



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2009

PLAYER OF THE YEAR STANDINGS

AS OF APRIL 20, 2009

1	Dale Wilson	\$325
2	John Balsley	300
3	Phil Smithson	267
4	Brani Buric	235
5	Larry Lopez	230
6	John Szarka	220
7t	Tom Boydston	200
7t	Jay Kearney	200
9	Rich Brennan	182
10	Brian Silva	180

*Returning SMGC
Members*

Please join us in
welcoming two members back to the
Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club.

Gary Malinverno of Redwood City
Mike Roscoe of Sunnyvale

We hope to see you both on the golf
course very soon.

LOCAL QUALIFIERS FOR NCGA EVENTS

It has been a very busy month at the Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club. We held two NCGA qualifiers during the past four weeks – the South Bay Zone Qualifier and the 2-Man 4-Ball Net Qualifier.

The first round of the South Bay Zone Qualifier took place at Sunnyvale on March 21. The top ten teams plus ties advanced to the second round on April 5 at Laguna Seca. The top two teams advance to the next round to be held later in the year. Congratulations to **Gary Ponzini, Mel Cottle, Bae Kim,** and **Walt Keown** for being the four-man team to represent our club.

On April 4, 20 two-man teams vied for only one spot to represent the club at the NCGA net 4-ball qualifying round to be held in May. Congratulations to **Irfan Mehdi** and **Zuhair Bokhary** for shooting a net 62 and winning against a lot of tough competition.

Good luck to all six players in their next rounds. The competition will be intense, but seeing that they already had to beat some great teams to get where they are now, they should be well prepared.

SMGC Board of Directors

President	Jay Dameron
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Handicap Chairman	John Szarka
Tournament Chairman	Jim Perko

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

May 30, 2009 Ridgemark, Diablo Course

Cost: \$74 with cart
Director: Jim Perko
Phone: (408) 739-1159
Field Size: 32
First tee time: 8:27 am
Format: Point Par
Tees: Split
Driving Range: Yes
Cut-off-date: May 16

Ridgemark is a gem of a golf course in Hollister with 36 challenging holes. The Diablo Course starts out with a tough par four behind the club house followed by a short par four with a tricky uphill approach shot. The holes on this course are not particularly long, but there are some holes that will really make you wonder how you're supposed to play it.

The other course at Ridgemark - Gabilan - is also a lot of fun. Because the tournament starts so early, this might be a great day to play 36 holes.

Blue Tees: Rating: 72.6
Slope: 126 Yards: 6,582

White Tees: Rating: 70.3
Slope: 124 Yards: 6,068

June 6, 2009 Salinas Fairways NCGA Sr. 4-Ball Net Qual.

Cost: \$55 with cart
\$65 for seniors
Director: Jay Dameron
Phone: (408) 712-0227
Field Size: 32
First tee time: 9:00 am
Format: 2-man Better Ball
Tees: Blue
Driving Range: Yes
Cut-off-date: May 25

This is a normal two-man better ball club event, but it is also our local qualifier to determine the one two-man team for the NCGA Senior 4-Ball competition. Seniors must have reached their 55th birthday by September 14, 2009 and have a handicap index no higher than 36.4. Only **one** team will advance to the championship round at Poppy Ridge on September 14 and 15.

All play will be at 90% of the course handicap using a maximum handicap index of 18.4 for calculation. If partners' course handicaps differ by more than 8 strokes, an additional 10 percent reduction will be applied to their course handicaps.

Blue Tees: Rating: 70.5
Slope: 120 Yards: 6,479

June 13, 2009 Sunnyvale SMGC Invitational

Cost: \$52 without cart
Director: John Balsley
Phone: (650) 678-2191
Field Size: 56
First tee time: 8:00 am
Format: 2-man Better Ball
Tees: Blue-men, Red-women
Driving Range: No
Cut-off-date: June 6

Instead of the Member-Guest tournament which usually runs during this time, we are trying a different format this year. The SMGC Invitational is a two-man better ball event comprising of either two SMGC members or one SMGC member with a non-member guest, male or female. The guest will receive the appropriate number of strokes if they have a valid GHIN handicap index. If not, then he/she will play at scratch and that team will compete against other teams that also have guests playing at scratch.

Blue Tees: Rating: 70.2
Slope: 118 Yards: 6,248

Red Tees (Women): Rating: 69.0
Slope: 116 Yards: 5,170

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

June 20 & 21 Carson City Weekender Eagle Valley West & Silver Oak

Cost: See below*

Director: John Szarka

Phone: (831) 636-1408

Field Size: 32

First tee time: 9:00 am both days

Format: Point Par

Tees: Split

Driving Range: Yes - Free range balls!

Cut-off-date: **May 29**

* 1 golfer, 1 room - \$340
2 golfers, 1 room - \$255 each
1 golfer & 1 non-golfer - \$395

Lodging for this weekender is at the Plaza Hotel in Carson City on Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20. A continental breakfast is included in addition to casino coupons.

Also included in your package is a steak or chicken dinner with wine Saturday night at Red's 395 Grill, plus cocktails at 6:00 pm.

We are playing Eagle Valley West on Saturday and Silver Oak on Sunday.

Please note the early cutoff date. All money must be received by John Szarka by May 29. **This deadline is firm.**

TOURNAMENT TALK

The following tournaments were announced in last month's newsletter.

On April 25, John Balsley will host a low net event at Swenson Park in Stockton with the first tee time at 9:30 am. This tournament is a mere \$39 without cart, but we are past the cut-off date. To see if there's still room, check with John at 650-678-2191 if you'd like to play.

Les Cheong will direct a two-man better ball tournament at Rancho Solano Golf Course on May 2 starting at 10:52 am. This tournament will cost you \$74 and includes a shared cart. To discover if Les has allowed for 'procrastinator-spots,' please call him at 408-396-6902.

The Cypress course at Sunol is where we'll play on May 9. Jay Dameron will direct this point par event. The cost is a reasonable \$68 with cart, with the first tee time at 9:00 am. The cut-off date for sign-ups is Friday, May 1. You may sign up online or call Jay at 408-712-0227 to play.

The club plays at a local venue on May 16 – Summitpointe Golf Course in Milpitas. Bob Heihn will direct this point par event. The cost is \$74 with cart. The first tee time is 8:52 am. The cut-off date to sign up is Wednesday, May 6. Sign up online or call Bob at 408-557-8653.

“POLICE STOP SUNDAY GOLF AT NEWPORT”

Just for kicks, I thought you might enjoy this New York Times article from November 3, 1915. -Lauren Cheong, editor.

“New York has laws on its statute books which, if rigidly enforced, would make this city as joyless a place for a large part of its population on Sunday as Newport (NY) evidently was last Sunday for those who live there. The Mayor and Chief of Police of that city have been engaged in a struggle to determine who has the superior authority. Just to show what he could do, backed up by the ancient blue laws of the State, the Police Chief succeeded in keeping the links of the Newport Golf Club closed on last Sunday. A policeman watched the course, and warned many members that they could

not play. A barber was arrested for shaving a customer, club bars were closed, and only a few indispensable things, among which were newspapers and ice cream, were allowed to be sold.”

“The game of golf which many ministers class with the automobile as having done more than anything else to take people away from the churches, could be stopped on Sunday in this State, provided any police official or Sheriff was willing to incur the odium which the lovers of the game would doubtless cast upon him if he prohibited their favorite pastime.(...)”

“New York City also is the only place in the State where a barber may shave every Sunday in the year without fear of arrest.”

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Lone Tree March 14, 2009

First Flight

33 pts.	Bob Joseph	\$35
33	Jim Perko	35
32	John Balsley	15
32	Bob Heihn	15

Second Flight

42 pts.	Mike Rohrs	\$40
41	Ben Magana	30
34	Tom Boydston	10
34	Rick Colen	10
34	Brian Silva	10

Sunnyvale Zone Qualifier March 21, 2009

The following teams went to the second round at Laguna Seca on April 5.

60 net	Bob Joseph / Mike Rohrs
61	Brani Buric / Andy Zutler
61	Jim Perko / Dave Quattrone
62	Bae Kim / Walt Keown
63	Larry Lopez / Samit Rao
63	Dan Landro / Mark Wittler
63	David Mak / Yongsheng Yang
64	Ed Biaggi / Lee Cooper
64	Les Cheong / John Szarka
64	Gary Ponzini / Mel Cottle
64	Neil McCarthy / Matthew Brailey

Congratulations to the following teams who were the two lowest teams at Laguna Seca and will represent the SMGC at the NCGA South Bay Zone:

60 net	Gary Ponzini / Mel Cottle
64	Bae Kim / Walt Keown

Las Positas March 28, 2009

First Flight

38 pts.	Tom Boydston	\$40
36	John Balsley	10
36	Jay Dameron	10
36	Jay Kearney	10
36	John Mendoza	10
36	Jim Perko	10

Second Flight

39 pts.	Phil Smithson	\$35
39	Dale Wilson	35
37	Richard Brennan	20

Palo Alto - NCGA 4-Ball Net Qualifier April 4, 2009

Congratulations to **Irfan Mehi** and **Zuhair Bokharey**, who will represent the SMGC at the NCGA 4-Ball Net Qualifier.

62 net	Mehdi / Bokharey	\$40 each
64	Cooper / Biaggi	25
64	Hartmann / Joseph	25
65	Zutler / Periquet	10