of the club. Under this concept, everyone attending, regardless of location, essentially enjoys the same meal, and the joy of preparation and sharing culinary skills is equally balanced from event to event and over the course of the season.

For this year, our club will sponsor a "season" of four events with pre-set dates (all Saturdays), with the final event being an end of season party, either featuring hors d'oeuvres, or a progressive dinner, and of course wine/spirits!

WHEN IS THE FIRST EVENT?

The dates we have scheduled our events for in 2008 are; May 17, July 26, September 27 and November 22. If you are interested in joining and signing up for the first event, either as a participant or a host/hostess, you may do so by sending an email to Linda Bond at bond007@caltel.com by March 15th. The initial response has been great and we already have over 30 people who have signed up!! So get to Linda quickly as we cannot guarantee we will be able to accommodate everyone.

What better way to have an enjoyable meal with new and old friends without going outside the gates? We encourage all who are interested to sign up!

Initial 2008 Wine Society event a success!!

To kick off the New Year the Saddle Creek Wine Society had a tremendously successful Wine Party on January 19th in our Sports Club. All of the wines that were featured were from Indian Rock Vineyard in Murphys. There was a capacity crowd of 61 at this event and adding to the success of the event were the owners of Indian Rock Winery, Ed and Mary Bauer and their winemaker, Marco Cappelli. Each of the six wines were paired with a different cheese creating an international flair; although there was one domestic cheese, a white Cheddar Fiscalini from Modesto. The event was conceptualized by Sharon and John Patterson and Jeannie and Rod McWhinney but all members of the Wine Society Board worked hard to make this a fun, successful event.

Our March event (as this article goes to press) features Solomon Wine Company for a tasting and appetizer paring. We are currently finalizing a schedule of events for the year and will have the details out soon.

Green Report

Greetings!

Spring has arrived and we have switched from project mode to maintenance mode. There will be some projects tackled this season, however with the warmer temperatures most of our efforts will be keeping the golf course mowed and trimmed. Please visit Jonas for daily and weekly updates of conditions and activities of the golf course maintenance staff.

We have completed the spraying of the poa annua on the tees, fairways, approaches and green surrounds. You probably have noticed some yellowing of the turf grass throughout the course. WARNING! There will be some voids in the grass from where we have sprayed. We went through this last year and many golfers were not happy in the beginning of the year. As the year progressed and the new grass plants germinated, the majority of the golfers felt that the fairways were the best they had seen. As you read this we have begun reseeding all the areas that we have sprayed.

Our goal, as always, is to produce an excellent golfing experience for you and your guests. The golf course is practically a living organism and conditions change regularly throughout the year; though we try to create a consistent firm and fast surface. What doesn't change is the hard work that my staff and crew perform on a daily basis. Please join me in thanking them for all their efforts.

Scott Dickson
Golf Course Superintendent

Updates from the Golf Shop

FANTASY GOLF:

Well, after an entire year of qualifiers and wild cards, it all came down to the last round. What an exciting finish. Coming out in the top two for the wonderful trip to Augusta National for the 2008 Masters Tournament were Sharon Burns in second place and Ed Neiman in first. This is a perfect example of why you should never give up. There were participants that had 7 fantasy cards to qualify for the 3rd and 4th rounds. There were participants that only had one fantasy card to try and qualify. Low and behold, the two winners started the day with only one card. Just goes to show that you still have a chance no matter what. These two winners will be attending a wonderful dinner with the Golfweek staff on Monday night and then attend the practice rounds on Tuesday and Wednesday for the Masters. Enjoy the experience Sharon and Ed. On a side note, the exciting marshmallow drive was won by Kent Lazarus for the caddie's flight and by Don Weber for the contestant's flight. If you have never tried to hit a marshmallow before, I would suggest giving it a try. It is an absolute hoot. Thank you all for your participation and support in this wonderful event.

DEMO DAYS:

We have officially scheduled our first series of demo days. March 16th is Cobra/Titleist. April 5th will be Callaway. April 26th we have Nike. Come on down between 10 and 4 and try out all the new stuff for 2008.

April 19th is the Tiger Tournament. If you have never played in this event before, you are in for a wonderful surprise. Men play from the Red tees and the ladies play from the tees in the fairway in areas designated by the golf shop. What a blast!!

FIRST TEE PROCEDURE:

In an effort to reduce congestion on holes 2, 3, and 4, we will ask groups not to hit their tee shots on tee number 1 until the group in front is on the first green. We feel this will space our flow of play more evenly. Checking in as soon as possible will allow us to organize the first tee.

Don't forget to sign up for the men's and ladies club events on the second Saturday of every month. Call the golf shop to sign up.

Welcome to our new Chef!

Please join me in welcoming Elizabeth Kallio to Saddle Creek. She is a graduate of Michigan State University and has studied the culinary arts at Oakland Community College, Farmington Hills Michigan and studied at the International School of Bangkok in Thailand.

Chef Kallio's experience and background blend well with the culinary objectives at Saddle Creek. She will focus heavily on reworking all menus, including a rotation of three dinner menus that will offer our members and guests a great many more selections to enjoy. Part of this work will include a focus on lighter more health conscious menu planning and certainly a greater variety of seafood. Additionally, the lunch menu will be completely reworded to bring not only a heart healthy selection but much needed speed to the total operation.

Elizabeth served as the Resident Personal Chef to Governor Jenifer Granholm and family in Mackinac Island, Michigan. She was charged with preparing meals for the Governor's family and catered special events for high level visitors to the mansion. Prior to that, she worked at the Big Rock Chophouse and Reserve in Birmingham, Michigan. During her stint at Big Rock she volunteered for a temporary assignment with the Detroit Athletic Club to prepare for and execute culinary functions associated with Super Bowl XL.

Elizabeth was a member of the Oakland Community College culinary team and won a Gold Medal competing at the American Chef Federation regional competitions in 2006 and 2007. In 2007, Elizabeth's team was one of four teams nationally selected to compete at the 2007 National Convention, and it received the Silver Medal for the Hot Food Competition.

Our team is excited to have Chef Kallio on board. She will begin serving the membership and guests of Saddle Creek in late March and will be accompanied by her fiancé Ben. Welcome Elizabeth!

Garden Club

The Saddle Creek Garden Club is planning a bus trip to Filoli Gardens and Estate in Woodside on Thursday, May 1st. Cost will be $60.00 which includes the bus plus admission. Box lunches can be pre-ordered for an additional $14.00 each. The bus will leave from the Saddle Creek Sports Center at 8:00. Filoli docent and Saddle Creek Member, Gloria Burke, will give our group a personal tour. This trip is open to Members and non-members. Sign up and payment due to Eva Gress on or before March 21st. Make checks payable to Saddle Creek Garden Club.

Located thirty miles south of San Francisco on the eastern slope of the coast range, the 654-acre Filoli estate contains as its central portion a historic house and sixteen acres of formal gardens. The house was occupied from 1917 to 1936 as a private residence for its original owners. It was donated to the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 1975. If you would like more information you can visit their website at www.filoli.org

From the General Manager

Dear Valued Member:

It appears we are on our way to another early spring with our rolling hills taking on an incredible shade of emerald green and trees beginning to show signs of a spectacular bloom. This is our home in the Foothills and the team is excited to bring you another wonderful year of world class golf and social events to enjoy!

I am pleased to announce that Elizabeth Kallio has accepted the Chef's position at Saddle Creek. Most recently she held the prestigious position of Resident Personal Chef to the governor of Michigan. Elizabeth has also participated twice on the American Culinary Federation Team which reached the finals at the 2007 National ACF convention. Please join me in welcoming Elizabeth to our family. We are very excited about the lineup of culinary events in 2008 and look forward to her arrival.

Recently we received the completed membership survey administered in late 2007. The information received will be shared with you shortly in summary form along with an update on goals that the club has adopted to address the information compiled. I want to thank the Advisory Board and all members who participated in the focus meetings and completed the survey. This is an example of your membership and our management team working together to become better everyday!

We have a wonderful new event scheduled for April 26th at 1800 hours. MASH will make its debut at Saddle Creek with a full allure of characters celebrating this very classical and comical television series. Please RSVP early. Our talented event planner and theater expert Linda Beck has already anointed my character to be Radar!

I hope you have a wonderful spring and I look forward to seeing you soon at Saddle Creek.

Warm regards, Bill Troyanoski, General Manager

April / May 2008

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April		1 April Fool's Day Ladies Club 9-Hole Play Date	2 Men's Club Sweeps	3 Poker Ladies Club 18-Hole Play Date	4	5
6	7 PTA	8 Ladies Club 9-Hole Play Date	9 Men's Club Sweeps	10 Bunko Ladies Club 18-Hole Play Date	11	12 Men's & Ladies Club Tournaments
13	14 PTA	15 Ladies Club 9-Hole Play Date	16 Garden Club Mexican Train Men's Club Sweeps	17 Art Club Ladies Club 18-Hole Play Date	18	19
20 Tiger Tournament	21 PTA	22 Ladies Club 9-Hole Play Date	23 Men's Club Sweeps	24 Ladies Club 18-Hole Play Date	25	26 Men's Club Match Play Championship M.A.S.H.
27 Men's Club Match Play Championship	28 PTA	29 Ladies Club 9-Hole Play Date	30 Cribbage Men's Club Sweeps	Ladies Club 18-Hole Play Date		
			May	1 Poker Garden Club Field Trip Ladies Club 18-Hole Play Date	2	3 Men's Club Match Play Championship Chef Kallio's Debut Wine Dinner–RSVP 785-8587 Limited Availability
4 Men's Club Match Play Championship	5 PTA	6 Ladies Club 9-Hole Play Date	7 Men's Club Sweeps	8 Bunko Ladies Club 18-Hole Play Date	9	10 Men's & Ladies Club Events
11 Mother's Day Brunch	12 PTA	13 Ladies Club 9-Hole Play Date	14 Men's Club Sweeps	15 Art Club Ladies Club 18-Hole Play Date	16	17 Men's & Ladies Club Couples Championship Wine Society Dinner Club
18	19 PTA	20 Ladies Club 9-Hole Play Date	21 Garden Club Mexican Train Men's Club Sweeps	22 Ladies Club 18-Hole Play Date	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27 Ladies Club 9-Hole Play Date	28 Cribbage Men's Club Sweeps	29 Ladies Club 18-Hole Play Date	30	31

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