



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB Newsletter

JUNE 2002

New Members

We continue to get new members joining the Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club! Please join us in welcoming the following golfers:

Michael Alves of Pacifica

Kirk Anderson of Sunnyvale

James A. Brownell of Menlo Park

Steve Hisey of Sunnyvale

Anders Jagd of Mountain View

Welcome to the Sunnyvale Men's Club! We hope you enjoy our tournaments.

Don't Forget to Rake

Excerpt from Golf Etiquette, by Barbara Puett and Jim Apfelbaum, (c) 1992.

Before you enter a bunker, first find the rake and place it nearby. You are obligated to provide a little interim maintenance, raking your footprints and marks after you play in consideration of the next victim. A ball that lands in a footprint is as unpleasant as finding a shot nestled in a fairway divot. When you have played your ball free, retrace your steps, raking backward. Leave the rake outside the bunker on either side, face down and out of the way. Don't chuck it. Extra clubs (putter, wedge) should be left outside the bunker.

If your ball comes to rest against the rake, as sometimes happens, simply remove the rake and play the ball where it lies. There is no penalty if the ball moves.

Currently Scheduled Tournaments

The following tournaments were announced in the previous newsletter and are available for sign-ups. Please refer to the May newsletter or the SMGC website (www.smgc.info) for details on these tournaments. Contact the tournament director for each to see if there is still room.

Les Cheong directs a point par – split tees tournament at MICKE GROVE in Lodi on June 22 starting at 10:30 am. The price is \$50 a person including cart. We are past the cutoff date, so if you are interested, call Les at (408) 396-6902 to see if there is still room.

On June 29 Jim Decious directs the point par – split tees event at STEVINSON RANCH starting at 9:30 am. We have room for 40 players and the cost is \$90 including a cart. We are past the cutoff date, so if you are interested, call Jim at (408) 272-0751 in case there are any spots remaining.

Arif Janjua directs PACIFIC GROVE on July 6 starting at 9:34 am. This will be a low net – blue tees event. Cost is \$65 including cart. The cutoff date is June 20. Call Arif at (408) 230-8920 if you are interested in playing.

The NCGA 4-Ball Net Qualifier will be at FRANKLIN CANYON on July 13 starting at 8 am. This will be a regular club event as well. The format is two-man low-net better-ball and everyone will play from the white tees. Cost is \$110 per team including cart. The cutoff for signups is June 29. There are handicap restrictions. Refer to the May newsletter or the website for specifics. Call John Szarka at (408) 467-5816 to sign up.

Future Tournaments

July 20 and 21, 2002 Lake Tahoe Golf Course

Cost each day: \$85 with cart
 Director: Les Cheong
 Phone: (408) 396-6902
 Field size: 40
 First tee time: 9:04 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving range: Yes
 Cutoff date: July 8
 Spikes: Non-metal
 Carts: 90°, weather permitting

Comments:

This weekender takes us to the popular Lake Tahoe Golf Course in beautiful South Lake Tahoe. Come play where the ball sails a lot farther thanks to the thin air. Enjoy the nice scenery and nightlife. The course is playable for all players, yet challenging if your game isn't on.

Gold tees: Rating: 70.8, Slope: 126, Yardage: 6741

Black tees: Rating: 68.9, Slope: 120, Yardage: 6327

July 27, 2002 Castle Oaks Golf Club (Net Amateur Qualifier)

Cost: \$70 with cart
 Director: Gale Waggoner
 Phone: (408) 984-5534
 Field size: 44
 First tee time: 10:00 am
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Blue
 Driving range: Yes
 Cutoff date: July 17
 Spikes: Non-metal
 Carts: 90°

Comments:

This golf course is nestled in the rolling hills of Amador County. It's one of Northern California's premier courses that must be played at least once!

This tournament will also be SMGC's qualifier for the NCGA Net Amateur Championship. Players will be divided into three flights by numeric index: 9.9 or less, 10.0 to 16.9, and 17.0 or more. Players may be reassigned flights between the qualifying round and championship rounds according to their current index for each stage. The next round will be the sectional qualifier on August 29 (location TBD). The championship will be held September 23-24 at Poppy Hills. This will also be a regular club tournament.

Blue tees: Rating: 70.8, Slope: 127, Yardage: 6356

August 3 and 4, 2002 Pine Mountain Lake Country Club

Cost each day: \$65 with cart
 Director: Jim Decious
 Phone: (408) 272-0751
 Field size: 40
 First tee time: 11:00 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving range: Yes
 Cutoff date: July 20
 Spikes: Non-metal
 Carts: 90°

Comments:

This weekender is at a beautiful course about 45 minutes from Yosemite. It was scheduled by request of SMGC members. Pine Mountain Lake is a gated community with a lake where you can fish, a nice swimming pool, and of course a great, challenging golf course. The course is in excellent shape, and you definitely need your 'A' game here. Allow 2 ½ hours driving time from the Bay Area. Play one day or both, but play!

For lodging information call Custom Rentals, (209) 962-7123.

Blue tees: Rating: 70.1, Slope: 125, Yardage: 6358

White tees: Rating: 69.0, Slope: 123, Yardage: 6146

Future Tournaments

August 10, 2002

Rooster Run Golf Club

Cost: \$75 with cart
 Director: Pete Katsumis
 Phone: (650) 366-4468
 Field size: 40
 First tee time: 10:30 am
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Split
 Driving range: Yes
 Cutoff date: July 30
 Spikes: Non-metal
 Carts: 90°, weather permitting

Comments:

In the heart of Petaluma's dairy country, Rooster Run is one of the best golfing values in Northern California. This course has multiple water features accented by a par three with an island green. Rooster Run is both beautiful and challenging. There are thirty-nine fairway and green-side sand bunkers that add to the challenging play of the course. The greens are hand mowed, creating an exceptionally fast putting surface.

Black tees: Rating: 73.7, Slope: 135, Yardage: 7001

Blue tees: Rating: 71.2, Slope: 126, Yardage: 6462

White tees: Rating: 68.7, Slope: 118, Yardage: 5889

August 17, 2002

Ridgemark Golf and Country Club

Cost: \$75 with cart
 Director: John Szarka
 Phone: (408) 467-5816
 Field size: 40
 First tee time: 10:45 am
 Format: Modified Stableford
 Tees: Split
 Driving range: Yes
 Cutoff date: August 2
 Spikes: Non-metal
 Carts: 90°, weather permitting

Comments:

The club returns to this wonderful golf club in Hollister. No matter which of the two courses we play (Gabilan or Diablo), you are guaranteed a challenging day of golf with changes in elevation and enjoyable scenery. Keep it in the short stuff and you'll do fine. If you hit it crooked, don't get too cute with your recoveries!

Gabilan Blue tees: Rating: 72.7, Slope: 126, Yardage: 6721

Gabilan White tees: Rating: 71.0, Slope: 123, Yardage: 6336

Diablo Blue tees: Rating: 72.3, Slope: 126, Yardage: 6582

Diablo White tees: Rating: 70.0, Slope: 122, Yardage: 6099

August 24, 2002

Shoreline Golf Links

Cost: \$70 with cart
 Director: Arif Janjua
 Phone: (408) 230-8920
 Field size: 40
 First tee time: 10:00 am
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Split
 Driving range: Yes
 Cutoff date: August 4
 Spikes: Non-metal
 Carts: 90°, weather permitting

Comments:

We're back after being rained out in March. This local course in Mountain View is in good condition since they finished the construction on several holes. A bit of water and wind on this course makes it a thinking man's course.

Blue tees: Rating: 72.5, Slope: 125, Yardage: 6579

White tees: Rating: 70.1, Slope: 120, Yardage: 6033

Important Tournaments

July is a very important month for SMGC tournaments. We are holding two local qualifiers for NCGA events.

On July 13 at Franklin Canyon, we are hosting the NCGA Four-Ball Net Qualifier where the top two winning two-man teams advance to the Sectional Qualifier on August 8. If they play well there, they advance to the final NCGA Four-Ball Championship on September 9 and 10 at Poppy Hills. See last month's newsletter for details.

On July 27 at Castle Oaks, we are hosting the NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier. This is an individual low-net competition where the three players with the lowest scores in three flights advance to the Sectionals on August 29, and hopefully to the Net Amateur Championship at Poppy Hills on September 23 and 24. See the Future Tournaments section of this newsletter for details.

If you're only able play a handful of tournaments a year, these are two that you should not miss!

Schedule Cards

Included with your June newsletter is a wallet-sized SMGC tournament schedule card for the remainder of the year. If you would like extra schedule cards to hand out to prospective new members, please ask any board member.

Also, please note that for members who have opted to read your newsletter online, we have still mailed you this June newsletter in order to get these tournament schedules to you. Beginning in July, you will be emailed a notification that the newsletter is available online. Thank you for helping reduce club costs of mailing out these newsletters! If you'd prefer to read your SMGC newsletter online and have not yet signed up for this, please visit the website at www.smgc.info/forms/newsonweb.htm. You'll be asked to complete a short form.

Match Play

Every summer the Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club participates in an NCGA match play league. Tournaments are held Thursdays against other clubs in the Bay Area. We have done quite well in past years, in a great part due to the leadership of Dale Howell. Dale has agreed to be the captain again this year.

Our current playing schedule is as follows:

June 27	Ridgemark
July 18	Crystal Springs
July 25	Palo Alto
August 1	Sunnyvale
August 15	Sunnyvale
August 29	Sunnyvale

Match play is a very fun format in golf, and since almost all of our other club tournaments are stroke play, this is one of the few times you get to play in a match play format. If you'd like to participate, please contact Dale Howell at (408) 732-8044 and he'll see if he can use you on the team. You won't have to play every week.

Here's to another successful match play season!

SMGC Board of Directors

President	John Szarka
Vice President	Les Cheong
Secretary	Jim Decious
Treasurer	Gale Waggoner
Tournament Chairman	Pete Katsumis
Handicap Chairman	Arif Janjua

Player of the Year Update

Dale Wilson has a good lead in the Player of the Year standings for 2002. However, there are plenty of tournaments left, so keep playing and let's try to catch him!

Points as of June 1, 2002:

Ranking	Name	Points
1	Dale Wilson	402
2	Arif Janjua	360
3	John Driver	315
4	Tom Fosdick	310
5	Bruce Salladay	267.5
6	Nadeem Rahman	247
7	James Hofer	240
8	Tom Boydston	230
9	Walter Keown	220
10	Pete Katsumis	215

Your Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting of the Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club will be Wednesday, June 19 at 7:00 pm, with early tournament sign-ups at 6:30 pm. Attend and you could win a coveted golf ball! General Meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month.

Tournament Results

Greenhorn Creek May 4, 2002

1 st Place	Patrick J. Rogers	\$40.00
2 nd Place	Tom Fosdick	30.00
T-3 rd Place	Stephen V. Cope	15.00
T-3 rd Place	Bruce Salladay	15.00
5 th Place	John Johnson	5.00

NOTE: this tournament had only one flight

La Contenta May 5, 2002

1 st Place	Bruce Salladay	\$40.00
2 nd Place	Arif Janjua	30.00
3 rd Place	Pat Rogers	20.00
4 th Place	Gordon Arnold	10.00
5 th Place	John Balsley	5.00

NOTE: this tournament had only one flight

Ridgemark May 11, 2002

First Flight

1 st Place	Arif Janjua	\$40.00
2 nd Place	James R Hofer	30.00
T-3 rd Place	W Don Anderson	8.00
T-3 rd Place	Jim Perko	8.00
T-3 rd Place	John Driver	8.00
T-3 rd Place	James A Decious	8.00

Second Flight

1 st Place	Dale Wilson	\$40.00
2 nd Place	Felix Charpentier	30.00
T-3 rd Place	Peter Katsumis	15.00
T-3 rd Place	Ed Simonsen	15.00

Tournament Results, cont.

Summitpointe May 18, 2002

First Flight

1 st Place	John Driver	\$40.00
T-2 nd Place	Arif Janjua	25.00
T-2 nd Place	Don Anderson	25.00
4 th Place	Jim Hofer	10.00
5 th Place	Larry Lopez	5.00

Second Flight

1 st Place	Walt Keown	\$40.00
T-2 nd Place	Ed Simonsen	25.00
T-2 nd Place	Merle Spurgeon	25.00
4 th Place	Steve Cope	10.00
T-5 th Place	Nadeem Rahman	5.00
T-5 th Place	Bob Johnson	5.00

Eagle Valley West May 25, 2002

First Flight

1 st Place	James R Hofer	\$40.00
2 nd Place	John D Brown	30.00
T-3 rd Place	Edwin Trotter	15.00
T-3 rd Place	John Driver	15.00

Second Flight

1 st Place	Tom Fosdick	\$40.00
2 nd Place	Mel Cottle	30.00
3 rd Place	Nadeem Rahman	20.00
4 th Place	John Szarka	10.00

Eagle Valley East May 26, 2002

First Flight

T-1 st Place	Brad Nelson	\$35.00
T-1 st Place	Neil McCarthy	35.00
T-2 nd Place	Edwin Trotter	15.00
T-2 nd Place	John Driver	15.00

Second Flight

1 st Place	Ed Simonsen	\$40.00
T-2 nd Place	Brian Silva	25.00
T-2 nd Place	Gary F Ponzini	25.00
4 th Place	Tom Fosdick	10.00

Golfers need selective memories, retaining the memory of great shots and forgetting bad ones. Selective memory helps a golfer grow in confidence as he gains experience and skill.

– from **Golf is Not a Game of Perfect**, by Dr. Bob Rotella