



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB

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Distance Measuring Devices

A new **Local Rule** which may be adopted by a club or committee in a tournament permits the use of distance measuring devices. **Caution:** Never assume the **Local Rule** is in effect. Make yourself aware of the **Local Rules** for the competition being played. If the **Local Rule** is not included, using a distance measuring device may get you DQ'd under Rule 14-3.

The NCGA has agreed to allow them. GPS type systems can be used in our qualifiers and tournaments in 2006. Also, exchanging distance information is allowed. A revision to Decision 8-1/2, states players may ask anyone, fellow competitor, opponent, or their caddie, the distance between his ball and the hole and not face a penalty. Players may now exchange information between any two objects on the course, not just two **permanent** objects.

Example: At Sunnyvale

Question: How far are the landing lights from the green on #10? This question is allowed.

Question: How far is my ball from the landing lights? This question is allowed.

Your Club Meeting

The next General Membership meeting for the S.M.G.C. will be held on **Wednesday, Feb 15**, at 7:00 p.m. w/early tournament sign ups at 6:30 p.m. at the Lookout Inn at Sunnyvale Muni.

Inclement Weather and the Tournament Phone

Be sure to check the SMGC hotline rather than the course we're playing to see if the tournament is on. The tournament director has the final say on that day, not the golf course. The next few months will be critical and we want to be sure we are all on the same page. The number is (408)-739-9281.

Inclement Weather and the use of Gripping aids

How much help are you allowed?

This past weekend at Coyote Creek, it was rainy and wet. Lee Cooper decided to wrap a towel around his grips to hold onto his club. Is this legal?

14-3 Artificial Devices and Unusual Equipment

Except as provided in the [Rules](#), during a [stipulated round](#) the player must not use any artificial device or unusual equipment:

(a) That might assist him in making a [stroke](#) or in his play; or (b) For the purpose of gauging or measuring distance or conditions that might affect his play; or (c) That might assist him in gripping the club, except that: (i) plain gloves may be worn; (ii) resin, powder and drying or moisturizing agents may be used; and (iii) a towel or handkerchief may be wrapped around the grip. Penalty for Breach of Rule [14-3](#): Disqualification.

It is legal! Great knowledge Lee, and he was hitting it **BIG**.

Future Tournaments

Sunnyvale Memorial February 18, 2006

Pajaro Valley February 25, 2006

Santa Clara March 4, 2006

Cost:	\$96 / team	Cost:	\$60 w/cart	Cost:	\$68 w/cart
Director:	John Szarka	Director:	Les Cheong	Director:	Jay Dameron
Phone:	(408)252-0441	Phone:	(408)396-6902	Phone:	(408)733-9105
Field Size:	80	Field Size:	40	Field Size:	40
First Tee Time:	10:00 am	First Time	9:00 a.m.	First Tee Time	10:00 am
Format:	2-man Triad	Format:	Point Par	Format:	Low Net
Tees:	Back	Tees:	Split	Tees:	Split
Driving Range:	No	Driving Range:	Yes	Driving Range:	Yes
Cutoff Date:	2/11/06	Cutoff Date:	2/16/06	Cutoff Date:	2/23/06
Spikes:	Optional	Spikes:	Optional	Spikes:	Non - Metal Only
Carts:	90 ⁰ Weather Permitting	Carts:	90 ⁰ Weather Permitting	Carts:	90 ⁰ Weather Permitting

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 a description of the Triad format. We need prizes for the raffle that will follow. If you have anything you would like to donate please contact anyone on the board.

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

Comments:

A great course just north of Monterey. Tree lined and demanding, the challenge of Pajaro requires straight tee shots and extremely tight shots to small greens. Though not long, you'll be tested by its demanding call for the straight ball. The greens may vary on speed this time of year, but in the summer, 10-11 on the stimp meter is standard. Be prepared for a demanding day. If you break 80 or 90, you'll remember it all year.

Blue tees: Rating: 69.5
Slope: 118 Yards: 6,261

White tees: Rating: 68.3
Slope: 116 Yards: 6,008

Comments:

Next to 49'er training facility, this course is an offshoot to the old Fairway Glen. The membership was transferred to this course around 1985, as that land was sublet for condominiums. Subtle terrain peaks and valleys give this flat course a hilly aspect with many blind tee shots. Enjoy a great breakfast at the David's restaurant on the premises.

Green tees: Rating: 72.4
Slope: 118 Yards: 6,784

Gold tees: Rating: 70.5
Slope: 116 Yards: 6,420

Black tees: Rating: 68.5
Slope: 111 Yards: 6,026

Future Tourn. (Cont.)**Laguna Seca******* Sunday *******March 12, 2006**

Cost: \$50 / no cart
 Director: Martin Delfino
 Phone: (510)366-5142
 Field Size: 40
 First Tee Time: 9:00 a.m.
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cutoff Date: 3/02/06
 Spikes: Optional
 Carts: 90⁰ Weather Permitting

Comments:

We return to an old favorite of the SMGC. With the surrounding area being transformed into ultra-modern sprawl to the likes of Pasadera and Tehama, you'll relish golf's halcyon days of small greens, walkability, and charming personality. Holes 9, 15, and 16 are as demanding as any on the Monterey Peninsula. You must drive it **BIG** and straight. Wimpy tee shots on these three holes equal bogies.

Treat yourself to a great meal at the restaurant, whether it be breakfast or lunch.

Blue tees: Rating: 70.0
 Slope: 130 Yards: 6,174

White tees: Rating: 69.5
 Slope: 128 Yards: 6,007

Currently Scheduled Tournaments

On Jan 28, John Szarka will head up the NCGA Zone Qualifier at Sunnyvale. Sign up even you don't have a partner, he will assign you one. A random choice may be just the tonic you need. **Refer below, page 3, for more information. Cutoff date is 1/21. Call John at (408) 252-0441 for openings.

On Feb 4, Jim Perko will take us to Los Lagos. Only 5,393 yards, but the mix of long par 3's and par 4's are Los Lagos trademarks. Cutoff date is Jan 21. Call Jim at (408) 739-1159 for openings.

On Feb 11, John Balsley heads up Swenson Park in the Modesto Valley. On old style layout, you'll enjoy the test of accuracy and the reality of having to work your shots. The doglegs go left and right and sometimes a straight ball is not good enough. Cutoff date is 2/4. Call John at (650) 678-2191 for openings.

****NCGA Zone Qualifier**

First round play is January 28. The second round happens quick and will be at Laguna Seca on Sunday, February 5th, right after our SMGC outing Saturday at Los Lagos. The top 10 teams advance. The South Bay Zone is March 7-8 at Spyglass and Poppy Hills. The Championship will be on August 21-22 at Spyglass and Poppy Hills. If you haven't played these Monterey courses, they are truly something to strive for. You won't find a tougher challenge than Poppy or Spyglass.

****Memorial Tournament**

On February 18th we will have our second annual Memorial Tournament to honor those past members that have passed away. The format is a Triad style. We use the same system in our Member Guest tournament:

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.

Tournament Results

Sunnyvale December 17 President's Cup

Pacific Grove January 7 Point Par

Winner Overall Low Gross

John Driver 71

Winner Overall Low Net (tie)

Justin Periquet 67
*(Won match of cards)

Winner President's Flight

John Szarka 67

First Flight - Low Net

Winner Larry McGinty 68
Runner up Jim Perko 69
Third (tie) Zuhair Bokharey 70
*(Won match of cards)

Second Flight - Low Net

Winner Dave Gottwals 69
Runner up Raymond Wong 70
Third (tie) Ron Ellis 71
*(Won match of cards)

Third Flight - Low Net

Winner Yongshen Wang 68
Runner up Bob Hamilton 69
Third Greg Shiimoto 71

Fourth Flight

Winner Walt Keown 67
Runner up Harold Cohn 68
Third Ramon Periquet 70

Tournament was played under cloudy skies with some showers. A large field enjoyed the day. No matter what your score was, you were playing golf.... so the day had to be good!

John Szarka, Tournament Chairman

First Flight

Players	Points	Certificate
Jim Perko	39	\$40
Bob Joseph	36	\$30
Arnie Angel	35	\$20
John Balsley	34	\$10

Second Flight

Players	Points	Certificate
Don Anderson	40	\$40
Bob Heihn	38	\$30
Tom Fosdick	37	\$20
Tom Boydston	36	\$10

Third Flight

Players	Points	Certificate
Bob Johnson	45	\$40
Dan Chase	41	\$25
Pete Katsumis	41	\$25
Barry Franklin	38	\$10

Board of Directors

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