



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB

NOVEMBER 2004 NEWSLETTER

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

In the upcoming months you will see a twist to the newsletter that will hopefully stir your inquisitive side. We will try to create "Solutions" or "Ways to proceed" in real golf situations. They may be submitted by anyone, the board, players, you, or your guests. We will create scenarios, such as lateral hazards, regular hazards, when to hit a provisional shot, and when not to.

For instance: **Hole #7 at Sunnyvale Muni.** Would you know how to proceed if your ball lands on the 2 foot strip of grass between the cartpath and the boundary fence?

If you play the shot, you would be standing on the path. You are entitled to a drop. Where can you drop the ball? Would you go to where you have a swing and take two club lengths, no closer to the hole? This could be 20 yards in either direction, an area where the path is far enough away from the fence to allow a swing. Would you play it as it is?

This situation came up this year in the 1st flight finalist match between Rich Sarwal and John Balsley. Jay Dameron was marshalling that day and asked Rich to talk to John, to get what he was entitled to under the rules. We brought up to John the areas where Rich would be entitled a full swing and he pointed out "why should he get that much relief?" "Just because he's entitled to a drop, that may not have to be to an area to give him a full swing, but just to a point where he is no longer standing on the path." He had a good point too. Rich elected to play it as is, and with a much abbreviated swing, chopped down on the ball. It hopped through the bunker to within five feet of the hole! Who was right? The discussion room at www.smgc.us is open for interpretation.

These are the real type areas we hope to showcase. Hope you will enjoy them.



A Pair Of Aces For SMGC Members

John Szarka has yet another hole-in-one!!

On October 16, exactly one year and one day after his last hole-in-one, John aced the 134-yard 14th hole at Chalk Mountain with an 8-iron. Since this was during a club event everyone enjoyed their favorite drinks afterwards courtesy of the SMGC.

Some guys have all the luck!!

Not to be outdone, **Ed Trotter** has joined the hole-in-one party with an ace of his own. On October 20, a well struck 6-iron at the 177-yard 12th hole at Los Lagos Golf Club found the bottom of the cup. *Nice shot Ed!* Both Ed and John will receive plaques courtesy of the SMGC to commemorate their shots.

Future Tournaments

December 18, 2004 Sunnyvale Muni (President's Cup)

Cost: \$47 no cart
Director: The Board
Phone: (408) 396-6902
Field Size: 80
First Tee Time: 8:00 a.m.
Format: Low Net
Tees: Back
Driving Range: No
Cutoff Date: December 10
Spikes: Optional
Carts: 90⁰ Weather Permitting

Comments:

This annual event is our last major of the year. It is a trophy tournament played at Sunnyvale Muni. It is 18 holes of low-net from the back tees, starting at 8:00 a.m. The top three low-nets in each flight are awarded a trophy. The overall low-net will receive a special trophy, and have his name along with the Club's President inscribed on our perpetual trophy that is displayed in the Pro Shop. Only one trophy can be awarded to any one player.

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

January 8, 2005 Pacific Grove

Cost: \$68 with cart
Director: John Szarka
Phone: (408) 252-0441
Field Size: 40
First Tee Time: 9:34 a.m.
Format: Point Par
Tees: Back
Driving Range: Yes
Cutoff Date: December 24
Spikes: Optional
Carts: 90⁰ Weather Permitting

Comments:

This is a very popular draw for our club members and spots should fill up fast. 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. The course is not overly lengthy and the greens are small. A bargain at \$68 for the Monterey Peninsula. Enjoy!

Back tees: Rating: 67.5,
Slope: 118, 5,732 yards

Currently Scheduled Tournaments

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

The Turkey Shoot on November 20 is where you'll find the Board of Directors leading us on a low-net, back tees tournament starting at 8:00 a.m. Cost is \$47 no cart and there is room for 80 players. The cutoff date is November 13. Contact John Szarka to see if he has room to squeeze you in. johns@smgc.us or Tel: (408) 252-0441

On Saturday December 4 Arif Janjua hosts a low net, blue tees affair at Pacific Grove. Cost is \$68 with cart. Field size is 44 players and the first t-time is 9:30 a.m. The cutoff date is November 19. Contact Arif to see if he has any spots available. arifj@smgc.us or (408) 230-8920

Sunday, December 12 takes us to (Aptos) Seascape for a modified stableford, split tees tournament hosted by Jim Perko. Cost is \$66 with cart. Field size is 32 players. First t-time is 10:00 a.m. December 1st is the cutoff date. Contact Jim to get into the field. jimp@smgc.us or (408) 739-1159

General Meetings Update

The schedule for the SMGC General Meetings has not been determined yet. It will be announced in the next newsletter and on the website. There will be no general meeting in November, but tournament sign-up sheets for the new tournaments will be available at the pro shop at the usual time (Thursday November 25th).

2005 Tournament Schedule

Included with your November newsletter is the wallet sized SMGC tournament schedule for the first half of the 2005 season. These will be going out to EVERYBODY (including those that normally get them e-mailed) so that we can include the 2005 1st half schedule cards. If you would like extra schedule cards to hand out to prospective new members, you can pick them up at the front desk at Sunnyvale Muni or in the posting room on top of the computer.

All Tournament Directors will have schedules available for you at tournament sites. The schedule is also available on our website. www.smgc.us

Board of Directors

Les Cheong	President - Webmaster
Arif Janjua	Vice President
Jim Perko	Tournament Chairman
Nadeem Rahman	Treasurer
John Szarka	Handicap Chairman
Jay Dameron	Secretary - Newsletter Editor

Welcome To Our New SMGC Members

Bob Chimpky - Livermore
 Dan Landro - Livermore
 John Sasser - Livermore
 George Guzman - Fremont
 Jack Guzman - Tracy

It is our pleasure to welcome five new members to the Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club. We look forward to seeing you at our next General Meeting or at an upcoming tournament! Our apologies if we missed any new members this month.

Tournament Results

Chalk Mountain Point - Par October 16, 2004

First Flight - Blue Tees

Points	Player	Certificates
39	John Szarka	\$40
38	Martin Delfino	\$30
34	Pete Katsumis	\$20
33	Brad Nelson	\$10

John Szarka had a hole in one on the 134 yard 14th hole.

Hunter Ranch Point - Par October 17, 2004

First Flight - Blue Tees

Points	Player	Certificates
38	Martin Delfino	\$40
35	Tom Boydston	\$30
34	John Szarka	\$15
34	Bob Heihn	\$15

Tournament Results Continued

Lockeford Springs Point - Par October 23, 2004

First Flight - Blue Tees

Points	Player	Certificates
39	Tom Boydston	\$40
36	Dale Howell	\$30
35	John Szarka	\$20
34	Jay Dameron	\$10

Second Flight - White Tees

Points	Player	Certificates
37	Nadeem Rahman	\$40
35	Brian Silva	\$25
	Ed Simonsen	\$25
34	Rick Colen	\$5
	Pete Katsumis	\$5
	Greg Shiimoto	\$5
	Ben Tibbetts	\$5

Micke Grove Low - Net October 30, 2004

First Flight

Net	Player	Certificates
73	Zuhair Bokharey	\$35
73	John Szarka	\$35
75	Dale Howell	\$20

Second Flight

Net	Player	Certificates
65	Ben Tibbetts	\$40
70	James Tzyy	\$30
73	Barry Franklin	\$20

Manteca Park Low - Net November 6, 2004

Run By: Jay Dameron

I want to express a big "Welcome" to some new members.

Bob Chimpky, Dan Landro, John Sasser, George Guzman, Jack Guzman, and Rob Hartmann. From comments going around, all were a pleasure to play with. If you get a chance, sign-up to play with one of them. The camaraderie they bring will make for an enjoyable day.

First Flight - Blue Tees

Net	Player	Certificates
73 T 1st	Tom Fosdick	\$35
73 T 1st	Bob Gonzales	\$35
74 3rd	Tom Boydston	\$20
75 4th	Bob Joseph	\$10

Second Flight - White Tees

Net	Player	Certificates
69 1st	Ben Tibbetts	\$40
70 T 2nd	James Tzyy	\$25
70 T 2nd	Barry Franklin	\$25
73 4th	Gary Malinverno	\$10

Third Flight - White Tees

Net	Player	Certificates
66 1st	Greg Shiimoto	\$40
73 2nd	Brani Buric	\$30
75 3rd	Rich Brennan	\$20
76 4th	James Tzyy	\$10

Optional Skins Competition

Player	Hole	Total
Bob Heihn	2 - 4	\$56
Jay Dameron	11	\$28
Bob Joseph	14	\$28
Jim Perko	17	\$28