



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB

MARCH 2003 NEWSLETTER

In Loving Memory of James Albert Decious

Born: August 16, 1941 in Norfolk, VA
Died: February 17, 2003 in San Jose, CA



It is with regret that we must report that Jim Decious, the SMGC Tournament Chairman, passed away Monday February 17, 2003 while at home. Jim had been ill for the past few months with Melanoma of the liver and finally succumbed to the illness. Jim will be remembered for his humor and love for family and friends. Farewell, Jim. We all love you and will miss you dearly.

Year 2004 Playing Schedule

The 2004 Schedule is currently being put together by the Board of Directors. This involves negotiating with the course to be played for the date, starting time, and trying to lock in a price. This requires time to set up these conditions and get a confirmation in the way of contracts. If you would like to suggest a favorite course of yours or have comments on how we can make next years playing schedule more agreeable to our members so we can make player participation even greater contact John Johnson at johnj@smgc.info and he will pass it on to the proper board members. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Welcome To Our New SMGC Members

Tony Berman - Mountain View
Allen Bertke - Sunnyvale
Delbert Harris - San Jose

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

Your Club Meeting

The next General Membership meeting for the S.M.G.C. will be held on Wednesday, March 19th at 7:00 p.m. with early tournament signups 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.

Future Tournaments

April 5, 2003 Dry Creek Ranch

Cost: \$50 With Cart
 Director: Les Cheong
 Phone: (408) 396-6902
 Field Size: 40
 First Tee Time: 9:30 a.m.
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cutoff Date: Mar. 22nd
 Spikes: Optional
 Carts: 90° Weather Permitting

Comments:

Located in Galt, off Hwy. 99 north of Lodi, Dry Creek is a course that is challenging due to the many trees that can affect your shots. Scoring well on this layout demands that you place a premium on keeping your shots in the short stuff. The fairways are lush and the greens are fairly hard and fast. There is water that comes into play on four holes. If your looking for a challenge, this is a very good course that will test your shotmaking abilities.

Blue tees: Rating: 71.3, Slope: 129, 6,508 yards

White tees: Rating: 69.5, Slope: 125, 6,094 yards

April 12, 2003 Boundary Oak

Cost: \$66 With Cart
 Director: John Johnson
 Phone: (650) 349-9212
 Field Size: 44
 First Tee Time: 11:00 a.m.
 Format: 2-Man Better Ball
 Tees: White
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cutoff Date: April 2nd
 Spikes: Optional
 Carts: 90° Weather Permitting

Comments:

It's been quite a while since we last visited this course in Walnut Creek. There are many challenges to test your game here. Water hazards come into play on seven holes, and some of the greens are elevated and tiered, making the 3 putt a distinct possibility. There are many dogleg and tree lined fairways that will challenge your course management skills. If you don't have a partner don't worry. We will find someone to pair you up with.

White tees: Rating: 70.7, Slope: 122, 6,372 yards

April 19, 2003 Sunol (Cypress)

Cost: \$65 With Cart
 Director: Arif Janjua
 Phone: (408) 230-8920
 Field Size: 40
 First Tee Time: 8:28 a.m.
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Blue
 Driving Range: Across Street
 Cutoff Date: April 9th
 Spikes: Non Metal Only
 Carts: 90° Weather Permitting

Comments:

The Cypress course is short in length, but the tight fairways and hilly terrain will offer you all the challenge you can handle. The greens are relatively large in size and usually pretty fast. There are a couple of ponds that come into play and the usual wind of the Sunol Valley that will make club selection a challenge. A fun little course that is close to home. Don't miss out!

Blue tees: Rating: 69.0, Slope: 116, 6,094 yards

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**April 26-27, 2003
Director's Cup
(Sunnyvale Muni)**

Cost: \$105 No Cart
 Director: John Szarka & SMGC Board
 Phone: (408) 467-5816
 (408) 252-0441
 Field Size: 80
 First Tee Time: 10:00 a.m.
 Format: 36 Holes Low Net
 Tees: Regular
 Driving Range: No
 Cutoff Date: April 19th
 Spikes: Optional
 Carts: 90° Weather Permitting

Comments:

The Directors Cup is considered a major tournament, with Player of the Year points doubled for this two day trophy event. The format is 36 holes of low net stroke play. You can play with anybody on the first day, but you will be paired based on your standings for day two. There will be a barbecue on Sunday after golf and a raffle that's sure to include some great prizes. Trophies will be awarded to the top three players in each flight. So plan on sticking around!!

Regular tees: Rating: 70.4,
Slope: 121, 6,226 yards

**May 3, 2003
Roddy Ranch**

Cost: \$94 With Cart
 Director: Les Cheong
 Phone: (408) 396-6902
 Field Size: 48
 First Tee Time: 9:30 a.m.
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cutoff Date: April 22nd
 Spikes: Non Metal Only
 Carts: 90° Weather Permitting

Comments:

A new addition to our clubs rotation, Roddy Ranch in Antioch is a very demanding, hilly, links style course. This championship track has open, rolling fairways that lead to large undulating greens that roll very fast. Bunkers, water holes, and hazards abound. Precision shotmaking and a deft touch on the greens needed to score well here. Course is in very good shape and a great place to play if you want to test your game. Played it on 3/11/03, had a blast!!

Black tees: Rating: 74.5,
Slope: 136, 6,945 yards

Gold tees: Rating: 72.6,
Slope: 134, 6,529 yards

Silver tees: Rating: 70.4,
Slope: 130, 5,990 yards

Currently Scheduled Tournaments

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

On Sunday March 23rd Nadeem Rahman leads us on a point par white tees event at Poppy Hills in Monterey. Cost is \$85 with cart. First tee time is 9:20 a.m. There is still time to sign up for this one so contact Nadeem if your interested in playing. (510) 543-5579 or nadeemr@smgc.info

March 29th takes us to Micke Grove in Lodi for a modified stableford, split tees contest hosted by Arif Janjua. There is room for 44 players with a starting time of 9:00 a.m. Cost is \$55 with cart. Cutoff date is March 19th. If you would like to get in on this one contact Arif Janjua at (408) 230-8920 or arifj@smgc.info

Twilight Tournaments

In the past it was customary for the club to hold an 8 hole twilight tournament on the day of the monthly general meetings during daylight savings time. Because of poor turnouts in the past we were forced to cancel these tournaments. DST starts next month on April 6th. We would like your input on wether or not you would be interested in starting up this tradition again. Contact John Johnson at (650)349-9212 or johnj@smgc.info if you think you would be able to participate on a semi regular basis.

Twilight Tournament Ground Rules

- 1 Tee off anytime after 1 p.m. with at least 1 other club member on the day of the general meeting
- 2 Play low net from the black tees for holes 1 thru 8
- 3 Play the ball down deduct half your index from gross
- 4 Turn your 8 hole card into the pro shop by 7 p.m. you may still continue to play all 18 holes
- 5 You must attend general meeting to claim your prize
- 6 These winnings do not count toward player of the year competition
- 7 The starter will get you tee'd off as fast as they can.

Club Merchandise

We have dozens of Titleist DT Distance golf balls that are logo'd with "Member Guest 2002" available for \$18 per dozen. If you are interested contact Nadeem Rahman at nadeemr@smgc.info

Also available are our official SMGC embroidered white and grey golf shirts at the attractive price of \$15. SMGC wind shirts are also available along with our older green logo'd SMGC golf shirts. If interested contact John Szarka at johns@smgc.info

Player of the Year Standings

Updated as of March 8th, 2003

It looks as if we're on pace for a record breaking point total this year. Keep up the great play Gentlemen!

1	Jay Kanemoto	258
2	John Balsley	233
3	John Szarka	205
4	John Johnson	195
5	Brani Buric	180
6	Ben Tibbetts	160
7	Steve Cope	150
8	Bruce Salladay	148
9	Felix Charpentier	110
10	Greg Neilson	108

Tournament Hotline

For a weather update concerning an upcoming tournament please use the tournament hotline at (408) 739-9281 to find out the status of tournaments that may be called due to weather. If there is no message regarding the playability of the golf course then call the pro shop of the tournament site to learn if we are cancelled or not. If you do not get a firm decision from either the tournament hotline or the pro shop then you must show up for your starting time or face the possibility of losing your entry fee. Do not assume we are excused from playing. Please do not call the tournament director or check the website.

SMGC Gift Certificates

The Board of Directors has a large number of gift certificates from the various tournament sites we have played so far this year. The certificates vary in denominations and are good for merchandise at said courses. Some may be redeemable for green fees also. If anyone is interested, the Board of Directors will sell you the gift certs. at 80 cents on the dollar. Contact John Johnson for more information regarding which of the certificates are available. johnj@smgc.info

Golf Tips from the Pros

“Wind Play”

Mark Blakemore,
PGA Professional

“When it's breezy swing easy”

For one thing it increases the chances of solid contact creating a more penetrating ball flight. *(Swinging harder in an attempt to fight the wind makes it more likely you'll make poor contact for various reasons: contracting the wrong muscles in the wrong sequence, losing your center of balance, increased grip tension, the list goes on...)*

For another thing it compresses the ball less causing it to spin less, which also creates a more penetrating ball flight

Notice the theme. A solidly struck ball with a more penetrating trajectory is less affected by the wind. Swinging harder when the wind is blowing is a powerful instinct to overcome. But if you can discipline yourself to use more club and swing easier, it will have a wonderful effect on your ability to control the ball in the wind.

Tournament Results

Alameda - Clark Course Low Net February 15, 2003

First Flight	Net Score	Win
Blue Tees:		
John Balsley	75	\$40
Richard Tullis	76	\$30
Arif Janjua	77	\$10
Larry Lopez	77	\$10
Second Flight		
White Tees:		
Harold Cohn	71	\$35
Lew McCormick	71	\$35
Jay Kanemoto	72	\$20

Tournament Results Continued

Sunnyvale Zone Qualifier 2-Man Better Ball February 22, 2003

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Dick Dalton & Tom Rooney

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Robert Heihn & Bob Joseph
Brani Buric & Dan Alcock

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Larry McGinty & Mike Heminger
Don Anderson & Roger Boettger
Dale Howell & Jim Hofer
Scott Fuller & Mike Curran

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Mike Hudack & Tom Hudack
Jay Kanemoto & Ben Tibbetts
Don Leonard & Scott Day
Bruce Salladay & Lee Cooper

Congratulations!
Final Round - March 16th
Ridgemark Country Club

Poppy Ridge Point Par March 2, 2003

First Flight - Blue Tees

Position	Player	Points	Certificate
First Place	Bruce Salladay	42	\$40
Second Place	Les Cheong	38	\$30
Third Place	John Brown	36	\$20
Fourth Place	Ed Trotter	35	\$10

Second Flight - White Tees

Position	Player	Points	Certificate
First Place	Pete Katsumis	38	\$40
Second Place	Brian Silva	34	\$30
Third Place	Ben Tibbetts	33	\$20
Fourth Place	Mike Hudack	32	\$5
Tie	John Pantazy	32	\$5
Tie	Don Wade	32	\$5

Third Flight - White Tees

Position	Player	Points	Certificate
First Place	Michael Rohrs	41	\$40
Second Place	Brani Buric	36	\$30
Third Place	Ed Simonsen	35	\$20
Fourth Place	Chuck Richmond	33	\$10
Fifth Place	James Tzyy	32	\$5

Salinas Fairways Low Net March 8, 2003

First Flight	Net Score	Win
John Driver	72	\$40
John Szarka	73	\$30
Jay Dameron	74	\$10
Jim Perko	74	\$10

Second Flight	Net Score	Win
Brani Buric	68	\$40
Jay Kanemoto	71	\$13
Greg Neilson	71	\$13
James Tzyy	71	\$13
Dale Wilson	71	\$13