



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB Newsletter

OCTOBER 2002

Special Meeting

The next general meeting will be Wednesday, October 16 at 7:00 pm with early tournament signups at 6:30 pm.

This meeting is also our annual special meeting and is very important. The elections for the three vacating board positions will be held. The three nominees are:

John Szarka (currently President)

John Johnson

Nadeem Rahman

Gale Waggoner and Pete Katsumis will be attending their last general meeting as board members.

Please attend this meeting to thank both Gale and Pete, to vote on the new candidates, and to welcome them to their new roles. All current directors will give their year-end reports as well.

Please show your support for your club and attend this special meeting!

Win a Turkey Don't Be One!

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



Membership Renewals Due Now!

Have you mailed your 2003 SMGC dues and renewal form? If not, please note that **the deadline to renew is Tuesday, October 15!** Renewal fee is \$110 if received on time with renewal form. If late, you must pay an additional \$20 to be processed as a new member.

Please include a completed renewal form (below) with your payment. Your renewal process is not complete until we receive *both* this form and payment. Please mail both to Gale Waggoner (address below). Or, hand them to a board member. Please make your \$110 check payable to SMGC.

Name: _____

GHIN: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone # home: _____

other: _____

Email: _____

Please check one of the following:

Please email me the newsletter every month. Don't mail to my address, (email required above). NOTE: Your GHIN stickers will not be mailed to you monthly if you check this option. You may pick them up at the Sunnyvale Golf Course Pro Shop.

Please mail the newsletter to me at my address above.

Please mail this form and a check payable to "SMGC" for \$110 to Gale Waggoner, 2532 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara, CA 95051.

Future Tournaments

November 9, 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: October 30
 Spikes: Non-metal only
 Carts: 90°, weather permitting

Comments:

Gotta love this course! Two very distinct nines. One tight and position golf and the other great links golf along the water.

Pacific Grove always is popular with our club so make sure you sign up early so you don't miss out. It's only about one hour fifteen minutes from Silicon Valley and a steal at \$65.

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

November 23, 2002 Sunnyvale – Turkey Shoot

Cost: \$45 (no cart)
 Director: The Board
 Phone: (408) 396-6902
 Field size: 80
 First tee time: 8:00 am
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Black
 Driving Range: No
 Cutoff date: November 16
 Spikes: Optional
 Carts: 90°, weather permitting

Comments:

Ah yes! Our ever-popular Turkey Shoot on our home course. The low net score in each foursome will win a fabulous (frozen) turkey! We will have turkeys of various sizes so you will be happy with the selection of birds. Even if you do not get the low-net in your foursome, don't go home! There will be many extra turkeys given out to the remaining players based on a low-net pool. Chances are still good you'll go home with a bird. There will also be a raffle to win some premium equipment.

Black tees: Rating: 70.4, Slope: 121, Yardage: 6255.

November 30, 2002 Las Positas

Cost: \$60 with cart
 Director: John Johnson
 Phone, Day: (650) 349-9212
 Evening: (650) 342-8560
 Field size: 40
 First tee time: 10:00 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cutoff date: November 20
 Spikes: Non-metal only
 Carts: 90°, weather permitting

Comments:

This Robert Muir Graves course in Livermore is a challenging course with seven lakes and a creek that splits multiple holes. It is a fairly flat, well treed course that demands your attention. The wind does pick up here in the afternoon, and it's a major factor when it does. There are some risk-versus-reward holes to keep your mind racing. This is John Johnson's first tournament to direct, so let's all show him our support!

Blue tees: Rating: 72.1, Slope: 127, Yardage: 6677

White tees: Rating: 70.8, Slope: 123, Yardage: 6331

The 2002 Player of the Year

What a great year for **Arif Janjua**! He is the 2002 Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club Champion and the Player of the Year, passing Dale Wilson to win the honors on the very last day of the Club Championship! Arif will have his SMGC dues waived for the 2003 season.



The competition for 2003 Player of the Year starts with the first tournament after the Club Championship, which is the Sunol Palm tournament on September 28.

Final 2002 Player of the Year Standings

1 st	Arif Janjua	435
2 nd	Dale Wilson	415
3 rd	Tom Fosdick	385
4 th	John Driver	360
5 th	Bruce Salladay	330
6 th	Nadeem Rahman	330
7 th	Tom Boydston	305
8 th	Brani Buric	255
9 th	Walter Keown	245
10 th	James Hofer	242.5

A Successful Raffle

It was a successful raffle at the Club Championship dinner in September. Over \$2,000 in prizes were given away while just over \$700 in cash was received by participants. This shows that our raffles continue to be a great opportunity to win valuable prizes for a relatively small buy-in.

Thank you to the following people for their generous donations:

Los Altos Golf for two video swing analyses and Tiger Woods commemorative golf balls (thanks to **Michelle Driver** for obtaining these prizes).

Steve Bogdan for a gift certificate to **Austin's** in Mountain View.

Dan Chase for his very generous donation of \$50.

Donations like these are what make our club events a success like this one clearly was. Congratulations to everyone who won a prize!

Testing the Waters

From "Golf Etiquette" by Barbara Puett and Jim Apfelbaum

One absolute in all hazards: you may not ground your club (Penalty: two strokes). The club head may not touch the ground, the sand, or the water until you actually swing. You may not use your club as a cane. You may not test the bunker's consistency with your club.

Why not? It's against the rules, for one, but common sense applies, the same common sense behind replacing divots and ball marks: to preserve the course. Imagine what a sand bunker would look like if every golfer who hit into one was first allowed a few healthy swipes? There would soon be nothing left.

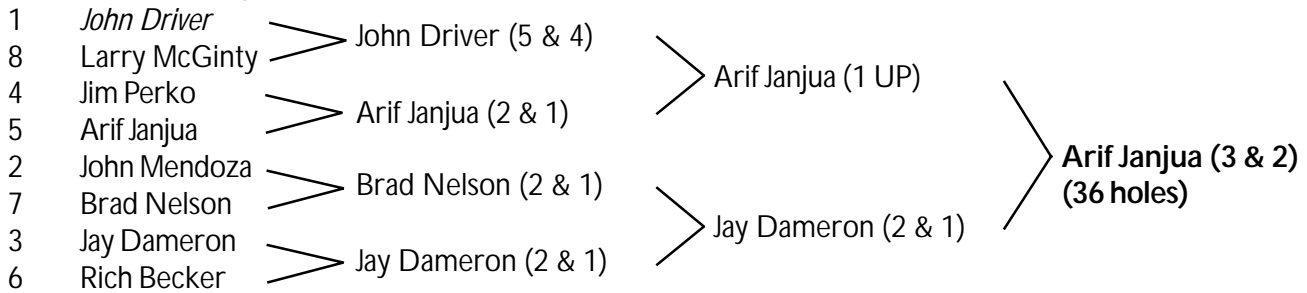
Tournament Results

SMGC Club Championship, September 7-21, 2002

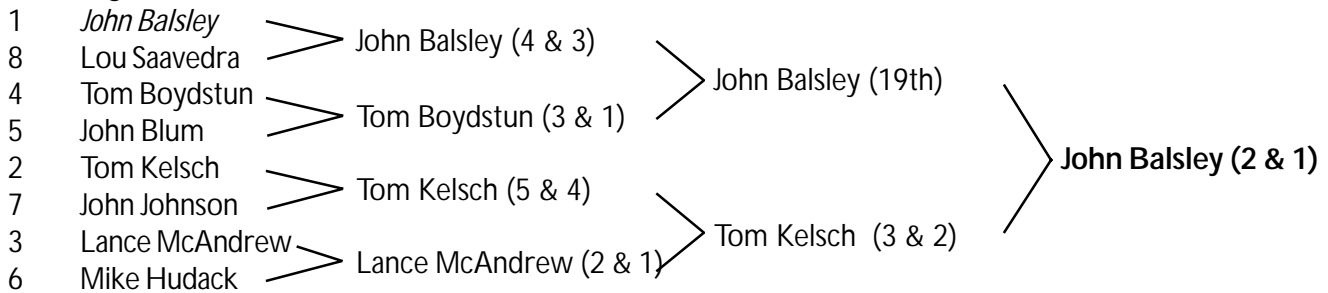
One championship flight (played at scratch) and three additional flights were played for the club championship. The top eight players after 36 holes of medal play advanced to the quarter finals in match play. The top player won *medalist* honors for that flight. The eight players played single elimination to determine the winners. The championship flight winner becomes the SMGC Club Champion. Congratulations to **Arif Janjua**, the 2002 SMGC Club Champion!

Championship Flight

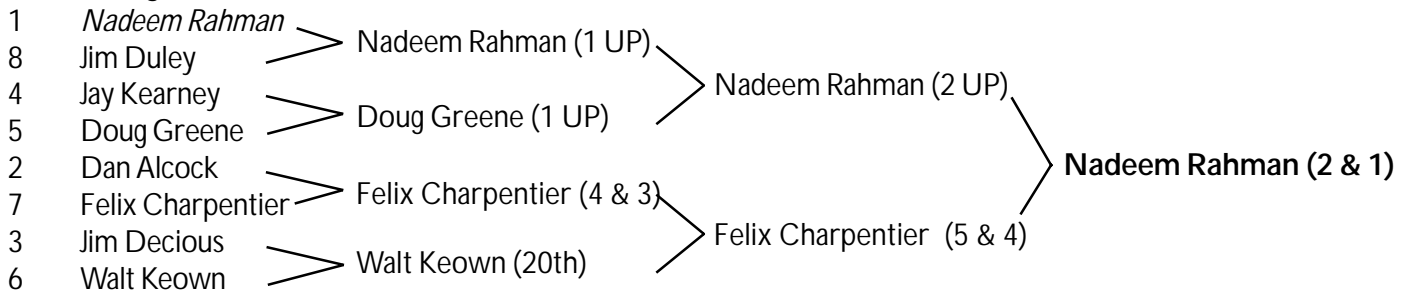
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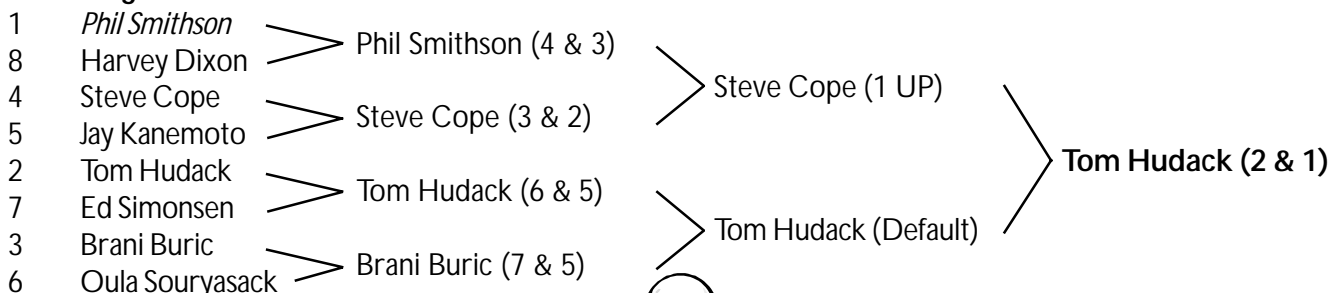
First Flight



Second Flight



Third Flight



Tournament Results, cont.

Sunol Palm September 28, 2002

First Flight

1 st Place	John Balsley	\$40.00
2 nd Place	Les Cheong	30.00
T-3 rd Place	Arif Janjua	7.00
T-3 rd Place	Neil McCarthy	7.00
T-3 rd Place	Nadeem Rahman	7.00

Second Flight

1 st Place	Brani Buric	\$40.00
2 nd Place	Steve Cope	30.00
T-3 rd Place	Walt Keown	10.00
T-3 rd Place	Keith Cutler	10.00

Currently Scheduled Tournaments

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

On October 19 the SMGC will host a modified stableford – split tees tournament at RIO VISTA. Les Cheong directs this tournament with the first tee time at 9:02 am. It'll be \$72 with cart. There's room for 44 players. We are past the cutoff date of October 10, so call Les at (408) 396-6902 to see if there is still room.

Jim Decious directs a two-man net better ball tournament at DRY CREEK RANCH October 26. This costs \$100 per team (\$50 per person), with cart. All players will hit from the same set of tees. There's room for 40 players, and the first tee time is 10:02 am. The cutoff date was October 10, so call Jim at (408) 272-0751 to see if he can still accommodate you. This is a two-man team competition, so bring a partner. If you don't have one, Jim will try to match you up with someone.

Preposterous Penalties

From "golf's most wanted," by Floyd Conner

Mark Brooks tossed away two strokes on the final hole of the 1991 Las Vegas International. Brooks hit the ball safely onto the green. He marked the ball and tossed it to his caddie. The caddie missed the ball, and it rolled into a water hazard. Brooks climbed into the hazard and found eighteen golf balls but could not locate his own. He was given a two-stroke penalty for the lost ball and finished his round with a 78.

A bizarre occurrence cost **J. C. Snead** two strokes at the 1977 Players Championship, played at the Sawgrass Golf Course in Ponte Vedra, Florida. On the fourth hole, a sudden gust of wind blew off Snead's Panama hat. The hat skipped down the fairway and struck his ball, which was safely on the green. Snead was penalized two shots for "putting" with his hat. The rules state that only standard golfing equipment can be used for putting.

Handing Off the Torch

This issue of the Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club newsletter will be the last one that I do before handing over the reins to John Johnson, who will be the next newsletter editor. For those of you who don't know, my wife Lauren has been the brains behind the newsletter for the past year. I write the stuff but she makes it look good and read well. She will now get a well-deserved break.



As a professional in the printing industry, John Johnson has extensive experience in producing newsletters, and I am fully confident that he will be able to take over smoothly. If you see John, make sure to thank him for his help!

Les Cheong
SMGC Newsletter Editor

2003 Schedule Preview

In order that you may plan ahead, below are SMGC tournaments planned for the first half of 2003. *Please note, these are subject to change at any time.* Your 2003 pocket schedule will be available shortly.

- Jan 4 Pacific Grove
- Jan 11 Manteca Park
- Jan 18 Rancho Canada - East
- Jan 25 Sunnyvale

- Feb 1 Sunol - Palm
- Feb 8 Poplar Creek
- Feb 15 Alameda - Clark
- Feb 22 Sunnyvale (Zone Qualifier)

- Mar 2 (Sun) Poppy Ridge
- Mar 8 Salinas Fairways
- Mar 15 SkyWest
- Mar 22 Spring Valley
- Mar 23 (Sun) Poppy Hills
- Mar 29 Micke Grove

- Apr 5 Dry Creek Ranch
- Apr 12 Boundary Oak
- Apr 19 Sunol - Cypress
- Apr 26 Sunnyvale (Directors Cup)
- Apr 27 (Sun) Sunnyvale (Directors Cup)

- May 3 Roddy Ranch
- May 10 San Jose Municipal
- May 17 Summitpointe
- May 24 Red Hawk (Reno)
- May 25 (Sun) Wolf Run (Reno)

- Jun 7 Rancho Canada - West
- Jun 14 Santa Teresa
- Jun 21 Sunnyvale (Member-Guest)
- Jun 28 La Purisima
- Jun 29 (Sun) Cypress Ridge

SMGC Board of Directors

President	John Szarka
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Handicap Chairman	Arif Janjua