



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2008

GREAT NEWS!

The pro shop has assured us that the entire Sunnyvale Municipal Golf Course will re-open July 18. This means that we will be able to play our Director's Cup on July 19 and 20 as scheduled at Sunnyvale, playing all the new tee boxes.

The golf course will play a little differently now, but it is good to be able to play at home again after a few months off.

FALL ELECTIONS

It's getting close to the time of year when we elect three of the six board members for the SMGC Board of Directors. The three directors who are up for re-election this year are **John Szarka, Jim Perko, and John Balsley**. The nomination committee is made up of **Les Cheong, Jay Dameron, and Martin Delfino**.

From now until the end of the September meeting, any five members of the club may nominate one or more persons by submitting a petition. We currently have one new nominee, **Bob Heihn**.

The election will occur during the Special Meeting to be held in October.

IMPORTANT SMGC TOURNAMENTS

There are a few important tournaments coming up very soon that you will not want to miss. The NCGA 4-Ball Net Qualifier is at Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club on Saturday, June 28. This tournament filled up very quickly, but to see if there are any last minute cancellations for you and your partner, call Jay Dameron at 408-712-0227.

The NCGA Low Net Amateur Qualifier is at Pajaro Valley Golf Course on Saturday, July 12. The top three players advance to the next round of the NCGA sectionals on September 25, with the finals on October 27-28 at Poppy Hills. This one is sure to fill up quickly, so sign up soon.

On July 19 and 20 we make our return to Sunnyvale Golf Course with our two-day major, the Director's Cup. Come see how the new tee boxes look and enjoy some free food on behalf of the SMGC in addition to a raffle. Your Player of the Year points are doubled, and this is the last major before the Club Championship in September. So, do you need any other reason to play?

NCGA SENIOR 4-BALL QUALIFIER



The SMGC held our local qualifier for the NCGA's Senior 4-Ball Qualifier at San Jose Municipal Golf Course on June 7, 2008. The scores were very low and the field quite competitive.

Congratulations to **Tom Boydston** and **John Balsley** who won the qualifier with an impressive Net 60. They will represent the SMGC at the NCGA sectional qualifier on Thursday, August 7 at Palo Alto Municipal Golf Course. Way to go, guys! We know you'll do well in the next round.

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

July 12, 2008 Pajaro Valley NCGA Low Net Amateur Qualifier

Cost: \$62, no cart
 Director: Jim Perko
 Phone: (408) 739-1159
 Field Size: 40
 First tee time: 9:00 am
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Blue
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off date: July 3

This event will be the NCGA Low Net Amateur qualifier (for individuals, not teams), as well as a regular SMGC tournament. The format is Low Net at 100% of your course handicap. The top three players will advance to the NCGA Sectional qualifier on Sept. 25. The Championship will be Oct. 27-28 at Poppy Hills.

Pajaro Valley Golf Course is in Royal Oaks (just a little south of Capitola on Highway 17). It starts with a short Par 5 (469) with an extremely wide fairway. What more can you ask for? There are some unique holes on this course, including a drivable par 4 fifth hole. The greens here probably have the most slope of any in the area, so leave yourself an uphill putt!

Blue Tees: Rating: 69.5,
Slope: 118, Yards: 6,664/6,509

July 19-20, 2008 Sunnyvale Director's Cup

Cost: \$130 both days
(no cart)
 Director: Jay Dameron
 Phone: (408) 712-0227
 Field Size: 64
 First tee time: 9 am, both days
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Black
 Driving Range: No
 Cut-off date: July 11

Welcome back to our home golf course! It should be fun to see how the tee boxes play as they will be brand new.

The Director's Cup is an SMGC Major event and P.O.T.Y. points are doubled. The format is 36 holes of Low Net stroke play over the two day weekend. There will be three places in each flight.

We'll have a raffle on Sunday after the golf, in addition to food. So, plan on sticking around after you finish your play on Sunday. You'll have a great opportunity to win some wonderful golf club, bags, push carts and other equipment.

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

July 26, 2008 Van Buskirk

Cost: \$39, no 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: July 18

One of the better \$39 golf courses around. This course and its sister -- Swenson Park -- are golf courses off Highway 5 in Stockton that are affordable, walkable, and yet still challenging.

The driving range is grass, which is a rarity these days. So get out there early and work on your swing before tackling this course.

Blue Tees: Rating: 72.9,
Slope: 123, Yards: 6,901

White Tees: Rating: 70.8,
Slope: 118, Yards: 6,523

NEW MEMBER

Please join us in welcoming our newest SMGC member **Larry Chu, Jr.** of Los Altos Hills. We're glad to have you on board, Larry! We look forward to seeing you at one of our tournaments very soon.

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

August 2, 2008 Salinas Fairways

Cost: \$51, with cart
 Director: John Szarka
 Phone: (831) 636-1408
 Field Size: 32
 First tee time: 9:00 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off date: July 22

It's been close to three years since the club has played this fun course down in Salinas right next to the airport. This course has a lot of long par 4s, and the wind almost always is in play, especially on the back nine. On some holes, trees around the green are very much in play. The 11th hole is a long par 5 where you have to make a field goal between two trees for your third shot to the green.

This is one of our more affordable treks within a one hour drive. Although carts are included, the course is very walkable.

Blue Tees: Rating: 69.8,
Slope: 115, Yards: 6,479

White Tees: Rating: 68.7,
Slope: 113, Yards: 6,230

August 9, 2008 Lone Tree

Cost: \$64, with cart
 Director: Martin Delfino
 Phone: (510) 366-5142
 Field Size: 28
 First tee time: 10:00 am
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off date: July 31

Ever since this golf club provided a wonderful breakfast for the SMGC, we have always had a soft spot in our hearts for this track. This Antioch course has a lot of trees and bunkers, but the good news for the "sprayers" is that there are no water hazards anywhere.

The golf course starts out with an extreme challenge. The first hole is a long, uphill par 4 adjacent to the driving range. It'll take two good shots to get there and two good putts to ensure your par. The course does get easier after that, though, so power through that hole and you will definitely enjoy this distinctive golf course.

Blue Tees: Rating: 71.2,
Slope: 125, Yards: 6,427

White Tees: Rating: 69.6,
Slope: 123, Yards: 6,102

WHAT'S UP...

with the Weekenders?

For those of you who have been SMGC members for a few years, you may have noticed a decreasing number of week-enders over time. We used to have five or six a year, but this year, we only have one – in Carson City, Nevada over Memorial Day weekend. The reason is that attendance at these weekenders had dwindled to the point that it was costing the club too much money to host a two-day tournament for only 12 people or so. Even our traditionally popular Hunter Ranch outings had only 10-12 players.

Regarding the recent weekender in Carson City, this is the third time this May event resulted in inclement weather. We had rain, hail, wind, and bitter cold. In years past we've had snow on the ground. Despite this, everybody has enjoyed this weekender because of the complete package received, including golf, lodging, drinks, breakfast, and a prime rib dinner. If we choose to play in Carson City in future years, the board may choose to hold it later in the year, such as June or July when the weather is more likely to be pleasant.

If you have an opinion on the weekenders, (locations, arrangements, timing...) please let the board of directors know, or post it in the discussion room on the website. We'd love to hear your suggestions.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Dry Creek Ranch May 17, 2008

First Flight

40 pts.	Tom Boydston	\$40
37	Brian Silva	30
36	Jay Kearney	20
34	Justin Periquet	10

Second Flight

41 pts.	Dale Wilson	\$40
36	Brani Buric	25
36	Jay Kanemoto	25
35	Harold Cohn	10

Eagle Valley West May 24, 2008

42 pts.	Mel Cottle	\$35
42	Phil Smithson	35
39	Jay kearney	20
35	Aurelio Periquet	8
35	John Balsley	8

Silver Oak May 25, 2008

42 pts.	Mel Cottle	40
40	Brani Buric	30
38	Jay Kearney	20
34	Aurelio Periquet	8
34	Les Cheong	8

2-Day Sweeps (Eagle Valley West and Silver Oak)

77 pts.	Jay Kearney	\$70
69	Aurelio Periquet	43
67	Jim Perko	23
67	John Balsley	23

Skywest May 31, 2008

First Flight

71 net	John Balsley	\$35
71	Jim Perko	35
74	Larry McGinty	20

Second Flight

72 net	Barry Franklin	\$35
72	Tom Boydston	35
73	Phil Smithson	10
73	Brani Buric	10

San Jose Muni (NCGA Senior 4-Ball Qualifier) June 7, 2008

60 net	Boydston/Balsley	\$40 ea.
61	J. Leonard/Lydon	30 ea.
62	Silva/Tondag	15 ea.
62	Kyung/Morris	15 ea.
63	Keown/Zutler	5 ea.

Tom Boydston and **John Balsley** will represent the SMGC at the next round of the NCGA Senior 4-Ball.