



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

JULY 2008

NCGA QUALIFIER RESULTS

The SMGC held two more NCGA club qualifiers in June. On June 28 we held the NCGA 4-Ball Net Qualifier at Santa Clara Golf and Tennis Club. Congratulations to **Jay Dameron** and **Bob Heihn** for advancing to the next round on August 21. Their better-ball score of a net 59 proved impossible to beat. There were three other teams tied for second place with net 60s.

Our NCGA Low Net Qualifier was completed on July 12 at Pajaro Valley Golf Course. Congratulations to **Roger Boettger** (net 71), **Dan Landro** (net 71), and **Walter Parubrub** (net 72) for advancing to the next round on September 25. There were three other players with net 72s, but Walter won in a four-way playoff by eagling the first hole for a net double eagle.

TOURNAMENT TALK

John Balsley will host a point par tournament at Van Buskirk up in Stockton on July 26. This course is one of the most affordable on our roster at only \$39 without cart. We are past the cut-off date, so call John at 650-678-2191 to see if there's space.

On August 2 we'll play at Salinas Fairways, a course we've not been to in quite awhile. John Szarka will direct a point par event there at \$51 with cart. The cut-off date is July 22. You may sign up online, or call John at 831-636-1408.

Lone Tree in Antioch is our venue on August 9. Martin Delfino hosts this low net event at this popular East Bay golf course. The cost is \$64 with cart, and the cut-off date is July 31. Sign up online or call Martin at 510-366-5142 for a space.

2008 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The Club Championship is our last and biggest event of the 2008 season. The first weekend is 36 holes of stroke play. The top eight players in each flight advance to Match Play the following weekend. The Championship Flight (players with an index of 6.0 or lower) will play at scratch. All other flights play at net. Any player with an index greater than 6.0 may choose to play in the Championship Flight, but he must declare so before he tees off on the first day.

The Club Championship dates are September 6-8, 13-14, and the finals are on September 20. This event is extremely popular and *you must have played in at least two club events during the 2008 season to qualify to play*. This is also our last event before the Player of the Year is determined. Player of the Year points are **doubled** for this event. In fact, if you are medalist for the 36 holes of medal play and go all the way in match play, you can earn a total of 120 Player of the Year points.

A club dinner and raffle will follow on the evening of Saturday, September 20 at a venue TBD. Guests are welcome and will cost an additional \$10. Prize donations are welcome for the raffle. Please contact anyone on the Board if you have a prize to donate. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

August 16, 2008 Swenson Park

Cost: \$39, no cart
 Director: Jay Dameron
 Phone: (408) 712-0227
 Field Size: 32
 First tee time: 9:00 am
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off date: Aug. 6

The SMGC returns to this affordable yet challenging Stockton golf course. You can really score well here, but the last few holes can bring your score back to reality. The 16th hole is short at 358 yards, but one of the hardest par 4's you'll see anywhere. You have to thread your tee shot through a tight corridor with a bit of draw, otherwise you'll end up hitting one of the many trees protecting both sides of the narrow fairway. The 17th is a long par 3 on which you'll test your long iron game just when the Stockton heat has just about worn you down. At least you should be able to coast in on the straight-forward par 5 18th hole.

Blue Tees: Rating: 70.6,
Slope: 115 Yards: 6,703

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

August 23, 2008 Dublin Ranch

Cost: \$74 with cart
 Director: Les Cheong
 Phone: (408) 396-6902
 Field Size: 28
 First tee time: 9:00 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Blue
 Driving Range: No
 Cut-off date: Aug. 13

This Robert Trent Jones, Jr. par 63 layout boasts eleven unique par 3s, five solid par 4s and two demanding par 5s. Skilled club selection is critical, with most players hitting every club in their bag during their round. It is quite challenging for such a short course. The elevation changes are fun and will make you think carefully about your club selection. If the wind picks up, the course can be quite difficult.

This is the SMGC's first time to this sleeper course up in Dublin. There is no driving range, but they do have a net you can hit range balls into.

Blue Tees: Rating: 64.6,
Slope: 108 Yards: 5,073

August 30, 2008 San Geronimo

Cost: \$75 with cart
 Director: Jim Perko
 Phone: (408) 739-1159
 Field Size: 28
 First tee time: 10:00 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: No
 Cut-off date: Aug. 20

This is an absolutely beautiful, well maintained course in Marin County. The front nine is flat and fairly open while the hilly back nine is situated in a valley. Water comes into play several times. The signature hole is the par 5 10th hole with an elevated tee shot into the valley below. You might need both hands to count the hang time of your drive.

Robert Muir Graves redesigned this course in 1989, followed by Robin Nelson and Randy Wright in 1991.

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

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

FUTURE TOURNAMENT

Sunnyvale Club Championship Sept. 6-7, 13-14, 20

- Cost: \$150, no cart
- Directors: John Szarka & Jay Dameron
- Phone (John): (831) 636-1408
- Field Size: 64
- First tee time: 8:00 am
- Format: Low Net - Match Play
- Tees: Black
- Driving Range: No
- Cut-off date: Sept. 1

It's the most important event of the year – the SMGC Club Championship which spans three weekends. You must have played in at least two club tournaments in 2008 in order to play in the Club Championship. Players with indexes of 6.0 and lower are automatically qualified for the Championship flight. See page 1 for more information on this important event.

Remember: those players 80 years of age and over may play any round from the white tees. Your score will be reduced by the required number of strokes because of the reduced slope and course rating.

Black Tees: Rating: 70.4,
Slope: 121 Yards: 6,226

ELECTIONS

We would like to remind you that the elections for three SMGC directors for the 2009 year will occur in the special October meeting. The three directors who are up for re-election are John Szarka, Jim Perko, and John Balsley. There is an additional nominee, Bob Heihn.

The nomination committee is Jay Dameron, Les Cheong, and Martin Delfino. **You** may nominate other candidates until the end of the September meeting. Any five members may nominate one or more persons by submitting a petition to the nomination committee. They needn't be formal.

"Competitive golf is played mainly on a five-and-a-half-inch course, the space between your ears." -Bobby Jones

PLAYER OF THE YEAR STANDINGS

as of June 17, 2008

1	Dale Wilson	\$320
2	David Carey	290
3	Jim Perko	270
4	Brani Buric	265
5	Bob Joseph	260
6	John Balsley	255
7	John Szarka	215
8t	Tom Boystun	205
8t	Irfan Mehdi	205
10	Larry Lopez	200

The person with the most Player of the Year points at the end of the Club Championship in September will have his name engraved in a perpetual trophy which is displayed at the Sunnyvale Golf Course pro shop. The winner will also have his 2009 SMGC membership dues waived.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Shadow Lakes June 14, 2008

First Flight

37 pts.	Jim Perko	\$35
37	Matt Wassmer	35
34	John Balsley	20
33	John Driver	10

Second Flight

39 pts.	David Carey	\$40
38	David Mak	25
38	Mark Wittler	25
37	Bob Anthon	5
37	Yongsheng Yang	5

Sunol (Palm) June 21, 2008

First Flight

38 pts.	Jay Dameron	\$40
36	Brian Silva	30
34	Walter Parubrub	15
34	Nadeem Rahman	15

Second Flight

39 pts.	Dale Wilson	\$40
36	Phil Smithson	30
33	Bob Johnson	20
30	Barry Franklin	5
30	Ben Magana	5

Santa Clara - June 28, 2008 NCGA Four-Ball Net Qualifier

First Flight (Team Hdcp. 14-23)

59 net	B. Heihn - J. Dameron	\$40 ea.
60	J. Szarka - L. Cheong	25 ea.
60	N. Rahman - A. Janjua	25 ea.
61	D. Leonard - K. Foley	10 ea.

Second Flight (Team Hdcp. 24-34)

60 net	H. Kyung - R. Morris	\$30 ea.
62	R. Boettger - D. Anderson	20 ea.
63	R. Periquet - J. Periquet	10 ea.

Pajaro Valley - July 12, 2008 NCGA Low Net Qualifier

First Flight

72 net	Bob Joseph	\$30
72	Brad Nelson	30
72	Vince Delfino	30
73	Don Leonard	5
73	John Balsley	5

Second Flight

71 net	Roger Boettger	\$40
72	Walter Parubrub	30
73	Tom Boydston	20
75	John Sasser	10

Third Flight

71 net	Dan Landro	\$40
73	Jay Kanemoto	30
74	Steve Cope	20
75	Heedon Kyung	5
75	Nadeem Rahman	5