



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB Newsletter

MAY 2002

Schedule Update

The majority of Club tournaments for 2002 are now in place. New wallet tournament cards will be available soon. This newsletter includes details of seven tournaments in June and July. The list below includes tournaments from mid-July through October. Please refer to the SMGC website for updated tournament information.

July 20	Lake Tahoe Country Club
July 21 (Sun.)	Lake Tahoe Country Club
July 27	Castle Oaks (Net Amateur Qualifier)
August 3	Pine Mountain Lake
August 4 (Sun.)	Pine Mountain Lake
August 10	Rooster Run
August 17	Ridgemark
August 24	Shoreline
August 31	TBD
Sept. 7	Sunnyvale – Club Championship
Sept. 8 (Sun.)	Sunnyvale – Club Championship
Sept. 14	Sunnyvale – Club Championship
Sept. 15 (Sun.)	Sunnyvale – Club Championship
Sept. 21	Sunnyvale – Club Championship
Sept. 28	Sunol (Palm)
October 5	Hunter Ranch
October 6 (Sun.)	Hunter Ranch
October 12	Micke Grove
October 19	Rio Vista
October 26	Dry Creek Ranch

Currently Scheduled Tournaments

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

Arif Janjua directs a modified stableford-split tees tournament at SUMMITPOINTE on May 18 starting at 8:30 am. Cost is \$72 including cart. We are past the cutoff, but call Arif at (408) 230-8920 to see if there are any remaining openings.

The weekend of May 25 and 26 will be in Carson City where we'll play EAGLE VALLEY GOLF COURSE both days. There will be an 8:00 am shotgun start both Saturday and Sunday. John Szarka directs these point par – split tees tournaments which include two nights at the Carson Station Casino and Hotel. Details are in the last newsletter and on the website. Cost is \$210 per golfer double occupancy, with higher prices for single occupancy or with a non-golfing guest. If you'd like to play this weekend, please call John at (408) 467-5816 to see if there are any available spots.

New Members

It's our great pleasure to welcome two new members to the Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club.

Pier Francesco Indelli of Sunnyvale

Michael Houle of Redwood City

Welcome! We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming tournament or at a General Meeting.

Future Tournaments

June 1, 2002

Rancho Canada (East)

Cost: \$85 with cart
 Director: Arif Janjua
 Phone: (408) 230-8920
 Field size: 36
 First tee time: 9:00 am
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cutoff date: May 21
 Spikes: Non-metal
 Carts: 90°, weather permitting

Comments:

Playing this Monterey area course is more a matter of skill than of length. The Carmel River comes into play five different times as you negotiate a front nine that looks deceptively open. By the time you reach the back nine, you'll appreciate some of the finest finishing holes in the area.

Blue tees: Rating: 68.7, Slope: 120, Yardage: 6109

White tees: Rating: 67.4, Slope: 117, Yardage: 5832

June 8, 2002

Lockeford Springs

Cost: \$65 with cart
 Director: Gale Waggoner
 Phone: (408) 984-5534
 Field size: 40
 First tee time: 11:00 am
 Format: Modified Stableford
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cutoff date: May 30
 Spikes: Non-metal
 Carts: 90°, weather permitting

Comments:

This course in Lodi (about 20 minutes east of Stockton) will test your game. This beautiful course is relatively flat with a number of moguls framing the fairways. The greens are pretty big, but undulating. You'd better be on the right part of them or you'll be putting a lot. The grass driving range is wonderful!

Blue tees: Rating: 73.2, Slope: 130, Yardage: 6858

White tees: Rating: 71.4, Slope: 125, Yardage: 6482

June 15, 2002

Sunnyvale Member/ Guest

Cost: \$140 per two-man team (no cart)
 Director: Pete Katsumis
 Phone: (650) 366-4468
 Field size: 80
 First tee time: 8:00 am
 Format: 2-man Triad
 Tees: Black
 Driving Range: No
 Cutoff date: June 9
 Spikes: Optional
 Carts: 90°, weather permitting

Comments:

This is our annual member/guest tournament. The format is our unique two-man triad which has proved very popular in the past. Six holes of scramble, six holes of Scotch, and six holes of best ball. Refer to the separate article on page five for more details. Complete rules for the triad format are available on our website. A handout of the format will be provided on the day of competition.

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

Future Tournaments

June 22, 2002 Micke Grove

Cost: \$50 with cart
 Director: Les Cheong
 Phone: (408) 396-6902
 Field size: 48
 First tee time: 10:30 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cutoff date: June 4
 Spikes: Non-metal
 Carts: 90°, weather permitting

Comments:

This Lodi course is a favorite with the club. It's relatively flat, but the ever-present water and afternoon wind will make this course anything but easy. Bring your sunscreen as this is the longest day of the year.

Blue tees: Rating: 71.0, Slope: 118, Yardage: 6572

White tees: Rating: 68.0, Slope: 115, Yardage: 6020

June 29, 2002 Stevinson Ranch

Cost: \$90 with cart
 Director: Jim Decious
 Phone: (408) 272-0751
 Field size: 40
 First tee time: 9:30 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cutoff date: June 13
 Spikes: Non-metal
 Carts: 90°, weather permitting

Comments:

If you have yet to play Golf Digest's "Best New Upscale Public Course in California" for 1996, then don't miss out. Although it may be a long drive for some, you will be rewarded with a course in fantastic condition, a guaranteed challenge, and a spectacular practice facility.

Blue tees: Rating: 72.0, Slope: 130, Yardage: 6646

White tees: Rating: 69.3, Slope: 122, Yardage: 6093

July 6, 2002 Pacific Grove

Cost: \$65 with cart
 Director: Arif Janjua
 Phone: (408) 230-8920
 Field size: 40
 First tee time: 9:34 am
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Blue
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cutoff date: June 20
 Spikes: Optional
 Carts: 90°, weather permitting

Comments:

Known as the "poor man's Pebble Beach," this course continues to be one of our most popular tracks. For those of you who have never played Pacific Grove, don't let the short yardage fool you. This course has a lot to offer from tight driving holes to wide open links style holes along the ocean.

Blue tees: Rating: 67.7, Slope: 119, Yardage: 5732

Golf Medicine

—from *Harvey Penick's Little Red Book*

When I ask you take an aspirin, please don't take the whole bottle.

In the golf swing a tiny change can make a huge difference. The natural inclination is to begin to overdo the tiny change that has brought success. So you exaggerate in an effort to improve even more, and soon you are lost and confused again.

Lessons are not to take the place of practice but to make practice worthwhile.

Future Tournaments, cont.

July 13, 2002

Franklin Canyon

(Four-Ball Net Qualifier)

Cost:	\$110 per two-man team with cart
Director:	John Szarka
Phone:	(408) 467-5816
Field size:	48
First tee time:	8:00 am
Format:	Two-man low-net better ball
Tees:	White
Driving Range:	Yes
Cutoff date:	June 29
Spikes:	Non-metal
Carts:	90°, weather permitting

Comments:

Franklin Canyon features rolling hills among scenic canyon terrain. This "Gem of the East Bay" provides an outstanding test of golf for all skill levels. In addition to a normal club tournament, this will also be our NCGA Four-Ball Net Qualifier. The two winning teams advance to the Sectional Qualifier August 8. The finals will be September 9 and 10 at Poppy Hills. Play will be 90% of the course handicap using a maximum index of 18.4 for calculation. All players with indexes of 18.5 and above are eligible but must play to a maximum index of 18.4. Partners' course handicaps cannot differ by more than 8 strokes. However, if two players with a greater than an 8 stroke spread in handicap wish to pair up, the highest handicap will be reduced to meet the requirement.

White tees: Rating: 69.2, Slope: 122, Yardage: 6179

Newsletter Option

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If you cherish your monthly printed newsletter, not to worry. We won't take it away. This process is optional.

** Important note: if you opt to view newsletters online in lieu of getting a hard copy, your GHIN handicap monthly stickers will not be mailed to you. However, you may pick up your sticker each month at the front desk at the Sunnyvale Golf Course Pro Shop.*

Practice Swings

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

Practice swings were once actually illegal everywhere but on the tee. There are no posted legal limits about practice swings on the course today, but every golfer should recognize them for what they are: an agonizing source of slow play.

With adequate room on the tee there is no reason why golfers cannot take their practice swings at the same time, just as tennis players practice their serves together. The only time a practice swing should not be taken is when someone is preparing to swing in earnest.

One should suffice, two at the most. Remember, the golf course is not the place to experiment with your swing. It's not the place to learn a swing. The golf course is the place to play.

...For better or worse, you've got to play with the swing you came with. Tinkering is for the range or lessons - on your own time.

SMGC Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting of the Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club will be Wednesday, May 15. *Since we will no longer hold Twilight Tournaments, we will have this and all future General Membership Meetings at 7:00 pm with early tournament sign-ups at 6:30 pm. We will no longer hold meetings at 7:30 pm during the summer months.*

Planning ahead? Just mark your calendar for the third Wednesday of every month for SMGC General Membership Meetings.

June Member-Guest Tournament

On June 15 the Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club will host their annual Member-Guest Tournament. Each member may invite one guest to play with them in our unique triad format. The triad consists of six holes of scramble, six holes of modified Chapman Scotch (where both players tee off, but then play one of the balls in alternate shot format until the ball is holed), and six holes of best ball. For complete tournament rules, please refer to our website at www.smgc.info/triad_rules.htm.

There will be a nice tee prize given to each participant in addition to \$7 in vouchers to be spent on food and beverages at the course. A drawing will be held at the end of the tournament where you or your guest may win premium golf equipment.

Your guest must have a current GHIN number and handicap index in order for both of you to play with handicap strokes. If your guest does not have an index, then you will play scratch. *Please be sure to have your guest's GHIN number when you sign up for the tournament!*

Please see the *Future Tournaments* section on page two for more information.

Members from Far and Wide

If you thought Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club members merely hailed from Santa Clara County, you'll be surprised to learn we have members from all over northern California. Curious where your fellow members reside? We were, so we compiled this list:

County	Number of Members
Alameda	23
Butte	1
Calaveras	1
Contra Costa	7
Placer	1
Sacramento	1
San Benito	1
San Francisco	2
San Joaquin	4
San Mateo	29
Santa Clara	150
Santa Cruz	1
Stanislaus	1
& Washington State!	1

Of the 150 Santa Clara County members, 29 % are from San Jose and 27 % hail from Sunnyvale.

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

Tournament Results

Manteca Park Golf Course April 6, 2002

First Flight

T-1 st Place	Tom Boydston	\$35.00
T-1 st Place	J. Mike Hudack	35.00
3 rd Place	Neil McCarthy	20.00

Second Flight

1 st Place	Jerry Perugi	\$40.00
2 nd Place	James A. Decious	30.00
3 rd Place	Patrick J. Rogers	20.00

Third Flight

1 st Place	Jerry K. Ott	\$40.00
2 nd Place	Walter Keown	30.00
3 rd Place	Jay S. Kanemoto	20.00

Napa Golf Course at Kennedy Park April 13, 2002

First Flight

1 st Place	Ed Trotter	\$40.00
2 nd Place	John Brown	30.00
T-3 rd Place	John Szarka	10.00
T-3 rd Place	Jerry Perugi	10.00

Second Flight

1 st Place	Keith Cutler	\$40.00
2 nd Place	Harold Cohn	30.00
3 rd Place	Jerry Ott	20.00

Windsor Golf Club April 14, 2002

First Flight

1 st Place	John Driver	\$40.00
2 nd Place	John Szarka	30.00
T-3 rd Place	Arif Janjua	10.00
T-3 rd Place	Dale Howell	10.00

Second Flight

1 st Place	Gale Waggoner	\$40.00
2 nd Place	Dale Wilson	30.00
T-3 rd Place	Ben Tibbetts	10.00
T-3 rd Place	Jay Kanemoto	10.00

Sunnyvale Directors Cup April 20 and 27, 2002

Overall Low Gross: John Mendoza (defeated Arif Janjua on the 20th hole)

Overall Low Net: Dale Wilson (defeated Arif Janjua on the 19th hole)

First Flight

1 st Place	Arif Janjua	135
2 nd Place	Bruce Salladay	140
3 rd Place	Dale Daniel	141

Second Flight

1 st Place	Dale Wilson	135
2 nd Place	Bob Gonzales	137
3 rd Place	Ron Ellis	138

Third Flight

1 st Place	Curtis McGinty	143
2 nd Place	Gale Waggoner	146
3 rd Place	Dan Chase	149
	(defeated Steve Cope on the 19 th hole)	