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OCGC TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE 2016 (Tentative)

Mon, Feb 29	Sequoiah CC, Oakland	Fun Event - Guest Event
Sun, Mar 20	Silverado South CC, Napa	Fun Event - Guest Event RAIN OUT
Sat, Apr 2	Deer Ridge, Brentwood	Marc Rice Memorial
Sun, May 1	Hiddenbrooke, Vallejo	Director's Cup
Thu, May 19	Blackhawk CC Lake, Danville	Fun Event – Guest Event
Sun, Jun 12	Las Positas, Livermore	
Mon, Jul 18	Round Hill CC, Alamo	Fun Event - Guest Event
Sat, Jul 30	Rancho Solano, Fairfield	
Sat, Aug 20	Roddy Ranch, Antioch	Club Championship
Sun, Aug 21	Chardonnay, Napa	Club Championship
Sun, Sep 11	Poppy Ridge, Livermore (pending)	Daimo Cup
Sun, Sep 18	Mare Island joint with Sacramento	Chinese GC
Sun, Oct 15	Paradise Valley, Fairfield	
Sat, Nov 5	Tilden Park, Oakland	Hugh Lee TOC

OCGC HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE!

PLEASE VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AT <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Oakland-Chinese-Golf-Club/1538219453073989>. AND BE SURE TO LIKE THE PAGE TO BE NOTIFIED OF UPDATES.

We would like your help in building our community and ask you to recruit your friends to LIKE our Facebook page as well.

We look forward to seeing you on Facebook. If you have any questions, please email Cliff Tong at Tong.cliff@gmail.com.

For more information on the club visit www.oaklandchineseGC.org . For more information on the Federation of Chinese GC, visit www.chinesefedgolf.org to see the activities of the 20 member clubs.

BLACKHAWK COUNTRY CLUB OUTING – MAY 24, 2016

Our first time outing at Blackhawk saw 48 signups who navigated the course with care. The Lakeside Course was new to most of the players making it tough for scoring well. With beautiful views on several of the holes and the fairways in great shape, many were disappointed with the slow speed of the greens.

The staff at the course did a good job in directing our group in spite of the Annual Women’s Guest Day that took up both courses. We were able to be squeezed in without a problem also in spite of a cart path only rule. The course will be keeping us in mind for any openings in 2017.

There were four flights. Men’s 1st and 2nd, Women’s and a Guest Flight.

WINNERS SUMMARY

		PRIZE	NET	WINNER'S NAME
LOW NET WINNERS:				
MEN'S FLIGHT 1				
	LOW NET	\$40.00	67	JOE MARQUEZ
	2ND NET	\$30.00	68	PETER CHUI
MEN'S FLIGHT 2				
	LOW NET	\$40.00	66	HOWARD SHAO
	2ND NET	\$30.00	68	EDDIE YOKOYAMA
LADIES FLIGHT				
	LOW NET	\$30.00	74	SHEILA LEE
GUEST/NH FLIGHT				
	LOW NET	\$30.00	76	TED WANG
KP				
	FLIGHT 1	BALLS	1ST	CLIFF TONG
	FLIGHT 2	BALLS	1ST	NONE
	LADIES	BALLS	1ST	MARY CHIM
	GUEST/NH	BALLS	1ST	BOBBY BUENAVENTURA

\$100.00 PRO SHOP CREDIT: Winner of the Heads/Tails Raffle was Peter Chui.

2016 MEMORIAL DAY INVITATIONAL

This year’s host for the May 27 - 29 event was the Los Angeles Club who alternates with Sacramento and Tucson for this Federation of Chinese Golf Club’s sanctioned event. Tucson joined the rotation in 2015 and Sacramento will be the 2017 host.

For the newcomers, the other invitational date is Labor Day which is hosted by the Inter-city clubs which includes the rotation of the Vancouver, BC, Portland, Victoria, BC and the Cascade Club in Seattle. This year’s Labor Day host will be Vancouver, BC.

The Los Angeles Club played host to over 50 golfers that played the 36 hole event on two interesting courses, Coyote Creek in Fullerton and Sierra Lakes in Fontana. The Coyote Creek Course, players found many tight lies that caused problems for first timers with hidden creeks on many holes. The Sierra Lakes Course was more player friendly, but had many carries that played tough for the short hitters.

The socials included the East Buffet in City of Industry and the Awards Dinner at the Seafood Village in Rowland Heights. At the Awards Dinner, all winners received cash as well as trophies for Low Gross and Low Net in each of the five flights as well as field winners. As indicated in the Winners Listing, cash was awarded to the second through fifth winners in several of the flights. A special Mystery Hole was selected and any player who netted a birdie on that hole won money as well. On Saturday, 15 players won \$15.00 each. On Sunday, 12 players won \$20.00 each. The free drawing for \$500.00 was won by Andy Sheih. You would have to believe that the host club subsidized some of the cash prizes.

General Chairman Steve Vines who had total control with his committees, did an excellent job in keeping the field informed of all of the activities. Congratulations for a great job. Check out the Federation website www.chinesefedgolf.org for photos and the winner’s list. Unfortunately, only one OCGC member made it down to play, yours truly.

LOS POSITIAS (MINI) EVENT?

This is one of the lowest turnouts for an event that the club has ever experienced. A probable reason could be is that it was sandwiched between Blackhawk CC and Round Hill CC or it conflicted with graduations?

There was a total of seven members who played the Los Positas Course in Livermore on June 12. The scores were low with Tyler Eng and Stuart Lum tying with nett 66’s. Tyler won in matching cards on the back nine total. The KP’s were won by Victor Hui and Chris Pangilinan. There were no skins played.

This was probably a breeze for tournament chair Alan Whiteside. Who were the other the other two players and all of the nets? Need for Player of the Year points.

OAKLAND CHINESE GOLF CLUB – ROUND HILL COUNTRY CLUB

The last of the three country club outings by OCGC was played at Round Hill CC in Alamo on July 18, 2016. The other venues were Sequoyah and Blackhawk which were scheduled to share with other Federation clubs and their guests in an effort to promote the game of golf and to gain new friendships. The turnouts were better than we hoped with participation averaging about 64 players for the three events.

This event saw great weather on a very forgiving and well kept course that was really a joy to play. Were the scores an indication of the conditions and weather? Well, there were no nets in the 60's and only a few scores under par. Guess the greens and approach shots played a big role in everyone's game?

A bit of history was shared at the awards. Round Hill was the venue that saw the beginnings of the Federation of Chinese Golf Clubs at the Officer's Matches in 1968. Two years later, the Federation was formed with eight California clubs joining. It eventually grew to 22 clubs with about 1,500 members and now have 20 clubs with about 1,000 members.

There were 14 clubs/organizations represented plus guests who enjoyed Round Hill CC. One celebrity, Dave Clark, KTVU's morning anchor who was on location, talking to friends from the tournament and gave lessons? Dominick Mullen, head golf pro, was very accommodating and helpful in setting up the event and doing the scoring. He donated three dozen balls and donated a round of golf for four people for an interactive drawing. Definitely, a return to Round Hill is warranted.

Many thanks to Cliff Tong, Sheila Lee, Nick Chin, Jeff Quan and Judy Eng for their help in the course arrangement, scoring results and award's photos.

The results of this tournament and photos are attached. The same information will be posted to the Federation website: www.chinesefedgolf.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The board is still looking for volunteers to fill open positions on the Board of Directors. The offices of President and Vice-President are open. This will be a great opportunity for members to gain experience and provide some valuable feedback to help the club continue improving by doing new and innovative programs for the membership. There are only four dinner meetings a year to learn how each of the committees function. If you have questions, give anyone of the members of the board a call.

We recently filled the office of Tournament Chair – Elect who will be working on lining up your courses for 2017. See the officer's list above to contact them to help on the events in 2017. There are plenty of older members out there that have benefited as a member for many years, but have not served on the board in any capacity. Let's step up to help on committees when asked, to gain some insight on how the committees work and to gain experience for a chairperson in 2017.

If you have any changes in your address, phone or email address, contact Secretary Steve Chan (steven.chan@calbt.com) who will pass on any changes to other members of the board.

SHORT SHOTS

The Vancouver Chinese Golf Club is the host for this year’s Labor Day invitational that is rotated between four northern clubs as indicated in the above summary of the Sacramento article above. The flyers have been distributed and also available on the Federation website also mentioned in the Sacramento article. Vancouver does an excellent job in making guests welcomed and there are many things to do up there. Rooms should be reserved before August 2.

The Player of the Year standings show David Yip leading the pack followed closely by Kenny Fong, Joe Young and Terry Owyang. Check out the attachment which shows that we have 64 members that have played at least one event in 2016. When the Las Positas results are received, the standings will be tighter.

The NCGA has annual competitions for their member associate clubs which are clubs that are not associated with a private club. One of the competitions is the Four Ball Associate Championship that has qualifying rounds at local courses and a championship round (36 holes) at Poppy Hills and Spyglass Hills. OCGC sent a team of George Kong III, Ray Jeung, Eugene Wong and Terry Owyang to qualify at Deer Ridge on Thursday, July 28 and they came in first. They will play the championship rounds later this year. Let’s wish them luck!

The most improved golfer report that comes out monthly is attached showing the past winners this year. Included is how NCGA determines who gets the top golfer of the month.

There will not be a Battle of the Bay or Northern California Cup this year. The Dragons, Monta Vista, and Santa Clara clubs have decided to drop out.

Tournament rules for 2016 have yet to be issued. David Yip will be updating the rules if not current and will be issued when completed.

Country Club events have had confusing rules which for the most part were made to improve pace of play. Double par max was questioned and it was suggested that a 10 max would be easier to enforce. There was a question regarding where to play threesomes, in the beginning or end of the event, but nothing was decided. The question of surcharges was raised. At Blackhawk members were charged an extra \$5.00 while the guests were charged \$10.00 more than the actual cost to the club. The surcharges have been used in the past mainly for prizes. A minimum amount has been saved for unexpected expenses. As a result, the country club events have been kept in the black.

Regarding the provisional ball rules for the country clubs, there will be some changes in future country club events that will define more clearly how the ball should be played for OB, lost and hazards situations.

The Los Angeles Club has announced the dates for their annual Las Vegas event. The tournament will be scheduled for October 20 through 23. You may have received an invite recently that was only sent out to previous participants. As we get closer to the date, the Los Angeles club will open it up to other players, so keep those dates in mind if you are interested.
