



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

JULY 2009

P.O.T.Y. STANDINGS

The **Player of the Year** race is on. These are the standings as of **July 10**.

Rank	Player	\$ Won
1	John Balsley	\$ 350
2 tie	Phil Smithson	325
2 tie	Dale Wilson	325
4	Jay Kearney	310
5tie	Tom Boydston	290
5tie	John Szarka	290
7	Brani Buric	280
8	Rich Brennan	237
9	Larry Lopez	230
10 tie	Jay Dameron	215
10 tie	Jim Perko	215

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 2010 SMGC membership dues paid by the club.

2009 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The SMGC Club Championship is our last and biggest event of the 2009 season. The top eight players in each flight advance to match play the second 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 over 6.0 may choose to play in the Championship Flight, but he must declare so before he tees off the first day.

The Club Championship dates are September 12-13, 19-20, and the finals are on the 26th. Player of the Year points are **doubled** for this event. In fact, if you are the Medalist for the 36 holes of medal play and go all the way in match play, you can earn 120 points toward your Player of the Year points.

A club dinner and raffle will follow on the evening of Saturday, September 26. Guests are welcome and will cost an additional \$10. Prize donations are welcome for the raffle. Please contact any Board member to donate. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

NCGA NET AMATEUR

Four SMGC members, **Leroy Cooper, Bob Heihn, Vince Delfino, and Bob Joseph** outlasted a field of 44 players at Pajaro on July 11 to advance to the Net Amateur second round. Full results are on page four. They will play September 17 at Crystal Springs.

Good luck guys! We hope you advance to the finals at Poppy Ridge!

WELCOME BACK, LARRY!

Looks like we have a tough customer on our hands. Larry Morgan has been out of action with Hepatitis and Leukemia treatments since December 2007. Over the past few months he updated us about his struggles. Fortunately, he is back in the swing of things and plans to play at Shadow Lakes August 22. We look forward to seeing you, Larry!

TOURNAMENT TALK FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

On August 1 John Szarka takes us to Paradise Valley. This is a point par event on one of the longest courses we'll play all year, 6700 yards. Strength and course management are critical to play this excellent venue. The cut-off date was July 15. Call John at (831-636-1408) for openings.

On August 8 John Balsley takes us to an SMGC favorite, Blue Rock Springs East. Hilly terrain and the shot making required to score will make the course much longer than its modest 6162 yards. Call John at (650-678-2191) for openings.

On August 15 a schedule change will take us to a real gem, San Juan Oaks. Think you're on your game? Sign up for this one. Net par is your goal. Two different nines will challenge every shot in your bag. The front has water and is flat. The back is hilly with undulating greens. Designed in 1995 by Fred Couples, take a chance on one of the best courses in the South Bay. Call Jay Dameron at (408-712-0227) for openings.

On August 22 Jay takes you to a different course than most, Shadow Lakes in Brentwood. Pinpoint accuracy is necessary on each hole. Greens are well guarded, either by water or creek beds. Once you reach the greens, each is huge with two and three tiers. Call Jay at (408-712-0227) for openings.

August 29, 2009 Pacific Grove

Cost: \$75, with cart
 Director: Bob Heihn
 Phone: (408) 557-8653
 Field Size: 32
 First Tee Time: 8:54 am
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Blue
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off Date: August 19

A journey back to the Monterey Peninsula for an SMGC favorite course, co-designed in the 1920s by Jack Neville. His other works include Pebble Beach. This course is "The Poor Man's PB." Though not at all in the same category, the similarities are worth the trip. Morning fog and sea mist requires you take more club for your shots. The greens are as small as Pebble but not as quick. The rye and Bermuda grass make the pitch and run shop doubly difficult.

After your round, enjoy lunch in the newly renovated restaurant. They serve a great burger!

Blue Tees: Rating: 67.6
 Slope: 116 Yards: 5,732

Sept. 12-13, 19-20, 26 Sunnyvale Club Championship

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

This is our biggest club event of the year held over three week-ends. You must have played in at least two club tournaments in 2009 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 one for more information on this prestigious event.

Note: 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: 70.2
 Slope: 118 Yards: 6,100

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

October 3, 2009 Rancho Cañada West

Cost: \$65, 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: September 30

This course has fairways that range from very wide to heart-skipping narrow. The course is not overly long, but the many trees and OB everywhere will keep you on your toes. You will cross the Carmel River three times with the Santa Lucia mountains and fields surrounding you. Make sure you do your scoring on the front nine. The back nine has a stretch of holes that are so narrow, you must walk single file down the fairway.

Blue tees: Rating: 70.5
 Slope: 124 Yards: 6,349

White tees: Rating: 69.2
 Slope: 119 Yards: 6,116

October 4, 2009 Poppy Hills (Sunday)

Cost: \$95, with cart
 Director: Jim Perko
 Phone: (408) 739-1159
 Field Size: 32
 First Tee Time: 10:20 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off Date: **September 3**

The Monterey Peninsula again within 6 weeks. Well struck shots have a sound like no other place as they shoot down the fairway. Make a special place in your schedule for this event. The Pros don't play well here and struggle because of the huge greens. Keep your shots in play and you'll score well. Allow 3 putts, they will happen. Designed in 1986 by Robert Trent Jones, another course of his, Spyglass Hill, is just down the street.

Blue tees: Rating: 73.0
 Slope: 141 Yards: 6,561

White tees: Rating: 71.0
 Slope: 134 Yards: 6,175

October 10, 2009 Van Buskirk

Cost: \$48, no cart
 Director: Les Cheong
 Phone: (408) 396-6902
 Field Size: 32
 First Tee Time: 9:00 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off Date: September 30

A trek to Stockton for the most underrated course we play. Water and doglegs meander through the front nine while tree lined fairways are evident on the back nine. The greens are fast and true, probably a good "11" on the stimp. Bring your long ball here. Par 4's 1, 10, and 18 are all over 420 yards.

The cost here is always reasonable and could entice you to vacation in the Central Valley in the future.

Blue tees: Rating: 72.9
 Slope: 123 Yards: 6,949

White tees: Rating: 70.8
 Slope: 118 Yards: 6,511

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Carson City June 20 & 21, 2009

Saturday, June 20 – Eagle Valley West

39 pts.	John Balsley	\$40
36	Phil Smithson	30
35	Jim Perko	15
35	Ron Valenzuela	15
34	John Szarka	5

Sunday, June 21 – Silver Oak

36 pts.	Tom Boydston	\$40
33	Brad Nelson	30
32	Jay Kearney	20
30	Phil Smithson	10

Lake Chabot July 16, 2009

First Flight

69 pts.	Larry Lopez	\$40
70	Yongsheng Yang	30
71	Jay Kearney	20
72	Tom Boydston	10

Second Flight

70	Chuck Richmond	\$40
72	Barry Franklin	30
73	Leroy Cooper	20
74	Dennis Nixon	5
74	Phil Smithson	5

Rancho Cañada West June 27, 2009

39 pts.	Rob Hartmann	\$40
34	Jay Dameron	15
34	Bob Joseph	15
34	Walter Parubrub	15
34	Chuck Richmond	15

Pajaro Valley Low Net Amateur Qualifier July 11, 2009

Four Qualifiers

67	Leroy Cooper	70	Vince Delfino*
69	Bob Heihn	72	Bob Joseph

* Vince will move on in place of Dave Quattrone who had to forfeit his Qualifier space.

First Flight

70 net	Vince Delfino	\$30
72	Bob Joseph	20
73	Larry Lopez	5
73	Brad Nelson	5

Second Flight

75 net	Jay Kearney	\$25
75	Nadeem Rahman	25
76	Rob Hartmann	10

Third Flight

76 net	Don Anderson	\$20
76	Bob Chimpky	20
76	Frank Damiano	20