



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

To start off the new year, we'd like to welcome the latest members to our prestigious golf club. Please join us in welcoming our first batch of 2008 SMGC freshmen:

Tom Blaker of Sunnyvale

Henry Huey of San Jose

James Anthon of Pleasanton

We hope to see each of you at one of our tournaments coming up.



GET WELL, MR. WADE!

Long-time SMGC member Don Wade suffered a stroke in late December. He was hospitalized but is now rehabilitating in his home in Sacramento. Although he obviously isn't playing golf right now, he is hoping to be well enough to play in the spring.

Take rest and get better soon, Don! We want to see you on the golf course right when the blossoms are blooming.

MEMORIAL

TOURNAMENT

Our Memorial Tournament is on February 16 and uses the SMGC Triad format. The triad is a two-man competition where there are six holes of scramble, six holes of modified-Chapman Scotch (a variant of alternate shot where both players tee off and hit their partner's second shots), and six holes of better ball.

Team Handicap is 50% of the lower index player's handicap + 20% of the higher index player's handicap. The team handicap cannot exceed the index of the player with the lower handicap.

Read the complete rules on the website at http://www.smgc.us/triad_rules.htm

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TOURNAMENT TALK

Jay Dameron hosts a low-net tournament at San Jose Municipal Golf Course on February 2 starting at 10:30 am. The cost is \$69 with cart and the cut-off date is January 19. Call Jay at 408-712-0227 to get into this one.

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

February 9, 2008 Blue Rock Springs (West)

Cost: \$61 with cart
 Director: Jim Perko
 Phone: (408) 739-1159
 Field size: 32
 First tee time: 10:00 am
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Split
 Driving range: Yes
 Cut-off date: February 1

We played this course in October with good feedback. The fairways are wide enough to let the big dog hunt, but you still have to play position golf due to the varying contours on the course. The many trees tend to get in your way if you are careless, so make sure you don't let your concentration wander.

Blue Tees: Rating: 68.7, Slope: 128, Yards: 6,014

Gold Tees: Rating: 67.2, Slope: 123, Yards: 5,661

February 16, 2008 Sunnyvale — Memorial Tournament

Cost: \$100/team (no cart)
 Director: Martin Delfino
 Phone: (510) 366-5142
 Field size: 80
 First tee time: 10:00 am
 Format: 2-man Triad
 Tees: Black
 Driving range: No
 Cut-off date: February 8

The Memorial Tournament remembers the club members who've passed away, and continues to be one of our more popular local events. It is a Triad format with awards and a raffle of wonderful prizes afterwards. Win this event with your partner and get your names inscribed on our permanent trophy in the showcase.

We need prizes for the raffle. If you have anything you would like to donate please contact anyone on the board.

For a description of the Triad format, refer to the article on page 1.

Black Tees: Rating: 70.4, Slope: 121, Yards: 6,255

February 23, 2008 Rancho Solano

Cost: \$76 with cart
 Director: Jay Dameron
 Phone: (408) 712-0227
 Field size: 40
 First tee time: 9:00 am
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Split
 Driving range: Yes
 Cut-off date: February 8

This well-maintained course in Fairfield probably has the largest greens in the Bay Area. The course plays long, especially if the wind shows up. The course opens up with a very welcoming par 5 and then gradually starts showing its teeth, culminating with the "Amen Corner" of the 11th-13th holes comprised of two long par 4s sandwiching one of the hardest par 3s in the area.

Blue Tees: Rating: 71.2, Slope: 127, Yards: 6,654

Gold Tees: Rating: 69.2, Slope: 125, Yards: 6,165

Next General Meeting

The general meeting of the S.M.G.C. will be **Wednesday February 13, 7 PM** at the Lookout Inn. Hope to see you there.

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

March 1, 2008 Franklin Canyon

Cost: \$57 with cart
 Director: John Balsley
 Phone: (650) 678-2191
 Field size: 32
 First tee time: 9:00 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving range: Yes
 Cut-off date: February 19

This course in Hercules is pretty much guaranteed to give you all types of lies — sidehill, downhill, and uphill. The elevation changes are tricky as are the greens on this American Golf managed course. Gift certificates will be paid out in American Golf gift cards.

Blue Tees: Rating: 71.5, Slope: 129, Yards: 6,594

White Tees: Rating: 69.6, Slope: 125, Yards: 6,152

March 8, 2008 Paradise Valley

Cost: \$76 with cart
 Director: Les Cheong
 Phone: (408) 396-6902
 Field size: 32
 First tee time: 9:00 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving range: Yes
 Cut-off date: February 22

Paradise Valley is the neighbor of Rancho Solano which we play on February 23. This course has more unique holes, including some shorter par 5s that are reachable in two if you take the aggressive (some say “crazy”) line. The par-5 10th hole epitomizes risk-reward, and a well-positioned tree right in the middle of the fairway about 40 yards from the green has knocked down many an approach shot into the water hazard below.

Blue Tees: Rating: 72.9, Slope: 129, Yards: 6,704

White Tees: Rating: 70.6, Slope: 124, Yards: 6,128

GOT \$\$??

Just won \$100 in a nassau against your buddies and want to spend it on some new golf equipment? What should you buy? Before you rush out and spend that (and a lot more!) on a new driver, why not spend it on something else that is more likely to improve your distance off the tee? Get yourself tested on a launch monitor.

Today’s golf balls and clubs are completely different than just a few years ago. Drives that are “Low and Boring” is out, “High with No Spin” is in. Unless of course you have a lower swing speed, in which case you want “High with More Spin”. The point is, you can probably gain a good 15 yards off the tee without changing a thing about your swing. Simply changing the shaft in your existing driver might make the difference. Or you may find out that your 7.5 degree driver just doesn’t cut it anymore with today’s low-spinning balls.

How do you find out what is right for you? Don’t experiment on your own. This is the 21st century. Let computers help you! A professional fitter using a launch monitor can tell you your optimal ball flight and suggest a combination of driver head, shaft, and ball to achieve it. Do yourself a favor, get tested today at any reputable golf equipment store or your local golf course. It’s nice to watch the others in your group hit their approach shots before you do.

Please Note

Be sure you review your scorecard after your round. Don’t leave it up to players in the group to do this for you. If you sign the card and have put down a higher number than what you shot (5 rather than 4), then you must accept that 5. If you put down a 3 and had a 4, you will be DQ’ed. USGA Rule 6.6 states: In Stroke play, wrong score for a hole - penalty is disqualification.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Manteca December 1, 2007

First Flight

39 pts.	John Sasser	\$40
34	Jim Perko	30
31	John Balsley	10
31	John Szarka	10
31	Ray Wong	10
31	Lee Cooper	10

Second Flight

39 pts.	Dale Wilson	\$35
39	Gary Ponzini	35
38	Derrick Galiste	20
35	Walt Keown	5
35	Mel Cottle	5
35	Ed Biaggi	5
35	Dan Landro	5

Tilden Park December 8, 2007

33 pts.	Larry Lopez	\$40
32	John Balsley	25
32	Tom Boydston	25
31	David Carey	5
31	Ben Magana	5
31	Dale Wilson	5
31	Yongsheng Yang	5

President's Cup December 15, 2007

Overall Low Net	Andy Zutler	65
Overall Low Gross	John Driver	71
President's Flight	John Szarka	66

First Flight

1st	Arif Janjua	71
2nd	Vince Delfino*	72
3rd	Larry Lopez**	72

Second Flight

1st	Tom Boydston	68
2nd	Don Anderson*	69
3rd	Matt Wassmer**	69

Third Flight

1st	Dan Landro	68
2nd	John Sasser*	70
3rd	Bob Chimpky**	70

Fourth Flight

1st	Irfan Medhi*	68
2nd	Ed Biaggi**	68
3rd	Derrick Galiste*	71

* won match of cards

** lost match of cards

Monarch Bay January 12, 2008

First Flight

29 pts.	Bob Heihn	\$35
29	Justin Periquet	35
27	Bob Joseph	20

Second Flight

38 pts.	Samit Rao	\$40
33	Mike Rohrs	30
32	David Carey	20