



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB

May 2004 NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Welcome to May, which to me signifies the beginning of the *real* golf season. This is when we start thinking about all the weekenders for the year. To give you all a summary of what to expect, here they all are:

May 29-30: Eagle Valley (Carson City)
June 26-27: Lincoln Hills/DarkHorse (Auburn)
July 24-25: La Contenta/Castle Oaks (Gold Country)
Aug 28-29: Cypress Ridge/Avila Beach (Pismo)
Oct 16-17: Chalk Mountain/Hunter Ranch (Paso Robles)

If you've never joined us for a weekender, you're missing one of the greatest joys of being part of the Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club. A whole weekend away from the Bay Area with your fellow golfers, playing two courses that you may have never played before or not very often.

Another sign that this is the *real* golf season is that it's time to get ready for Team Match Play. Every year, SMGC puts together a team for Thursday matches against other NCGA golf clubs in the area. This year, we will be playing against Boundary Oak, Hiddenbrooke, and Moraga CC. The SMGC team in past years have done quite well. Play begins in June. Dale Howell has agreed to be captain again, and if you are interested in being considered for the team, contact Dale at 408-910-8055.

Stripe it down the middle guys!

Les Cheong
President
Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club

NCGA Senior Four-Ball Net Championship (Two-Person Better Ball)

The SMGC Board of Directors is currently discussing this new tournament and have agreed *in principle* to provide a way for the seniors in the club (55 years and older) to participate in this NCGA event. Most likely we will hold a separate qualifier for our seniors during one of our regular club tournaments sometime in July. We will keep you updated with information on this tournament after further review by the Board.

Special General Meeting

As a special element to the May General Meeting a guest note speaker will address our members regarding the rules of golf. We would like to encourage as many members as possible to show up at this important meeting. Not only will you pick up valuable knowledge on some of the most asked questions about the rules of the game, you will also receive a special gift for attending this meeting.

Please make sure you attend the May meeting. If there is only one meeting you attend a year, make it this one!!

Future Tournaments

June 19, 2004 Sunnyvale Member - Guest

Cost: \$140 per team
 Director: The Board
 Phone: (408) 396-6902
 Field Size: 100
 First Tee Time: 8:00 a.m.
 Format: Triad
 Tees: Black
 Driving Range: No
 Cutoff Date: June 12th
 Spikes: Optional
 Carts: 90° Weather Permitting

Comments:

This is our annual member-guest tournament. The format is our unique two-man triad which has proven very popular in past years. Six holes of scramble, six holes of scotch, and six holes of best ball. Refer to the article on page 6 for more details. Complete rules for the triad format are available on our website at www.smgc.us. Rules for the triad format will be handed out on the day of competition.

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

June 26, 2004 Lincoln Hills (Sacramento Weekender)

Cost: \$78 with cart
 Director: Les Cheong
 Phone: (408) 396-6902
 Field Size: 36
 First Tee Time: 9:30 a.m.
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cutoff Date: June 8th
 Spikes: Non-Metal Only
 Carts: 90° Weather Permitting

Comments:

The Lincoln Hills Golf Club is a championship eighteen hole track with undulating fairways that are open and forgiving, with moderate elevation changes and beautiful views of the surrounding countryside. The back nine plays around a wetlands area. Water in the form of wetlands, lakes, and waterfalls come into play on several holes. The greens are large and offer several challenging pin placements.

Blue tees: Rating: 70.7
Slope: 117, 6,451 yards

White tees: Rating: 68.6,
Slope: 115, 5,987 yards

June 27, 2004 Darkhorse (Sacramento Weekender)

Cost: \$78 with cart
 Director: Les Cheong
 Phone: (408) 396-6902
 Field Size: 36
 First Tee Time: 9:34 a.m.
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cutoff Date: June 10th
 Spikes: Non-Metal Only
 Carts: 90° Weather Permitting

Comments:

Located in Auburn, Darkhorse Golf Club plays through the varied terrain of the Sierra foothills, including meadows, hillsides and wetlands, and the course boasts some dramatic elevation changes. Water comes into play several times, in the form of six ponds and numerous streams, and adds to the overall nature of the course design which rewards strategic thinking, risk-taking and skilled shot making.

Blue tees: Rating: 72.4,
Slope: 135, 6,653 yards

White tees: Rating: 71.0,
Slope: 130, 6,364 yards

Future Tournaments Continued

July 3, 2004

San Ramon (Royal Vista)

Cost: \$68 with cart

Director: Jay Dameron

Phone: (650) 473-1229

Field Size: 36

First Tee Time: 9:30 a.m.

Format: Point Par

Tees: Split

Driving Range: Yes

Cutoff Date: June 11th

Spikes: Non - Metal Only

Carts: 90° Weather Permitting

Comments:

Located in San Ramon, this narrow course has many dogleg fairways, typically favoring the left to right player. There are a few lateral water hazards and many sand bunkers incorporated into this course's design. The greens are medium in size and speed. The signature hole is #1, a 349-yard, par 4, requiring a tee shot up a dogleg right fairway in which you must avoid a creek at the turn, then an approach shot to a flat, well-bunkered green.

Blue tees: Rating: 71.1,
Slope: 122, 6,560 yards

White tees: Rating: 70.1,
Slope: 119, 6,244 yards

July 10, 2004

Lone Tree

Cost: \$62 with cart

Director: John Johnson

Phone: (650) 342-8560

Field Size: 40

First Tee Time: 10:00 a.m.

Format: Low Net

Tees: Split

Driving Range: No

Cutoff Date: June 25th

Spikes: Non-Metal Only

Carts: 90° Weather Permitting

Comments:

Located in Antioch, the Lone Tree golf course offers tree-lined fairways with generous landing areas. The greens are small in size and undulating. There is one water hazard on the course and the wind that whips through the Delta in the afternoon makes this hilly course even more difficult. The saving grace are the reachable par 5's, Three of them are on the back nine.

Blue tees: Rating: 71.2,
Slope: 125, 6,446 yards

White tees: Rating: 69.6,
Slope: 123, 6,098 yards

Currently Scheduled Tournaments

These tournaments were announced in the April newsletter. Please refer to it or the website www.smgc.us for further details.

On Saturday, May 22nd Les Cheong hosts a point par split tees event at Blue Rock Springs in Vallejo. Cost is \$42 no cart and the field size is 40 players. First t-time is 9:36 a.m. Contact Les Cheong to see if he has any room if you want in.
(408) 396-6902 or lesc@smgc.us

Saturday and Sunday May 29-30 takes us to Carson City for a point par split tees event (both days) at Eagle Valley hosted by John Szarka. Field size is 36 players with a 8:00 a.m. shotgun start. Cutoff date is May 13th. See last month's newsletter for pricing. Contact John Szarka if you would like to get in on the action. johns@smgc.us or (408) 656-6941

Santa Clara is where we'll be on June 5th for a 2-man low net NCGA 4-ball qualifier hosted by Nadeem Rahman. Cost is \$69 per player or \$138 per team with cart. First t-time is 10:45a.m. and the cutoff date is May 25th. Contact Nadeem to get in on the fun. nadeemr@smgc.us or (510) 543-5579

Poppy Ridge is where we'll be on June 13 for the NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier hosted by Arif Janjua. Cost is \$72 with cart and there is room for 56 players. First t-time is 11:00 a.m. and the cutoff date is May 11th. Contact Arif if you would like to play. arifj@smgc.us or (408) 230-8920

Tournament Results

Boundary Oak 2-man best ball - April 17, 2004

First Flight - Championship Tees

Team	Net	Ind. Nets	Certificate
A. Janjua-N. McCarthy	62		
Arif Janjua		71	\$40
Neil McCarthy		74	\$40
J. Balsley-T. Boydston	63		
John Balsley		72	\$30
Tom Boydston		75	\$30
L. Cheong-D. Howell	64		
Les Cheong		74	\$20
Dale Howell		72	\$20
S. Bryan-P. Katsumis	65		
Steve Bryan		71	\$5
Pete Katsumis		80	\$5
T. Fosdick-J. Brown	65		
Tom Fosdick		70	\$5
John Brown		74	\$5

Directors Cup 36 Hole Low-Net April 24-25, 2004

First Flight

Position	Player	Net Score	
First	Don Anderson	142	Trophy
Second	Tom Kelsch*	143	Trophy
(TIE)	Kelsch won playoff 19th		
Third	John Driver	143	Trophy

Second Flight

Position	Player	Net Score	
First	Neil McCarthy	138	Trophy
Second	John Szarka	140	Trophy
Third	Jim Hofer	143	Trophy

Third Flight

Position	Player	Net Score	
First	Dale Wilson	139	Trophy
Second	Dan Marble	142	Trophy
Third	Jay Kanemoto	143	Trophy

Fourth Flight

Position	Player	Net Score	
First	Pete Katsumis	137	Trophy
Second	Phil Smithson	141	Trophy
Third	Ed Simonsen	146	Trophy

Manteca Park Low Net - Split Tees May 1, 2004

First Flight - Blue Tees

Player	Score	Certificate
Bob Joseph	70	\$40
Jim Perko	73	\$30
John Balsley	76	\$7
Brian Silva	76	\$7
Martin Delfino	76	\$7

Second Flight - White Tees

Player	Points	Certificate
Pete Katsumis	65	\$40
Jack Leonard	69	\$30
Dale Wilson	71	\$20

Raffle Winners

Titleist Irons	Ed Simonsen
Titleist Golf Bag	Dan Chase
White Hot Putter	Steve Marble
Day Trip Golf Bag	Larry Lopez
Wedge	Dale Wilson
Vokey Wedge	Ed Simonsen

Tournament Results Continued

**Skywest
Low Net-Split Tees
May 8, 2004**

Note: because the scorecards were based on an incorrect Skywest scorecard, the slope was incorrect. Based on that, a few people got more strokes than originally noted.

First Flight - Blue Tees

Net Score	Player	Certificate
72	Zuhair Bokharey	\$30
	Les Cheong	\$30
	Neil McCarthy	\$30
73	Martn Delfino	\$10

Second Flight - White Tees

Net Score	Player	Certificate
73	Bran Buric	\$35
	Bob Heihn	\$35
74	Jay Kanemoto	\$10
	Ben Tibbetts	\$10
	Dale Wilson	\$10

Thirteen players participated in the optional skins competition. Congratulations to the following winners!

Skins Winners

Les Cheong	Birdied the 4th hole	\$43
Dale Howell	Birdied the 14th hole	\$43
Neil McCarthy	Birdied the 16th hole	\$43

South Bay Zone April 26-27 Poppy Hills G.C. & Spyglass Hill G.C.

Congratulations go out to the team of **Bob Joseph, Barry Franklin, Nadeem Rahman, and Zuhair Bokharey** for their great play at the NCGA South Bay Zone on April 26 & 27. Sunnyvale's team shot 130-134 (best two net scores out of four on each hole) for a total of 264 to finish in fifth place behind Gilroy's 250, La Riconada's 256, De Laveaga's 262, and Saratoga's 262. **Nice showing guys!**

NCGA Handicap Certification Program

A special thank you goes out to club members **Bob Johnson** and **Jay Dameron** for their participation at the NCGA's handicap certification program on May 22nd. NCGA's rules require two club members to attend in order for the SMGC to maintain its eligibility to participate in all NCGA events for the next two years. Your participation is greatly appreciated by all club members.

Thanks, Bob and Jay!

Board of Directors

Les Cheong	President
Arif Janjua	Vice President
John Johnson	Secretary
Nadeem Rahman	Treasurer
John Szarka	Handicap Chairman
Jay Dameron	Tournament Chairman

Member Guest Tournament

On June 19th the Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club will host our annual Member Guest Tournament. Each club member may invite one guest to play with them in our unique triad format. The triad consists of six holes of scramble, six holes of modified Chapman Scotch (where both players tee off, but then play one of the balls in alternate shot format until the ball is holed), and six holes of best ball. For complete tournament rules, please refer to the SMGC website at www.smgc.us/triad_rules.htm

There will be a very nice tee prize given to each participant in addition to \$7 in vouchers to be spent on food and beverages at the course. Your guest must have a current GHIN number and handicap index in order for both of you to play with handicap strokes. If your guest does not have an index, then you will play from scratch. **Please have your guest's GHIN number when you sign up for the tournament!**

Refer to Future Tournaments on Page 2 for more information about this tournament.

Your Club Meeting

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

Pocket Schedules Now Available

Included with your May newsletter is the wallet-sized SMGC tournament schedule for the remainder of the year. If you would like extra schedule cards to hand out to prospective new members, you can pick one up at the front desk at Sunnyvale Muni or in the posting room. All Board Members will have schedules available for you at tournament sites or you can pick one up at the General Meeting. The schedule is also available on our website.

Player of the Year Standings

Updated as of May 3, 2004

For a description of what Player of the Year points are and how they are determined go to our website or check your pertinent information bulletin that was mailed to you.

Remember, the Player of the Year has his dues renewed by the club for the following year and also receives a plaque to commemorate his outstanding play for the year.

1	Bruce Salladay	350
2	Dale Wilson	320
3	John Szarka	297
4	Pete Katsumis	260
5	Lee Cooper	255
6	Zuhair Bokharey	235
7 T	Barry Franklin	230
7 T	Ed Simonsen	230
9	Nadeem Rahman	214.5
10	Bob Heihn	204.5