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2009 TOURNAMENT YEAR IN REVIEW by Bob Sheets

As the Men's Club starts a new decade, a review of last year seems appropriate. Last year the club had 339 members. The two tournaments that members could bring guest along were the most popular. The Member with Guests Tournament in April had 144 participants. The two-day Member with Guest in July had 103 players enjoying the best bargain and best pay-outs of the year. A total of 889 players played in all of the tournaments during the 2009.

The Windsor Men's Club has always had great tournament payouts, and in 2009 a total of \$17,455.00 was pay-out to tournament players. The top money winner for 2009 was Victor Hanley. Victor came in with \$565 in winnings. The second and third place money winners were Don Miskin and Troy Collier. Rounding out the top ten were: Darrel Moore, Jeff Rosener, Ken Rhodes, John Schram, Gary Emerson and Ron Farino and making a huge jump from the bottom of the money list in 2008, was Bob Sheets.

Tournaments were not the only way to cash-in during 2009. The Wednesday Night Sweeps had 420 players coming out on summer evenings. A quick review had Craig Larsen as the top winner. Rene Purugganan and Gary Evans were the two top winners in the Sweeps 18 hole event in mid-October. The Sweeps Season would not be a reality without Roy Purugganan and Pete Duenas. Once again, these two gentlemen devoted their time and energy in setting up and running the Sweeps.

WHAT IS NEW IN 2010

The Windsor Men's Golf Club Board of Directors is working on establishing a new criteria for picking the Sonoma Cup Team. As this will enable the members to see who will play in the very popular Sonoma Cup. The Board has two new members, David Howard and Anthony Saddorra. Dave brings some much need expertise in computers. This will help take some of the burden off Emlyn Rhodes, who currently takes care of the Men's Club website. Anthony will be helping in tournaments and also in the Wednesday Evening Sweeps. The Board would like to thank the two departing members Joe Winkel and Roy Purugganan. Joe is stepping down after five years. Joe was the Chairman of the Member Guest Committee and did the organization of the Thursday Inter-Club League Team. Another aspect of Joes enthusiasm was that he always had the tee signs out before the tournaments. This is no-small feat due to the cold mornings and the amounts of signs that had to be put out. Roy Purugganan served on the board for ten years. He was always there to work tournaments and to help with any aspect of the club. Roy did Sweeps and helped in organizing food for the various tournaments. Both of these gentlemen have worked hard over the years to keep the Windsor Men's Club one of the best in the NCGA.

RYDER CUP 2009

The 2009 Ryder Cup Tournament carried on a beautiful fall day with 30 teams competing in this unique, but difficult format. The first six holes played as a best ball, with the next 6 holes playing as alternate shot. Then came the hard part teams play a Schamble for their drives and then each competitor played their own balls. The total score for each hole was a combination of the two players. This made for some pressure on the twosomes as they navigated their way around the course and through the format. Just to add to the pressure, there was a 20 plus minute wait on hole# 7, as teams backed up on the change of formats. The pro shop came to the rescue with the Heather grabbing a couple of ice chests and providing some refreshment for the waiting contestants.

The tournament had two flights with the first flight winner being Gary Scenti and Ron Farino. This pairing shot a 89 with all sorts of putts being dropped to keep their momentum going. Board Members Don Miskin and Gary Vought followed up one shot behind

with an 89. Third place went to DJ and Ron Meyers with a 91 fourth spot was determined by a tie breaker with Riley J King and Stuart Kari taking the fourth place money. Ending in fifth place was Craig Larsen with Walter Norosky. The second flight had the new pairing of Gary Evans and Jeff Rosener, shooting a blistering 81 for the lowest score of tournament. Second place went to Victor Hanley and Troy Collier pairing, they shot the second lowest score of the tournament with an 87. Randy Mcdaniel and Jerry Cox came in with a respectable 90. The fourth-place team was Jessie Trembly and Keith Price. The fifth-place monies went to Marty Byrne and Dallas Moore. Congratulations to all the winners in this format. Next year the Board of Directors will change the formats around in attempt to keep the play moving at a better pace.

Below right some of the winners, Ron Farino, Craig Larsen, Randy Mcdaniel, Marty Byrne Dallas Moore, and Walter Norosky.

BOARD CONFIRMS TIE BREAKER FOR TOURNAMENT PAYOUTS.

Recently, there have been questions and suggestions made on how the Club does payouts for the tournaments. Fellow members wanted to emulate the PGA Tour and when there were tied scores, split the payout with the players with the identical score. After much discussion, the Board had decided to keep the tie-breaker. The advantages of the tie breaker system outweigh any other method. The tie breaker method allows for the awarding of the Sonoma Cup points. Each of the top three finishers are awarded points. The Board of Directors has always wanted to make the payouts meaningful to each of the winners. This is best achieved by making one winner for each of the allotted payouts. The Board will continue to use the tie-breaker method to determine payouts for equal scores. This is consistent with the USGA and the NCGA tournaments scoring formats.



FRANK LUNN



A New Year's Day Skins-Game was held in memory of the late Windsor Men's Club member Frank Lunn. Frank, who had organized the Friday skin game in the last couple of years, passed away suddenly in late December. Henri Yates got a group of Frank's fellow club members to play on the first day of the new decade. The weather cooperated for only about the first holes eight holes; and then the rain came. The whole group of players continue to play

and no one dropped out. Henri Yates will run the Friday Skins-Game for the time being. If you want to play on Fridays, contact Henri.

Bob Lavery is working with the Pro Shop and is in the process of organizing a Scramble Tournament, in Frank's Memory. More details will be available on the Men's Club web site shortly.



JASON'S GOLF TIP OF THE MONTH

Ever been in chicken flats on the 13th hole? Over there on the far right, you need a long-running shot especially with the flag all the way back on the upper left side. How about down in the front on 15th hole? Jason's golf tip will help you with this shot. And with some practice, it will save you some strokes making this a simple no-worries shot.

There are many times I play with amateurs watching them attempt to hit a sand wedge to chip every shot around the green even if they are only 10 feet off the green and the hole is 50 feet away. The shot I am going to discuss today is the chip shot with a putting technique. That is right: you should use your putting grip, putting stance, and putting posture to play this shot. The idea behind this shot is to land the ball just on the putting surface, have it roll to the hole. Practice this technique by using a variety of clubs, watch how each one rolls out differently. For example, try using a sand wedge and eight iron and a five iron. Use the exact same putting technique with all of them. You will see that if the sand wedge flies ten feet with this technique it will probably only roll about ten feet. If the 8 iron flies ten feet it will roll about 40 feet; and if the iron flies 10 feet, it will roll about 70 feet, about 10 more feet per club that you use. At first you will likely be more confident hitting your sand-wedge and flying it to the hole on a long shot, with a lot of green to work with. However, you will find the ball coming off the club more consistently and you will get more consistent results when you use a lower-lofted club and the putting technique. My recommendation is to go to the chipping green and putt with various clubs.

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WINDSOR MENS CLUB QUALIFIES 3 TEAMS TO THE NCGA FOUR BALL

In cold and windy conditions, 29 teams set out on a December's midmorning round in order to qualify for the April NCGA Four Ball Tournament. The fairways and greens were hard, and this-with the cold conditions made for some tough scoring. Usually in an event like this, a team must play to ten to twelve under par to qualify for the sectional event. The overall winning score came in the first flight with Craig Larsen and Gary Scenti shooting a 63 in the best-ball format. The second and third teams shot a 65. The always tough, two-man team of Gary Emerson and Chuck McGill played a steady 18 holes. Tom Osipowich and Jon Steward also shot a 65 with a 31 on the back nine. Good luck to all the teams, a Windsor Team has never won this NCGA Event.

Photo Right, Chuck McGill and Gary Emerson.

Slow Play: New Approach 2010

Playing slow is one of the worse things you can do to your fellow competitors. One slow player can ruin a round for their fellow members. It also reflects badly on the club as a whole. No matter what format you are playing, it is the players responsibility to play at a pace that allows the group to keep up with the group that is playing ahead of them. If you are playing with someone who is slow to the extent that is delaying your group, please let that person know of his responsibility. Although this is an uncomfortable position to be in, it allows the slower player to actualize their deliberate play. A lot of times the player is unaware that their play is slow. A reminder from their fellow competitor is usually all it takes. Then there is the player who will play at their pace, no matter what. This type of player is what is driving this aggressive approach to fighting slow play.

The Men's Club in 2010 will take on slow play. A E-mail to all members will be out in early 2010 letting the members know of their responsibilities. Once this is done, if a member is deemed a slow player, that member will receive a Email/letter from the Board. The Pro Shop, the Men's Club will use Marshalls and the Board of Directors to monitor the pace of play. Players falling behind will be given a warning and then penalties. The Board does realizes there are times when slow play is not the fault of the club members. However due to high profile of the club and their tournaments, the club takes the blame. The Board goal is for everyone to play and enjoy their round that includes players playing behind the club tournaments.



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Picture on the next page: Center right: Ron Meyers and DJ Meyers.

Top row left to right: Roy Purugganan and Pete Duenas; Don Miskin and his partner Mark Wells; Orin Burgrrs and Bob Lavery. Bottom row :Frank Lunn and Henri Yates; George Brazis and partner Scott Partridge; Troy Collier and Victor Hanley.

TWO MAN BEST BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The final two day event of the year for the Windsor Men's Club came on a cool October afternoon accompanied by great course conditions. Twenty-one, two-man teams vied for the title of Two-Man Champions. There were two flights this year.

The first flight had Club Champion DJ Meyers teamed with Ron Meyers. This father-son duo showed consistency in shooting a 127 over two days. The first day 64 led the flight and then was backed up with a 63 on Sunday's round. The 127 was the best two day total for the entire tournament.

A total of 129 took second place honors. Gary Scenti and John Schram shot a 61 on Sunday to leap over a lot of teams to get into second. Third place was captured by Don Miskin and Mark Wells. Their 132 total was two strokes better than the fourth place finishers of Roy Purrganan and Pete Duenas. Bob Lavery and Orin Burgess came in fifth, and Keith Crowover and David Howard rounded out the money winners in the first flight.

The second flight had a 128 as the winning score. The two-man dream team of Victor Hanley and his long hitting partner Troy Collier ran away from the second place finishers by 4 strokes.

Second place was decided by a tie-breaker. The team of Dan Exelby and Craig Larsen came out on top by shooting a 61. Dan and Craig were the second team to shoot a second day 61. How good is that? Third place finishers Frank Lynn and Henri Yates played a steady game and shooting 67 and a 65 for the two days. Fourth place finishers were George Brazis and Scott Partridge. Long time members know this team used to dominated the two-man events back in the 90's. The always strong two man team of Gary Emerson and Chuck McGill took fifth. They beat out Tom Osipowich and Jon Steward, who took sixth. place in the second flight.



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