



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2007

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Our Club Championship is our biggest major of the year and is still ongoing as of this writing. The 36 holes of medal play are complete as are the quarter-finals and semi-finals of match play.



Good luck to each of our finalists:

Flight 3: Barry Franklin & Brani Buric
Flight 2: Ramon Periquet & Alan Depew
Flight 1: Justin Periquet & Nadeem Rahman
Champ. Ft.: John Driver & Jim Perko

ELECTIONS

The annual SMGC elections will be held at the special October meeting starting at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, October 17 at the Lookout Inn at the Sunnyvale Golf Course. The three nominees for the Board of Directors are incumbents Les Cheong, Jay Dameron, and Martin Delfino. The nominations for these positions closed at the end of the September general membership meeting.

Please attend the October 17 special meeting to help us launch the new SMGC golf season and hear the Board's summary of the year's activities.

TOURNAMENT TALK

Details of the following tournaments were included in your August 2007 newsletter. If you wish to play in any of these, please contact the director to see if spots are still available, or sign up online prior to the tournament's cut-off date.

Jim Perko hosts our point par event at Brentwood Country Club on September 29. (SMGC memberships must be renewed before playing in this tournament. A renewal form is enclosed.) Call Jim at 408-739-1159 to see if there is still space available. The cost is \$64 with cart.

Our final 2007 weekender will be at Turkey Creek and Teal Bend in the Sacramento foothills on October 6 and 7. Both are fabulous tracks, and it should be a great time of year to visit them. Jim Perko will be directing Turkey Creek on Saturday, and Martin Delfino will direct Teal Bend on Sunday. Call Jim at

408-739-1159 and Martin at 510-366-5142 for a tee time. The cost is \$75 each day, with cart.

On October 13 we'll play the West Course at Blue Rock Springs in Vallejo. John Balsley is directing this low net event which is a bargain at \$58 with cart! The cut-off date is October 5. Contact John at 650-678-2191 to get in.

Jay Dameron hosts our club event at San Mateo's Poplar Creek golf course on October 20. It's just off 101, south of SFO. This low net event will cost \$55, without cart. The cut-off is October 8. Jay can be reached at 408-712-0227 if you'd like a spot.

John Szarka directs a point par tournament at San Geronimo Golf Course in Marin County on October 27. This costs \$75 with cart and the cut-off date is October 20. Call John at 408-252-0441 to play this course.

LOW NET AMATEUR

Three SMGC representatives were sent to the NCGA Low Net Amateur qualifier on September 13 at Santa Clara Golf and Tennis Club. Congratulations to **David Carey** for taking second place and qualifying for the Championship round! David shot a net 67, only one stroke behind the first place competitor Brian Luckner of Blackberry Farm Golf Club who shot a 66.

David will now practice up to play in the Low Net Amateur championship at Poppy Ridge on October 15 and 16. Good luck, David!

PLAYER OF THE YEAR STANDINGS

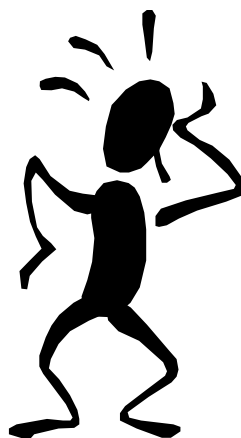
Almost there! The Player of the Year standings leading up to the Club Championship show a continued battle at the top.

The 2007 Player of the Year will be determined at the end of the Club Championship and announced at the Club Championship dinner the evening of September 22. Who will win the privilege of having his dues paid for the 2008 season?

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

RULES OF GOLF

With the Club Championship wrapping up the golf year, it is a good time to review some rules of golf that can (and do) affect us. The SMGC, like other established golf clubs, plays by the official Rules of Golf, therefore it is imperative that all members know the rules.



Rule 6-3 discusses starting times. Specifically for stroke play, "The player must start at the time established by the Committee." The penalty for breaking Rule 6-3 is disqualification – a harsh penalty perhaps, and often overlooked for casual play (in addition to casual tournaments). However, for major events the penalty cannot be waived for the sake of protecting the rest of the field.

Let's assume you've arrived on time and finish your round of golf and you're ready to visit the bar. Your job isn't done yet. Make sure you carefully review your scorecard before signing it. Rule 6-6b states, "After completion of the round, the competitor should check his score for each hole and settle any doubtful points with the Committee. He must ensure that the marker or markers have signed the score card, sign the score card himself and return it to the Committee as soon as possible." What if you signed a card with a number of strokes lower than what you actually took on a hole? Rule 6-6d is very clear with that unfortunate error. "The competitor is responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole on his score card. If he returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken, he is disqualified. If he returns a score for any hole higher than actually taken, the score as returned stands."

Sadly, both of these situations occurred during our Club Championship and resulted in disqualifications. Both were innocent errors by honest guys, but they lead to unfortunate consequences.

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

November 3 Paradise Valley

Cost: \$76 with cart/player
 Director: Les Cheong
 Phone: (408) 396-6902
 Field size: 32
 First tee time: 9:00 am
 Format: Two-man Better Ball
 Tees: Same
 Driving range: Yes
 Cut-off date: October 18

The last time the club played at Paradise Valley, it was January and we had a two-hour frost delay. However, everybody stayed to play and after we were finished, you couldn't see any happier faces. The course is that enjoyable.

We return to this track and its neighbor, Rancho Solano, time and time again and are never disappointed. There are several unique holes at Paradise Valley that will make you think about how to play each shot. Several par fives are reachable in two but the penalty could be high if you don't pull off two good shots.

Blue Tees: Rating: 72.7, Slope: 124, Yards: 6,704

White Tees: Rating: 70.0, Slope: 122, Yards: 6,128

November 10 Poppy Ridge

Cost: \$79 with cart
 Director: John Balsley
 Phone: (650) 678-2191
 Field size: 40
 First tee time: 10:10 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving range: Yes
 Cut-off date: **October 8** ^{soon!}

The 27-holes at Poppy Ridge prove to be a challenge to all golfers, especially when the wind picks up in the afternoon. The greens are firm and roll true, but undulate and are hard to read.

This is an NCGA-owned and managed course along with Poppy Hills. Therefore, play at Poppy Ridge and you get the privilege of playing on your own course!

Note the early cut-off. Sign up early!

Blue Tees: Rating: 73.0, Slope: 135, Yards: 6,676

White Tees: Rating: 70.8, Slope: 130, Yards: 6,224



PLEASE PAY YOUR SMGC DUES

Included with this newsletter is your SMGC 2008 membership renewal form. The 2008 season begins with the tournament at Brentwood Country Club on September 29. We must receive your 2008 dues if you wish to play in any event starting with this one. Please send in your renewal form along with your \$125 check as soon as possible.

You can also get a copy of this renewal form at www.smgc.us/news/renewal2008.pdf.

VOTE

Wednesday, October 17, 7:00 pm

Special Meeting of
The Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club
Elections for the Board of Directors

Lookout Inn at the Sunnyvale Golf Course

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Las Positas August 25, 2007

First Flight

38 pts.	Jay Kearney	\$40
37	Larry Morgan	30
36	John Balsley	10
36	Les Cheong	10
36	Vince Delfino	10

Second Flight

44 pts.	Phil Smithson	\$40
41	Rick Colen	30
38	David Carey	15
38	Ben Magana	15

San Jose Muni September 1, 2007

First Flight

62 net	Jay Kearney	\$40
67	Zuhair Bokharey	30
68	Jim Perko	20
69	John Balsley	5
69	John Denevan	5
69	John Sasser	5
69	John Szarka	5

Second Flight

61	Brani Buric	\$35
61	Phil Smithson	35
63	Lee Cooper	20
65	Bruce Vann	10
68	David Carey	5
68	Harold Cohn	5

ARE YOU PROTECTED?

You love to golf, right? As you feel the magnetic pull toward a great course, are you prepared for the risks of skin cancer?

You should know that...

...the majority of people diagnosed with melanoma are white men over age 50.

...skin cancer is the #1 cancer in men over age 50, ahead of prostate, lung and colon cancer.

...middle-aged and older men have the poorest track record for performing monthly skin self-exams or regularly visiting a dermatologist. They are the least likely individuals to detect melanoma in its early stages.

...men over 40 spend the most time outdoors and have the highest annual exposure to ultraviolet radiation.

Given our club's member demographics, at least one of these statements applies to you, or will soon.

Now, here's what you can do. First, check every inch of your body for anything unusual. Anything that doesn't look normal, even small moles with an irregular shape are worth a check-up.

Next, wear sunscreen with an SPF greater than 15. (Hey, dark tans went out in the 70s.) Even an overcast day at Pacific Grove warrants sunscreen. If you're more likely to use it, look for a spray version. Even if you have the luxury of darker skin you're still at risk. You may not burn easily, but skin cancer can still occur.

Finally, cover up with a hat with an all-around brim. No, not terribly sexy, but neither are scars where cancerous cells have been removed. Long-sleeved shirts are another great protection.

When in doubt, see a doctor for a "mole patrol." But, keep in mind that skin cancer doesn't always arrive dressed like a mole. Any skin irregularity should be checked. You want to be out on the golf course 'til they have to carry off, right? Protecting your largest organ, your skin, can help ensure you'll be there for a while.