



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

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HOLE-IN-ONE!

Congratulations to **Barry Franklin**, who aced the 110-yard tenth hole at Pacific Grove Golf Links during an SMGC tournament on August 29. Barry used his 8-iron to score a "1" on this beautiful short hole. Nice shooting, Barry!



2009 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP UPDATE

As of this writing, the semi-final rounds of the Club championship are in full swing, and the matches are getting very exciting. A full recap of the results will be available in the October newsletter.

The Club Championship dinner will be held upon completion of the final matches on Saturday 26 at the Lookout Inn at the Sunnyvale Golf Course. Cocktails start at 6:30 pm, with dinner at 7:30 pm. The awards for the Club Championship and Player of the Year will be given at that time.

Our annual year end raffle will be held too! We have a lot of great golf prizes waiting for a new home. If you have any golf-related prizes that you would like to donate to the raffle, please see any board member before Saturday. All proceeds go in the SMGC general fund to help run your organization and its tournaments throughout the year.

2010 SMGC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

If you have not renewed your SMGC membership, now is the time. Renewing with the club will automatically renew your membership with the NCGA as well. You must renew in order to play in future tournaments. The cost is just \$125, and due no later than October 15.

Renewal forms are available on the web at www.smgc.us/news/renewal2010.pdf, or you may use the form inserted in your August newsletter.

SPECIAL SMGC MEETING

On **Wednesday, October 21** we will hold our annual Special Meeting and election. The election is to fill the three board member positions with terms that are expiring. Those three are:

Jay Dameron — President

Les Cheong — Vice President

Bob Heihn — Secretary

All three incumbent board members are running again for the board member positions. In addition to the elections, the board members will be presenting their year-end reports.

Please attend this important meeting at 7:00 pm at the Lookout Inn in Sunnyvale on October 21.

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

October 17, 2009 San Jose Muni

Cost: \$69 with cart
 Director: Bob Heihn
 Phone: (408) 557-8653
 Field Size: 32
 First Tee Time: 11:00 am
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Gold
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off Date: October 3

San Jose Muni is a local, flat layout where the SMGC loves to play. One of the reasons is that it is quite forgiving and therefore you can really score low here. The greens are predictable, and the conditions are almost always in great shape.

Come early to warm up on the double-decker driving range and also enjoy the great chipping, bunker, and putting area. You could spend a ½ day here easily practicing and forget that you really came to play a round of golf.

Gold tees: Rating: 71.8
 Slope: 119 Yards: 6,700

October 24, 2009 Spring Hills

Cost: \$53 with cart
 Director: John Balsley
 Phone: (650) 678-2191
 Field Size: 28
 First Tee Time: 9:00 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Blue
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off Date: October 17

Family owned and operated since 1965, this is a short, demanding course in the Santa Cruz foothills. Holes 2 through 5 will test your accuracy, all tight with trouble on both sides. The greens here are undulating and small, reminiscent of Old Del Monte. You'll never have putts that are very long -- just fast and with a lot of break.

Measuring only 6000 yards, this 127 slope will challenge all golfing levels. Come see this stylish course and enjoy the food and cuisine in the old, refurbished club house, a very comfortable setting.

Blue tees: Rating: 70.0
 Slope: 127 Yards: 6,015

October 31, 2009 Deer Ridge

Cost: \$74 with cart
 Director: John Szarka
 Phone: (831) 636-1408
 Field Size: 28
 First Tee Time: 7:57 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off Date: October 17

Andy Raugust, one of the game's most promising young architects, showcased his design talents on this spectacular course. Deer Ridge Golf Club looks as though it came straight out of golf's golden age. Located in Brentwood among the picturesque oak-dappled hills at the foot of Mount Diablo, Deer Ridge offers you breathtaking views. Measuring over 6,300 yards, and playing to a par of 71, it is the "ideal" course.

There are a couple long walks from greens to tees for you walkers, but not a bad walk overall.

Black tees: Rating: 71.1
 Slope: 137 Yards: 6,302

Blue tees: Rating: 69.2
 Slope: 132 Yards: 5,866

FUTURE TOURNAMENT

November 7, 2009 Sunol (Palm)

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| Cost: | \$69 with cart |
| Director: | Jay Dameron |
| Phone: | (408) 712-0227 |
| Field Size: | 32 |
| First Tee Time: | 9:05 am |
| Format: | Point Par |
| Tees: | Split |
| Driving Range: | Across freeway |
| Cut-off Date: | October 27 |

This is the longer of the two courses at Sunol. There are only a few trees on this course, and they are skinny palms, but with the winds that often pick up here, you'll be very, very happy to avoid them. The fairways are quite generous, but the course is long, so you may feel tempted to swing out of your shoes. Don't do it though, as this course presents its own subtle and not-so-subtle obstacles that you'll want to be in full control of your game.

There is no driving range at the golf course, but there is a good one across highway 680 where you can even hit off of grass.

Blue tees: Rating: 72.3
Slope: 121 Yards: 6,830

White tees: Rating: 70.5
Slope: 118 Yards: 6,406

TOURNAMENT TALK

Join us on October 3 when Jay Dameron will direct a club event at beautiful Rancho Cañada West in Carmel Valley. This point par is \$65 without cart, with the first tee time is 9:00 am. The cut-off date is September 30. Please sign up online or call Jay at 408-712-0227 to play in this event.

The very next day, Sunday, October 4, the club will play at ever popular Poppy Hills in the Del Monte Forest. This event is \$95 with cart and starts at 10:20 am. Jim Perko hosts this point par event. We are past the deadline, so call Jim at 408-739-1159 to see if there is still room for you to play.

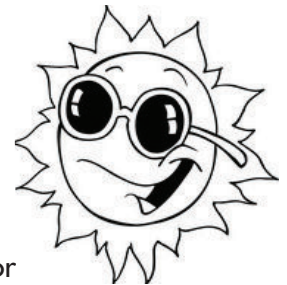
Les Cheong directs the tournament at Van Buskirk Golf Course in Stockton on October 10. This is a very affordable golf course at \$48 without cart. The first tee time is 9:00 am and is a point par event. The cut-off is September 30. Sign up online, or call Les at 408-396-6902.

FOR YOUR EYES ONLY

While you know that wearing sunglasses can minimize eye strain and fatigue during your round of golf, they also help protect your future eye health.

Prolonged exposure (maybe say, if you golf regularly...) to both UV-A and UV-B light can lead to cataracts, conjunctival pterygium (fleshy growth on the surface of the eye) and corneal problems. Recent research cites excessive sun exposure as a risk factor for age-related macular degeneration. In addition, ultraviolet protection is especially important for people after cataract surgery.

Sunglasses keep certain wavelengths of light from entering the eye, and can reduce the amount of light entering the eye, protect against harmful UV light, decrease glare and increase contrast. Look for a label indicating that the lenses absorb 99 to 100 % of UV light, particularly UV-B. An ultraviolet-blocking coating can also be put on any lens, regardless of the degree of tint. However, a coating does not block as much UV light as the protective lens will. *Do not assume a dark lens is UV protected.* Read the label.



While we're on the subject of peepers, please get an eye exam if you haven't seen your eye doctor in the past year. Your eye health, including vision, can negatively effect your golf game if neglected.

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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Shadow Lakes August 22, 2009

First Flight

| | | |
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| 44 pts | Brian Silva | \$40 |
| 41 | Yongsheng Yang | 30 |
| 38 | Jay Kearney | 20 |
| 37 | Matt Wassmer | 10 |

Second Flight

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|--------|----------------|------|
| 43 pts | Dan Chase | \$40 |
| 42 | Barry Franklin | 30 |
| 39 | Chuck Richmond | 20 |
| 37 | Walt Keown | 10 |

Pacific Grove August 29, 2009

First Flight

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| 65 net | John Szarka | \$40 |
| 66 | John Balsley | 30 |
| 67 | John Mendoza | 20 |
| 68 | John Denevan | 10 |

Second Flight

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|--------|-----------------|------|
| 68 net | Rich Brennan | \$35 |
| 68 | Dennis Nixon | 35 |
| 69 | David Carey | 15 |
| 69 | Philip Smithson | 15 |

P.O.T.Y. STATUS

As usual, the running for the Player of the Year honors is very tight as we arrive at the final event of the year, the Club Championship. John Balsley has a slim lead over John Szarka and Larry Lopez, so it very well may come down to the finals on September 26 to determine who wins Player of the Year in 2009.

Here are the results as of September 13:

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| 1 | John Balsley | 365 points |
| 2 | John Szarka | 350 |
| 3 | Larry Lopez | 345 |
| 4T | Phil Smithson | 325 |
| 4T | Dale Wilson | 325 |
| 6 | Jay Kearney | 320 |
| 7T | Tom Boydston | 295 |
| 7T | Chuck Richmond | 295 |
| 9 | Brani Buric | 285 |
| 10T | Rich Brennan | 275 |
| 10T | Barry Franklin | 275 |

NCGA LOW NET AMATEUR

The SMGC sent four players to the NCGA Low Net Amateur competition. Here is an update on how they have been faring so far.

Bob Heihn and **Bob Joseph** played the Zinfandel and Merlot courses at Poppy Ridge on September 17. Bob shot net 69 and is the second alternate for the finals on October 26 and 27 at Poppy Ridge. Bob Joseph was one shot back at net 70, and did not advance.

Meanwhile, **Lee Cooper** played his qualifying round at Monarch Bay. He played well and is advancing to play Poppy Ridge October 26 and 27.

Vince Delfino played at Crystal Springs. He shot a net 72 and lost by a match of cards.

Congratulations and thank you to all for representing the SMGC so well. Good luck to those in the finals!