



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2008

CARSON CITY HERE WE COME!

Our first weekend tournament in 2008 will be held May 24 and 25 in Carson City, Nevada. This is one of our most popular weekenders. Lodging and a wonderful dinner on Saturday are included in the cost. Plus there are casinos to fill your evening hours.

Because of the special deal our club has arranged for this weekend, we must have a final count and full payment by Thursday, May 1. **No exceptions.** Please sign up now! The process is easy - either go to the SMGC website at www.smgc.us or call John Szarka at 831-636-1408. Please see page 2 for details.

WELCOME

Please join the SMGC Board of Directors in welcoming new member, **Masa Fuchigama** of Cupertino.

Masa, we look forward to seeing you at a club meeting or a tournament in the near future.

SUNNYVALE GOLF COURSE RENOVATIONS

Great news! The City of Sunnyvale is rebuilding the tee boxes at Sunnyvale Municipal Golf Course. Temporary tee boxes are in use at several holes until the project is complete.

According to Mark Peterson, Sunnyvale's Director of Golf, the tee boxes are being rebuilt six holes at a time.

However, even when six holes are done and the crew is working on the next six, the first six tee boxes may

still be closed to allow everything to settle. It is possible that all 18 tee boxes could be closed until all the work is complete. They have a goal of a June 30 completion date, so there's a chance this will impact the Director's Cup scheduled for June 14 and 15. We'll let you know how things are going in May.



OUR ZONE TEAM RESULTS

On April 7 and 8, our Sunnyvale Golf Course's NCGA Zone team of **Bob Joseph, Michael Rohrs, Don Leonard, and Kevin Foley** represented the club at Spyglass Hills and Poppy Hills golf courses in Pebble Beach.

The Zone competition has a unique format where two balls (with handicap) from the four-man team are counted on every hole. Our team played very well, shooting a respectable 14 under par over the two days, ending up in a tie for 14th place with La Rinconada CC, San Jose CC, and Santa Teresa GC. Nice going, guys.

Pasatiempo's team won the event with a very impressive 33 under par over the two days. It's hard to beat that number, but perhaps we will next year.

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

May 10, 2008 Swenson Park

Cost: \$42, no cart
 Director: John Balsley
 Phone: (650) 678-2191
 Field Size: 32
 First tee time: 9:00 am
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off date: May 1

What a bargain! This course will test both your accuracy and putting. William Bell designed this fun track in 1952. This inexpensive course welcomes you with a reachable par 5 (471 yards from the blues). It ends with another par 5 that you should score well on, making your lunch taste even better.

Carts are not included, but the course is very walkable, a lot like Manteca Park.

Blue Tees: Rating: 70.6
 Slope: 115 Yards: 6,704

White Tees: Rating: 69.4
 Slope: 111 Yards: 6,431

May 17, 2008 Dry Creek Ranch

Cost: \$55, with cart
 Director: Jay Dameron
 Phone: (408) 712-0227
 Field Size: 32
 First tee time: 10:02 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off date: May 9

This course in Galt (en route to Sacramento, off Hwy. 99) is well worth the drive. It is challenging and will test every club in your bag. Water comes into play on four holes, and the greens are usually hard and fast. Holes #1 and #18 are tough long par 4s with carries over the "Dry Creek."

Find a carpool, come play, keep it in the short stuff, and plan on having a fun-filled memorable round.

Blue Tees: Rating: 71.4
 Slope: 127 Yards: 6,521

White Tees: Rating: 69.8
 Slope: 123 Yards: 6,161

May 24-25, 2008 Carson City Weekender

Cost: * See below
 Director: John Szarka
 Phone: (831) 636-1408
 Field Size: 32
 First tee time: Sat: 9:00 am
 Sun: 8:00 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off date: **May 1**

* 1 golfer, 1 room - \$340
 2 golfers, 1 room - \$255 each
 1 golfer & 1 non-golfer - \$395

Lodging for this popular weekend tournament will be at the Plaza Hotel in Carson City for Friday, May 23 and Saturday, May 24. A continental breakfast is included.

Included in your package is a prime rib dinner with wine Saturday night at Red's 395 Grill, plus cocktails at 6:30 pm.

We are playing Eagle Valley West on Saturday, and Silver Oak on Sunday.

Note the early cutoff date. All monies must be received by John Szarka by May 1. This deadline is firm.

See the tournament page on at www.smgc.us for more information.

FUTURE TOURNAMENT

TOURNAMENT TALK

May 31, 2008

Skywest

- Cost: \$70, with cart
- Director: Jim Perko
- Phone: (408) 739-1159
- Field Size: 32
- First tee time: 9:00 am
- Format: Low Net
- Tees: Split
- Driving Range: Yes
- Cut-off date: May 21

This course in Hayward is not as easy as you would expect a muni to be. Most of the fairways are tree-lined and will put a premium on your driving. There are some lengthy par 4s that will make you hope the wind has taken a day off.

From the tips, holes 4, 5, 6 are a 543 yard par 5, 220 yard par 3, and a 441 yard par 4. Warming up at the driving range will help your game plan here.

Back Tees: Rating: 72.9
Slope: 123 Yards: 6,862

Middle Tees: Rating: 71.6
Slope: 121 Yards: 6,530

Front Tees: Rating: 70.2
Slope: 117 Yards: 6,171

Les Cheong hosts a low net event at Micke Grove on April 26. The cost is \$55 with cart and the cut-off date was April 16. Please call Les at 408-396-6902 for a spot. We still have room.

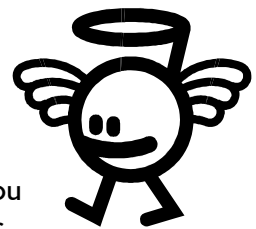
The East course at Blue Rock Springs is the venue on May 3. Martin Delfino hosts this low net event that costs \$60. The cut-off date is April 25. Sign up online or call Martin at 510-366-5142 to play here.

**GOLF ETIQUETTE:
HOW'S YOURS?**

Raking Bunkers

(paraphrased from "How To Take Care of a Sand Bunker" by Brent Kelley in About.com)

If landing a ball in a bunker isn't tough enough, once you free your ball from the sandy depths there remains the task of raking away any sign of you and your ball. Although we all have to clean up after ourselves — some of us more often than others — it can't hurt to have a refresher on raking bunkers from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.



Follow these steps:

1. Enter and exit the bunker from the point nearest your ball, but most level to the adjacent playing surface.
2. Do NOT climb down or up a steep bunker face.
3. ALWAYS rake the bunker immediately after your sand shot (unless you find your ball is still in the bunker, ugh).
4. Don't pull excess sand to the bunker lip. Alternate between pulling sand and pushing it back with the tines of the rake. This creates an even surface without moving too much sand.
5. According to the USGA, replace the rakes "out and down." This means put the rake outside the bunker with the tines down. Point the rake in the direction of play. Please note that some golf courses request that you place the rakes INSIDE the bunkers. If so, do what they ask.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Van Buskirk March 15, 2008

First Flight

| | | |
|--------|-------------|------|
| 72 net | John Szarka | \$40 |
| 73 | Ray Wong | 30 |
| 75 | Jim Perko | 15 |
| 75 | Bob Joseph | 15 |

Second Flight

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|--------|---------------|------|
| 64 net | Irfan Mehdi | \$40 |
| 69 | Phil Smithson | 30 |
| 71 | Ben Magana | 20 |
| 73 | Brian Silva | 5 |
| 73 | Dale Wilson | 5 |
| 73 | Rob Hartman | 5 |

Palo Alto March 22, 2008

First Flight

| | | |
|---------|---------------|------|
| 42 pts. | Larry Lopez | \$40 |
| 40 | Mark Wittler | 30 |
| 38 | Raymond Wong | 15 |
| 38 | Vince Delfino | 15 |

Second Flight

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|---------|-----------------|------|
| 45 pts. | Irfan Mehdi | \$40 |
| 43 | Dale Wilson | 30 |
| 41 | David Carey | 20 |
| 37 | Richard Brennan | 10 |

San Geronimo March 29, 2008

One Flight

| | | |
|---------|----------------|------|
| 35 pts. | Brani Buric | \$40 |
| 34 | Jay Dameron | 20 |
| 34 | Dave Quattrone | 20 |
| 34 | Dale Wilson | 20 |
| 32 | Bob Heihn | 5 |

Manteca Park April 5, 2008

First Flight

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|--------|-----------------|------|
| 71 net | Les Cheong | \$40 |
| 72 | Andy Zutler | 25 |
| 72 | Jim Perko | 25 |
| 73 | Zuhair Bokharey | 10 |

Second Flight

| | | |
|--------|----------------|------|
| 74 net | Bob Heihn | \$40 |
| 75 | Dave Quattrone | 30 |
| 76 | Dan Landro | 15 |
| 76 | John Szarka | 15 |

Third Flight

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|--------|------------------|------|
| 71 net | Brani Buric | \$40 |
| 74 | Ramon Periquet | 30 |
| 75 | Dale Wilson | 20 |
| 78 | Aurelio Periquet | 5 |
| 78 | Walt Keown | 5 |
| 78 | Rob Hartman | 5 |