



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

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SMGC Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting of the Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club will be Wednesday, March 20 at the Lookout Inn at the Sunnyvale Golf Course. The meeting begins at 7:00 pm with early tournament sign-ups at 6:30 pm. General Meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month.

Welcome Jim Decious

On behalf of the SMGC board, I am happy to announce Jim Decious has graciously filled our open position as Secretary. Jim is a longtime member of our club and has always helped out. Jim can be reached via email at jimd@smgc.info.

—Les Cheong

Zone Qualifier Results

The second round of the NCGA 2-Man Zone Qualifier was held at Ridgemark Gabilan Course on Sunday, February 24. The two top teams advance to the finals on April 1 and 2.

Congratulations to the following two teams for advancing:

Gary Ponzini & Mel Cottle Net 62
Jim Perko & Dale Wilson Net 63

Randal Schmieding and David Gottwals are alternates.

What is ESC ?

Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) is a procedure whereby unusually high individual hole scores are adjusted downward prior to posting a player's score. ESC sets a maximum score a golfer can post on any hole depending on the golfer's Course Handicap (not his Handicap Index). Individual hole scores are adjusted for handicap purposes per the following table:

Equitable Stroke Control

Course Handicap	Maximum Score on Any Hole
9 or less	Double bogey
10 through 19	7
20 through 29	8
30 through 39	9
40 or more	10

How Does ESC Apply to Me?

Under *The Rules of Golf* you are required to post scores for all rounds played whether tournament rounds or not. ESC means that you do not necessarily post your total gross score. Handicaps are intended to show your scoring potential. If you have one or more holes where you took huge numbers, ESC is a means by which you may mitigate the effects of those poorly played holes. For example, if you had a gross score of 86 on a course where you have a course handicap of 18 and you shot a 9 on a hole, ESC would adjust that 9 to 7 for posting purposes. Your score would change from 86 to 84. You'll then post an 84.

Beware the Course Handicap!

Note that ESC is based on the *course handicap* and not your *handicap index*. There is an important distinction between the two.

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If you have a handicap index of 18.7 and play from a set of tees at a course with a slope rating of 115, your course handicap on that set of tees is:

$$(18.7 \times 115) \div 113 = 19 \text{ course handicap}$$

In the situation above, ESC says that your maximum number of strokes on any one hole is 7 (113 is a constant number).

If you played a more difficult course with a slope of 119 from your tees, your course handicap would be:

$$(18.7 \times 119) \div 113 = 19.7 \rightarrow \text{rounded to } 20$$

So, your course handicap is now 20. Referring to the table on page one, you'll find that your maximum number of strokes on any one hole is 8 rather than 7 in this situation. Notice that you have a different maximum number of strokes, even with the same index.

All courses should have a table with the course handicap posted. However, using the formula below will always work:

$$\text{Course Handicap} = (\text{Index} \times \text{Slope}) \div 113$$

rounded to nearest integer

ESC and SMGC Tournaments

Traditionally at SMGC tournaments there is a posting sheet where all participants calculate and post their adjusted scores (their gross scores after making any ESC adjustments). Today, with computerized systems, there may not be a posting sheet because the computer will calculate the ESC adjusted score automatically. In this case the tournament director will be able to tell you if your adjusted score is different from your gross score. Regardless, it is always a good idea to know how to do the calculation in situations when the computer is not available or to post non-tournament rounds.

If you have any questions about what your posted score should be or the process, please ask the tournament director or anyone else on the SMGC Board of Directors.

Currently Scheduled Tournaments

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

Jim Decious directs a tournament at SHORELINE on March 23. This is a modified stableford tournament with split tees and the cost is \$70 with a cart. The first starting time is 10 am. We are past the cutoff date so call Jim Decious at (408) 272-0751 to see if there is still room.

Our annual 4-MAN SCRAMBLE at SUNNYVALE will be held on March 30. Full details can be found at www.smgc.info/scramble_rules.htm and will also be handed out the day of the tournament. The cost is \$45 with no cart and the first tee time is 10 am. If you want to play, call Pete Katsumis at (650) 366-4468.

Player of the Year Standings

(as of March 2, 2002)

Although it's still very early in the Player of the Year race, we've included our current leaders below.

	Player	Points
1.	John Driver	218
2.	Dale Wilson	188
T3.	Pete Katsumis	175
T3.	Arif Janjua	175
T3.	Tom Fosdick	175
6.	Jim Perko	160
7.	Nadeem Rahman	157
8.	Tom Boydston	145
9.	Jay Kanemoto	132
10.	Bob Heihn	124

Future Tournaments

April 6, 2002

Manteca Park Golf Course

Cost: \$50 with cart
 Director: John Szarka
 Phone: (408) 467-5816
 Field size: 40
 First tee time: 8:45 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving range: Yes
 Cutoff date: March 26
 Spikes: Optional

Comments:

We're here again. A great muni course at a great price. A good challenge that won't challenge your wallet.

Blue tees: Rating: 71.3, Slope: 121, Yardage: 6478

White tees: Rating: 69.7, Slope: 117, Yardage: 6131

April 13 & 14, 2002

Napa Kennedy – Saturday

Cost: \$67 with cart
 Director: Gale Waggoner
 Phone: (408) 984-5534
 Field size: 40
 First tee time: 10:02 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving range: Yes
 Cutoff date: April 1
 Spikes: Non-metal

Comments:

This is a strategic course with water coming into play on 11 holes. This course is manageable for players of all skill levels and offers a unique challenge to each. This is a good golfing value in the region.

Blue tees: Rating: 71.8, Slope: 130, Yardage: 6519

White tees: Rating: 70.8, Slope: 128, Yardage: 6299

Windsor GC – Sunday

Cost: \$75 with cart
 Director: Gale Waggoner
 Phone: (408) 984-5534
 Field size: 40
 First tee time: 9:36 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving range: Yes
 Cutoff date: April 6
 Spikes: Non-metal

Comments:

This par-72 championship course has played host to six PGA Nike Tour events. The course traverses a creek, lakes, and oak trees and is known for its challenging, scenic layout and outstanding practice areas.

Black tees: Rating: 71.7, Slope: 127, Yardage: 6618

Blue tees: Rating: 69.4, Slope: 122, Yardage: 6131

April 20 & 27, 2002

Sunnyvale – Directors Cup

Cost: \$100 no cart
 (for both days)
 Director: Pete Katsumis
 Phone: (650) 366-4468
 Field size: 80
 First tee time: 8:00 am
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Black
 Driving range: No
 Cutoff date: April 13
 Spikes: Optional

Comments:

This an SMGC major tournament with Player of the Year points doubled for this two-week event. The format is 36 hole low-net stroke play. You can play with anybody you want for the first day, but you will be paired based on your standings for the second day. There will be a lunch provided to you at the end of the second day, so plan on sticking around! Trophies will be awarded to the top three players in each flight.

Black tees: Rating: 70.1, Slope: 121, Yardage: 6255

Tournament Results

Sunol Valley GC – Palm Course February 2, 2002

First Flight

T-1 st Place	Tom Boydston	\$30.00
T-1 st Place	Jim Jensen	30.00
T-1 st Place	Ed Trotter	30.00
T-4 th Place	Harvey Dixon	8.00
T-4 th Place	John Driver	8.00

Second Flight

1 st Place	Walt Keown	\$40.00
2 nd Place	Rich Ferguson, Jr.	30.00
3 rd Place	Gregory Shiomoto	20.00
4 th Place	Pete Katsumis	10.00
5 th Place	Phil Smithson	5.00

Paradise Valley Golf Course February 9, 2002

First Flight

1 st Place	Tom Boydston	\$40.00
2 nd Place	John Mendoza	30.00
3 rd Place	Arif Janjua	20.00
T-4 th Place	Bruce Salladay	7.50
T-4 th Place	John Szarka	7.50

Second Flight

1 st Place	Ray Morris	\$40.00
2 nd Place	Richard Tullis	30.00
T-3 rd Place	Jim Decious	12.00
T-3 rd Place	Nadeem Rahman	12.00
T-3 rd Place	Dale Wilson	12.00

Third Flight

1 st Place	Lew McCormick	\$40.00
2 nd Place	Brani Buric	30.00
3 rd Place	James Tzyy	20.00
4 th Place	Steve Cope	10.00
5 th Place	Walt Keown	5.00

Skywest Golf Course February 16, 2002

First Flight

1 st Place	Les Cheong	\$40.00
2 nd Place	Arif Janjua	30.00
T-3 rd Place	Jack Cady	15.00
T-3 rd Place	Jim Perko	15.00
5 th Place	Jim Decious	5.00

Second Flight

1 st Place	Keith Cutler	\$40.00
2 nd Place	Dan Alcock	30.00
T-3 rd Place	Pete Katsumis	15.00
T-3 rd Place	Greg Shiomoto	15.00
5 th Place	Jay Kanemoto	5.00

Sunnyvale Golf Course February 23, 2002

First Flight

1 st Place	Jim Perko	\$40.00
2 nd Place	Don Anderson	30.00
T-3 rd Place	John Driver	15.00
T-3 rd Place	Larry McGinty	15.00
T-5 th Place	John Balsley	5.00
T-5 th Place	Ed Trotter	5.00

Second Flight

1 st Place	Pete Katsumis	\$40.00
T-2 nd Place	Bob Johnson	25.00
T-2 nd Place	Nadeem Rahman	25.00
T-4 th Place	Bob Gonzales	8.00
T-4 th Place	Dale Wilson	8.00

Third Flight

1 st Place	Jay Kanemoto	\$40.00
2 nd Place	Rich Ferguson, Jr.	30.00
T-3 rd Place	Brani Buric	15.00
T-3 rd Place	Richard Tullis	15.00
5 th Place	Don Brusa	5.00