



# SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB

JANUARY 2005 NEWSLETTER

## Happy New Year!

### Rules, Rules, Rules

by John Szarka

A reminder of the December Newsletter Question:

On the Sunnyvale Golf Course, Hole #1, Player A has hit his approach shot to the Green. The ball strikes the Green and bounces over the Green and comes to rest under the cement pipes (used for irrigation) to the left rear of the Green. How does Player A proceed?

*Answer:* The ball is Out Of Bounds. White stakes on the course side of the concrete piping for irrigation denote Out-Of-Bounds. Proceed under Rule 27, "Ball lost or Out of Bounds; Provisional Ball."

The player must return to the point where his last stroke was played, drop (Rule 20-5), add a penalty stroke, and play his next stroke.

The fence on this part of the course is not a Boundary Fence.

*Related Issue:* On the Sunnyvale Golf Course, Hole #10, Player A has hit his approach shot to the Green. The ball strikes the Green and bounces over the Green and comes to rest under the cement pipes (used for irrigation) at the rear of the Green. How does Player A proceed?

*Answer:*

The cement pipe on this part of the course is an Obstruction. Relief from just the concrete pipe may be taken. Proceed under the Obstruction Rule 24. However, Be Careful, no relief may be taken from the Boundary Fence. (That is: if your ball is against

the fence, and it is unreasonable for you to make a stroke because of the interference caused by the Boundary Fence, the player must proceed under Rule 28 "Ball Unplayable" Rule.) The fact that the concrete pipe is obstructing your swing is immaterial.

#### January Question:

On the Sunnyvale Golf Course, Hole #2, Player A has hit a shot right of the fairway and the ball comes to rest near or against the Page fence. How does Player A proceed?

*Supplementary Bonus Question:*

On the Sunnyvale Golf Course, Hole #2, Player A has hit a shot, long and to the left of the Green. The ball has come to rest in the tunnel under Highway 237. How does Player A proceed?

### Donations for Memorial Tourney

SMGC Members - We could use some donations for the upcoming Memorial Tourney. Items such as ballgame tickets, Golf passes, or any sportsman related articles would help us out greatly.

If you have anything you can contribute, please contact any board member. Thank you.

### Another Hole-in-One!

Guess what? **Ed Simonsen** got his 2nd hole-in-one of the year! This time, he got it today on the 137 yard 17th hole at Shoreline Golf Links with a 7-iron. Way to go, Ed. Save some for us, now!

## Currently Scheduled Tournaments

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

Les Cheong directs the Point Par tournament at Monarch Bay on January 15th. First time is 9:30am and the cost is \$66 with cart. We are past the cut-off. If you are interested in playing, give Les a call at 408-396-6902.

The NCGA Zone Qualifier is at Sunnyvale on January 22. First tee time is 8am and the cost is \$125 per 2-man team. Top 10 teams and ties advance to the next qualifying round to be held at Laguna Seca on Sunday, March 27. If you don't have a partner, we'll try to find one for you. Call John Szarka at 408-252-0441 if you are interested in playing.

Les Cheong directs Santa Clara on Jan. 29th. This pt. par. event will cost you \$68 w/cart. Call Les at 408-396-6902 if you are interested in playing.

We're playing Los Lagos on Feb. 5. Jim Perko directs this Low Net event and it will cost you \$62 w/cart to play. Call Jim at 408-739-1159 if you want to play.

Jay Dameron directs Swenson Park on Feb. 12. This is only \$43 w/cart and is a mod. stableford event. Call Jay at 650-473-1229 to get in on this one.

## Future Tournaments

### San Juan Oaks (Friday) February 18, 2005

Cost: \$70 w/cart  
Director: John Szarka  
Phone: (408) 252-0441  
Field Size: 32  
First Tee Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Format: Point Par  
Tees: Split  
Driving Range: Yes  
Cutoff Date: Feb. 8  
Comments:

Note that this is a special **Friday** tournament.

With a 73.3 blues and 75.6 blacks ratings, this is one of the finest layouts outside the Monterey Peninsula. The key to mastering its length is to keep tee shots in the fairway. With all five par 4's over 400 yds on the back nine, they will seem less intimidating because all are downhill. If you can hit your drives straight and true, mid-irons to the greens will be your reward.

**Blue tees:** Rating: 73.3,  
Slope: 139, 6,712 yards

**White tees:** Rating: 71.7,  
Slope: 133, 6,342 yards

### Sunnyvale Memorial Tournament February 19, 2005

Cost: \$96 Team / no cart  
Director: Jim Perko  
Phone: (408) 739-1159  
Field Size: 80  
First Tee Time: 10:00 am  
Format: 2-Man Triad  
Tees: Back  
Driving Range: No  
Cutoff Date: Feb. 12  
Spikes: Optional

Carts: 90 degrees

Comments:

An annual event commemorating the passing of club members. This is a triad format with awards and a raffle of prizes following the round.

With a perpetual trophy to be showcased, having you and your partner's name on it can be an experience you'll cherish.

Refer to Page 3 for an explanation of the popular triad format.

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

# Future Tournaments (Cont)

## Manteca Park February 26, 2005

Cost: \$45 w/o cart  
 Director: Nadeem Rahman  
 Phone: (510) 543-5579  
 Field Size: 40  
 First Tee Time: 8:00 am  
 Format: Modified Stableford  
 Tees: Split  
 Driving Range: Yes  
 Cutoff Date: Feb. 16  
 Spikes: Optional  
 Carts: 90° Weather Permitting

### Comments:

A favorite on the central valley swing. Accuracy is key here, more so than at San Juan Oaks. If you can par #3, #10, #11, #15, #16, #18, all demanding par 4's, you'll have the best round in the club.

Its easy slope can lull you to sleep -- this is one tough layout.

**Blue tees:** Rating 71.2,  
Slope 123, 6,478 yards

**White tees:** Rating: 69.7,  
Slope: 118, 6,131 yards

## Poppy Ridge March 5, 2005

Cost: \$72 with cart  
 Director: Jay Dameron  
 Phone: (650) 473-1229  
 Field Size: 48  
 First Tee Time: 9:00 am  
 Format: Low Net  
 Tees: Split  
 Driving Range: Yes  
 Cutoff Date: Feb 4 (!)  
 Spikes: Non-Metal Only

Comments: After an enjoyable round, hopefully, enjoy an afternoon of wine tasting at the various wineries in the area. Wente, San Martin, and Sonoma Vineyards are some of the favorites among enthusiasts.

As for the golf, the layout is wide-open and playable. Keep your drives in the fairway, run your second shots into the greens, and you should do some scoring.

**Please note the very early sign-up deadline!** We must prepay this tournament, so if you want to play, please let us know very early!

**Blue tees:** Rating: 72.8,  
Slope: 136, 6,673 yards

**White tees:** Rating: 70.6,  
Slope: 129, 6,214 yards

## New Member

Welcome to another addition to the SMGC family.

**Jim Streeter Redwood City**

Jim was introduced to the club by Bob Joseph and he carries an 8.7 index.

## General Meeting

The next General Meeting will be Wednesday, January 12, 2005. Early tournament sign-ups begin at 6:30pm with the General Meeting itself starting at 7:00pm. Please show your support by showing up!

The next General Meeting after this one will be Wednesday, March 16th. Refer to the website [www.smgc.us](http://www.smgc.us) for updates.

## SMGC Triad Format

The Triad format is used in our SMGC Member/Guest and Memorial Club Events. In short, it is a two-man event with three different formats:

Holes 1-6: Scramble

Holes 7-12: Modified-Scotch (a variant of alternate shot)

Holes 13-18: Best Ball

Details will be given at the tournament or refer to [www.smgc.us/triad\\_rules.htm](http://www.smgc.us/triad_rules.htm).

# Tournament Results

## Seascape Aptos Modified Stableford December 12, 2004

Congratulations to Jim Perko for surviving directing his first SMGC tournament! Good turnout and great weather.

### First Flight -- BACK TEES

Points	Player	Certs
+8	Bob Joseph	\$35
+8	Brad Nelson	\$35
+6	John Szarka	\$20
0	John Balsley	\$5
0	Les Cheong	\$5

### Second Flight -- MIDDLE TEES

Points	Player	Certs
+10	Dan Chase	\$40
+6	Rich Brennan	\$25
+6	Mike Rohrs	\$25
+3	Jay Kearney	\$10

## Zone Qualifier Dates

The first round is at Sunnyvale GC on Jan. 22. The top ten 2-man teams (and ties) then advance to the next round to be held at Laguna Seca GC on Sunday, March 27. The final four players will then play the NCGA Zone event at Spyglass Hills and Poppy Hills on June 6-7.

## Board of Directors

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## Sunnyvale President's Cup Low-Net December 18, 2004

Tournament was delayed by frost, but turned into a warm sunny day. A large field enjoyed the day. No matter what your score was, you were playing golf.... so the day had to be good!

**Overall Low Gross:** Brad Nelson\* 72

**Overall Low Net:** Roger Blair 60

### President's Flight Winner

Dale Howell 68

### First Flight

1st	Jamey Williams	70
2nd	Zuhair Bokharey*	71
3rd	John Mendoza	71

### Second Flight

1st	Oneal Sutton	64
2nd	John Szarka	69
3rd	Ralph Gushiken*	74

### Third Flight

1st	Brian Silva	66
2nd	Ben Tibbetts*	68
3rd	Greg Shiimoto	68

### First Flight

1st	Bob Johnson	66
2nd	Joaquin Guzman	68
3rd	Steve Cope	69

(\* won from matching of score cards)

### 8 Skins

(2) Brad Nelson	#9, #16
(1) Dale Howell	#4
(1) John Sasser	#6
(1) Don Anderson	#10
(1) John Szarka	#13
(1) Les Cheong	#17
(1) Lee Cooper	#18