



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB

JANUARY 2003 NEWSLETTER

**HAPPY NEW
YEAR!**

Welcome To Our New SMGC Members

Steve Bryan - Redwood City
John Pantazy - Daly City

We would like to invite you to join us at our next General Meeting to be held January 15th, or at an upcoming tournament! Our apologies if we missed any new members this month.

President's Cup Bulletin!

There are still some spots available for the re-scheduled President's Cup tournament to be played at Sunnyvale on January 25th. We would like to invite you to sign up for this special trophy tournament if you haven't done so already. Contact tournament director John Szarka if you would like to get in on the action. **Reminder:** To those of you who were previously signed up for the tournament on December 14th, we are rolling over the sign ups to include you on January 25th. If you are **NOT** planning on playing in the upcoming tournament we need to hear from you. Please contact John Szarka at (408) 467-5816 or (408) 252-0441. Also you can e-mail John Szarka at johns@smgc.info to cancel out of the tournament. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. **Thank You!**

Your Club Meeting

The next General Membership meeting for the S.M.G.C. will be held on Wednesday, January 15th 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.

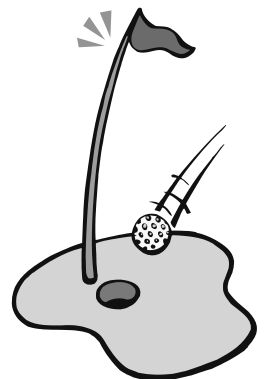
Zone Qualifier Heads Up!

The 2-Man Better Ball Qualifier for the NCGA Zone is coming in February. (see future tournaments page 2). Sign ups will be available at this month's General Meeting. Now is the time to pick your partner and start getting ready. On February 8th we are having a 2-Man Better Ball tournament at Poplar Creek in San Mateo that's just the ticket for you and your partner to get in a practice tournament before the Qualifier on Feb. 22nd. **Note:** If you plan on playing in the zone qualifier, make sure you are available for the 2nd stage of qualifying to be held on Sunday March 16th at Ridgemark G.C.

Hole In One!

On December 7th, 2002 our own Bruce Salladay scored an ace at the 184 yard Par 3 seventh hole at San Jose Muni. Mr. Salladay will receive a trophy from the S.M.G.C. for his accomplishment.

NICE "SHOOTIN" J.R.



Future Tournaments

February 15, 2003 Alameda - South Course

Cost: \$55 With Cart
 Director: Arif Janjua
 Phone: (408) 230-8920
 Field Size: 44
 First Tee Time: 10:00 a.m.
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cutoff Date: Feb. 5th
 Spikes: Optional
 Carts: 90^o Weather Permitting
 Comments:

The Alameda South course, also known as the Jack Clark course is built on flat terrain, but the fairways are heavily tree lined. Water hazards (ditches and ponds) come into play on a number of holes. Course features are Poa Annua greens and Kikuya grass fairways. 31-40 sand bunkers are sprinkled throughout the course.

Black tees: Rating: 71.8, Slope: 119, 6,560 yards

Blue tees: Rating: 70.5, Slope: 116, 6,271 yards

White tees: Rating: 67.7, Slope: 114, 5,718 yards

February 22, 2003 Sunnyvale Muni (Zone Qualifier)

Cost: \$125 per team
 Director: John Szarka
 Phone: (408) 467-5816
 (408) 252-0441
 Field Size: 80
 First Tee Time: 10:00 a.m.
 Format: 2-man better ball
 Tees: Regular
 Driving Range: No
 Cutoff Date: Feb. 15th
 Spikes: Optional
 Carts: May be rented
 Comments:

This tournament will be at 90% of each player's handicap. Any handicap index may compete in the first qualifier. Qualifiers will include the top 10 teams and ties. Qualifiers will go on to the final competition stage to be held at Ridgemark on Sunday March 16th and will play free of charge. At Ridgemark the limitation of handicap is 18.4 index per player. The top two teams from Ridgemark will go on to represent our club in the NCGA Zone competition to be played at Spyglass Hill and Poppy Hills.

Regular tees: Rating: 70.4, Slope: 121, 6,255 yards

March 2, 2003 Poppy Ridge (Sunday)

Cost: \$69 With Cart
 Director: Les Cheong
 Phone: (408) 396-6902
 Field Size: 56
 First Tee Time: 9:00 a.m.
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cutoff Date: Feb. 1st
 Spikes: Non-metal only
 Carts: 90^o Weather Permitting
 Comments:

This club has 3 nine hole courses that are played in three eighteen hole combinations. The holes are carved through the rolling hills of Livermore Valley wine country. Wind usually dictates play on these 3 similar courses. Landing areas are roomy, though white sand bunkers will snare errant drives. Water comes into play on only 5 of the 27 holes, and only one tree dots the landscape. One of our clubs more popular destinations. Don't miss out!

Blue tees: Rating: 72.4, Slope: 131, 6,613 yards

White tees: Rating: 70.4, Slope: 124, 6,134 yards

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS CONTINUED

**March 8, 2003
Salinas Fairways**

Cost:	\$52 WithCart
Director:	Nadeem Rahman
Phone:	(510) 543-5579
Field Size:	44
First Tee Time:	10:00 a.m.
Format:	Low Net
Tees:	Split
Driving Range:	Yes
Cutoff Date:	Feb. 26th
Spikes:	Non-Metal
Carts:	90 ⁰ degrees

Comments:

This course is flat, so walking is quite easy. The back nine is notorious because of the prevailing winds which force golfers to be accurate with their club selections. Water hazards (lakes) come into play on several holes. The signature hole is #14, a 388 yard, par 4, requiring a tee shot into the prevailing wind, then an approach shot over a lake to the green.

Back tees: Rating: 70.4, Slope: 114
6,800 yards

Middle tees: Rating: 69.3, Slope: 111
6,296 yards

Currently Scheduled Tournaments

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

On January 18th John Szarka hosts a point par split tee's tournament at Rancho Cañada. The cost is \$60 no cart and the first tee time is 9:30 a.m. If interested contact John to see if he can squeeze you in. (408) 467-5816 (408) 252-0441 or e-mail johns@smgc.info

John Szarka will be running the re-scheduled President's Cup at Sunnyvale Muni on January 25th. Cost is \$45 no cart. Starting time is 10:00 a.m. We expect the same field from the canceled Dec. 14th tournament. Please contact any Board Member if you were signed up for the tournament in December but **do not** wish to play on the 25th. **New player's are welcome to join in!**

Nadeem Rahman returns to Sunol to host a modified stableford split tee tournament on the Palm course. First tee time is 7:29 a.m. and the cost is \$65 with cart. Cutoff date is January 18th and there is room for 40 players. Contact Nadeem if you wish to get in on the fun. (510) 543-5579 or nadeemr@smgc.info

February 8th at Poplar Creek in San Mateo is where John Johnson will lead you through a 2-man better ball tournament that's a great warm up for the upcoming Zone Qualifier. Cost is \$55 no cart with a 10:00 a.m. starting time. There's room for 48 and the cutoff date is Jan. 24th. Contact John if you would like to play. If your a single we will find you a partner. (650) 349-9212 or johnj@smgc.info

Poplar Creek does not have a driving range. For those of you who would like to warm up before your round the Burlingame Golf Center is located at 250 Anza Blvd. in Burlingame about 1/2 mile from the course. From San Jose take 101 North, exit Anza Blvd. in Burlingame. Driving Range is on the left as you exit. From San Francisco take 101 South, exit Broadway Burlingame. Circle under the overpass then make a right turn to get on the overpass heading East over the freeway. Stay in right lane. Turn right at the stoplight which is Bayshore Blvd. At the next stoplight make a left onto Airport Blvd. Continue along S.F. Bay to next stoplight which is Anza Blvd. Turn right. The Burlingame Golf Center is last driveway on the right.

Tournament Results

Reserve at Spanos Park Point Par December 21, 2002

Position	Player	Points	Certificate
First Place	John Johnson	37	\$40
Second Place	John Driver	35	\$30
Third Place	John Szarka	33	\$20
Fourth Place	Nadeem Rahman	32	\$8
(TIE)	Bruce Salladay	32	\$8

Small Field, Lovely Course, Didn't Get Rained On....Great Day!

Pacific Grove Low Net January 4, 2003

First Flight

68	John Balsley	\$40
69	Tom Kelsch	\$30
70	Dave Quattrone	\$20
71	John Driver	\$7.50
71	Larry Lopez	\$7.50

Second Flight

72	Tom Fosdick	\$35
72	Rick Stephenson	\$35
74	Ben Tibbetts	\$20
75	Bob Joseph	\$7.50
75	Dale Wilson	\$7.50

Third Flight

74	Steve Cope	\$35
74	Jay Kanemoto	\$35
76	Greg Neilson	\$20
77	Lew McCormick	\$10
78	Brani Buric	\$5

13 players participated in the optional skins game. Congratulations to the following players for each walking away a winner!

John Driver (2 skins) Tom Kelsch (1 skin) John Szarka (1 skin)
Les Cheong (1 skin) Larry Lopez (1 skin)

Poppy Hills Note!

On Sunday, March 23rd we will be at Poppy Hills in Monterey for a tournament. This is just to give you a heads up that sign ups will be made available at the February General Meeting. Make note of this because this tournament site is very popular and will fill up fast. You may want to attend February's General Meeting to make sure you get into the field. Also of note: As of January 1st green's fee's at Poppy Hills have risen to \$50 weekdays and \$60 weekends for members of the NCGA. Guests of NCGA members can expect to pay \$80 weekdays and \$90 on the weekend. Poppy Ridge on the other hand has increased \$5 on the weekend only with cart fee's going up \$2 per rider.

Player of the Year Standings

Updated as of January 4th, 2003

There has been quite a bit of shuffling in the standings since we last checked in. While Mr. Balsley has taken over the top spot with some stellar play over the past month, we still have a long way to go before we crown our player of the year. Keep up the great play gentlemen!

Place	Name	Points
1	John Balsley	170
2	John Szarka	140
3	Steve Cope	135
4	Jay Kanemoto	135
5	Ben Tibbetts	110
6	Arif Janjua	92
7	John Johnson	90
8	Dale Wilson	87.5
9	Bruce Salladay	78
10	Brani Buric	70