



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2007

HOLE-IN-ONE!

The SMGC ace parade continues. We witnessed another hole-in-one during an SMGC tournament. Congratulations are due to **Vince Delfino** for his hole-in-one at Santa Clara Golf and Tennis Club on August 11th! Vince aced the 119 yard 8th hole with his pitching wedge. Congratulations, Vince, on your first hole-in-one, and for the free drinks too!



YOUR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The biggest tournament of the year is coming up – The Club Championship! It'll be 36 holes of stroke play on September 8 and 9. The top eight players of each flight advance to single elimination match play the following weekend. The final match will be Saturday, September 22. The Championship Flight is played at scratch (no handicap strokes) while all other flights are played at your full index. Players with an index of 6.0 or lower will automatically play in the Championship Flight. Anybody with a 6.1 or higher may also play in the Championship Flight by declaring so.

The evening of Saturday, September 22 is the Club Championship awards dinner. The location is still to be decided and will be announced once confirmed.

The entrance fee for the Club Championship is \$140 per person which includes dinner for the player on the 22nd. If you wish to bring a guest to the dinner, it will be \$10 per guest. Advance sign-up for the dinner is required.

PLEASE NOTE: You must have played in at least **two** club events this past year in order to play in the Club Championship.

WHAT'S IN STORE FOR THE 2007 CLUB CHAMPION

Brad Nelson was our 2006 SMGC Club Champion and had the privilege of representing us at Corde-ville with a chance to play with the pros at the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic. Although Brad didn't tee it up with Phil and Tiger, he represented well and had the experience of a lifetime.

This year's club champion will continue that tradition, playing against other club champions at Del Rio Country Club near Modesto on October 22, 2007. The top players from there will play at Tiburon Golf Club (site of the annual Merrill Lunch Shootout) in December with a chance to gain entry to the ultimate prize – playing with the pros at the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic in Palm Springs! For more information, please go to:

www.ncpga.com/page/299-23412.htm

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

As of August 19 **George Guzman** has the lead in the Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club 2007 Player of the Year rankings. Will he hold on to his lead? Will he win by a landslide? Or, are you going to knock him off the throne?

Every year it's a neck-n-neck race until the end of the year, which ends with the Club Championship in September. A lot of points are at stake at the Club Championship so it's anybody's race.

SMGC membership dues are waived next year for the man who wins the Player of the Year title.

Rank	Player	Prize \$ to Date
1	George Guzman	\$ 380.00
2	Roshan Shaik	355.00
3	John Szarka	350.00
4	John Balsley	340.00
5	Les Cheong	335.00
6	David Carey	325.00
7	Tom Boydston	320.00
8 t	Jay Dameron	310.00
8 t	Jim Perko	310.00
10	Dale Wilson	262.50

Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club Board of Directors

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

CLUB ELECTIONS

Once a year the SMGC holds annual elections so that you, the members, may elect three members for the SMGC Board of Directors. The three nominees are incumbents **Les Cheong, Jay Dameron,** and **Martin Delfino**. The nominees are selected by the nomination committee of **John Szarka, Jim Perko,** and **John Balsley** and will be posted in the posting room at the Sunnyvale Golf Course.

From now until the close of the September 19 general membership meeting, any five members of the club may nominate one or more persons(s) by submitting a petition. Additional nominations are welcome, however nominations close at the end of this September meeting. The vote for the board positions takes place at the October Special Meeting at which all board members will also present their year-end reports.

THE IMPORTANCE OF HYDRATION

Did you know that your mental performance can suffer from dehydration during exercise *and* at rest? It's true. And, dehydration negatively affects short-term memory, working memory, psychomotor and visual motor skills, arithmetic ability, and mood. Play better golf, add up your score faster, and remember all your swing thoughts by drinking more water!



While caffeine drinks and beer can provide some rehydration at the end of the day, it's best to begin your rehydration with Gatorade-type drinks or water. Save the beer or Coke for your second drink at the clubhouse.

- from the American College of Sport Medicine's website at www.acsm.org.

Next General Meeting

The general meeting of the S.M.G.C. will be
Wednesday, September 19, at 7 pm at the
Lookout Inn at the Sunnyvale Golf Course.

Hope to see you there.

SEPTEMBER TOURNAMENTS

Warm up for the Club Championship by playing at San Jose Muni on September 1. Les Cheong hosts this low net event that starts at 11 am. Cost is \$68 with cart. We are past the cut-off date, so give Les a call at 408-396-6902 to see if there are any remaining openings.

If you have not yet signed up for the Club Championship which covers the weekends from September 8 through September 22, please do so soon! Call John Szarka at 408-252-0441 to get in. You must have played in at least two club events during the 2007 season in order to qualify for this event. Cost is \$140 per player which includes the awards dinner on the evening of September 22. See the article on page 1 for more information.

The first tournament of our new year is being held September 29 at Brentwood Country Club. We haven't teed off here in quite a while. Jim Perko hosts this event, and it costs \$64 with cart. Call Jim at 408-739-1159 to secure your spot. Or, sign-up with your online account at www.smgc.us.

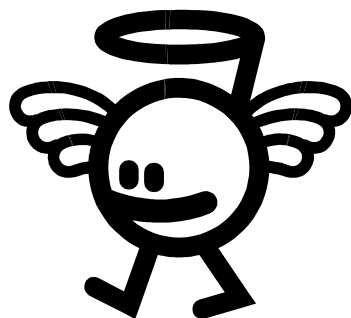
2008 SCHEDULE

JANUARY - JUNE

Your SMGC Secretary **Martin Delfino** has been busy preparing the SMGC golf schedule for 2008. The calendar is almost full for the first half of the year. Martin has done a great job booking tournaments at all your favorite courses. Martin, thank you for the time and effort you've contributed for us all!

Mark your calendars, plan around anniversaries, birthdays, holidays (or not...). All dates are Saturdays unless noted otherwise.

January	5	Pajaro Valley
	12	Monarch Bay
	19	Sunol Cypress
	26	SMGC Zone Qualifier (home)
February	2	San Jose Muni
	9	Blue Rock Springs - West
	16	SMGC Memorial Tour. (home)
	23	Rancho Solano
March	1	Franklin Canyon
	8	Paradise Valley
	15	Spring Hills (tentative)
	22	Palo Alto Muni
	29	San Geronimo
April	5	Manteca Park
	12	(tbd)
	19	SMGC Director's Cup (home)
	<i>Sun.</i> 20	SMGC Director's Cup (home)
	26	Micke Grove
May	3	Blue Rock Springs - East
	10	Swenson Park (tentative)
	17	Dry Creek Ranch
	24	Carson City Weekender
	<i>Sun.</i> 25	Carson City Weekender
	31	Skywest
June	7	San Jose Muni
	14	SMGC Member-Guest (home)
	21	Sunol Palm
	28	Adobe Creek



GOLF ETIQUETTE: How's Yours?

Safety

Although golf is rarely a dangerous sport, there are safety guidelines that must be followed. Before making a practice swing or a stroke, players should ensure no one is standing nearby or in a position to be hit by the club or ball. Depending on the lie, the swing or stroke may result in stones, pebbles, or twigs to fly and others should be clear of this potential hazard.

Although obvious to most, players should not play until the players in front - *and neighboring holes depending on the course* - are out of range.

Players should always alert greenstaff nearby or ahead when they are about to make a stroke that might endanger them.

Don't hesitate to shout "fore" if there is a danger of hitting someone.

- from www.usga.org

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

WEEKENDER

October 6 - Saturday Turkey Creek

Cost:	\$75 with cart
Director:	Martin Delfino
Phone:	(510) 366-5142
Field size:	32
First tee time:	9:00 am
Format:	Point Par
Tees:	Split
Driving range:	Yes
Cut-off date:	September 27

Join us for the first weekender of the 2008 season. Turkey Creek is a gem designed by Brad Bell. It's located in Lincoln, up in the foothills just past Sacramento.

You will notice three distinct environmental signatures here – rolling oak woodlands on the front nine, the rugged granite quarry (now a lake), and a back nine that resembles Germany's Black Forest. You'd better hit it straight here!

Blue Tees: Rating: 71.3, Slope: 135, Yards: 6,498

White Tees: Rating: 68.5, Slope: 125, Yards: 5,858

October 7 - Sunday Teal Bend

Cost:	\$75 with cart
Director:	Martin Delfino
Phone:	(510) 366-5142
Field size:	32
First tee time:	9:00 am
Format:	Point Par
Tees:	Split
Driving range:	Yes
Cut-off date:	September 27

This is another Brad Bell course in the Sacramento foothills. It plays fairly and should be a refreshing change from the challenges of the previous day.

Take advantage of their all-grass driving range for your warm-up.

Blue Tees: Rating: 71.7, Slope: 129, Yards: 6,532

White Tees: Rating: 69.3, Slope: 120, Yards: 5,944

Did you know the Teal Bend Golf Course is named for the Teal Duck which inhabits this area? You may also stumble across deer and see a hawk too. They claim to be home to waterfowl and other wildlife.

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

October 13 Blue Rock Springs (West)

Cost:	\$58 with cart
Director:	John Balsley
Phone:	(650) 678-2191
Field size:	40
First tee time:	11:00 am
Format:	Low Net
Tees:	Split
Driving range:	Yes
Cut-off date:	October 11

Blue Rock Springs has become one of our club favorites. It's not long, but challenging. We have not played the West Course for a long time, so don't miss this opportunity to play a fantastic layout. The West Course has more mature trees than the East, but plays slightly easier. Watch out for those rolling fairways. You want to play the contours to avoid the rough which is quite thick at times.

Blue Tees: Rating: 68.7, Slope: 128, Yards: 5,948

White Tees: Rating: 67.2, Slope: 123, Yards: 5,701

October 20 Poplar Creek

Cost:	\$55 (no cart)
Director:	Jay Dameron
Phone:	(408) 712-0227
Field size:	32
First tee time:	10:00 am
Format:	Low Net
Tees:	Split
Driving range:	No
Cut-off date:	October 8

A wonderful golf course close to home, situated just south of the San Francisco Airport. Poplar Creek was recently redone with new greens and routing. The course lulls you into a false sense of comfort before the large trees start to knock down your drives, especially on the back nine.

Make sure you reserve time to eat lunch at the restaurant at the golf course, Dominic's. The food is outstanding and the service friendly.

Black Tees: Rating: 70.1, Slope: 117, Yards: 6,042

Gold Tees: Rating: 67.8, Slope: 115, Yards: 5,645

October 27 San Geronimo

Cost:	\$75 with cart
Director:	John Szarka
Phone:	(408) 252-0441
Field size:	32
First tee time:	9:00 am
Format:	Point Par
Tees:	Split
Driving range:	No
Cut-off date:	October 20

This course up in Marin County is worth the drive. It has a bit of everything — tight fairways, hilly terrain, water danger, elevated greens, and killer views. You can score well here, but you better be playing well and not bite off more than you can chew. On the way back, enjoy the drive through San Francisco and make an evening of it before returning home. Watch your speed along Sir Francis Drake Blvd., as the cops there are known to ticket SMGC members (a certain L. Cheong) on the way to tournaments.

Black Tees: Rating: 73.5, Slope: 138, Yards: 6,801

Gold Tees: Rating: 71.6, Slope: 137, Yards: 6,442

White Tees: Rating: 69.1, Slope: 132, Yards: 6,003

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Cypress Ridge (weekender) Saturday, July 28, 2007

First Flight

37 pts.	Alan Depew	\$40
35	Martin Delfino	30
33	Tom Boydston	20

Second Flight

33 pts.	Dale Wilson	\$40
32	Ramon Periquet	30
31	Brani Buric	7
31	Harold Cohn	7
31	Paul Phipps	7

Sunday, July 29, 2007

First Flight

36 pts.	Brad Nelson	\$40
34	John Szarka	30
33	Martin Delfino	10
33	Jim Perko	10

Second Flight

35 pts.	Dale Wilson	\$40
34	Aurelio Periquet	30
31	Harold Cohn	20

There was an optional sweeps for the total score for both days. Congratulations to the following players who placed in the sweeps!

68 pts.	Martin Delfino	\$50
64	Alan Depew	30
62	Harold Cohn	25
62	Aurelio Periquet	25

Willow Park August 4, 2007

Net Score Team Certificates

57	Gary Ponzini - Mel Cottle	\$40 ea.
59	Steve Cope - Davide Carey	30 ea.
60	John Balsley - John Szarka	20 ea.
63	Walt Keown - Harold Cohn	10 ea.

Santa Clara August 11, 2007

First Flight

66 net	Vincent Delfino	\$40
70	Fred Baluyot	20
70	Les Cheong	20
70	Tom Boydston	20
71	Brian Silva	5

Second Flight

68 net	Dale Wilson	\$40
69	Barry Franklin	30
70	Felix Charpentier	15
70	Aurelio Periquet	15

Aptos Seascap August 18, 2007

First Flight

38 pts.	Tom Boydston	\$40
37	Bob Joseph	30
36	Rob Hartman	20
34	Zuhair Bokharey	10

Second Flight

42 pts.	Barry Franklin	\$40
39	Phil Smithson	30
38	Byron Cole	20
36	Bob Johnson	5
36	Walt Keown	5