



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB

OCTOBER 2004 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

And a Special Thank You

As I write this, I and the rest of the board are winding down the 2004 season and planning ahead for the 2005 season. We are reviewing the courses already booked for 2005 in addition to talking about ways to make the club even more enjoyable than it already is.

With the upcoming SMGC elections occurring in the October 20th special meeting, I wish to take this opportunity to thank John Johnson for his continued support and dedication to the Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club. Due to injury and personal problems that will consume Johnny's time over the next several months (see page 6 for further details), Johnny has decided that it will be impossible to dedicate enough time to the club to properly fulfill his duties as Secretary and Newsletter Editor and has asked to step down effective immediately. I know this was a difficult decision for Johnny, but the board has accepted it and is grateful that Johnny has agreed to help out the transition in whatever way is needed. Thank you - Johnny - for all the hard work you have put into the club!

Because John Johnson's position was up for re-election, the nomination committee (Arif Janjua, Jay Dameron, and myself) have had to find a replacement candidate, and we have found a suitable candidate in Jim Perko, who has graciously accepted the nomination. Therefore, the three candidates running for the October 20th elections are John Szarka, Nadeem Rahman, and Jim Perko. Please do not miss the October special meeting as it is an important one.

Les Cheong
President
Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club

Time To Renew!

It's October gentlemen, and you know what that means! It's time to renew your SMGC membership. We have a great schedule planned for 2005 with some quality courses and new and old favorites that we will be introducing in this month's newsletter.

Renewal dues are just \$110 per year, due between September 1st and October 15th. Any member not paying by October 15th must also pay the new member initiation fee of \$20. The NCGA is strict regarding when memberships must be frozen, so please help us comply with their deadlines and send in your renewal form and payment soon.

Please fill out and mail in the renewal form included in last month's newsletter to Club Treasurer Nadeem Rahman (see address on form), or hand it to any of our board members. Please include a check for \$110 payable to the SMGC. Renewal forms can also be found on our website at www.smgc.us under the Club Documents header at the top of the home page.

Welcome To Our New SMGC Members

Rob Hartmann - Concord
Vincent Delfino - San Bruno
Chul-Soo Kim - Sunnyvale
Jamey Williams - Sunnyvale
Paul Brucker - Foster City
Ed Biaggi - San Leandro
Alan Calavito - San Ramon

It is our pleasure to welcome seven new members to the Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club. We look forward to seeing you at our next General Meeting to be held on October 20th or at an upcoming tournament! Our apologies if we missed any new members this month.

Future Tournaments

November 13, 2004 Tilden Park

Cost: \$57 with cart
 Director: Jay Dameron
 Phone: (650) 473-1229
 Field Size: 36
 First Tee Time: 8:45 a.m.
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cutoff Date: November 2
 Spikes: Optional
 Carts: 90° Weather Permitting
 Comments:

This course has many hills that can cause uneven lies and trees that can affect your shots. One stream comes into play on a couple of holes, including #16, a 206-yard par 3, which calls for a tee shot over the stream. This course will challenge your shot making ability. So come on out and join in on the fun. Reasonably priced and close to home.

White tees: Rating: 68.3,
Slope: 120, 5,813 yards

Blue tees: Rating: 70.6,
Slope: 123, 6,282 yards

November 20, 2004 Turkey Shoot Sunnyvale Muni

Cost: \$47 no cart
 Director: The Board
 Phone: (408) 252-0441
 Field Size: 80
 First Tee Time: 8:00 a.m.
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Back
 Driving Range: No
 Cutoff Date: November 13
 Spikes: Optional
 Carts: 90° Weather Permitting
 Comments:

Ah yes! Our ever popular Turkey Shoot on our home course. The low net score in each foursome will win a fabulous frozen turkey! We will have turkeys of various sizes so you will be happy with the selection of birds. Even if you do not get the low-net in your foursome, don't go home! There will be many extra turkeys given out to the remaining players based on a low net pool. Chances are still good you'll go home with a bird.

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

December 4, 2004 Pacific Grove

Cost: \$68 with cart
 Director: Arif Janjua
 Phone: (408) 230-8920
 Field Size: 44
 First Tee Time: 9:30 a.m.
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Blue
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cutoff Date: November 19
 Spikes: Non-Metal Only
 Carts: 90° Weather Permitting
 Comments:

Gotta love this course! Two very distinct nines. One tight and position golf and the other a great links style layout along the Pacific Ocean with fantastic scenery. Pacific Grove is always popular with our club so make sure you sign up early so you don't miss out. It's only about one hour and fifteen minutes from Silicon Valley and a steal at \$68.

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

Future Tournaments

December 12, 2004
Seascape (Aptos)

Cost: \$66 with cart
 Director: Jim Perko
 Phone: (408) 739-1159
 Field Size: 32
 First Tee Time: 10:00 a.m.
 Format: Modified Stableford
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cutoff Date: December 1
 Spikes: Optional
 Carts: 90⁰ Weather Permitting
 Comments:

This course is nestled in the coastal highlands and is a shotmaker's delight. The opening hole, a 526 yard, par 5, is an example of what the player will face throughout the day. Only one par 5 measures over 500 yards and it would appear birdies would come easily, but accuracy and not distance is the key to playing this course. The greens are fast and undulating, and the fairways are lined with mature trees.

Gold tees: Rating: 69.2,
 Slope: 127, 5,813 yards

Black tees: Rating: 70.2,
 Slope: 129, 6,029 yards

Currently Scheduled Tournaments

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

Lockeford Springs on October 23rd is where you'll find Les Cheong leading us on a point par, split tees tournament starting at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$62 with cart and there is room for 40 players. The cutoff date is October 14. Contact Les to see if he has room to squeeze you in. lesc@smgc.us or Tel: (408) 396-6902

On Saturday October 30 Nadeem Rahman hosts a low net, split tees affair at Micke Grove in Lodi. Cost is \$52 with cart. Field size is 36 players and the first t-time is 10:00 a.m. The cutoff date is October 19. Contact Nadeem to see if he has any spots available. nadeemr@smgc.us or (510) 543-5579

Saturday, November 6 takes us to Manteca Park for a low net, split tees tournament hosted by Jay Dameron. Cost is \$45 no cart. \$18 additional for cart. Field size is 40 players. First t-time is 10:00 a.m. October 26 is the cutoff date. Contact Jay to get into the field. jayd@smgc.us or (650) 473-1229

Tournament Results

Dry Creek Ranch 2-man better ball September 4, 2004

	Teams	Net Score	Certificates
First Place	N. Rahman L. Morgan	-10	\$30 each
Tie	B. Silva J. Szarka	-10	\$30 each
Tie	B. Franklin J. Szarka	-10	\$30

Since Barry Franklin's partner was a no show, John Szarka was selected as Barry's partner, in a blind draw. Although John Szarka played brilliantly he cannot win more than one prize.

Club Championship Results September 25, 2004

Congratulations to **Brad Nelson** for his great play over 36 holes in the finals against **John Driver**. Brad is the SMGC Club Champion for 2004. Way to go Brad!

Championship Flight

Winner	Brad Nelson	
Runner Up	John Driver	
Semifinalists	Jack Cady	Arif Janjua
Medalist	Brad Nelson	

First Flight

Winner	John Balsley	
Runner Up	Richard Sarwal	
Semifinalists	Ron Ellis	Steve Bryan
Medalist	Richard Sarwal	

Second Flight

Winner	Roger Boettger	
Runner Up	Jay Kanemoto	
Semifinalists	Jay Kearney	Oula Souryasack
Medalist	Jay Kanemoto	

Third Flight

Winner	Pete Katsumis	
Runner Up	Lee Cooper	
Semifinalists	Rich Brennan	Walt Keown
Medalist	Rich Brennan	

Los Lagos Low-Net October 2, 2004

First Flight - Blue Tees

Net	Player	Certificates
65	Dale Howell	\$40
68	Don Anderson	\$30
69	Zuhair Bokharey	\$20
70	Bob Joseph	\$5
70	John Balsley	\$5

Second Flight - Blue Tees

Net	Player	Certificates
63	Jay Kearney	\$40
68	Dustin Clark	\$30
69	Dale Wilson	\$20
70	Pete Katsumis	\$10

Monarch Bay Point - Par October 9, 2004

First Flight - Blue Tees

Points	Player	Certificates
34	Neil McCarthy	\$40
32	Arif Janjua	\$30
31	Les Cheong	\$20

Second Flight - White Tees

Points	Player	Certificates
38	Richard Brennan	\$40
35	Nadeem Rahman	\$17
35	Ed Simonsen	\$17
35	Dale Wilson	\$17

2005 Tournament Schedule Preview

In order that you may plan ahead, below are SMGC tournaments planned for the first half of 2005. Please note, *these are subject to change at any time*. Your 2005 pocket schedules will be available shortly.

1/1	No Golf
1/8	Pacific Grove
1/15	Monarch Bay
1/22	Sunnyvale (zone qualifier)
1/29	Santa Clara
2/5	Los Lagos
2/12	Swenson Park
2/18	San Juan Oaks (friday tournament)
2/19	Sunnyvale (memorial)
2/26	Manteca
3/5	Poppy Ridge
3/12	Lockeford Springs
3/19	Sunol (cypress)
3/27	Laguna Seca (sunday)
4/2	Micke Grove
4/9	Delta View
4/16	Reserve at Spanos Park
4/23	Sunnyvale Director's Cup
4/24	Sunnyvale Director's Cup (sunday)
4/30	Tilden Park
5/7	Poppy Ridge
5/14	Ridgemark
5/21	Monarch Bay
5/28	Carson City weekender
5/29	Carson City (Sunday)
6/4	Skywest
6/11	Pacific Grove
6/18	Sunnyvale (member/guest)
6/25	Salinas Fairways

Player of the Year Final Standings!!

Congratulations to Pete Katsumis!

He is the Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club Player of the Year for 2004.

Pete will be honored with a 2004 Player of the Year plaque and have his renewal fees paid for by the club for 2005.

1	Pete Katsumis	435
2	Dale Wilson	380
3T	John Balsley	350
3T	Bruce Salladay	350
5	John Szarka	345
6T	Tom Boydston	340
6T	Lee Cooper	340
6T	Barry Franklin	340
6T	Jay Kanemoto	340
10	Zuhair Bokharey	330

Future Forecast!

With the temperatures on the decline and the start of the rainy season approaching, you may want to start thinking about breaking out the old foul weather gear. **(Remember)** Inclement weather may force the cancellation of a scheduled tournament. When weather conditions are marginal and course playability may be in doubt, call the Tournament Phone Line to check the status of the tournament before you leave. Please do not leave any messages on the Tournament Phone Line as it is not checked.

Tournament Phone: (408) 739-9281

Passing The Torch

This issue of the Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club newsletter will be the last one that I do before handing over the job to Jay Dameron, who will be the next newsletter editor. I will still make myself available to Jay and the club to make sure the transition goes smoothly.

I will also be stepping down from the board of directors effective immediately so the vacated position can be filled at the October 20th special Meeting. I think Jim Perko will be a great asset to the board of directors.

Personal and financial problems along with a recently broken collarbone have forced me to step away from the club and the game of golf for the immediate future. I hope to get back on my feet and rejoin the SMGC by mid season. I have enjoyed the friendships, competition, and camaraderie that were developed at the SMGC over the past few years, and I love the game too much to stay away for too long. *I'll be back!*

It's been a great pleasure of mine being a member of the SMGC and serving on the board of directors for the past three years. I'll see you all at a tournament sometime this spring.

John Johnson
Secretary
Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club

Annual Turkey Shoot

Well it is hard to believe that another year has rolled by and that time of year is upon us once more. This annual event will be held on November 20th and follows the traditional format, a low-net event from the back tees. You can sign up with any group or partner you wish to play with. The low-net from each foursome wins a turkey. The remaining three players will be entered into a low-net pool. A quantity of turkeys will be won by low-net scores in the pool. The field will be split into three segments so you don't have to wait until the entire field finishes to find out if you have won a bird. If you are a winner you will be given back your scorecard marked for a turkey. Give your marked card to a board member in charge of handing out the birds. **Do Not** leave the course before checking with the scorers table to find out if you are a winner or not. If you have any questions regarding this event, call any board member.

Note: Refer to **FUTURE TOURNAMENTS** on page 2 for the cost and other details.

Editor's Note: Just a reminder to those of you who have forgotten to renew your club membership. This will be the last newsletter you receive. If you wish to renew your club membership, please contact any board member. You will not be allowed to participate in any tournaments until your renewal dues are paid.

Your Club Meeting

The next General Membership meeting for the S.M.G.C. will be held on Wednesday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. This is the **SPECIAL** meeting where board member elections will be held. Also, we will be reviewing and voting on a bylaw change. Early tournament sign ups start 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.

Board of Directors

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