



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB

NOVEMBER 2002 NEWSLETTER



November

23rd is the date of our annual Turkey Shoot at the Sunnyvale Golf Course! Play this tournament for a chance to win your choice of turkey just in time for Thanksgiving. See details in the Future Tournaments section on page 2.

NCGA News Bulletin!

It was announced by the NCGA hierarchy at the recent NCGA Annual Meeting that a modest increase in green's fee's at Poppy Hills and Poppy Ridge would take effect shortly after the new year. No specific amount was given at the time. Stay tuned for further update.

Your Club Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting of the Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club will be Wednesday, November 20 at 7:00 pm with tournament sign-up's at 6:30 pm. Show up and support our club! You could even win a coveted golf ball! General Meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday of every month at the Lookout Inn above the pro shop at the Sunnyvale Golf Course.



Membership Renewal Date Has Passed!

We are still accepting membership renewals for the 2003 season. The deadline for the SMGC to turn in our membership roster and dues to the NCGA is approaching fast! If you have not mailed in your 2003 SMGC dues and renewal form yet, then please contact any Board member to let them know of your intentions for the upcoming year. According to the SMGC By-Laws any current member who has not yet renewed his 2003 membership will not be allowed to participate in any upcoming tournaments So please make sure your due's have been paid to avoid any misfortune.

Welcome To Our New SMGC Members

We had six new members join us recently. Please welcome to the club:

Russ Cunningham Jr., Santa Clara

David Quattrone, Aptos

Stephen M. Sirard, Sunnyvale

Ben Magana, Fremont

Gregory Neilson, San Jose

Rick Stephenson, Santa Clara

We would like to invite each of you to join us at our next General Meeting to be held November 20th, or at an upcoming tournament! Our apologies if we missed any new members this month.

Future Tournaments

December 7, 2003 Sunol Cypress

Cost: \$65 with cart
 Director: Nadeem Rahman
 Phone: (510) 543-5579
 Field Size: 40
 First Tee Time: 10:04am
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Across Street
 Cutoff Date: Nov. 25th
 Spikes: Non-metal only
 Carts: 90° Weather Permitting

Comments:

An old favorite of SMGC. Built in 1967 the Cypress course is short in length, but don't let that fool you. Tight tree lined fairway's and hilly terrain will challenge your shot making abilities. There are a couple of ponds that come into play and the wind is usually a factor here. Green's are large and with winter weather are probably soft and medium in speed. This is also Nadeem's first tournament to direct so let's support him with a good turnout.

Blue tees: Rating: 69.8, Slope: 120, 6185 yards

White tees: Rating: 68.1, Slope: 117, 5806 yards

December 14, 2002 President's Cup

Cost: \$45 No Cart
 Director: Jim Decious
 Phone: (408) 272-0751
 Field Size: 80
 First Tee Time: 10:00am
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Regular
 Driving Range: No
 Cutoff Date: Dec. 10th
 Spikes: Optional
 Carts: 90° Weather Permitting

Comments:

This annual event is our last major of the year. It is a trophy tournament played at Sunnyvale Golf Course. It is 18 holes of low-net from the regular tee's starting at 10:00 a.m.. The top three low-net's in each flight are awarded a trophy. The overall low net will receive a special trophy and have his name, along with our current President, inscribed on our perpetual trophy that is displayed in the Pro-Shop at Sunnyvale Golf Course. Only one trophy can be awarded to any one player.

Regular tees: Rating: 70.4, Slope: 121, 6255 yards

December 21, 2003 Reserve at Spanos Park

Cost: \$60 with cart
 Director: John Szarka
 Phone: W (408) 467-5816
 H (408) 252-0441
 Field Size: 40
 First Tee Time: 9:00am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cutoff Date: Dec. 7th
 Spikes: Non-metal only
 Carts: 90° Weather Permitting

Comments:

This 18 hole facility is a links style design. The course is easily walkable and you should not have any uphill or downhill lies, but rolling hills do line the fairway's. This course has eight lakes in it's design, which come into play on twelve holes, and large strategically placed sand bunkers. The well protected greens are small and have some quick breaks, which place an emphasis on shotmaking. There is a wealth of variety in golf holes throughout the design.

Blue tees: Rating: 71.8, Slope: 130, 6550 yards

White tees: Rating: 69.4, Slope: 126, 6060 yards

Currently Scheduled Tournaments

These tournaments were announced in the October 2002 newsletter. Please refer to it or the website www.smgc.info for details.

On November 23rd the SMGC will host the Annual Turkey Shoot at **Sunnyvale**. First tee time is 8:00am. The low-net in each foursome will win a turkey. Cost is \$45 no cart. There's room for 80 players and we are approaching the cutoff date of Nov. 16th so call Les Cheong at (408) 396-6902 or lesc@smgc.info if you're interested.

John Johnson directs a point par split tee's event at **Las Positas** in Livermore on Nov 30th. The cost is \$60 with cart. There's room for 40 players and the first tee time is 10:00am. Cutoff date is Nov. 20th. If you can't make it to Sunnyvale to sign up, contact John at (650) 349-9212 or (650)342-8560 in the evenings. You can also reach him at johnj@smgc.info.

2003 Schedule Cards

You'll find a sneak peak of the 2003 tournament schedule, January through June on page 6 of this newsletter. We will be mailing out the new pocket schedules to you in the December issue as soon as the schedule is finalized. As usual, you can refer to the website: www.smgc.info for the most recent update throughout the year.

The Big Hitter

Cliff Morris, Hawaii



A golfer set up his ball on the first tee, took a mighty swing and hit his ball into a clump of trees. He found his ball and saw an opening between two trees he thought he could hit through. Taking out his 3 wood, he took another mighty swing, the ball hit a tree, bounced back, hit him in the forehead and killed him. As he approached the gates of Heaven, St. Peter saw him coming and asked, "Are you a good golfer?", to which the man replied, "Got here in two, didn't I?".

Future Forecast!



With the temperatures on the decline and the start of the rainy season approaching, you may want to start thinking about breaking out the old foul weather gear. Last week's storm was just a prelude of what we can expect over the course of the winter month's. **(Remember)** Inclement weather may force the cancellation of a scheduled tournament. When weather conditions are marginal and course playability is in doubt call the Tournament Phone Line to check the status of the tournament before you leave. Please do not leave any messages on the Tournament Phone Line as it is not checked.

Tournament Phone: (408) 739-9281

2003 SMGC Board of Directors

At our annual special meeting held in October, three vacating positions were filled. Here's a look at the new board members and their new roles for the SMGC.

President	John Szarka
Vice President	Les Cheong
Secretary	John Johnson
Treasurer	Nadeem Rahman
Tournament Chairman	Jim Decious
Handicap Chairman	Arif Janjua

Pete Katsumis and **Gale Waggoner** attended their last general meeting as board members of the SMGC, so if you see them at an upcoming tournament, be sure to thank them for all the hard work they did for our club.

Tournament Results

Hunter Ranch Weekender Round 1 October 5th 2002

First Flight

Name	Points	Win
John Szarka	39	\$40
Bob Hein	37	\$30
Ed Trotter	35	\$20

Skins Winners:

John Szarka	2
Jim Perko	2
Jay Dameron	1
Les Cheong	1
Tom Boydston	1

Hunter Ranch Weekender Round 1 October 5th 2002

Second Flight

Name	Points	Win
Dale Wilson	37	\$40
Gary Ponzini	33	\$30
Bob Hamilton	27	\$10
Pete Katsumis	27	\$10

Hunter Ranch Weekender Round 2 October 6th 2002

First Flight

Name	Points	Win
Tom Boydston	32	\$40
Arif Janjua	31	\$25
Ed Trotter	31	\$25

Skins Winners:

Ed Trotter	2
Arif Janjua	2
Jay Dameron	1

Hunter Ranch Weekender Round 2 October 6th 2002

Second Flight

Name	Points	Win
Mel Cottle	32	\$40
Dale Wilson	30	\$25
Arthur Leung	30	\$25

"Sweeps" Winners:

Ed Trotter	First
John Szarka	Second
Arif Janjua	Third

Micke Grove Point Par October 12, 2002

First Flight - Blue Tees

Player	Points	Place	Win
Arif Janjua	34	Tie 1st	\$35
John Szarka	34	Tie 1st	\$35
Nadeem Rahman	33	Tie 3rd	\$10
John Balsley	33	Tie 3rd	\$10

Micke Grove Point Par October 12, 2002

Second Flight - White Tees

Player	Points	Place	Win
Jay Kanemoto	38	1st	\$40
Branimir Buric	36	Tie 2nd	\$25
Ben Tibbetts	36	Tie2nd	\$25

Tournament Results Continued

Rio Vista

Modified Stableford October 19, 2002

First Flight - Championship Tees

Player	Points	Win
John Brown	+4	\$35
Bruce Salladay	+4	\$35
Larry Lopez	+3	\$20
Neil McCarthy	+2	\$10

Rio Vista

Modified Stableford October 19, 2002

Second Flight - White Tees

Player	Points	Win
John Szarka	+8	\$40
Jim Decious	+7	\$30
Walt Keown	+6	\$15
Dale Wilson	+6	\$15

We had 10 participants in the optional skins game. Congratulations to the following players for each walking away a winner!

John Szarka	Birdied 5th Hole	\$50
Larry Lopez	Birdied 6th Hole	\$50

Dry Creek 2-Man Better Ball October 26, 2002

Position	Team	Ind. Net	Team	Win
First	Felix Charpentier	71	63	\$40
	Steve Cope	74		\$40
Second	Larry Lopez	72	64	\$30
	Mike Smith	71		\$30
Third (tie)	Arif Janjua	77	67	\$15
	Nadeem Rahman	73		\$15
Third (tie)	Rick Colen	79	67	\$15
	Brian Silva	74		\$15

Pacific Grove

Low Net Blue Tees: November 9, 2002

First Flight	Net	Win	2nd Flight	Net	Win
Arnie Angel	67	\$30	John Balsley	63	\$40
Les Cheong	67	\$30	Felix Charpentier	66	\$30
Larry McGinty	67	\$30	Jay Kearney	68	\$20
Arif Janjua	69	\$10	Tom Fosdick	71	\$5
Dale Howell	70	\$5	John Szarka	71	\$5
John Mendoza	70	\$5	Matt Wassmer	71	\$5

3rd Flight	Net	Win
Jay Kanemoto	64	\$40
Barry Franklin	65	\$30
Pete Katsumis	66	\$20
Harold Cohn	67	\$10
Lew McCormick	68	\$5

SMGC 2003 Schedule January through June

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>
Jan 4	Pacific Grove	April 12	Boundary Oak
Jan 11	Manteca Park	April 19	Sunol Cypress
Jan 18	Rancho Canada east	April 26	Sunnyvale
Jan 25	Sunnyvale	April 27 sunday	Sunnyvale
Feb 1	Sunol Palm	May 3	Roddy Ranch
Feb 8	Poplar Creek	May 10	San Jose Muni
Feb 15	Alameda Clark	May 17	Summitpointe
Feb 22	Sunnyvale zone qualifier	May 24	Red Hawk-Reno
Mar 2 sunday	Poppy Ridge	May 25 sunday	Wolf Run-Reno
Mar 8	Salinas Fairways	May 31	Santa Clara
Mar 15	Sky West	June 7	Rancho Canada
Mar 22	Spring Valley	June 14	Santa Teresa
Mar 23 sunday	Poppy Hills	June 21	Sunnyvale
Mar 29	Micke Grove	June 28	La Purisima
Apr 5	Dry Creek Ranch	June 29 sunday	Cypress Ridge

Special Tournament Dates

Feb. 22 Sunnyvale Zone Qualifier

April 26 & 27 Directors Cup

May 17 Summitpointe 4-Ball Qualifier

May 24 & 25 Reno Weekender

May 31 Santa Clara Net Amateur Qualifier

June 21 Sunnyvale Member Guest

June 28 & 29 Solvang Weekender

(Note) NCGA Qualifying Tournament dates are subject to change depending on weather conditions.

Editor's Note:

If you have any questions or comment's about the newsletter or the SMGC in general you can contact the editor at (650) 349-9212 or johnj@smgc.info

The majority of Club tournaments for 2003 are now booked! We have a great selection of tournaments to look forward to in 2003. Special thanks go out to our Vice President Les Cheong for the hard work he put into securing this year's schedule. We have some new courses, old favorites, fun weekender's, and quite a few reasonably priced locales to help entice higher tournament draw's than in previous year's. So let's get out there and make 2003 our best ever!



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