



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2008

2008 CLUB CHAMPION - JOHN DRIVER

Congratulations to John Driver, who defeated Brad Nelson 4 & 2 in a grueling 36-hole match. John Driver successfully defended his Club Champion title from last year. Great job, John!



John will represent the SMGC in the 2008 Western Region Chrysler Club Championship at Half Moon Bay Golf Links in November. If he does well, he may get to play with the pros at the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic in January 2009. John, we hope to see you on TV in January!

**Congratulations to
John, Dale and Jay!**

HOLE IN ONE!

Congratulations to **Jay Dameron**, who got a hole-in-one during a round after the club event at Pajaro Valley Golf Course on October 11. He aced the 153-yard seventh hole with an eight iron. This is his second hole-in-one! Way to go, President!

PLAYER OF THE YEAR RESULTS

Dale Wilson has won the SMGC Player of the Year award for 2008. Congratulations, Dale! He had to go all the way in the Club Championship to become Player of the Year, and did exactly that. Dale will have his 2009 SMGC dues paid by the club.

Final results for positions 2 through 10 may still change pending upcoming NCGA events. However, nobody will be able to overtake Dale Wilson for the #1 spot.

1	Dale Wilson	415 points
2	Bob Joseph	405
3	Jay Dameron	345
4	John Szarka	305
5	Bob Heihn	300
6	Brani Buric	295
6	Jim Perko	295
8	David Carey	290
8	Dave Quattrone	290
10	John Balsley	260

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

You must have renewed your SMGC membership for 2009 in order to play any of these tournaments.

November 15, 2008 Blue Rock Springs (East)

Cost: \$60 with cart
 Director: Bob Heihn
 Phone: (408) 557-8653
 Field Size: 28
 First tee time: 9:30 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off date: Nov. 6

Every time the club visits Blue Rock Springs in Vallejo, we appreciate how beautiful and challenging both courses are. The East Course is relatively short, but hilly with well-protected greens. This golf course has many bunkers, large greens and several tee locations for your choice of play.

Don't forget to take the time to enjoy the view of the foothills while you're playing golf.

Blue Tees: Rating: 70.0, Slope: 132, Yards: 6,162

White Tees: Rating: 68.3, Slope: 125, Rating: 5,776

November 22, 2008 Turkey Shoot, Sunnyvale

Cost: \$51 no cart
 Director: Jay Dameron
 Phone: (408) 712-0227
 Field Size: 72
 First tee time: 8:00 am
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Black
 Driving Range: No
 Cut-off-date: Nov. 15

Always one of our most popular events of the entire year, the Turkey Shoot is your opportunity to win a turkey for Thanksgiving dinner. More than half the field wins a turkey in this event! The lowest net score in your four-some automatically wins a bird. Remaining players are put into a pool that is still eligible to win a turkey depending on how the rest of the field does.

Come play our home course with the opportunity to be the hero of your household by bringing home the bacon...or in this case, the bird.

Black Tees: Rating: 70.2, Slope: 118, Yards: 6,255

December 6, 2008 Lone Tree, Antioch

Cost: \$49 with cart
 Director: John Balsley
 Phone: (650) 678-2191
 Field Size: 28
 First tee time: 10:00 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off-date: Nov. 26

Lone Tree is a course with a wide variety of holes. Both nines start out with long, tough par 4s where you'll be very happy to leave with pars, followed by medium-length par 3's with narrow landing areas. The 12-hole is a reachable par-4 with one of the smallest greens you will ever get to play. When the wind picks up, club selection will be the hardest part of all your approach shots.

The clubhouse has recently been redone and is a nice place to revisit all your shots at the end of the round.

Blue Tees: Rating: 71.1, Slope: 124, Yards: 6,427

White Tees: Rating: 69.5, Slope: 121, Yards: 6,102

TOURNAMENT TALK

Our point par event at San Ramon Golf Course (previously known as Royal Vista) will be hosted by John Szarka on October 25. First tee time is 9:00 am and the cost is \$69 with cart. We are past the cut-off date, so call John at 831-636-1408 to get into this tournament.

On November 1 we have a point par event at Spring Hills in Watsonville. John Balsley directs this event that costs \$55 (no cart). First tee time is 9:00 am and the cut-off date is October 22. Sign up online or call John at 650-678-2191 to play at Spring Hills.

Les Cheong directs Tilden Park up in Berkeley on November 8. This point par event will cost \$61 with cart and the first tee time is 9:00 am. The cut-off date is October 27. You can sign-up online, or call Les at 408-396-6902 to play.

WELCOME, AND WELCOME BACK

Welcome to a new member, **Wilkenya Pearson** of Dublin. Wilkenya, we hope to see you at an upcoming tournament very soon.

Also, welcome back to the club, **Joaquin Guzman**. Joaquin lives in Tracy and has not played in the SMGC for awhile. We're happy to see him join us again.

THE ORIGIN OF "GOLF"

Where did the word "golf" comes from? There have been many theories, both serious and comical through the years, but the following is according to the British Golf Museum, USGA Library.

Like other strange English words, "golf" comes from older languages and dialects – in this case, Dutch and old Scots. The medieval Dutch word for "club" was "kolf" or "kolve". The Scots took that word and the old Scots dialect transformed it to "golfe" or "gouf."

Finally, sometime around the 16th century we ended up with the modern form of the word – "golf."

ELECTION RESULTS

The SMGC Board of Directors held the annual special meeting on October 15 where the three incumbents – John Szarka, John Balsley, and Jim Perko were all re-elected for another two years. In addition, all attending board members presented year-end reports.

This meeting represents the end of one year and the beginning of another for the club. The board is looking forward to the 2009 golf season with another fantastic schedule with fun tournaments.

RENEW NOW

This is your final reminder to renew your SMGC membership for the 2009 season. If you do not renew, you will not be able to play in any of our tournaments. In addition, if you wait until after October, you will have to pay an additional \$15 fee to re-initiate your membership with the NCGA. The cost is only \$125 to renew.

Renewal forms were provided in the August newsletter and can always be found on the website at www.smgc.us/news/renewal2009.pdf.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

SMGC Club Championship - Concluded September 20, 2008

