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the official newsletter of the NAMA Golf Club



Dear Fellow Member,

The 2003 golf season went by like a breeze - it felt that there was not enough time for all of us to hone our ever-fickle skills.

Once again, we are coming out of hibernation to the sight of lush and beautiful surroundings of our local golf courses. The taming of the beast will soon begin.

We closed our 2003 season with the usual wrap up Banquet & Awards Night at the fabulous venue of Quilchena Golf & Country Club. It was a night to remember. The spread of food on the buffet table was delightful, including Charlie Valle's contribution of the traditional Philippine delicacy, lechon. And of course, the highlight of the night was the recognition awards for members, reflecting what they have achieved during the golf season. For the first time, this year we had a wonderful array of prizes raffled to the lucky members, high-end golf equipment, sweaters, shirts and boxes of chocolates, etc.. It is my great pleasure to thank our valued tournament sponsors and donors of great prizes that made that evening enjoyable.

Congratulations are in order for the directors who contributed their hard work towards our successes every week. This year, they were successful in improving the environment in which we enjoy our game. It was through their efforts that things stayed smooth and easygoing in every weekend of play. I would like to specially thank the directors who are stepping down from the committee this year. Noel Cabalfin, Alex Guballa and Frank Zolina have contributed so much time out of their hectic schedules to make the experiences enjoyed by our membership so remarkable and our organization so effective. We will miss their presence on the committee, the seriousness and laughs we had in meetings and Frank's funny tales of his adventures in the old country.

The preparation of the 2004 golf season is now upon us. I am thrilled to introduce to you the new Board of Directors for 2004/2005. These gentlemen look good in this picture, they are excited to perform and they need your full support.

Enclosed is a membership package with the tournament confirmation schedule. Please complete the form with your confirmation and return it to NAMA Golf Club with your renewal fees by February 28th. A self-stamped return envelope is provided for your convenience. We shall see you at the first tee of Loomis Trail GC, March 20th.

Sincerely,

Ruffy Magallanes, Commissioner

NAMA Golf Club - 2004/2005 Board of Directors

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The long wait through the winter has allowed us to think of fresh and new ideas for the upcoming golf season. As always, the board of directors face the challenge of implementing such new ideas in a way that would blend with our other, already successful formats. In our efforts to increase our financial stability, the directors also face additional challenges in finding ways to generate income for the association. We must push hard to increase our membership to sixty and acquire more tournament sponsorships.

Our current method of handicapping using the RCGA system will remain the same. The two player groups, St. Andrews and Augusta will remain intact, each producing their respective champions towards the end of the year in the Masters Tournament. The annual trophy would still go to the overall champion from the NAMA Golf Club Championship.

Two champions will emerge from Match Play Competitions, each in the two groups of Kokanee and San Miguel groups. Currently, we are discussing the possibility of some four-ball match play placed within our schedule. This format would produce a two-man team as champion instead of a solo winner.

The membership package includes the Registration Form, Schedule of Fees, Tournament & Confirmation Schedule (with directions to U.S. courses) and this year's Tee Shot newsletter. In order to sustain our financial plans and meet rising costs associated to organized golf, our slightly revised fees are as follows:

Renewal Fee	- \$70
New Members	- \$75
RCGA Membership	- \$20
Banquet Fee	- \$40

The renewal fee is valid for players who have been members for a minimum of three years. If a member has been inactive for two consecutive years, he will pay the new members fee.

Our course schedule is the most important aspect of our efforts. This year we have made focused efforts to have an enjoyable lineup of fine local courses to play, as well as few south-of-the-border, in Washington. On June 6, we are again hosting the **NAMA Open Championship**, which was attended by fifty-seven players last year. This great event will lead into the much-anticipated **2004 Mapua World Homecoming Event** in July. Such event will be attended by alumni visitors from Canada, USA and other countries across the globe. It will be highlighted by a golf tournament on July 31st at the Swan-e-set Bay Resort and your presence and support will bring vibrance to this memorable gathering. Please contact your tournament chairpersons for particulars of this event, as it will also be counted as one of regular games in the schedule.

NAMA Golf Club 2004 Tournament Schedule

March 20	10:30AM	Loomis Trail GC (Blaine, WA)
April 3	11:07AM	Morgan Creek GCC
April 17	TBA	Peace Portal GC
May 1	10:00AM	Point Roberts GC, WA
May 16	11:30AM	Fort Langley GC
May 29	1:30PM	Northview GCC, Canal Course
June 6	11:00AM	Carnoustie GC (NAMA Open Championship)
June 12	2:15PM	Meadow Gardens GC
June 26	10:00AM	Golden Eagle GC, North Course
July 11	1:30PM	Meadow Gardens GC
July 24	11:00AM	Shuksan GCC (Bellingham, WA)
July 31	8:00AM	Swan-e-set Bay Resort (2004 Mapua World)
August 7	TBA	Peace Portal GC
August 21	2:00PM	Surrey GC (Masters Tournament - 1st Day)
August 22	2:00PM	Surrey GC (Masters Tournament - 2nd Day)
August 28	2:15PM	Meadow Gardens GC
Sept 11	10:00AM	Golden Eagle GC, South Course
Sept 19	11:00AM	Carnoustie GC
Sept 25	12:42PM	Fort Langley GC
Oct 2	12:45PM	Northview GCC (NAMA Golf Championship)

