



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB

AUGUST 2006 NEWSLETTER

2007 Tournament Schedule

Martin Delfino has set us up with some great venues for 2007. A trend is developing whereas value and close proximity make for the best turnouts. Our recent Las Positas and Santa Clara outings bare this out dramatically. They produced the kind of turn out we hope for as does the course we play. 36 players played both courses. Keep your comments coming.

They help determine the best places for us all.

Here are the courses we are considering for next year:

Aptos Seascape - Aptos
Paradise Valley - Fairfield
Callippe Preserve GC - Pleasanton
Mountain House - Altamont Pass
Santa Teresa - San Jose
Lake Chabot - Oakland
Willow Park - Castro Valley
San Jose Muni - San Jose

Upcoming Elections

Nominees - Szarka, Perko, and Balsley. Nominees selected by the committee - Cheong, Dameron, and Delfino will be posted in the posting room of the Sunnyvale Golf Course. From now till the close of the September meeting, any five members of the club may nominate one or more persons(s) by submitting a petition.

Nominations will close at the end of the September general meeting. The **Vote Itself** for the open board position will occur at the October General meeting.

With our deepest Sympathy

We must offer our condolences to the families of two friends of the SMGC. **Chris Beck** passed August 6 while hiking the John Muir Trail with his family. Also, **Al Gounod** passed August 12th of natural causes. The SMGC has signed the website guest books for them both and made contributions to their desired charities. We wish for a Godspeed bereavement to their loved ones. Their memories will always be with us. You can see their obituaries from the links on the website.

NCGA Dues Increase

It's not as bad as it sounds. John Szarka received a letter from the NCGA stating membership fees will go up next year. \$5 for new members and \$5 for existing members. For the purposes of the SMGC, membership renewal will go to \$125 and new memberships will remain at \$140. Renewal forms will be in the September Newsletter. **Watch the gap from 9/30 to 10/31. Be sure you are paid up and current if you want to play during these dates.**

Your Club Meeting

The next General Membership meeting for the S.M.G.C. will be held on **Wednesday, Sept 20**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lookout Inn at Sunnyvale Muni. Then our **Special Election meeting on Oct 18.**

Currently Scheduled Tournaments

On Aug 26, Jim Perko takes us to Spring Hills, in the Pajaro and Aptos Foothills. This is a tight, hilly course that will test accuracy and ability to play from sidehill lies. We are past the cutoff date, so call Jim at (408-739-1139) for openings.

On Sept 2, Jay Dameron will host Manteca. This is a "Nice Price" event of \$45/no cart. This course is very walkable, hence we book it this way. Cutoff date is 8/25 so call Jay at (408-712-0227) for openings.

Our Club Championship is Sept 9-10, 16-17, and 23. This is 36 holes of stroke play to qualify for match play rounds. If you get this far, then you may play up to 3 rounds of match play. Cost is \$135 per player, with no cart. Dinner is included on the 23rd and guests are invited (\$10 extra). Player of the year points are doubled for this event. Also, raffle prizes are still sought for the awards ceremony. If you have something you would like to donate to help the club out, talk to any board member. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated.

Lodging for Hunter Ranch Oct 7-8

Here are some places we've stayed in the past that may be helpful. Book them early, they fill up fast.

Hampton Inn & Suites	(805-226-9988)
Melody Ranch	(805-238-3911)
Paso Robles Inn	(805-238-2660)

Team Match Play

Thursday Standings: Group 23

Captain Dale Howell and co-captain John Szarka may go to Europe for players next year. SMGC was subpar to say the least. This is a monumental task of selecting, notifying, and managing pairings. Many thanks to Dale and John for their efforts. Guys, we will make a better showing next year.

	Wins	Losses	Ties
Aptos	4	1	1
Crystal Springs	3	2	1
Palo Alto	3	3	0
Sunnyvale	1	5	0

Future Tournaments

Lockeford Springs Sept 30

Cost: \$65 w/cart and Range balls

Director: Jay Dameron

Phone: (408) 712-0227

Field Size: 36

First Tee Time: 9:00 am

Format: Point Par

Tees: Split

Driving Range: Yes - Balls Provided

Cutoff Date: 9/22/06

Spikes: Non - Metal Only

Carts: 90⁰ Weather Permitting

Comments:

Designed by Sandy Tatum and Jim Summers, be ready for huge greens and yes, probably a few 3-jacks. The course winds thru some vineyards and offers some wonderful scenery. Long par 4's on holes #4, #11, and #14 are the teeth of this layout.

Gold Tees: Rating: 73.2
Slope: 130 Yards: 6,858

Blue Tees: Rating: 71.4
Slope: 125 Yards: 6,482

White Tees: Rating: 69.1
Slope: 121 Yards: 5,975

Future Tournaments

Hunter Ranch Weekender Oct 7-8, 2006

Cost: \$85 w/cart
 Director: Jim Perko
 Phone: (408) 739-1159
 Field Size: 40
 First Time: 8am Sat, 8:30 Sun
 Format: Pt Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cutoff Date: 9/30/06
 Spikes: Optional
 Carts: 90^o Weather Permitting

Comments:

California's Central Coast Golf Trail. Hunter Ranch Golf Course is a member of the Central Coast Golf Trail... where it is always a perfect time to golf. The Central Coast Golf Trail is located halfway between Los Angeles and San Francisco along Highway 101. Ten courses located in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties participate in the Trail. Visit CentralCoastGolfTrail.com for more information.

Blue tees: Rating: 72.7
Slope: 138 Yards: 6,716

White tees: Rating: 70.9
Slope: 130 Yards: 6,292

Poppy Ridge Oct 14, 2006

Cost: \$76 w/cart
 Director: John Balsley
 Phone: (650) 678-2191
 Field Size: 40
 First Tee Time: 11:50 am
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cutoff Date: Note: **9/13/06**
 Spikes: Non-Metal Only
 Carts: 90^o Weather Permitting

Comments:

Poppy Ridge Golf Course is the second NCGA Member Course and opened in 1996. The 27 hole Scottish Heathland Course consists of three nines aptly named Chardonnay, Zinfandel and Merlot and is located in the wine country of Livermore. Rees Jones, 1995 Golf Digest Architect of the Year compares the design and playability to Scottish links courses.

Blue tees: Rating: 72.8
Slope: 136 Yards: 6,673

White tees: Rating: 70.6
Slope: 129 Yards: 6,214

Coyote Creek Tournament Course Oct 22 (SUNDAY)

Cost: \$73w/cart
 Director: Martin Delfino
 Phone: (510) 366-5142
 Field Size: 36
 First Tee Time: 8:00 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cutoff Date: 10/16/06
 Spikes: Non - Metal Only
 Carts: 90^o Weather Permitting

Comments:

To the east, the Tournament Course has been sculpted from the lower slopes of the Diablo Range, offering the golfer constantly changing views. To the west, the course opens into broader vistas and more generous fairway landing areas. The 18th hole provides a spectacular finish and is considered by many to be the Tournament Course's Signature hole. At 433 yards, this par-4 is bordered by lakes along the entire right side.

Blue tees: Rating: 73.1
Slope: 136 Yards: 6,633

White tees: Rating: 72.3
Slope: 132 Yards: 6,420

Tournament Results

Cypress Ridge July 22 Point Par

First Flight Points		Certs
38	Brad Nelson	\$40
33	Tom Boydston	\$30
30	Les Cheong	\$20
29	Jay Dameron	\$5
29	Bob Johnson	\$5

Avila Beach July 23 (Sunday) Point Par

First Flight Points		Certs
39	Matt Wassmer	\$40
38	Brad Nelson	\$30
36	Jim Perko	\$20
33	Jay Dameron	\$5
33	Tom Boydston	\$5

Pajaro Valley July 29 Low Net

First Flight Net		Certs
68	Dale Howell	\$30
68	Dave Quattrone	\$30
68	Jay Dameron	\$30
72	John Balsley	\$5
72	Bob Heihn	\$5

Second Flight Net		Certs
70	Phil Smithson	\$40
72	Alan Depew	\$30
74	Pete Katsumis	\$20
75	Dale Wilson	\$10

Las Positas Aug 5 Point Par

First Flight Points		Certs
40	Larry Morgan	\$40
39	Jay Dameron	\$30
36	Mike Hudack	\$10
36	Zuhair Bokharey	\$10
36	Matt Wassmer	\$10

Second Flight Points		Certs
48	John Blum	\$40
43	Lee Cooper	\$30
39	Ralph Gushiken	\$20
38	Phil Smithson	\$5
38	Nadeem Rahman	\$5
38	Dale Wilson	\$5

Third Flight Points		Certs
44	Joaquin Guzman	\$40
41	Rick Colen	\$30
40	Brani Buric	\$10
40	Rich Brennan	\$10
40	Dan Landro	\$10
40	Mark Wittler	\$10

Board of Directors

Les Cheong	President
Jay Dameron	Vice President
Martin Delfino	Secretary
John Balsley	Treasurer
John Szarka	Hdcp Chairman
Jim Perko	Tourn Chairman