



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

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WITH THANKS & APPRECIATION

As people ask themselves on Thanksgiving, "What am I thankful for?" we ask ourselves the same thing about the Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club. Your Board gives the following thanks:

We are grateful for our many members and our group as a whole. We're thankful for the chance to play a variety of great Bay Area golf courses, without the struggle to get prime Saturday tee times - the club arranges them for us. We can play golf in a friendly, competitive environment, and enjoy the outdoors year-round in our moderate Northern California environment. And, we're thankful for the game of golf, which allows us to challenge our mind and body while leaving our stresses behind for the day. Lastly, and perhaps most valuable, we are thankful for the opportunity to foster close, life-long friendships with our fellow golfers.

On behalf of the entire Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club Board of Directors,



SMGC SHIRTS AVAILABLE

We are pleased to announce that the SMGC will be ordering beautiful shirts for any member that would like to purchase one.

The shirts are blue with a white band from the collar, over the shoulder to the end of the sleeve. They're moisture-wicking and UV-protective. They will have an SMGC logo as well. Here is a photo of the shirt (without the logo).



These beautiful shirts are only \$35 each.

If you wish to order a shirt or have questions regarding them, contact Jim Perko at jimp@smgc.us, or call him at (408) 739-1159. Make sure you know what size shirt you wish to order and the quantity.

Note: if you have already placed your shirt on order with your SMGC 2010 application or renewal form, you do not need to order it again, unless of course you wish to have another one!

*"Resolve never to quit,
never to give up, no matter
what the situation."*

- Jack Nicklaus

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

You must have renewed your SMGC membership for 2010 in order to play in these tournaments.

December 12, 2009 Manteca Park

Cost: \$41, no cart
 Director: John Balsley
 Phone: (650) 678-2191
 Field Size: 28
 First Tee Time: 9:00 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off Date: December 2

This is becoming one of our more visited golf courses after Sunnyvale, with good reason. Manteca Park is reasonably priced, walkable, and has a unique combination of playability and challenging holes.

The par-4 11th hole is always one that is discussed after the round. You'll hear of scores taken anywhere from 3 to 10. If the winds picks up, this plays like a par 5, and not an easy one at that.

White tees: Rating: 69.7
 Slope: 118 Yards: 6,131

Blue tees: Rating: 71.2
 Slope: 123 Yards: 6,478

December 19, 2009 President's Cup - Sunnyvale

Cost: \$57, no cart
 Director: John Szarka
 Phone: (831) 636-1408
 Field Size: 64
 First Tee Time: 8:00 am
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Blue
 Driving Range: None
 Cut-off Date: December 9

This is the first SMGC Major event of the 2010 season. It is 18 holes of low net where the top 3 players in each flight receive trophies. In addition, there is a special President's Flight for all past and present SMGC Board members. There will also be awards for Overall Low Net and Overall Low Gross. The Overall Low Net winner receives a special trophy and his name inscribed on the master President's Cup trophy along with the name of the club president (Jay Dameron). Start your holidays with a bang and play this major event. Bring home a trophy just in time for the new year!

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

January 9, 2010 Palo Alto Muni

Cost: \$61, no cart
 Director: Les Cheong
 Phone: (408) 396-6902
 Field Size: 28
 First Tee Time: 9:30 am
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off Date: December 26

Come play our municipal neighbor just north of our own home municipal course. Like Sunnyvale, Palo Alto is flat and windy with some long par-4s that are made more difficult against the wind. At least it starts with a wide par-5, so you can let loose on your first swing of the day.

The course has a good combination of shorter holes and tricky, longer ones. The par-3 14th hole is over 200 yards from the white tees and usually against the wind to a narrow green. It's followed by a short par-5 with the same wind you just battled. Shooting the same score on both holes is not out of the question.

White tees: Rating: 69.8
 Slope: 117 Yards: 6,227

Blue tees: Rating: 71.2
 Slope: 120 Yards: 6,580

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

TIPPING

January 16, 2010 DeLaveaga Golf Course

Cost: \$76, with cart
 Director: Jim Perko
 Phone: (408) 739-1159
 Field Size: 28
 First Tee Time: 9:00 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off Date: January 6

It's been a few years since the club has played in Santa Cruz at this gem. Don't let the short yardage fool you. Although it is only about 6,100 yards from the blue tees, the extremely tight fairways and ball-eating trees will make it play a lot longer.

The toughest hole is the 10th, which is a long par-5 (561 yards from the white tees) with water left and OB to the right. And don't forget the ravine you have to carry as well. The drive and second shot are definitely the toughest back-to-back shots you'll face anywhere.

White tees: Rating: 68.4
 Slope: 132 Yards: 5,704

Blue tees: Rating: 70.0
 Slope: 136 Yards: 6,110

January 23, 2010 Salinas Fairways

Cost: \$45, no cart
 Director: Bob Heihn
 Phone: (408) 557-8653
 Field Size: 28
 First Tee Time: 9:04 am
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off Date: January 13

This is a great course down in Salinas, especially at \$45. A favorite hole is the par-5 11th, which is 522 yards from the whites, and you have to shoot a field goal right between two large trees about 100 yards in front of the green.

The wind picks up as you play the last 6 holes. The 400-yard 14th is straight against the wind with water just in front of the green. You better hit your driver hard and low to be able to comfortably get to the green with your second shot without getting wet.

Carts are not included, but this course is very walkable for those who wish to hoof it.

White tees: Rating: 69.3
 Slope: 118 Yards: 6,230

Blue tees: Rating: 70.5
 Slope: 120 Yards: 6,479

In case you're a country boy, we are not referring to cow-tipping. Many golfers aren't sure of the appropriate amount to tip at golf courses, so we'd like to start a discussion on tipping.

Like all tipping, quality of service has much to do with the amount of the gratuity you offer at a golf course. If you've received great service, a larger tip is appropriate.

The green fee will also influence your tipping. You should expect to tip more, for instance, at a \$100-per-round course than at a \$25-per-round course.

Not all golf courses require tips. Some even forbid it. It's a good idea if you're planning a stay at a resort or a visit to a swanky club to call ahead and ask. There are plenty of golf courses where tipping isn't expected. For example:

- Tipping is unusual at municipal courses. Many do not have a bag drop, for example, or cart jockeys to help you following the round.
- If the course you're playing does not have a dress code, you probably won't have to tip.

We will cover suggested tipping amounts in a future newsletter, but we'd like to cover one right now:

Beverage Cart Tips: A \$1 tip for a \$3 purchase is typical. If the cart person remembers your order, you may want to increase that amount.

-taken in part from an article by Brent Kelley of About.com

TOURNAMENT TALK

It is time for our annual Turkey Shoot at Sunnyvale Golf Course on November 21. Jay Dameron directs this popular event where over half the field wins turkeys. The entry fee is \$53 without cart and the first tee time is 8:00 am. The cut-off date is November 18. Sign up online or call Jay at 408-712-0227 to play in this fun-filled event.

On December 5, Bob Heihn directs a point par event at Franklin Canyon Golf Course up in Hercules. This tournament starts at 9:00 am and costs \$64 with cart. The cut-off date is November 25. Sign up online or call Bob at 408-557-8653 to play.

SMGC JAN. - JUNE 2010 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The first half of the 2010 golf season has been booked. There are still some tentative dates (indicated in **bold** below). As always, please refer to the website, www.smgc.us, for updates. We're looking forward to the new golf year. Thanks to our secretary, **Bob Heihn**, for booking this great schedule.

Jan. 2	No Golf	Apr. 3	Diablo Creek
Jan. 9	Palo Alto	Apr. 10	Poplar Creek
Jan. 16	De Laveaga	Apr. 17	Sunnyvale
Jan. 23	Salinas Fairways	Apr. 24	TBD
Jan. 30	Pacific Grove		
		May 1	Monterey Pines
Feb. 6	Santa Clara	May 8	Manteca Park
Feb. 13	Paradise Valley	May 15	Dry Creek
Feb. 20	Sunnyvale	May 22	Diablo Grande
Feb. 27	Lake Chabot	May 29	Carson City
Mar. 6	Napa Kennedy	Jun. 5	Rancho Solano
Mar. 13	Lone Tree	Jun. 12	Sunnyvale
Mar. 20	Sunnyvale	Jun. 19	Las Positas
Mar. 27	San Juan Oaks	Jun. 26	Pajaro Valley

PRESIDENT'S CUP SOON!

Join your favorite golf club (...the SMGC) for the President's Cup, a tournament held at the Sunnyvale Golf Course on Saturday, December 19. This is our first SMGC Major of the 2010 season. Players in the top three places in each flight will receive trophies. There will also be special trophies for the overall low net and overall low gross scores.

In addition, all current and past members of the SMGC Board of Directors will be invited to play in this tournament. They will automatically be part of a special President's Flight where the low net in that flight also wins a trophy.

The overall low net trophy winner will have his name engraved on the perpetual President's Cup trophy on display in the Sunnyvale pro shop. Below are the overall low net winners from the past five years:



2008	Jay Kearney	net 68
2007	Andy Zutler	net 65
2006	George Guzman	net 64
2005	Justin Periquet	net 67
2004	Roger Blair	net 60

REMEMBERING TOM BREDIS

It is with regret that I report the passing of one of our old time members, Tom Bredis. Tom passed away on October 26, 2009 at the age of 80. Tom was survived by his 3 daughters: Tony, Gail and Nancy.

Tom was extremely active in the Club in the 80s and 90s. Vision issues, and in later years, respiratory issues, did not allow him to participate in recent SMGC activities, but he still maintained his SMGC membership so he could keep up on happenings with the Club. Tom, although small in stature, but large in heart, was a fierce competitor and wonderful playing partner. He was always good for a laugh on and off the golf course. Tom was frugal. His worst day occurred when he had a hole-in-one at Sunnyvale and had to pay the bar bill at the crowded Lookout Inn!

Tom was a pilot initially for Capital Airlines, and then United Airlines, which he retired from in 1988. He flew "Jumbo Jets" and was one of the first commercial pilots to be certified to fly the DC-8. He frequently flew to the Far-East and Hawaii. We, as fellow competitors and friends, envied his frequent trips to Hawaii, especially during our rainy season.

I know I shall miss that distinctive coarse-voiced call from him of, "Hey Johnnie Z, What's Going On?" On behalf of the Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club, we extend our sincere condolences to Tom's family and friends.

Tom, Goodbye and rest in peace.

— John Szarka, on behalf of the SMGC Board

SMGC Board of Directors	President	Jay Dameron
	Vice President	Les Cheong
	Secretary	Bob Heihn
	Treasurer	John Balsley
	Handicap Chairman	John Szarka
	Tournament Chairman	Jim Perko

LOCAL RULES AT SUNNYVALE

Over the next few newsletters, we will attempt to highlight local rules at the Sunnyvale Golf Course which most commonly come in to play. This month focuses on hole #2 and out-of-bounds.

For hole #2, any ball that is to the left of the cart path from the end of the fence to the tunnel is out-of-bounds. If your ball is fortunate enough to stay on the cart path without rolling to the left, it is still in-bounds and you can take an "immovable obstruction" relief (Rule 24). Any ball that somehow ends up in the tunnel is out-of-bounds. In addition, it is out-of-bounds to the right, from the first white stake after the pond to the white stake at the right rear of the green at the perimeter fence (which is an "Obstruction" per Rule 24). If you happen to hit your tee shot way right, over the pond to the first fairway, before the first white stake, then you are still in-bounds. Trust us; it's happened!

To get all of the latest local rules, refer to the website at www.smgc.us/docs/localrules.htm.

SAVINGS ON SHARKS GAME DEC. 9

If you're a Sharks fan, you'll like this new NCGA member benefit. You can save \$15-\$28 per ticket on Wednesday, December 9 when the San Jose Sharks battle the Los Angeles Kings at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets in the upper bowl are discounted to \$28.00 (normally \$43). Tickets in the lower bowl are discounted to \$50.00 (normally \$78). You must go to this page, and follow the link provided: www.ncga.org/2009/11/03/san-jose-sharks-discount/. Then, use the password: NCGA. The password does not work if you go straight to the Ticketmaster website.

If you do not have a Ticketmaster account, you will be asked to create one.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Van Buskirk - October 10, 2009

42 pts	Jay Kanemoto	\$40
37	Tom Boydston	30
36	Raymond Wong	20
35	Dale Wilson	8
35	Rob Hartmann	8

San Jose Muni - October 17, 2009

First Flight

67 net	Jay Dameron	\$40
69	Jay Kearney	30
71	Raymond Wong	20

Second Flight

62 net	Frank Damiano	\$40
71	Joaquin Guzman	30
75	Chuck Richmond	20

Spring Hills - October 24, 2009

First Flight

34 net	Jim Perko	\$40
33	Brian Silva	30
32	Larry Lopez	20
31	Tom Boydston	5
31	John Balsley	5

Second Flight

34 net	Barry Franklin	\$40
31	Richard Brennan	25
31	Joaquin Guzman	25
30	Brani Buric	5
30	Dennis Nixon	5

Deer Ridge - October 31, 2009

First Flight

35 pts	Zuhair Bokharey	\$40
34	Jay Kearney	30
33	John Denevan	20

Second Flight

39 pts	Chuck Richmond	\$40
38	Barry Franklin	30
35	Steve Cope	20

Sunol (Palm) - November 7, 2009

First Flight

40 pts	John Szarka	\$40
37	Bob Heihn	20
37	Brian Silva	20
37	Larry Lopez	20

Second Flight

40 pts	Chuck Richmond	\$40
39	Masa Fuchigama	30
38	Dennis Nixon	20
36	Larry Morgan	5
36	Richard Brennan	5

Pajaro Valley - November 14, 2009

37 pts	Brian Silva	\$40
37	Rick Colen	40
36	Larry McGinty	20
33	John Szarka	5
33	Larry Lopez	5
33	Jay Dameron	5