



# SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## 2009 PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to **John Balsley** who won the title of 2009 Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club's Player of the Year by the slimmest of margins – \$5! It was a tight race to the very end, but John was able to hold off Larry Lopez to win the honors. John will have his SMGC dues paid for by the club for 2010.

A new year is starting up, so everybody now has a chance to win Player of the Year for 2010. Refer to the website at [www.smgc.us/docs/smgcpoints.pdf](http://www.smgc.us/docs/smgcpoints.pdf) to learn how the points are calculated throughout the year.

2009 Rank	Player	Points
1	<b>John Balsley</b>	400
2	Larry Lopez	395
3	Phil Smithson	390
4	John Szarka	350
5	Dale Wilson	325
6	Jay Kearney	320
7	Rich Brennan	305
8T	Tom Boydston	295
8T	Chuck Richmond	295
10	Brani Buric	285

## SMGC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SUMMARY

It was another exciting year for the Club Championship, which ended September 26. For the third consecutive year, **John Driver** won the Championship Flight, which was played at scratch. He was medalist as well after shooting a gross 70 / 70, and defeated Larry Lopez in the 36-hole final 9 & 8.

**Pat Ramos** won the First Flight. The finals were going to be Pat Ramos versus John Balsley. Unfortunately, John's mother passed away and John could not compete. Pat, ever the sportsman, wished to wait until after John returned to play for the title, but the Board declared Pat the winner by default. **Bob Heihn** was the medalist with a net 135.

**Phil Smithson** won the Second Flight by defeating Nadeem Rahman in the finals 2 up. **Nadeem** was the medalist in this flight. He won a playoff against Ramon Periquet after they both shot a net 137.

**Dennis Nixon** is the winner of the Fourth Flight. He was to play Ben Magana in the finals, but Ben was unable to play and therefore Dennis won the finals by default. **Dan Chase** was the medalist after shooting a net 143 in the 36-hole stroke play.

Please refer to page three for the match play results.

## NEW MEMBERS

We have two new members to welcome to the ever growing SMGC golfing family. Please join us in welcoming:

**George Cai** of Gilroy and **Ronny Anthon** of Brentwood

We're happy to have you guys on board! We look forward to seeing you on the golf course.

# FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

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

## November 14, 2009 Pajaro Valley Golf Club

Cost: \$69, with cart  
 Director: Jim Perko  
 Phone: (408) 739-1159  
 Field Size: 32  
 First Tee Time: 8:30 am  
 Format: Point Par  
 Tees: Split  
 Driving Range: Yes  
 Cut-off Date: October 31

This wonderful course down in Royal Oaks (S. of Santa Cruz) is a club favorite with good reason. It is always in wonderful condition, and the greens here are some of the toughest in our rotation. In order to score well, you *must* give yourself an uphill putt, otherwise 3 and 4 putts are a common occurrence.

Most of the fairways are wide so you can let out the driver. However, all your approach shots require the utmost precision as you come into these treacherous greens. Do your scoring on the front nine, as the back nine provides a greater challenge.

**White tees:** Rating: 69.2  
 Slope: 117 Yards: 6,246

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

## November 21, 2009 Turkey Shoot - Sunnyvale

Cost: \$53, no cart  
 Director: Jay Dameron  
 Phone: (408) 712-0227  
 Field Size: 72  
 First Tee Time: 8:00 am  
 Format: Low Net  
 Tees: Back  
 Driving Range: No  
 Cut-off Date: November 18

This annual event always brings out one of the largest fields for the entire year. Over half of the field goes home with a turkey, just in time for Thanksgiving! The lowest net score in your four-some automatically wins a turkey. However, if you are not that lucky individual, don't split early, as all other players will have their name in a pool, and can win a turkey based on the scores that everybody else shoots.

This event is always fun, and is a great time to hang out and talk with players you may not have seen in a year. Don't miss the Turkey Shoot!

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

## December 5, 2009 Franklin Canyon

Cost: \$64, with cart  
 Director: Bob Heihn  
 Phone: (408) 557-8653  
 Field Size: 28  
 First Tee Time: 9:00 am  
 Format: Point Par  
 Tees: Split  
 Driving Range: Yes  
 Cut-off Date: November 25

Franklin Canyon is in the city of Hercules on Highway 4 about halfway between Freeways 80 and 680. It's a tricky course to play with elevation changes and uneven lies that will force you to practice shots you don't typically do on the driving range. The fairways and greens here are often fast and firm, although this will be in November, so you may be able to fire at the flag during this tournament.

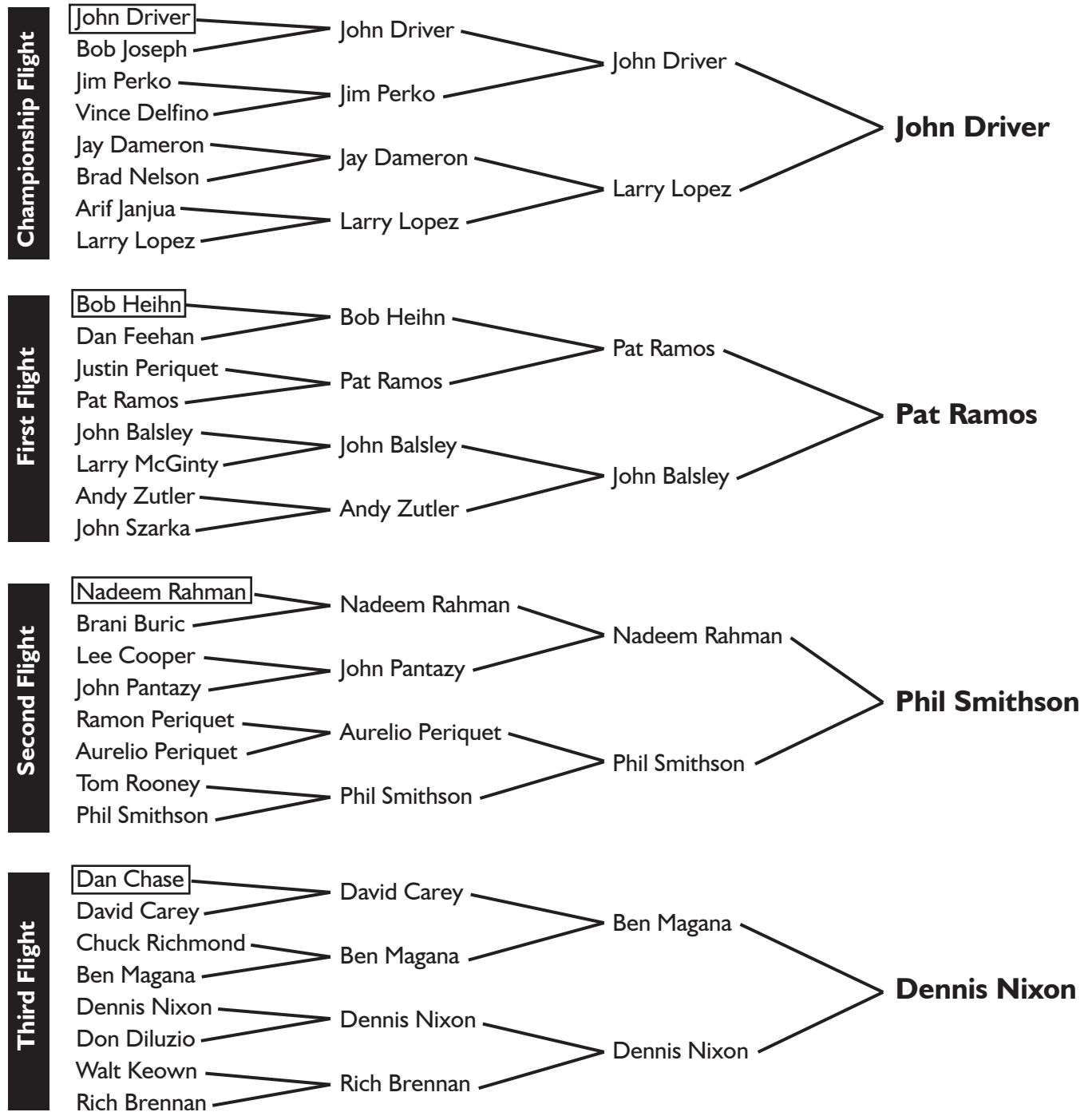
Try the restaurant as it is really quite good, with a damn good hamburger you should definitely order at least once.

**White tees:** Rating: 69.6  
 Slope: 125 Yards: 6,152

**Blue tees:** Rating: 71.5  
 Slope: 129 Yards: 6,594

# TOURNAMENT RESULTS

## SMGC Club Championship Results Tournament Concluded September 26



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# TOURNAMENT RESULTS

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## Rancho Cañada - West October 3, 2009

### First Flight

35 pts	Larry McGinty	\$40
32	Bob Joseph	25
32	Jay Kearney	25

### Second Flight

29 pts	Dale Wilson	\$40
27	Chuck Richmond	25
27	Brani Buric	25

## Poppy Hills October 4, 2009

### First Flight

35 pts	John Brown	\$35
35	Larry McGinty	35
33	Tom Fosdick	20
31	Bob Joseph	5
31	Larry Lopez	5

### Second Flight

34 pts	David Mak	\$35
34	Bob Heihn	35
33	Irfan Mehdi	20
29	David Carey	10

# 2010 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

If you have not already renewed your SMGC membership for the 2010 season, now is the time. Doing so will renew your membership in the NCGA. *You must renew in order to play in any of our tournaments.*

The renewal cost is the same as last year – \$125. Next year, the fee will increase due to the NCGA fee increase for all member clubs.

# TOURNAMENT TALK

John Balsley hosts our SMGC event in Spring Hills in Watsonville on October 24. This point par event is \$53 without cart. The first tee time will be at 9:00 am. Please call John at 650-678-2191 to see if space remains, as the cut-off date has passed.

Deer Ridge will be our venue on October 31. John Szarka is the director for this point par event that will kick off at 7:57 am. The price is \$74, and includes a cart. It's not often that we play this course, so take advantage of this opportunity and sign up today. The cut-off date has passed, so please call John at 831-636-1408 to see if there's still room.



Jay Dameron hosts an event at Sunol-Palm on November 7. The Palm Course is the longer of the two courses at Sunol. This is a point par event, with first starting time at 9:05 am. The cost is \$69 with cart. The cut-off date is October 27. Sign up online or call Jay at 408-712-0227.