



# SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB

February 2003 NEWSLETTER

## Welcome To Our New SMGC Members

### "Thinking of you, Jim"

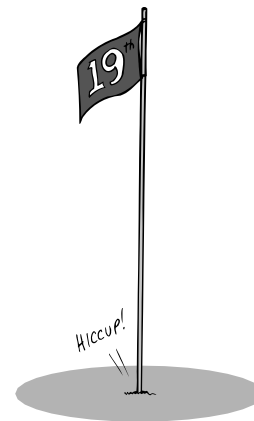
It is with great sadness that I have to report that long time member and current Tournament Chairman Jim Decious has fallen gravely ill in recent days. I would like to ask our Club Members to keep Jim in your prayers at this time. Out of respect to the Decious family's privacy we would like to request that you refrain from calling to check up on Jim's condition. The S.M.G.C. Board Members will keep you abreast of Jim's condition as more information becomes available to us. Your S.M.G.C. Board of Directors thanks you for your patience during this time.

## Spring Valley Tournament Cancelled!

The Tournament at Spring Valley scheduled for Saturday March 22nd has been cancelled. If you are planning on playing in the Poppy Hills Tournament on Sunday March 23rd, this is a good opportunity to head down to Monterey for a weekend getaway with your wife or girlfriend. I don't think she would mind doing a little shopping in Carmel while your out playing Poppy Hills on Sunday. Or she may even want to join you in playing in the tournament. Check with tournament director Nadeem Rahman for any openings or you can check the sign up sheet for a list of who's playing the Poppy Tournament on Sunday and see if anyone is interested in heading down on Saturday and playing any one of the fantastic courses the Monterey Peninsula has to offer. You'll be on your own though for Saturday tee times and lodging.

**Haider Raza** - Atherton  
**Jack Leonard** - San Carlos  
**Todd Ferreira** - Sunnyvale  
**Don DiLuzio** - Pacifica  
**Zuhair Bokhary** - Fremont  
**Chris Simon** - Campbell

We would like to invite you to join us at our next General Meeting to be held February 19th, or at an upcoming tournament! Our apologies if we missed any new members this month.



On Saturday February 1st during a casual round with his playing partner's, this member let fly with a tee shot across the pond on #7 at Sunnyvale. The ball was tracking towards the green but the pin was tucked on the left side guarded by the shade of the tree's, so he never actually saw the ball land. When the player approached the green putter in hand, he was unable to locate his ball. When the group on the 8th tee who witnessed the tee shot told him to check the cup, **Sutton Oneal** was rewarded with the coveted **Hole in One!** Mr. Oneal will receive a plaque from the S.M.G.C. to commemorate his feat.  
Congratulations! Sutton.

# Future Tournaments

## March 15, 2003 Skywest

Cost: \$57 With Cart  
 Director: John Johnson  
 Phone: (650) 349-9212  
 Field Size: 44  
 First Tee Time: 9:00 a.m.  
 Format: Point Par  
 Tees: Split  
 Driving Range: Yes  
 Cutoff Date: Mar. 5th  
 Spikes: Optional  
 Carts: 90° Weather Permitting

### Comments:

Skywest in Hayward is a flat track with open fairway's. There are many trees lining the fairway's and a few sand bunkers to contend with. Only 1 or 2 water holes come into play. The afternoon wind combined with a lengthy layout will test your game. Nice course for walking if you feel like stretching your legs.

**Blue tees:** Rating: 72.9, Slope: 121, 6,862 yards

**White tees:** Rating: 71.0, Slope: 117, 6,530 yards

## March 23, 2003 Poppy Hills (Sunday)

Cost: \$85 With Cart  
 Director: Nadeem Rahman  
 Phone: (510) 543-5579  
 Field Size: 56  
 First Tee Time: 9:20 a.m.  
 Format: Point Par  
 Tees: White  
 Driving Range: Yes  
 Cutoff Date: Feb. 20th  
 Spikes: Non-metal only  
 Carts: 90° Weather Permitting

### Comments:

With it's large undulating greens, thick rough, and tree lined fairways, Poppy Hills is a bear of a course even from the white tees. The course features 5 par five's and long par three's. There are quite a few dogleg holes to keep you on your toes. Quite a bargain for NCGA members. With it's serene setting in the Del Monte Forest and occasional views of the Pacific in the distance you wont find a better deal on the Monterey Peninsula.

**White tees:** Rating: 71.5, Slope: 138, 6,236 yards

## March 29, 2003 Micke Grove

Cost: \$55 With Cart  
 Director: Arif Janjua  
 Phone: (408) 230-8920  
 Field Size: 44  
 First Tee Time: 9:00 a.m.  
 Format: Modified Stableford  
 Tees: Split  
 Driving Range: Yes  
 Cutoff Date: Mar. 19th  
 Spikes: Optional  
 Carts: 90° Weather Permitting

### Comments:

This links - style course is nestled among Lodi's grape vineyards. It has 8 lakes that come into play on a number of holes. There are generous landing area's for your tee shots but the errant drive may catch a few strategically placed fairway bunker's. There is a mixture of easy holes and difficult one's too. The signature hole is #14, a 179 yard par 3, requiring a tee shot over water to a green framed by railroad ties in front. Play well and your score will reflect it.

**Blue tees:** Rating: 71.1, Slope: 118, 6,565 yards

**White tees:** Rating: 68.5, Slope: 112, 6,026 yards

## Currently Scheduled Tournaments

These tournaments were announced in the January 2003 newsletter. Please refer to it or the website [www.smgc.info](http://www.smgc.info) for details.

On February 22nd John Szarka will host our first Zone Qualifier of the year at Sunnyvale Muni. This is a 2-man better ball qualifier at 90% handicap per player. Cost is \$125 per team with a starting time of 10:00 a.m. We are past the cutoff date so contact John Szarka to see if there are any openings.

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[johns@smgc.info](mailto:johns@smgc.info)

Sunday March 2nd takes us to Poppy Ridge in Livermore for a Point Par Split Tee's event hosted by Les Cheong. There is room for 56 player's with a starting time of 9:00 a.m. Cost is \$69 with cart. We have passed the cutoff date so contact Les Cheong if you would like to get into the field. (408) 396-6902  
[lesc@smgc.info](mailto:lesc@smgc.info)

Nadeem Rahman leads us on a Low Net Split Tee's Tournament at Salinas Fairways on March 8th. Cost for the tournament is \$52 with cart. Field size is 44 player's with a starting time of 10:00 a.m. Cutoff date for this event is February 26th. If you would like to sign up and can't make it to Sunnyvale. Contact Nadeem at [nadeemr@smgc.info](mailto:nadeemr@smgc.info) or phone: (510) 543-5579

## Your Club Meeting

The next General Membership meeting for the S.M.G.C. will be held on Wednesday, February 19th at 7:00 p.m. with early tournament sign ups starting at 6:30 p.m. General Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Lookout Inn above the pro shop at the Sunnyvale Municipal Golf Course.

## Tournament Results

### Manteca Park

Point Par January 11, 2003

#### First Flight

Position	Player	Points	Certificate
First Place	Pat Rogers	43	\$40
Second Place	John Johnson	42	\$30
Third Place	Ed Trotter	37	\$20
Fourth Place	Mike Hudack	36	\$7.50
(TIE)	Jim Perko	36	\$7.50

#### Second Flight

Position	Player	Points	Certificate
First Place	Greg Neilson	37	\$40
Second Place	Nadeem Rahman	35	\$25
(TIE)	Steve Bogdan	35	\$25
Third Place	Ben Tibbetts	31	\$10

### Rancho Cañada East

Point Par January 18, 2003

#### First Flight - Blue Tees

Position	Player	Points	Certificate
First Place	John Szarka	36	\$35
(TIE)	John Johnson	36	\$35
Second Place	John Brown	35	\$20
Third Place	Tom Boydston	34	\$8
(TIE)	John Balsley	34	\$8

#### Second Flight - White Tees

Position	Player	Points	Certificate
First Place	Felix Charpentier	38	\$40
Second Place	Ed Simonsen	35	\$30
Third Place	Jay Kanemoto	34	\$20
Fourth Place	Dan Chase	32	\$10
Fifth Place	Gary Ponzini	31	\$5

# Tournament Results Continued

## President's Cup Tournament Low Net January 25, 2003

Winner Overall Low Gross	Jim Perko	75
Winner Overall Low Net	Dan Alcock	63
Winner Director's Flight	Pat Rogers	69

### First Flight

Winner	Don Anderson	69
Runner Up	Bruce Salladay	71
Third (TIE)	Larry McGinty*	72

\* (WON MATCH OF CARDS)

### Second Flight

Winner	Rick Stephenson	68
Runner Up	Dave Gottwals	69
Third	Oneal Sutton	72

### Third Flight

Winner	Lee Cooper	70
Runner Up (TIE)	Bob Johnson*	71
	* (WON MATCH OF CARDS)	
Third (TIE)	Phil Smithson*	71
	* (WON MATCH OF CARDS)	

### Fourth Flight

Winner	Jay Kanemoto	71
Runner Up	Allan Leader	72
Third (TIE)	Lew McCormick*	74
	* (WON MATCH OF CARDS)	

There were three winners in the optional skins game

John Driver	Hole #7
Dave Maynard	Hole #13
John Johnson	Hole #18

## Sunol - Palm Course Modified Stableford February 1, 2003

### First Flight - Blue Tees

Position	Player	Points	Certificate
First Place	John Johnson	15	\$40
Second Place	Bob Heihn	7	\$30
Third Place	Bob Joseph	2	\$20

### Second Flight - White Tees

Position	Player	Points	Certificate
First Place	Brani Buric	6	\$40
Second Place	Jay Kanemoto	3	\$30
Third Place	Ben Tibbetts	1	\$20

## Poplar Creek 2-Man Better Ball February 8, 2003

### First Flight - Black Tees

Position	Team	Team Net	Certificate
First Place	Roger Boettger Allan Leader	60	\$40 \$40
Second Place	Scott Day Don Leonard	61	\$30 \$30
Third Place	John Balsley Tom Kelsch	62	\$15 \$15
(Tie)	Steve Cope Lew McCormick	62	\$15 \$15

We had a frost delay of about 60 to 90 minutes that put the last couple of groups finishing up near sunset. The re-vamped facility is a major improvement over the old Coyote Point layout. We had a few complaints about the unreceptive green's, a tough day putting was had by most. Overall a nice little track that deserves it's budding reputation.