



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Welcome New Members!

Jonah Harley of Mountain View

Robert Straccia of Burlingame

Garnet Boots of Sunnyvale

TOURNAMENT TALK

On **February 23** Jay Dameron takes us north to Fairfield and **Rancho Solano**. Imagine a piece of Augusta National here as Amen Corner comes into play on the 11th - 13th holes. Two par fours and a 230 yard par three in between. Great venue. Call Jay at (408-712-0227) if you'd like to play.

On **March 1** we venture North again to a hillside layout, **Franklin Canyon**. John Balsley has chosen a Point Par format to take advantage of a few birdie opportunities. This is an American Golf facility, so your awards will be in A/G certificates. Call John at (650-678-2191) for a space.

Les Cheong takes our club to **Paradise Valley** in Fairfield on **March 8**. This point par event will cost \$76 with cart. We are already past the cut-off date, so call Les at 408-396-6902 to see if there is room to play.

TRAVEL, GOLF & THE NON-GOLFER

For those of you with wives or girlfriends who don't embrace the game of golf as lovingly as you do, there are vacation options that can make you both happy. Traveling with other couples is great, but when just the two of you want to get away, the non-golfer can feel abandoned for five hours each golfing day if you don't plan your trip wisely. Here are some of your editor's experiences:

Our favorite trip was to Scotland. I arranged for Les to fly ahead of me so he could play seven rounds in the five days prior to my arrival. By the time I met him in Glasgow he was ready for a golf break. Les played three more golf rounds in the remaining two and half weeks in Scotland, which worked for me.

In 2003 we began a trip with a stay in London. Then we split up. Les rented a car and spent the next five days golfing in England. Meanwhile, I visited a friend in Vienna. We met up later in Paris.

There have been other trips when Les agreed to leave his golf clubs behind and just enjoy the sights. Yet, I've gotten to know the nooks and crannies of Maui, Kauai and Oahu where Les has spent more time golfing than with me. He's learned that two consecutive days of golf make for a grouchy travel companion. And I know that more than three days without golf in Hawaii makes him restless. We also found it helpful on our longer trips to use a company that can ship his clubs home early. The prices are reasonable, and you won't be stuck carrying golf clubs through portions of your trip where golf isn't an option.

- Lauren Cheong

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

March 15, 2008

Van Buskirk (Stockton)

Cost: \$38, no 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: March 3

Forget the amenities here, you're coming to play golf. Not much of a clubhouse or lounge to speak of - the course conditions are what you seek: lush fairways and fast greens.

The course was designed in 1961 by John Dominick and Larry Nordstrom. On paper it is very much like Palo Alto Muni. Come play this course and treat yourself to another gem in the Central Valley.

Blue Tees: Rating: 72.9,
Slope: 123 Yards: 6,949.

White Tees: Rating: 70.8
Slope: 118 Yards: 6,511

March 22, 2008

Palo Alto Muni

Cost: \$55, no cart
 Director: Jay Dameron
 Phone: (408) 712-0227
 Field size: 36
 First tee time: 9:30 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving range: Yes
 Cut-off date: March 12

"Paly" is a long layout from the blues or blacks. Bring your long ball and be ready to bust every shot.

One thing you can expect with Paly is the strong wind kicking in during the afternoon. The 14th hole is a 208-yard par-3 directly into the wind and can play like 250 yards. Then you turn back with the wind on the par-5 469-yard 15th hole where you should be able to easily get there in two shots, perhaps with a short iron.

Blue Tees: Rating: 71.2
Slope: 120 Yards: 6,580

White Tees: Rating: 69.8
Slope: 117 Yards: 6,227

March 29, 2008

San Geronimo

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: No
 Cut-off date: March 19

Marin County's premier 18-hole challenge. Probably the toughest course we'll play all year. 2 contrasting nines will test every shot you have. The front is somewhat open so you can spray it, but don't expect any forgiveness on the back. Dog lefts, dog rights, creeks, blind shots, and undulating greens are characteristic of these holes. There is no driving range here but a practice area you can warm up on prior to your round.

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

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

FUTURE TOURNAMENT

**Manteca
April 5, 2008**

Cost: \$39, no cart
 Director: John Szarka
 Phone: (831) 636-1408
 Field size: 32
 First tee time: 9:00 am
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Split
 Driving range: Yes
 Cut-off date: March 26

An absolute favorite of the SMGC in the Central Valley. Priced suitably for the walker or rider. Manteca was designed by Jack Flemming in 1966. Some of his other works include:

- Meadowwood Napa - 1965
- Boulder Creek - 1961
- Mace Meadow - 1972

The course has demanding par fours on both nines, i.e. #3, #11, #16. Shooting net par here is excellent.

Blue Tees: Rating: 71.2
 Slope: 123 Yards: 6,478

White Tees: Rating: 69.7
 Slope: 118 Yards: 6,131



**GET WELL
WALT AND
JACK**

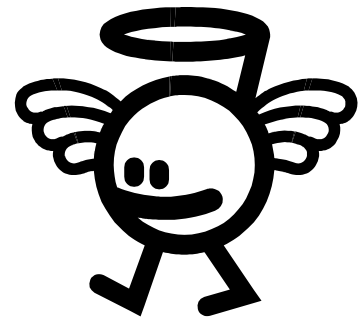
Walt Keown suffered two heart attacks in December and January. He is home resting but will go back to the hospital for surgery. He says he feels strong and just wants to come home.

Jack Cady had his third trip to the hospital in three months with an intestinal condition. His family and all of us at the SMGC can't wait for him to start golfing again!

Guys, we hope you're both up and about soon.

**ARE YOU
WELL SHOD?**

Have you taken a good look at your golf shoes lately? Do you need a new pair? Flimsy golf shoes can effect your swing. You need good arch support, good spikes, and shoes with good ventilation. At this time of year, waterproof shoes are an asset. If you golf a lot, keep a couple pair in the car so you can alternate. It'll keep them fresher longer, and ensure they'll be dry before the next wear. If you play 36 holes in a day, change your shoes before the second round. And, while you needn't break the bank for a good pair, don't skimp when it comes to your feet. Quality usually has higher price tag.



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

So, you just hit a perfect iron to the green. Nice shot! Before you run to your ball to tap in your birdie, make sure you properly take care of the divot you created. (The divot is the piece of turf you removed from the ground.)

First, inspect the divot. If it is still in one piece with soil attached, it can be replaced and will heal quickly. Make sure you replace it so it fits back into its original hole and step on it until it is level with the rest of the grass.

If the divot is destroyed or does not have soil attached, then do not replace it. Rather, use the soil and seed mixture that should be available (usually on golf carts) and pour it into the hole. Fill it up and step on it to make it level with the surrounding area. Too much mix can create problems during mowing. Too little may create a problematic lie for the next ball that lands there.

If you play on Bermuda grass (usually in the South), the divots typically do not remain intact. In this case you have no choice but to use the soil and seed mixture provided by the golf course.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Sunol Cypress - January 19, 2008

First Flight

37 pts.	Jim Perko	\$ 35
37	Jay Dameron	35
36	Bob Joseph	20
34	Matt Wassmer	10

Second Flight

42 pts.	Dale Wilson	\$ 40
38	Jay Kanemoto	25
38	John Szarka	25
37	Brani Buric	10

San Jose Muni - February 2, 2008

First Flight

66 net	Bob Heihn	\$ 40
68	Jay Dameron	30
70	Walter Parubrub	20
71	Jay Kearney	10

Second Flight

65 net	Mike Rohrs	\$ 40
67	Irfan Mehdi	30
69	Bob Johnson	15
69	David Carey	15

NCGA Zone Qualifier Sunnyvale Golf Course

February 10, 2008

The top 10 teams plus ties advance to the second stage which will be held Sunday, February 24 at Laguna Seca.

Team	Score
John Balsley / Brian Silva	57
Don Leonard / Kevin Foley	61
Les Cheong / John Szarka	63
Dan Landro / Lee Cooper	63
Bob Joseph / Mike Rohrs	63
Jim Perko / Andy Zutler	63
Larry Lopez / Tom Boydston	63
Justin Periquet / Ramon Periquet	64
Jay Dameron / Bob Heihn	65
Dale Wilson / Dave Quattrone	65
Jay Kearney / Brani Buric	65

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ANY CHANGES?

Do you have a new email address, new phone number, or have you moved? Don't forget to tell the SMGC so we know where to find you. Please help us to keep our database current by dropping us a line with any new contact information. You can email your information to John Balsley at johnb@smgc.us or call him at 650-678-2191.