



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

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ANOTHER HOLE-IN-ONE FOR NADEEM!

Congratulations *again* to **Nadeem Rahman**, who shot a hole-in-one at Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club on February 28 during the SMGC tournament. Nadeem aced the 123-yard 8th hole with an 8-iron. This is his second hole-in-one in three months! Way to go, Nadeem.



CHA CHA CHA

On February 21 during the Memorial tournament at Sunnyvale, we tried a new format called the 4-Man Cha Cha Cha. Each foursome is a team and each hole has either one, two, or three best balls net. Everybody raved about the new format and requested more tournaments with it. The low score was 15 under par, which was quite a feat when you consider that on six holes, three of the four balls were in play.

The SMGC Board will look for more opportunities to play the 4-Man Cha Cha Cha. When we do, don't miss the opportunity to play this unique and fun format.

TOURNAMENT TALK

On March 28 Jay Dameron will host a point par event at Las Positas in Livermore with the first tee time at 10 am. This tournament fee is \$67 with cart and we are past the cut-off. Please call Jay at 408-712-0227 to see if there's still an open spot.

The NCGA 4-Ball Low Net Qualifier will be held at Palo Alto Golf Course on April 4. This is a two-man qualifying event for the opportunity to represent the SMGC against other clubs. The cost is \$138 for the two-man team without cart. The first tee time is at 9:30 am. There are handicap restrictions, so check last month's newsletter or the website for details. The cut-off is March 21. Sign up online or call Les Cheong at 408-396-6902 to play.

John Balsley directs a point par tournament at Manteca Park Golf Course on April 11 starting at 9 am. Manteca Park is always popular with the club and a bargain at \$40 without a cart. The cut-off is April 1, no foolin'. Sign up online or call John at 650-678-2191.

The two-day Director's Cup will be held at Sunnyvale Golf Course on April 18 and 19. This is a major event at which Player of the Year points are doubled. The first tee time is 10 am both days, and the format is low net both days for 36 holes aggregate. The cost is \$130 without cart. Sign up on line or call John Szarka at 831-636-1408 to play this important event.



FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

April 25, 2009 Swenson Park

Cost: \$39 no cart
 Director: John Balsley
 Phone: (650) 678-2191
 Field Size: 32
 First tee time: 9:30 am
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off-date: Apr. 13

Swenson Park is a hidden gem in Stockton that is very affordable and walkable. Although it is flat, the tree-lined fairways and angled doglegs will force you to think carefully rather than just crushing your tee shot on every hole. Many of the greens have some hard-to-read sloping greens that could surprise you on both your approach shots and your putts.

You won't find too many golf courses like this that are fun to play at such a low price. The weather is bound to be great, but watch out for that Central Valley wind!

Blue Tees: Rating: 70.6,
Slope: 115, Yards: 6,703

White Tees: Rating: 69.4,
Slope: 111, Yards: 6,431

May 2, 2009 Rancho Solano

Cost: \$74 with cart
 Director: Les Cheong
 Phone: (408) 396-6902
 Field Size: 32
 First tee time: 10:52 am
 Format: 2-man Better Ball
 Tees: White
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off-date: Apr. 17

Rancho Solano is one of two great golf courses in Fairfield – the other being Paradise Valley. While Paradise Valley is tighter and makes you think more on each hole, Rancho Solano is much wider, although the holes are longer and the greens tougher to putt mainly due to their sheer size.

This tournament will be a 2-man better ball event, which is perfect for this golf course. Each team will have a maximum handicap difference of 9. If the difference is more than 9, the higher player will be adjusted accordingly.

White Tees: Rating: 69.2,
Slope: 125, Yards: 6,165

May 9, 2009 Sunol (Cypress)

Cost: \$68 with cart
 Director: Jay Dameron
 Phone: (408) 712-0227
 Field Size: 32
 First tee time: 9:00 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Located across the highway
 Cut-off-date: May 1

The Cypress Course is the shorter of the two courses at Sunol and wraps around the other (larger) Palm course. You don't need to be a long hitter to score well here, rather you should be accurate with your approach shots. The greens are typically small so as long as you hit the green in regulation, you will do quite well. The 16th and 17th holes are back-to-back drivable par-4s. If you can get through those holes at even par, you may feel like you lost ground to the rest of the field.

This course does not have a driving range. However, there is a nice one on the other side of I-680 about three minutes away.

Blue Tees: Rating: 69.0,
Slope: 116, Yards: 6,195

White Tees: Rating: 67.6,
Slope: 114, Yards: 5,797

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

May 16, 2009 Summitpointe

Cost: \$74 with cart
 Director: Bob Heihn
 Phone: (408) 557-8653
 Field Size: 32
 First tee time: 8:52 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off-date: May 6

This golf course in the hills of Milpitas have some of the most sloping fairways in the area. Because of the slopes, some of the fairways play much narrower than they look. The golf course starts with a drivable downhill par-4 followed by a long, uphill par-5. That sets the tone for the change of elevation you will experience during the rest of the round.

When the winds pick up, this golf course can turn quite wicked. The back nine can play a lot longer because the prevailing wind is usually against you on some of the more challenging holes, such as the long par-3 16th hole.

Blue Tees: Rating: 71.1,
Slope: 131, Yards: 6,331

White Tees: Rating: 69.7,
Slope: 130, Yards: 6,063

SMGC TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

JULY - DECEMBER 2009

Date	Golf Course	Date	Golf Course
July 4	No Golf	Oct 4 (Sun.)	Poppy Hills
July 11	Pajaro Valley	Oct 10	Van Buskirk
July 18	Lake Chabot	Oct 17	San Jose Muni
July 25	Micke Grove	Oct 24	Spring Hills
Aug 1	Paradise Valley	Oct 31	Deer Ridge
Aug 8	Blue Rock - East	Nov 7	Sunol Palm
Aug 15	Tilden Park	Nov 14	Pajaro
Aug 22	Shadow Lakes	Nov 21	Turkey Shoot*
Aug 29	Pacific Grove	Nov 28	No Golf
Sept 5	No Golf	Dec 5	Franklin Canyon
Sept 12, 13	Club Champ*	Dec 12	Manteca
Sept 19, 20	Club Champ*	Dec 19	President's Cup*
Sept 26	Club Champ*	Dec 26	No Golf
Oct 3	Rancho Cañada West		

*Played at Sunnyvale Golf Course

NEW MEMBERS

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

Frank Damiano of San Jose
Robert Roberts of Sunnyvale

Welcome to the club, Robert and Frank! We are sure you'll enjoy the great venues the club plays and the new friends you will make. See you on the golf course.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Sunnyvale Memorial February 21, 2009

Four-man Cha-Cha-Cha

-15	John Balsley, Rob Hartmann, Matt Wassmer, Dale Wilson	\$40 ea
-13	Ed Biaggi, Earl Cooper, Robert Heihn, Brad Nelson	\$30 ea

Closest to the pin on the 7th hole:

Bob Heihn	\$20
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Longest drive on the 10th hole:

Jay Dameron	\$20
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Santa Clara February 28, 2009

First Flight

69 net	Zuhair Bokharey	\$40
70	Les Cheong	30
71	John Balsley	20

Second Flight

63 net	Tom Boydston	\$40
67	Masa Fuchigama	30
69	Jay Kearney	5
69	John Pantazy	5
69	Nadeem Rahman	5
69	John Szarka	5

Third Flight

66 net	Harold Cohn	40
71	Dale Wilson	30
72	Rich Brennan	7
72	David Carey	7
72	Phil Smithson	7

Skywest March 7, 2009

First Flight

36 pts.	John Balsley	\$40
34	Bob Joseph	25
34	Larry Lopez	25
32	Jay Dameron	10

Second Flight

44 pts.	Samit Rao	\$40
40	Brani Buric	30
38	Rich Brennan	20
33	Rick Colen	5
33	Barry Franklin	5
33	Mike Rohrs	5
33	Phil Smithson	5