



# SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB

DECEMBER 2004 NEWSLETTER

## Happy Holidays

### Editor's Message

In last month's issue we posed the situation of a player's ball landing on the strip of grass between the cart path and boundary fence on his tee shot of Hole #7. Here is the correct way to proceed.

Player A was entitled to relief from the cart path under the Obstructions Rule 24. The nearest point of relief for the Obstruction (cart path) would probably have been on the course but next to the boundary fence, not some 20 yards away. This would have made a swing directed toward the hole improbable or impossible. The boundary fence by definition under the Rules is not part of the course, therefore is not an obstruction and no relief is granted. (Rules 24 and Definitions - Obstructions)

In this situation, as explained last month, Player A correctly played the ball as it lied which was one of his options. Player B also was correct in stating that relief for the Obstruction, the cart path, did not entitle a swing (Boundary fence interference). If Player A had taken relief from both the cart path and boundary fence some 20 yards away, he would have been in breach of the Rules.

Rule 20-7 - Playing a ball from the wrong place. Penalty: Match Play - Loss of hole (20-7b); Stroke Play - 2 strokes (20-7c) or possible Disqualification - Serious Breach.

In a related matter - Ever wonder why the white OB line left of the cart path on Hole #2 is there?

Similar to Hole #7, if your ball comes to rest on the path, the relief option for the Obstruction was most often to the left of the cart path against the boundary fence for the length of the hole, a swing is virtually impossible.

(It should be noted that the cart path tilts to the left towards the boundary fence for the length of the hole.)

This would quite often result in the player taking relief from the Obstruction and the ball rolling into a situation against, or very near the boundary fence, now the Unplayable Ball situation was required (1 stroke). The point of relief for this option, because of the fence, was generally the cart path. The drop would continually roll back to the fence into a similar situation. In short, the player could continue to drop ad infinitum and accumulate strokes without relief.

This is why the left margin of the cart path on the 2nd Hole under the Sunnyvale Golf Course Local Rules was designated as Out-of-Bounds.

### This Month's Rules Quiz:

You, Player A, are hitting your approach shot to Hole #1 at Sunnyvale. After it hits the green, it takes a bad hop left, headed for the large irrigation pipes and comes to rest under them. How would Player A proceed?



Answer will appear in the January Newsletter. Refer to the chat room on the website for scenarios.

# Future Tournaments

## Currently Scheduled Tournaments

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

On Dec. 18 is our annual President's Cup. Cost is \$47 and the tee times start at 8:00 am. This is a prestigious event. The top 3 of each flight receive a trophy. The overall Low Net gets a special trophy along with the President and his name inscribed on the Perpetual Trophy displayed in the Pro Shop. If you win it, a sense of pride is guaranteed.

On Jan. 8th, John Szarka will host the Pacific Grove outing. Seems we end and begin the years here. Great venue and turnout. 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 Pacific Ocean.

Cost is \$68 and the times begin at 9:34.

Contact him at [Johns@smgc.us](mailto:Johns@smgc.us) or call (408) 252-0441 for openings.

### Monarch Bay Tony Lema January 15, 2005

Cost: \$66 with cart

Director: Arif Janjua

Phone: (408) 230-8920

Field Size: 40

First Tee Time: 9:30 a.m.

Format: Point Par

Tees: Split

Driving Range: Yes

Cutoff Date: Jan. 5

Spikes: Non - Metal Only

Carts: 90 Degrees

Comments:

Named for the San Leandro native and former British Open Champ. Set on the coast of San Francisco Bay, this scenic links-style course offers breathtaking views, such as planes taking off from Oakland Airport and just the bay itself. There is a Nike Practice Center to warmup before the round.

**Tournament tees:** Rating: 73.2, Slope: 121, 6,937 yards

**Championship tees:** Rating: 71.1, Slope: 117, 6,567 yards

### Sunnyvale Zone Qualifier January 22, 2005

Cost: \$125 Team/ no cart

Director: John Szarka

Phone: (408) 252-0441

Field Size: 80

First Tee Time: 8:00 am

Format: 2-Man-Low-Net

Tees: Back

Driving Range: No

Cutoff Date: Jan. 15

Spikes: Optional

Carts: 90 degrees

Comments:

This tournament will be played at 90% of each players GHIN. Players over 18.4 will play at 18.4. Top 10 teams and ties advance. Venues to be determined with the finals at Spyglass Hill and Poppy Hills.

**Back tees:** Rating: 70.4 Slope: 121, 6,226 yards

## Future Tournaments Continued

### Santa Clara January 29, 2005

Cost: \$68 with cart  
 Director: Les Cheong  
 Phone: (408) 396-6902  
 Field Size: 40  
 First Tee Time: 10:00 am  
 Format: Pt. Par  
 Tees: Split  
 Driving Range: Yes  
 Cutoff Date: Jan. 19th  
 Spikes: Non - Metal Only  
 Carts: 90° Weather Permitting

#### Comments:

Located near the 49'ers training facility. One of its main attractions is Hole #4, a 232 yd. Par 3 that is long and tough. Water surrounds the back of the green making errant tee shots costly. Also, the challenging 15th requires a 280 yd drive just to have a chance of making the green in two. Being a par 4, you better make your tee shot a good one.

**Green tees:** Rating 72.4,  
Slope 118, 6,784 yards

**Gold tees:** Rating: 70.5,  
Slope: 116, 6,420 yards

**Black tees:** Rating: 68.5,  
Slope :111, 6,026 yards

### Los Lagos February 5, 2005

Cost: \$62 with cart  
 Director: Jim Perko  
 Phone: (408) 739-1159  
 Field Size: 40  
 First Tee Time: 10:00 a.m.  
 Format: Low Net  
 Tees: Split  
 Driving Range: Yes  
 Cutoff Date: Jan 25th  
 Spikes: Non-Metal Only  
 Carts: 90° Weather Permitting

#### Comments:

Los Lagos (The Lakes) is a new, beautiful 18 hole course moments from Hiway 101. It only measures 5,393 yds. but has a good mix of long par 3's and par 4's. Spanning the Coyote Creek, this layout is like no other in San Jose. Although walking is ok, be ready for some long stretches between tees. Of course, this extra exercise will just set up your appetite for some great food at the Stomboli House on nearby Monterey Rd.

**Blue tees:** Rating: 65.4,  
Slope: 112, 5,393 yards

**White tees:** Rating: 63.0,  
Slope: 107, 4,922 yards

### Swenson Park February 12, 2005

Cost: \$43 with cart  
 Director: Jay Dameron  
 Phone: (650) 473-1229  
 Field Size: 40  
 First Tee Time: 10:00 a.m.  
 Format: Modified Stableford  
 Tees: White  
 Driving Range: Yes  
 Cutoff Date: Feb 02  
 Spikes: Non-Metal Only  
 Carts: 90° Weather Permitting

#### Comments:

In the Modesto Valley, 27 holes of pure challenge. Only one set of tees but plenty of test. Much like Manteca Park, this course will test your accuracy and putting. The cost is very reasonable and we feel it could in many ways offset many of the newer, higher priced courses. Designed in the 1950's by William Bell, his other works include Mt. Whitney, Castlewood Valley, Pine Mountain Lake and Green Tree in Antioch.

**White tees:** Rating: 69.6  
Slope: 114, 6,407 yards

# Tournament Results

## Turkey Shoot - Low Net Nov 20, 2004

Crisp, windy and cool weather for the earlier times but a gorgeous Fall day later on!  
Great turnout - 71 players.

### 19 Foursome winners and Ties:

Harold Cohn	63
James D. Tzzy	67
Oneal Sutton	67
Don J. Leonard	69
Dale Howell	70
Dan Chase	70
Jay Kanemoto	70
Lee Cooper	70
Martin Delfino	70
Steve Marble	70
Dale Wison	71
Paul Phipps	71
Robert Johnson	71
Tom Boydston	71
Zuhair Bokharey	71
Curtis McGinty	72
Michael Roscoe	72
Ed Simonsen	73
Steve Day	75

Low Net Pool - 26 more Turkeys were awarded to the lowest net scores not winning in their foursome.

## Board of Directors

Les Cheong	President
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John Szarka	Handicap Chairman
Jay Dameron	Secretary

## Pacific Grove Low-Net Dec. 4, 2004

### First Flight

Net	Player	Certs
66	Zuhair Bokharey	\$40
68	Arif Janjua	\$30
71	Tom Boydston	\$20
72	RalphGushiken	\$10

### Second Flight

Net	Player	Certs
63	Jay Kanemoto	\$40
70	Bob Heihn	\$30
72	Dale Wilson	\$20
74	Bob Chimpky	\$5
74	Ben Tibbetts	\$5

### Third Flight

Net	Player	Certs
71	Rich Brennan	\$40
74	Barry Franklin	\$25
74	James Tzzy	\$25
75	David Mak	\$25

## Welcome to our New SMGC Members

Steve Reynolds	Brisbane
Bryan Souza	Los Altos
David Mak	Fremont

## General Meeting Update:

There will be no Meeting this Month so we want to wish all of you the best for the Holiday Season.

The next General Meeting will be Wednesday January 12, 2005. We will be in touch with you for details. After that we will gather in March.