



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB

DECEMBER 2005 NEWSLETTER

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We on the SMGC board want to wish all of you a happy Holiday Season. Let's finish off 2005 in style this month. The President's Cup is on and is the last chance to show your stuff in a major outing. Play your best. There's plenty of hardware and prize monies to shoot for.

Best Regards - SMGC Board

Ace Parade

Congratulations to George Guzman. He aced the 5th, 174 yd. hole and Sunol Palm Nov. 12.

Ed Trotter got another hole-in-one at Los Lagos GC. He aced the 157 yard 2nd hole on November 30th with his 6 iron. Way to go again, Ed!

Distance Measuring Devices

On the horizon, are you having trouble judging yardages? In 2006, the use of Range Finders will be a hot topic. We have begun discussing them on the board. The NCGA is still reviewing how to proceed in its own competitions. For now, in all our normal SMGC tournaments, you may use a Range Finder.

Refer to page 3 for the USGA's current position on distance measuring devices.

Pocket Schedules Now Available

Included with your December newsletter is the wallet-sized SMGC tournament schedule for the 1st half 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. The schedule is also available on our website.

Your Club Meeting

The next General Membership meeting for the S.M.G.C. will be held on **Wednesday, Jan 4**, at 7:00 p.m. w/early tournament sign ups at 6:30 p.m. at the Lookout Inn at Sunnyvale Muni.

Get Well Soon!

George Guzman will be out of action for a while. He had to miss two recent tournaments due to surgeries.

He comments "I really love this game and will miss playing with each and everyone of you." Get well soon Big Dog, we'll hold the first tee open till you're back!

Future Tournaments

Summitpointe January 21, 2006

Sunnyvale NCGA Zone Qualifier January 28, 2006

Los Lagos February 4, 2006

Cost:	\$62 / w cart	Cost:	\$125 per team / no cart	Cost:	\$69 w/cart
Director:	Martin Delfino	Director:	John Szarka	Director:	Jim Perko
Phone:	(510)-366-5142	Phone:	(408)-252-0441	Phone:	(408) 739-1159
Field Size:	40	Field Size:	80	Field Size:	40
First Tee Time:	8:30 am	First Time	10 am	First Tee Time	9:30 am
Format:	Point Par	Format:	2-man Low Net	Format:	Low Net
Tees:	Split	Tees:	Blue	Tees:	Split
Driving Range:	Yes	Driving Range:	No	Driving Range:	Yes
Cutoff Date:	1/11/06	Cutoff Date:	1/21/06	Cutoff Date:	1/21/06
Spikes:	Soft Spikes only	Spikes:	Optional	Spikes:	Non - Metal Only
Carts:	90 ⁰ Weather Permitting	Carts:	90 ⁰ Weather Permitting	Carts:	90 ⁰ Weather Permitting

Comments:

This was formerly Tularcitos. It is a hillside layout that will test your shotmaking skills. The front will start you off going up hills, then #5 and #6 will bring you back down. Once you start the back side, water comes into play, making the tee shots and #10 and #18 very demanding. You'll enjoy the environment and with any luck may see some hang gliders coming down the mountain on #14 and #15.

Back tees: Rating: 71.1
Slope: 131 Yards: 6,329

White tees: Rating: 69.7
Slope: 130 Yards: 6,061

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. The second round venue is Laguna Seca, the following weekend, Sunday Feb 5, starting at 9am.

Championship: Aug. 21-22 at Spyglass Hill GC and Poppy Hills GC. South Bay Zone March 7-8. Spyglass Hill & Poppy Hills.

Blue tees: Rating: 70.4
Slope: 121 Yards: 6,226

Comments:

Los Lagos (The Lakes) is a new, beautiful 18 hole course just 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. This extra exercise will just get you ready for some great food at Tony Di Maggio's Pizza & Original Stromboli on nearby Monterey Road.

Blue tees: Rating: 65.6
Slope: 118 Yards: 5,393

White tees: Rating: 63.6
Slope: 111 Yards: 4,922

Future Tourn. (Cont.)

Swenson Park
February 11, 2006

Cost: \$48 w/cart
Director: John Balsley
Phone: (650) 678-2191
Field Size: 36
First Tee Time: 10:00 am
Format: Point Par
Tees: Split
Driving Range: Yes
Cutoff Date: 2/04/06
Spikes: Optional
Carts: 90⁰ Weather Permitting
Comments:

In the Modesto Valley, 18 holes of pure challenge. Much like Manteca Park, this course will test your accuracy and putting. The cost is very reasonable and offsets newer, high price outings. Designed in the 1950's by William Bell, his other works include Mt. Whitney, Castlewood Valley, Pine Mountain Lake and Green Tree in Vacaville.

Blue tees: Rating: 70.6
Slope: 115 Yards: 6,704

White tees: Rating: 69.4
Slope: 111 Yards: 6,431

Currently Scheduled Tournaments

On Dec 17, we're at home for our annual President's Cup. It is a trophy tournament played at Low Net. The top 3 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 President, inscribed on our perpetual trophy.

On Jan 07, John Szarka will take us to a SMGC favorite, Pacific Grove. The course winds through the Del Monte forest with a few tight, well bunkered holes. Cutoff date is 12/28. Call John at (408) 252-0441 for openings.

On Jan 14, Jay Dameron is in charge of Coyote Creek Valley. This is a redesign of the old Riverside, but much tougher. Walking is allowed and bring your long ball, the blue tees stretch to 7,048 yds. Cutoff date is Dec 27. Call Jay at (408) 733-9105 for openings.

USGA on Distance-Measuring Devices. (from Pg .1)

Distance & Distance Measuring - Highlights of New Decisions and Revisions.

New Decision 14-3/0.5 permits the adoption of a Local Rule allowing the use of devices which measure distance only (the measurement of other conditions which may affect play e.g., gradient or wind remains a breach of Rule 14-3). The USGA recommends the following language for such a Local Rule:

Distance-Measuring Devices: [Specify as appropriate, e.g., "In this competition," or "For all play at this course," etc]
A player may use a distance-measuring device to obtain distance information. However, if, during a stipulated round, a player uses a device that actually provides him with information on other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification.

Additionally, revised Decision 8-1/2 explains that the distance between any objects, including golf balls, is considered to be a matter of public information and therefore not advice. Such information may be shared without restriction.

When distance-measuring devices have been permitted by Local Rule, players may share such a device and may, due to the revision of Decision 8-1/2, share any measured yardage with another player.

Tournament Results

Laguna Seca November 13 Modified Stableford

Points	Certs
12	
Dale Wilson	\$40
8	
Justin Periquet	\$30
6	
James Hofer	\$15
Jay Kanemoto	\$15
3	
Ramon Periquet	\$5

Turkey Shoot

November 19
Low Net

A recap, we gave out 44 birds on what was a wonderful day weather wise. There were roughly 26 low net winners and 16 or so chosen from the low net pool. In keeping with the festive Holiday spirit, we gave Linda and Terri of the restaurant staff birds for their families to enjoy.

Sunol (Palm) December 3 Point Par

1st Flight: Blue Tees

Net	Name	Certs
33	Bob Heihn	\$40
32	Jim Perko	\$30
31	Arif Janjua	\$20
30	John Szarka	\$5
	Martin Delfino	\$5

2nd Flight: White Tees

Net	Name	Certs
32	Dale Wilson	\$40
30	Barry Franklin	\$20
	Brani Buric	\$20
	Phil Smithson	\$20

Manteca December 10 Modified Stableford

1st Flight - Blue Tees

Points	Certs
6	
Brian Silva	\$40
5	
John Szarka	\$30
1	
Dale Wilson	\$20
0	
Felix Charpentier	\$5
Greg Shiomoto	\$5

2nd Flight - Blue Tees

Points	Certs
2	
Rick Colen	\$30
-3	
Lee Cooper	\$20
-10	
Ed Biagi	\$10

2nd Flight - White Tees

Points	Certs
4	
Justin Periquet	\$25
-3	
Pete Katsumis	\$15

Please Note:

Membership - This is the last Newsletter you will receive if you have not renewed your SMGC membership. Call anyone on the board with any extenuating circumstances. We want everyone current. See your pocket schedule for their phone numbers.

Scoring - Be sure you review your scorecard after your round. Don't leave it up to the players in the group to do this for you. Continued infractions may get you DQ'ed.