



# SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## HOLE-IN-ONE!

Congratulations to **Jay Kearney** whoaced the 155-yard 14th hole at Boulder Ridge Golf Club with a 7-iron on December 5th. The shot bounced on the left side of the hole and then rolled in. Nice swing, Jay!



## TOURNAMENT TALK

The following tournaments were announced in the November 2009 newsletter. Refer to it or the website for more details.

Les Cheong directs a Low Net event at Palo Alto Muni on January 9. First tee time is 9:30 am and it will cost \$61 with cart to play. The cut-off date is December 26. Sign up online or call Les at 408-396-6902 to play here.

The club returns to De Laveaga Golf Course down in Santa Cruz on January 16. Jim Perko directs this Point Par event that starts at 9:00 am. Price is \$76 with cart and the cut-off date is January 6. Call Jim at 408-739-1159 or sign up on the website to play.

Bob Heihn hosts a Low Net event at Salinas Fairways in Salinas on January 23. This tournament costs \$45 without a cart. The course is very walkable for those of you who enjoy hoofing it. The first tee time is 9:04 am and the cut-off date is January 13. Sign up online, or call Bob at 408-557-8653 to play.

## TIPPING TIPS

Last month we discussed tipping at the high end golf courses. We're continuing this month with tips suggestions for caddies and forecaddies.

**Caddies:** If caddies are used, then you're at a fancy place and already expecting to spend a lot of money. Tip a caddie 50% of the caddie fee. If there's a caddie master, the person who assigns caddies to golfers or groups, you can ensure getting a good caddie by tipping the caddie master 20% of the caddie fee. However, others suggest tipping the caddie master only if you've made a specific caddie request.

If you are playing a free round as someone's guest, not only do you tip your caddie, but also offer (insist) on covering the tip for your host's caddie.

**Forecaddies:** A forecaddie doesn't carry bags. One forecaddie will be assigned to a group of four. His job is to move ahead of the group to keep track of shots, and to direct players around the course. A forecaddie should get one tip from the group, \$50-\$100 total.

--taken from article by Brent Kelly, About.com

## Warm Holiday Wishes

On behalf of the SMGC Board of Directors, we wish you and your loved ones a very happy holiday season.



May the new year bring you great golfing weather, new career low rounds and perhaps your first (or next) hole-in-one!

# LOCAL RULES AT SUNNYVALE

We will take you to the eighth hole at Sunnyvale this month, which has plenty of trouble left, right, and around the green. There are plenty of water hazards, a combination of both regular and lateral water hazards. We'll look at your options in case you would prefer not to get out the snorkel gear after you've sent your ball for a swim.

The upper pond to the right side of the fairway is a lateral water hazard. In addition to standard relief, there are drop areas that can be used as well. To determine which drop area applies, determine the point closest to where the ball entered the hazard. Then select the drop area closest to that point **and** is also no closer to the hole. The penalty is one stroke.

The water to the left side of the fairway is a lateral hazard. Don't forget you have the option of taking your drop from the *other* side of the hazard (i.e. on the left side). The location where you drop cannot be closer to the hole from where the ball entered the hazard.

The pond in front of the green is a regular water hazard. This means that if you clear the hazard but the ball rolls back in, you *cannot* drop near the green, but must drop back behind the hazard again.

Finally, the pond to the right of the green is a lateral hazard. Remember there are two drop areas that can be used if you end up in that hazard. Sometimes that is your best option. The penalty is still one stroke.

Please print these rules and have them in your bag for easy referencing during events at Sunnyvale. They will prove necessary in more ways than you think, especially on the 8th hole!

To get all of the latest up-to-date local rules, refer to the website at [www.smgc.us/docs/localrules.htm](http://www.smgc.us/docs/localrules.htm).

## NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming two Sunnyvale locals to the SMGC family.

**Davis Lee Huynh**

**Brett Attard**

Davis, Brett, we're very pleased you have joined our fun-loving golf club! We hope your golfing days with us are plentiful and fun. See you on the golf course.

## GOLF ON ABOUT.COM

Do you know who came in fourth place in last year's Masters (behind the three players tied for first, Cabrera, Perry, and Campbell)? How about how many players made birdie on the final putt of the Masters to win? What is the oldest public golf course in the U.S.? What is the origin of "dormie?"

How did I find these answers (see below)? From one of my favorite golf websites, <http://golf.about.com>. Check it out! There is a wealth of useful and not so useful golf facts. It's always fun to check out things you never really knew about our great game.

--Les Cheong

### Answers

1) Shingo Katayama. 2) Six, most recently Phil Mickelson in 2004. 3) Van Cortlandt Golf Course in New York City in 1895. 4) I'll let you look up "dormie."

# FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

## January 30, 2009 Pacific Grove

Cost: \$62, no cart  
 Director: John Balsley  
 Phone: (650) 678-2191  
 Field Size: 28  
 First Tee Time: 9:02 am  
 Format: Low Net  
 Tees: Blue  
 Driving Range: Yes  
 Cut-off Date: January 20

Ah, beautiful Pacific Grove Golf Links! What more can be said about this course that hasn't already been said. It is less than 6,000 yards from the tips, but each shot on the back nine will be memorable. The price is one of the best you will find in the Monterey Peninsula for a good golf track. If we're lucky, we may be able to see 15-foot waves crashing on the surf.

Give yourself time either before or after the round to have a meal in downtown Pacific Grove. There are some good restaurants there in addition to fun shops to explore.

**Blue tees:** Rating: 67.6  
 Slope: 116 Yards: 5,732

## February 6, 2009 Santa Clara NCGA 4-Ball Net Qualifier

Cost: \$160 per team, with cart  
 Director: John Szarka  
 Phone: (831) 636-1408  
 Field Size: 40  
 First Tee Time: 9:30 am  
 Format: 2-Man Better Ball  
 Tees: Green  
 Driving Range: Yes  
 Cut-off Date: January 27

In addition to being a normal club event, Santa Clara is also the SMGC local qualifying round to determine the one 2-man team to represent the club for the NCGA 4-Ball Net Competition. Your handicap index must not be more than 36.4 to participate. Please note that a maximum of 18.4 will be allowed in the competition. If the partners' course handicaps differ by more than 8 strokes, an additional 10% reduction will be applied to their course handicaps.

The team that advances will play the first NCGA qualifying round on April 1. If they perform well, they will play May 17 and 18 at Poppy Hills and Spyglass Hills.

**Green tees:** Rating: 72.1  
 Slope: 118 Yards: 6,723

## February 13, 2009 Paradise Valley

Cost: \$69, with cart  
 Director: Jay Dameron  
 Phone: (408) 712-0227  
 Field Size: 28  
 First Tee Time: 9:30 am  
 Format: Point Par  
 Tees: Split  
 Driving Range: Yes  
 Cut-off Date: January 29

This course in Fairfield will challenge your game and force you to use all the clubs in your bag. There are shorter par-4s and some reachable par-5s, but if you miss, you'll be in trouble.

The 10<sup>th</sup> hole is a short par 5 requiring two strategic shots before you reach the green. You may not want to use a driver off the tee as you may send your ball into the water or the bushes. For the second shot don't hit it too far or you'll be blocked by a strategically placed tree in front of the green. Or, you can try to go for the green in two and hope you don't hit the tree on the way in.

**Blue tees:** Rating: 72.9  
 Slope: 129 Yards: 6,704

**White tees:** Rating: 70.6  
 Slope: 124 Yards: 6,128

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## February 20, 2009 Sunnyvale - Memorial Tournament

- Cost: \$52 pp., no cart
- Director: Les Cheong
- Phone: (408) 396-6902
- Field Size: 48
- First Tee Time: 10:00 am
- Format: 4-Man Cha-Cha-Cha
- Tees: Blue
- Driving Range: No
- Cut-off Date: February 10

The Memorial Tournament is our annual event where we remember those SMGC members who have passed away. There is also a trophy on display in the Sunnyvale pro shop where the winning team gets their name engraved on it for perpetuity.

Last year, we introduced the 4-Man Cha-Cha-Cha format at this event and it was a resounding success. The format was well received because you play your own ball for all 18 holes and have a good combination of holes where you can be aggressive or must be conservative.

In this format, six holes are played with one net best ball ("Cha"), on another six holes, two best balls (Cha-Cha) are used, and for the final six, three best balls (Cha-Cha-Cha) are used. The holes used for each will be determined by the director.

Teams will be matched up randomly based on handicap groups (A, B, C, and D handicaps).

**Blue tees:** Rating: 70.2, Slope: 118, Yards: 6,248



Thank you to all SMGC members who have renewed their memberships. For those who have not sent in their renewal forms for 2010, this will be your last newsletter whether

you receive it by mail or email. If you intend to renew please contact any board member as soon as possible. If not, you will be missed, and welcomed back whenever you're able to return.

# TOURNAMENT RESULTS

## Franklin Canyon December 5, 2009

### First Flight

40 pts	John Pantazy	\$40
38	Ray Wong	30
36	Larry Lopez	20
34	Bob Heihn	10

### Second Flight

36 pts	Chuck Richmond	\$40
35	Don Diluzio	30
33	Dale Wilson	15
33	Phil Smithson	15