



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2002

SMGC Elections

As discussed in the past general membership meetings and newsletters, there will be three SMGC Board of Directors positions elected at the Annual Meeting in October. We have nominees for these board positions and are still welcoming more. Members who would like to serve on the SMGC Board of Directors next year should contact Dale Howell, Pete Katsumis, or Gale Waggoner.

Nominees selected by the committee will be listed in the posting room at the Sunnyvale Golf Course. In the September general membership meeting, any five (5) members of the club may nominate one or more person(s) by submitting a petition. Nominations will close at the end of the September meeting. No nominations may be made from the floor at the October Annual Meeting.

It is more important to be decisive
than to be correct when preparing to play
any golf shot, particularly a putt.

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

New Member

We have yet another new member to our ever growing Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club. Please join us in welcoming **Larry Mattheakis** of Cupertino. Larry, we hope to see you at our next meeting and our tournaments!

Match Play Complete

The Thursday match play team finished off the season with a hard-fought loss to Palo Alto at Sunnyvale Golf Course on August 29. The team played well and barely lost 20-16. With this win, Palo Alto advances to the playoffs.

Plenty of time to practice for next year!

Player of the Year Standings

We're in the home stretch for the Player of the Year! The Club Championship is the last tournament for the 2002 Player of the Year competition. Dale Wilson holds the lead, but remember that a lot of points are available at the Club Championship. Many people can still catch him.

1 st	Dale Wilson	415
2 nd	Tom Fosdick	385
3 rd	Arif Janjua	380
4 th	Bruce Salladay	330
5 th	John Driver	315
6 th	Tom Boydston	270
7 th	Nadeem Rahman	247
8 th	Walter Keown	245
9 th	James Hofer	242.5
10 th	Pete Katsumis	230

Future Tournaments

October 12 Micke Grove

Cost: \$55 with cart
 Director: John Szarka
 Phone: (408) 467-5816
 Field size: 40
 First tee time: 10:30 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cutoff date: October 5
 Spikes: Non-metal only
 Carts: 90°, weather permitting

Comments:

This is a great track in Lodi, approximately one hour and fifteen minutes from the Sunnyvale area. It has wide fairways, but water to contend with. There are easy holes and difficult holes. If you play well, your score will reflect it. Those who play this course usually come back again. At this price, the course is a great bargain.

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

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

October 19 Rio Vista

Cost: \$72 with cart
 Director: Les Cheong
 Phone: (408) 396-6902
 Field size: 44
 First tee time: 9:02 am
 Format: Modified Stableford
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cutoff date: October 10
 Spikes: Non-metal only
 Carts: 90°, weather permitting

Comments:

This is a challenging course right in the middle of the Delta area. The first hole is easy to get you off to a fun start, but don't get cocky because the next hole immediately makes you think about how you're going to play this course for the rest of the day. Six of the first nine holes have water to contend with. With the palm trees leaning about 15 degrees in the same direction, you know right away that the wind usually is a big factor here.

Blue tees: Rating: 73.9, Slope: 131, Yardage: 6800

White tees: Rating: 71.9, Slope: 126, Yardage: 6393

October 26 Dry Creek Ranch

Cost: \$100 per team with cart
 Director: Jim Decious
 Phone: (408) 272-0751
 Field size: 40
 First tee time: 10:02 am
 Format: Two-man net better ball
 Tees: same
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cutoff date: October 10
 Spikes: Optional
 Carts: 90°, weather permitting

Comments:

We heard great things from the members the last time we visited this course in March. One of the best bargains in the area and a challenge to boot. You may end up playing pinball amidst the trees if you're not hitting them straight, so be prepared to hit your recovery shots. This is a two-man better ball (low net) tournament. Sign up with a partner. If you don't have one, we'll find one for you. Just don't miss out on this course!

Blue tees: Rating: 72.4, Slope: 131, Yardage: 6720

White tees: Rating: 71.1, Slope: 129, Yardage: 6454

Currently Scheduled Tournaments

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

Gale Waggoner directs the modified stableford-split tees tournament at SUNOL VALLEY – PALM COURSE on September 28. First tee time is 10:33 am and the cost is \$66 with cart. The cutoff date is September 17. If you are interested in playing, call Gale at (408) 984-5534 for availability.

October 5 and 6 is our last weekender of the year at HUNTER RANCH in Paso Robles. Both days are point par-split tees and cost \$75 with cart. First tee time is around 9:00 am on both days. The cutoff date is September 27. If you are interested in playing one or both days, contact Arif Janjua at (480) 230-8920.

Time to Renew

It's September, and you know what that means! It's time to renew your SMGC membership. We have a great schedule planned for 2003 that will be introduced soon. Here's a peek at just a few of the scheduled courses: Adobe Creek, Red Hawk (Reno), La Purisima (Lompoc), Roddy Ranch, Poppy Hills, Poppy Ridge. We've also scheduled club favorites such as Pacific Grove, Manteca and Sunol.

Membership dues are just one hundred ten (\$110) dollars per year, due between September 1 and October 15. Any member not paying by October 15 must also pay the new member initiation fee of twenty (\$20) dollars. The NCGA is strict regarding when memberships must be frozen, so please help us comply with their deadlines and send in your renewal form and payment today.

Please cut out, complete, and mail the renewal form at right to Gale Waggoner (see address on form), or hand it to any board member. Please include a check for \$110 payable to SMGC.

Your SMGC Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting of the Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club will be Wednesday, September 18 at 7:00 pm with early tournament signups at 6:30 pm.

During this meeting we will continue to discuss the proposed by-laws changes. You may download a draft of the new proposals from the website at <http://www.smgc.info/news/bylaws2002.htm>. This meeting is also important as the nominees for the three new SMGC board members will be presented and any new nominees solicited from the floor (see separate article).

The next meeting on October 16 is our special meeting at which annual elections will take place. Please attend this meeting -- your vote is important! We will also vote on the proposed by-laws changes at this meeting.

Name: _____

GHIN: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone # home: _____

other: _____

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Please check one of the following:

Please email me the newsletters 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.

Tournament Results

Rooster Run August 10, 2002

First Flight

1 st Place	Brian Silva	\$40.00
2 nd Place	John Balsley	30.00
3 rd Place	Les Cheong	20.00
4 th Place	Tom Boydston	10.00
5 th Place	Felix Charpentier	5.00

NOTE: there was only one flight in this tournament.

Ridgemark August 17, 2002

First Flight

1 st Place	Ed Trotter	\$40.00
2 nd Place	Tom Fosdick	30.00
3 rd Place	Jim Perko	20.00
4 th Place	Jay Dameron	10.00

Second Flight

1 st Place	John Szarka	\$40.00
T-2 nd Place	Ben Tibbetts	25.00
T-2 nd Place	Dale Wilson	25.00
4 th Place	Brani Buric	10.00

Shoreline August 24, 2002

First Flight

T-1 st Place	Dale Howell	\$35.00
T-1 st Place	Merle Spurgeon	35.00
3 rd Place	Jay Kearney	20.00
4 th Place	Bob Joseph	10.00
5 th Place	Tom Fosdick	5.00

Second Flight

T-1 st Place	John Szarka	\$35.00
T-1 st Place	Michael Rohrs	35.00
T-3 rd Place	Steve Cope	15.00
T-3 rd Place	Harvey Dixon	15.00
5 th Place	Brani Buric	5.00

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