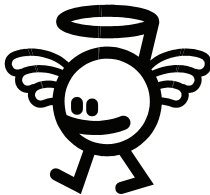




# SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## GOLF ETIQUETTE: HOW'S YOURS?

*Ready Golf or Furthest from the Hole?*

If you are **not** playing golf in a match play tournament, or other sanctioned event, it is okay to play "ready golf." Ready golf means the golfer who is ready to hit can do so even though he or she may not be furthest from the hole. Simply agree ahead of time with the others in your group that you will play ready golf when it makes sense. It is good courtesy to acknowledge that you are playing ready golf to move things along.

Ready golf can really help to speed things along, but before you hit be sure that everyone in your group knows that you are going to hit and that you are aware of where everyone in your group is. You certainly do not want to hit someone who is not paying attention, nor do you want several people hitting at one time.

- from [www.mrgolf.com](http://www.mrgolf.com)

## CARSON CITY WEEKENDER

The SMGC's annual trip to Carson City, Nevada is the weekend of June 20 and 21. This is guaranteed to be a fun weekender, and the weather *has* to be better than the last couple of years since we have moved it out to June. The package includes two days of golf, two days of lodging, a great dinner with wine, and two breakfasts!

If you want to play, make sure you sign up very soon as the deadline is May 29, **without exception**. Sign up online, or call John Szarka at 831-636-1408.

*Editor's Note: Did you know higher elevations can lead to slightly longer shots? Carson City is 4,697 feet above sea level, while Sunnyvale is at an elevation of 128 feet. Be prepared. The championship golf course at the highest elevation in North America is Copper Creek Golf Course at Copper Mountain, Colorado. The course reaches 9,700 feet.*

### *You are Invited to the Sunnyvale Invitational*

In April we introduced the inaugural Sunnyvale Invitational tournament to be held June 13 at Sunnyvale Golf Course. This is a two-man better ball event where you may play with another member, but are encouraged to bring a guest to be your partner either male or female. Top teams will win gift certs, and the points earned in each flight will be applied to the POTY standings.

There will be a nice tee prize available to everybody in addition to food. The price is a very affordable \$52 without a cart.

Don't miss out on this fun event!

# FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

## June 27, 2009 Rancho Cañada West

Cost: \$65 no cart  
 Director: Bob Heihn  
 Phone: (408) 557-8653  
 Field Size: 32  
 First tee time: 9:00 am  
 Format: Point Par  
 Tees: Split  
 Driving Range: Yes  
 Cut-off date: June 18

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 on this golf course 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 claustrophobic where you have to walk single file down the fairway.

Tournament price does not include carts which are available for \$40.

**Blue Tees:** Rating: 70.6  
 Slope: 124 Yards: 6,349

**White Tees:** Rating: 69.2  
 Slope: 119 Yards: 6,116

## July 11, 2009 Pajaro Valley NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier

Cost: \$78 no cart  
 Director: Jim Perko  
 Phone: (408) 739-1159  
 Field Size: 32  
 First tee time: 8:30 am  
 Format: Low Net  
 Tees: Blue  
 Driving Range: Yes

Cut-off date: June 17

This tournament will be our local qualifier for the NCGA Net Amateur. The top three low net players will advance to the sectional qualifier to be held on September 17. The final round will be held October 26 and 27. The format is individual low net at 100% of your course handicap.

Pajaro will provide a solid test where the top three golfers will shine. Practice on slick greens in preparation to play here. We held the the NCGA Net qualifier at Pajaro last year, and the last spot was determined at the first play-off hole where **Walter Parubrub** won it with a net double eagle.

**Blue Tees:** Rating: 70.2  
 Slope: 121 Yards: 6,486

## July 18, 2009 Lake Chabot

Cost: \$58 with cart  
 Director: John Balsley  
 Phone: (650) 678-2191  
 Field Size: 32  
 First tee time: 8:00 am  
 Format: Low Net  
 Tees: Blue  
 Driving Range: Yes (irons only)  
 Cut-off date: **June 18 (!)**

In the Oakland Foothills, Lake Chabot was designed in 1927 by William Lock who also did The California Club in San Francisco. Check out all the Oakland Raiders memorabilia in the clubhouse.

There are few bunkers on this course, so you get a little reprieve there. There are more than a few breathtaking holes. The 15<sup>th</sup> is a great risk-reward par 4 hole. It is only 259 yards from the blue tees. However, don't go left because it's OB, and don't go right or you'll be in the Bay. The 18<sup>th</sup> is a 600-yard par 6, straight downhill. Let it fly!

**Please note the early cut-off.**

**Blue Tees:** Rating: 68.9  
 Slope: 119 Yards: 5,976

## FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

### July 25, 2009 Micke Grove

Cost: \$57 with cart  
 Director: John Szarka  
 Phone: (831) 636-1408  
 Field Size: 28  
 First tee time: 9:15 am  
 Format: Point Par  
 Tees: Split  
 Driving Range: Yes  
 Cut-off date: July 15

Bring your sunblock and join the club at one of our regular venues up in Lodi, just north of Stockton. It has a good variety of holes, is quite forgiving if you know what to avoid, but is still challenging if you decide to be aggressive on some of the holes.

The par 5s provide a sample of the variety you will find. The 5th hole is a very hard three shotter for most, but is reachable in two if you wish to challenge two water hazards. The 7th hole is reachable in two if the wind blows in the usual direction. The two par 5s on the back nine are both very challenging with water in play with most of your shots.

**Blue Tees:** Rating: 71.6  
 Slope: 124 Yards: 6,565

**White Tees:** Rating: 68.5  
 Slope: 122 Yards: 6,026

## BREAKFAST & GOLF

It's Mom here, and I know some of you aren't eating breakfast before you play golf. While many of my boys are great when it comes to breakfast, remembering the importance of fuel for the mind and body, I know of others who run on empty stomachs until the beverage cart comes along. Eating a light breakfast, one that includes some sort of protein, (≠ Cinnabon) will give you an added boost and may even help you play better golf. Even a smoothie will give you a lift. Don't underestimate the power of a light breakfast. It could be your key to a lower handicap!

- Lauren Cheong

<b>NEW MEMBER</b>	<p>We are happy to welcome our newest member, <b>Steven Parker</b> of Sunnyvale! Steven, we look forward to meeting you on the course soon.</p>
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## TOURNAMENT TALK

*The following tournaments were announced in the April newsletter.*

On May 30, Jim Perko will direct a point par event on the Diablo course at Ridgemark. The first tee time is at 8:27 am and it will cost you \$74 with cart to play. We are past the cut-off-date, so call Jim at 408-739-1159 to see if he still has space.

Our NCGA Senior 4-Ball Net Qualifier will be held on June 6 at Salinas Fairways. In addition to the NCGA qualifier, this will be a normal SMGC two-man better ball tournament. The first tee time is at 9 am. It will cost \$55 if you are not a senior, and \$65 if you are a senior. The cut-off date is May 25. Sign up online or call Jay Dameron at 408-712-0227 to play.

June 13 is the date of our inaugural Sunnyvale Invitational tournament, where you are encouraged to invite any guest to play as your partner. If you don't have a partner, you may play with another member. The cost is \$52 without cart and the first tee time is at 8 am. The cut-off date is June 6. Sign up online, or call John Balsley at 650-678-2191.

John Szarka will direct the Carson City Weekender on June 20 and 21. The weekend includes lodging, a dinner, and casino coupons in addition to the golf which is at Eagle Valley West on Saturday and Silver Oak on Sunday. The cost varies depending on your lodging requests. Refer to the April newsletter for pricing details or check the website. **The deadline is May 29, and firm.**

# TOURNAMENT RESULTS

## Manteca Park April 11, 2009

### First Flight

34 pts.	Jim Perko	\$35
34	Dave Quattrone	35
33	John Balsley	20
32	Dave Olivo	10

### Second Flight

42	Chuck Richmond	\$40
40	Dale Wilson	25
40	Rich Brennan	25
39	Ettore Minor	10

## Sunnyvale Director's Cup April 18-19, 2009

### First Flight

1st	Larry Lopez	135
2nd	Andy Zutler	139*
3rd	John Balsley	139

\*Won playoff on 19<sup>th</sup> hole

### Second Flight

1st	Brian Silva	139
2nd	Larry McGinty	142
3rd	John Szarka	143

### Third Flight

1st	Steve Marble	138
2nd	Tom Rooney	141*
3rd	Phil Smithson	141*

\*There was a 4-way playoff with Rooney, Smithson, Aurelio Periquet, and David Mak

### Fourth Flight

1st	Chuck Richmond	136
2nd	Rich Brennan	142*
3rd	David Carey	142

\*Won playoff on 19<sup>th</sup> hole

## Swenson Park April 25, 2009

### First Flight

69 net	Jay Dameron	\$40
70	John Szarka	30

### Second Flight

66 net	Chuck Richmond	\$40
71	Tom Boydston	30

## Rancho Solano May 2, 2009

65 net	L. Cheong / J. Szarka	\$30/\$30
65	B. Franklin / R. Wong	30/30
65	P. Smithson / B. Buric	30/30