



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB

December 2003 NEWSLETTER

Presidents Message

Happy Holidays everyone!

The 2003 season is coming to an end, but is seamlessly merging into the 2004 season. I have just finished booking all of the tournaments for the 2004 season and am very excited with the courses we will be playing. There will be your usual favorites in addition to some courses that we have not played in a very long time. Tournament booking responsibilities will now fall in Arif Janjua's capable hands who will begin the process of booking the 2005 tournaments very soon. As always, if you have any suggestions, please let him know!

The SMGC website has a new name! We can now be found at www.smgc.us as well as the old www.smgc.info. I think .us will be easier for most of us to remember. If you haven't been to the website recently, be sure to check it out. All the up-to-date club information will always be on the website in addition to tournament tee times and results. Also, over Thanksgiving, we launched the SMGC Discussion Room on the website, which is a forum for discussing anything and everything you want to about the club, golf, equipment, players, who's hot and who's not. etc.

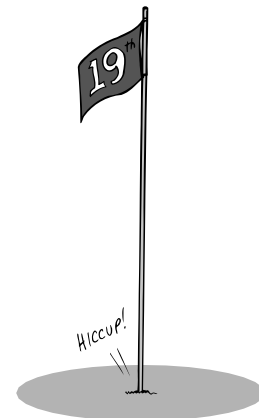
The December 17th General Meeting is not a formal meeting, but rather a time for everybody to come, have a drink, and sign up for future tournaments. I hope to see a lot of you there. See you then!

Les Cheong
President
Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club

Welcome To Our New SMGC Members

Brian Troy - Mountain View
Larry Morgan - Los Altos

We would like to invite you to join us at our next General Meeting to be held December 17th, or at an upcoming tournament! Our apologies if we missed any new members this month.



Congratulations go out to **John Szarka** and **Jack Cady** for both collecting aces in the month of October. Club President John Szarka aced the 177 yard, par 3, 12th hole at Los Lagos with a 5 wood on 10/15/03. Mr. Cady knocked it in on the 136 yard, 7th hole at Sunnyvale with a 7 wood on 10/30/03. Nice Shooting gentlemen! Both of our members will receive plaques to commemorate this rare feat from the Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club.

Future Tournaments

January 10, 2004 Pacific Grove

Cost: \$66 With Cart
 Director: John Johnson
 Phone: (650) 349-9212
 Field Size: 44
 First Tee Time: 9:30 a.m.
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Blue
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cutoff Date: Jan. 1st
 Spikes: Optional
 Carts: 90° Weather Permitting

Comments:

This is a very popular spot for our club members and spots should fill up fast. The course winds through the Del Monte forest with a few tight, well bunkered holes. The back nine opens up for some great links-style golf along the ocean.

Blue tees: Rating: 67.7, Slope: 119, 5,732 yards

January 17, 2004 Salinas Fairways

Cost: \$58 With Cart
 Director: Arif Janjua
 Phone: (408) 230-8920
 Field Size: 36
 First Tee Time: 10:00 a.m.
 Format: Modified Stableford
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cutoff Date: Jan. 7th
 Spikes: Non-metal only
 Carts: 90° Weather Permitting

Comments:

Salinas is a flat walkable course. The back nine is notorious for the prevailing winds which force golfers to be accurate with their club selections. Water hazards, (lakes) come into play on several holes.

Blue tees: Rating: 69.8, Slope: 115, 6,479 yards

White tees: Rating: 68.7, Slope: 113, 6,230 yards

January 24, 2004 Sunnyvale (Zone Qualifier)

Cost: \$45 No Cart
 Director: Les Cheong
 Phone: (408) 396-6902
 Field Size: 80
 First Tee Time: 8:00 a.m.
 Format: 2-Man Low-Net
 Tees: Regular
 Driving Range: No
 Cutoff Date: Jan. 17th
 Spikes: Optional
 Carts: 90° Weather Permitting

Comments:

This tournament will be at 90% of each players handicap. Any handicap index may compete in the first qualifier. Qualifiers will include the top 10 teams and ties. Qualifiers will move onto the final competition stage and will play free of charge. The top 2 teams at stage 2 qualifying will go on to represent our club at the NCGA Zone to be held at Spyglass Hill and Poppy Hills.

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

Future Tournaments

January 31, 2004 Laguna Seca

Cost: \$55 No Cart
 Director: Jay Dameron
 Phone: (650) 473-1229
 Field Size: 44
 First Tee Time: 9:00 a.m.
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cutoff Date: Jan. 21st
 Spikes: Optional
 Carts: 90^o Weather Permitting

Comments:

This course was built on hilly terrain, so you can expect some uneven lies. Accuracy is a must for you to score well on this course. The greens are medium in size and surrounded by bunkers.

Blue tees: Rating: 70.7 , Slope: 127, 6,157 yards

February 7, 2004 Manteca Park

Cost: \$45 No Cart
 Director: Nadeem Rahman
 Phone: (510) 543-5579
 Field Size: 44
 First Tee Time: 10:15 a.m.
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cutoff Date: Jan. 27th
 Spikes: Optional
 Carts: 90^o Weather Permitting

Comments:

This course was built on flat terrain. The fairways are narrow, tree lined and water hazards and sand bunkers come into play on most holes. Greens are small flat and generally fast.

Blue tees: Rating: 71.3 , Slope: 121, 6,478 yards

White tees: Rating: 69.7, Slope: 117, 6,131 yards

February 14, 2004 Palo Alto Muni

Cost: \$56 No Cart
 Director: John Szarka
 Phone: (408) 656-6941
 Field Size: 44
 First Tee Time: 10:00 a.m.
 Format: 2-Man Aggregate Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cutoff Date: Feb. 1st
 Spikes: Optional
 Carts: 90^o Weather Permitting

Comments:

The large greens vary in undulation and feature an assortment of greenside bunkers. Because the wind is generally a factor here the course plays longer than yardage would indicate. The par 3's can be especially difficult.

Blue tees: Rating: 71.1, Slope: 117, 6,580 yards

White tees: Rating: 69.5, Slope: 115, 6,227 yards

Currently Scheduled Tournaments

These tournaments were announced in the November 2003 newsletter. Please refer to it or the website www.smgc.info for details.

On December 20 Nadeem Rahman will host a point par split tees tournament at Diablo Creek in Concord. Cost is \$58 with cart, first tee time is 10:00 a.m. Check with Nadeem for any openings. (510) 543-5579 or nadeemr@smgc.us

Saturday January 3 takes us to Spring Hills for a low net blue tees event hosted by John Szarka. There is room for 36 player's with a starting time of 10:00 a.m. Cost is \$50 no cart. Cutoff date is December 27. Contact John Szarka to get into the field. (408) 467-5816 or johns@smgc.us

Albatross Alert

No hole in one this time. This one's even better. Congratulations to **Brad Nelson** who got a 3 on the 673 yard par-6 18th hole at Lake Chabot Golf Club. That's three under par on one hole. A double eagle to some, an albatross to others. Whatever you call it, it's an extremely rare feat. Congratulations Brad!

Your Club Meeting

The next General Membership meeting for the S.M.G.C. will be held on Wednesday, December 17th at The Lookout Inn at the Sunnyvale Golf Course. Decembers meeting is a informal affair where you can mingle with the other members, have a drink, and sign up for future tournaments. Hope to see you there!

Tournament Results

**Micke Grove
Point Par November 8, 2003**

First Flight - Blue Tees

Position	Player	Points	Certificate
First Place	Tom Fosdick	39	\$40
Second Place	John Balsley	38	\$25
(Tie)	Zuhair Bokharey	38	\$25
Third Place	Jay Dameron	34	\$7.50
(TIE)	John Szarka	34	\$7.50

Second Flight - White Tees

Position	Player	Points	Certificate
First Place	Dale Wilson	41	\$40
Second Place	Brani Buric	39	\$30
Third Place	Barry Franklin	36	\$20
Fourth Place	Nadeem Rahman	35	\$7.50
(Tie)	Ben Tibbetts	35	\$7.50

Tilden Park 2-Man Aggregate - Point Par November 15, 2003

Teams	Points	Certificate
Jay Dameron / Martin Delfino	68	\$40
John Szarka / J.R. Salladay	65	\$30
Arif Janjua / Nadeem Rahman	60	\$20
Jim Perko / Dale Wilson	59	\$10
John Brown / Ed Trotter	58	\$5
Les Cheong / Pete Katsumis	58	\$5

Sunnyvale Turkey Shoot November 22, 2003

Low Gross score for the day went to **Jim Perko** with a 69 Low Net leaders included: **Lee Cooper** with a (65), **Harold Cohn** (67), **Bob Gonzales** (68), and **Don Leonard, Mike Rohrs, and Jay Kearney** who had (69's). Congratulations to all winners! This was a fun day and a wonderful start to the holiday season. One Turkey was awarded to the Low Net for each foursome. Additionally, 28 Turkeys were awarded based on the remaining Low Net scores against the remaining field. In total 50 Turkeys were awarded to the participants. Best Wishes for a great Holiday Season from the SMGC Board of Directors!