



# SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## NEW LOCALE FOR AUGUST 15 TOURNAMENT

The SMGC currently has Tilden Park in Berkeley scheduled for Saturday, August 15. However, due to the golf course's high green fees the SMGC Board has decided to cancel that event and find a more affordable venue. Please refer to the website for updates ([www.smgc.us](http://www.smgc.us)). This is a prime summer weekend, and we have every intention of having a good tournament event at a golf course the SMGC members will enjoy.

## TOURNAMENT TALK

On June 27 Bob Heihn takes the club down south to the West Course at Rancho Cañada near Monterey. This is a point par event with the first tee time at 9:00 am and will cost \$65 to play without a cart. The cut-off was June 18. Sign up online or call Bob at 408-557-8653 to see if Bob still has space for you.

Our last NCGA event is the Net Amateur local qualifier at Pajaro Valley on July 11 starting at 8:30 am. Jim Perko hosts this qualifier. The cost is \$78 per person without cart. The top three players advance to the sectional qualifier on September 17 with the final rounds to be held October 26 and 27. The cut-off date was June 17. Sign up online or call Jim at 408-739-1159 to see if there's still room.

Our club goes to Lake Chabot in the Oakland foothills on July 18 for a low-net event. The first tee time is 8:00 am and the cost is \$58 with cart. The cut-off date was June 18. To see if there's a last space saved just for you, call Jim Perko at 408-739-1159 to play.

John Szarka hosts a point par event at Micke Grove on July 25. The first starting time is 9:15 am and it will cost \$57 to play with cart. The cut-off date is July 15. Sign up online or call John at 831-636-1408 to play.

## CLUB TLC

Club love: I've seen the sparkle in your eye when you tenderly caress a club you won at an SMGC raffle. Golf clubs are your little pets. But do you take care of them? Here are a few tips to keep your clubs happy for some time.

1. Store your clubs indoors, not in your car or garage where changes in temperature and humidity can damage them.

2. Use headcovers on your woods. Irons are generally tougher than woods, but if you want to use headcovers for your irons, too, iron covers are easy to find. Don't forget a headcover for your putter. A ding on the putter surface can affect your ability to putt the ball in a straight line.

3. Keep a golf towel attached to your bag and wipe off the face of the club after each shot (make sure you aren't delaying play in order to do so).

4. Give your clubs a good cleaning at least every few rounds. You don't want dirt hardening onto the clubface. Use warm, soapy water and **soft**-bristled toothbrush or other soft brush to clean clubfaces.

--Tips taken in part from *About.com*,  
in an article by Brent Kelley.

# NCGA RESULTS

It has been a busy month for some of our SMGC members who have advanced to the next rounds of NCGA club events. Here are the results of how these members fared.

The SMGC South Bay Zone four-man team of **Gary Ponzini, Mel Cottle, Bae Kim, and Walt Keown** played at Poppy Hills and Bayonet on May 26 and 27 against all the other South Bay teams. They fought hard, but could not advance to the next round.

**Irfan Mehdi and Zuhair Bokharey** were our NCGA net 4-ball team that played the next qualifying round on May 21 at beautiful Sunnyvale Muni! They shot a better-ball score of net 69. The three teams that advanced shot net 60, 62, and 63.

Finally, congratulations to **Jay Dameron and Bob Heihn** and **Brani Buric and Andy Zutler**. These two teams played so well at Salinas Fairways on June 6 that they'll represent the SMGC on August 5 at the NCGA Senior 4-Ball Net Sectional at Paradise Valley.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to **Steve Parker** of **Sunnyvale**, our newest SMGC member. Also welcome back **Dick Tullis** of **Moraga**, who has recognized a great club when he sees one and has rejoined!

Steve and Dick, we hope to see you on the golf course soon.

# NCGA TEAM MATCH PLAY

The SMGC is again participating in the Thursday NCGA team match play league. This is a summer league that the SMGC used to participate in every year, but stopped doing so due to lack of player participation. However, thanks to the hard-working board, we have rustled up enough players to make it possible for the SMGC to play this year.

The SMGC will play against three other local teams in a team match play format. The other teams in our league are Palo Alto Municipal, Poplar Creek, and Crystal Springs. Each week 12 players from each team play against the others in a combination of two-man better ball and individual match play. It is a great, fun format, and a wonderful warm-up for our Club Championship in September where the final two weeks are match play.

If you are interested in playing on the Sunnyvale team in this exciting event, contact Jim Perko at 408-739-1159.

### Schedule

6/18	Sunnyvale at Poplar Creek	1:00 pm
7/2	Sunnyvale at Crystal Springs	11:00 am
7/9	Palo Alto at Sunnyvale	1:00 pm
7/23	Poplar Creek at Sunnyvale	1:00 pm
8/6	Sunnyvale at Palo Alto	1:00 pm
8/13	Crystal Springs at Sunnyvale	1:00 pm
8/27	Playoffs begin	
10/23-24	Championship at Poppy Hills	

*Man blames fate for other accidents but feels personally responsible for a hole in one.*

- M. Beckman

# FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

## August 1, 2009 Paradise Valley

Cost: \$75 with cart  
 Director: John Szarka  
 Phone: (831) 636-1408  
 Field Size: 32  
 First tee time: 9:04 am  
 Format: Point Par  
 Tees: Split  
 Driving Range: Yes  
 Cut-off date: July 15

This is one of two wonderful golf courses in Fairfield, the other being Rancho Solano which the club played on May 2. While Rancho Solano is fairly wide, long, and has huge greens, Paradise Valley is medium length, and requires a bit more shot-making, especially on the par 5s.

You don't want to just bust your driver on some of the holes. A prime example is the par 5 tenth hole. It is only 498 from the blue tees, but you most likely will want to hit an iron off the tee in order to avoid the trouble left and the water long and right.

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

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

## August 8, 2009 Blue Rock Springs - East

Cost: \$58 with cart  
 Director: John Balsley  
 Phone: (650) 678-2191  
 Field Size: 32  
 First tee time: 9:30 am  
 Format: Point Par  
 Tees: Split  
 Driving Range: Yes  
 Cut-off date: August 1

The hilly Blue Rock Springs-East course was designed by Robert Muir Graves in 1994, and offers great views.

The East Course at Blue Rock Springs is a wonderful course in the Vallejo foothills. Playing slightly harder than the West Course, it is a short course, but the hilly terrain and the shotmaking required to score well here will make the course feel much longer. If you shoot your handicap here, you have done well.

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

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

*See website for updates on August 15 tournament venue.*

## August 22, 2009 Shadow Lakes

Cost: \$64 with cart  
 Director: Jay Dameron  
 Phone: (408) 712-0227  
 Field Size: 28  
 First tee time: 9:00 am  
 Format: Point Par  
 Tees: Split  
 Driving Range: Yes  
 Cut-off date: August 9

This beautiful and well-maintained course in Brentwood is a wonderful track. It is not excessively long, but when the wind whips up, it can feel like it's over 7,000 yards in length! The fairways generally are fairly wide, but hilly. Most of the holes either go straight up the hill or down the hill, so you'll hit a great variety of clubs throughout the day.

Watch out for the false fronts on some of the holes such as the uphill par 4 12th hole. If you land it there, be prepared to watch your ball come all the way back for a 50 yard pitch back up to the green.

**Gold Tees:** Rating: 70.5  
 Slope: 134 Yards: 6,327

**Silver Tees:** Rating: 68.9  
 Slope: 128 Yards: 5,962

# TOURNAMENT RESULTS

## Sunol - Cypress May 9, 2009

### First Flight

37 pts	Jay Kearney	\$40
36	Andy Zutler	30
35	Ray Wong	20
34	Brani Buric	5
34	John Balsley	5

### Second Flight

41 pts	Jay Kanemoto	\$40
40	Barry Franklin	30
38	Ben Magana	10
38	Dennis Nixon	10
38	Phil Smithson	10

## Summitpointe May 16, 2009

### First Flight

38 pts	John Balsley	\$40
37	Jay Kearney	30
35	Tom Boydston	20
33	John Mendoza	5
33	Justin Periquet	5

### Second Flight

39 pts	Rick Colen	\$40
38	Dennis Nixon	30
36	Ben Magana	20
35	Chuck Richmond	5
35	Harold Cohn	5

## Ridgemark - Diablo May 30, 2009

### First Flight

37 pts	Les Cheong	\$40
35	Jim Perko	30
33	Yongsheng Yang	20

### Second Flight

43 pts	Rich Brennan	\$40
40	Nadeem Rahman	30
34	Harold Cohn	20

## Salinas Fairways (NCGA Sr. 4-Ball Net)\* June 6, 2009

64 net	<b>Heihn / Dameron</b>	\$40 ea.
65	<b>Buric / Zutler</b>	30 ea.
67	Smithson / Brennan	15 ea.
67	Bokharey / Szarka	15 ea.

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## Sunnyvale Invitational June 13, 2009

### Member/Guest Flight

59 net	Kearney / Swindler	\$70 ea.
60	Chase / Telford	30 ea.

### Member/Member Flight

62 net	Fuchigami / Ramos	\$50 ea.
62	Pantazy / Diluzio	50 ea.
63	Nixon / Damiano	10 ea.