



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

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LOCAL RULES AT SUNNYVALE

Do you know where the OB is on Hole #1? It may surprise you. The white stakes on the right side are prevalent from the teeing ground to the lake. Also, a ball in the #2 fairway is OB.

The huge water pipe to the left and behind the #1 green is OB. An imaginary line from where the pipe begins down to ground, or line of sight, should be used to determine if you've crossed the line. Under the pipe is OB. No relief is given if it interferes with your swing. Don't miss left!

The lake also has some definite distinctions. While it generally is considered a Lateral Hazard in most cases, you will have to take note of how the red and yellow stakes are positioned to know your drop options.

As always, the SMGC website has specific and detailed examples of our local rules. Keep a copy in your bag for reference. They can eliminate a lot of confusion during your round.

NEW MEMBER

Please join us in welcoming our newest member to the club:

Greg Beck of Livermore

We're glad to have you onboard, Greg. We hope to see you on the golf course very, very soon, now that the weather seems to be cooperating.

UNSURE OF PROCEDURE

Here is a practical application of Rule 2-5, 'unsure of procedure.'

Q. In match play, Rick's ball lies in ground under repair and he is unsure how to proceed. His opponent Andrea also does not know the rule. What is Rick to do?

A. If a member of the Committee is not available, Rick should continue the match without delay, proceeding on how he

REMINDER: CARSON CITY MAY 29 & 30

Join us over Memorial Day weekend in Carson City, Nevada. Details of the event may be found in last month's newsletter, or online at www.smgc.us.

Full payment must be received by the May 7 deadline. You may sign up online, or call John Szarka at 831-636-1408.



thinks the Rules would permit. If Andrea disagrees with the selected procedure, she may make a claim to the fact. If she makes a claim, it must be made before either player plays from the next tee or in the case of the last hole of the match, before all players leave the putting green. See also Decision 2-5/2. Note: *this is only valid in match play.*

- from http://www.usga.org/RulesFAQ/rules_answer.asp?FAQidx=7&Rule=2



If you keep thinking about what you want to do or what you hope will happen, you don't do it, and it won't happen.

-Joe Dimaggio

FUN FORMAT FACTS

It seems there as many golf tournament formats as variations in poker. Whether it's Texas Hold 'em, Five-Card Stud or in golf, a Two-Man Better Ball format, it's important to understand the game at hand.

Here are some golf tournament formats you may find interesting:

A Lone Ranger is a format that is also called Money Ball. On each hole, one player in each foursome is designated the "Lone Ranger." That designation rotates throughout the round; for example, Player A has it on the first hole, B on the second, C on the third, D on the fourth, then back to A on the fifth and so on.

In Lone Ranger, two scores per hole are added together for the team score. Here's the catch: one of those two scores must be from the Lone Ranger. On each hole the team score will be the score of the player designated the Lone Ranger, plus the lowest score of the other three players.

Flags is a competition format in which golfers begin the round with an allotment of strokes, then play the course until their strokes run out.

The game gets its name from the little flags given to competitors to stick in the ground at the point at which their final shot is played.

The golfer who stakes his flag the farthest around the course is the winner. Example: Your allotment is 75 strokes. You play the course until you hit your 75th shot, which, let's say, comes on the 16th fairway. That's where you plant your flag. If no other player's flag is planted beyond yours - say, on the 16th green or 17th tee box - you are the winner.

Ambrose Competition is another name for a scramble, but one in which a team handicap is used. All players tee off, the best shot is selected and all players hit again from that same spot. The best second shot is selected, and all players hit from that same spot, and so on until the ball is holed.

If the scramble is called an "Ambrose," it means that handicaps are used in play, with a fraction of the total handicaps of the group members serving as one handicap for the group.

-from <http://golf.about.com/od/beginners/tp/tourneyformats.htm>

TOURNAMENT TALK

The following tournaments were announced in earlier newsletters. Please refer to past issues, or to the website for more details.

Jim Perko hosts our point par event at The Golf Club at Brentwood on April 24. This tournament will cost you \$69 with cart, and the first tee time is 9:00 am. We are past the cut-off date, so call Jim at 408-739-1159 to see if there is still room for you to play.

We will be playing the newly refurbished Monterey Pines on May 1. John Szarka directs this low net event. The first tee time is 10:00 am, and the price is \$55 with cart. The cut-off date is April 28. Sign up online, or call John at 831-636-1408 to play.

Jay Dameron takes us to one of our favorite courses on May 8 - Manteca Park. This course is very affordable at \$45 with no cart. The course is very walkable. This point par event starts at 9:00 am, and the cut-off date is April 28. Sign up online or call Jay at 408-712-0227 if you want to play Manteca.

We head up further north on Highway 99 to play a point par tournament at Dry Creek Ranch on May 15. This course is well worth the drive. The first tee time is 10:02 am, and it will cost \$55 with cart. The cut-off date is May 1. Sign up online or call the tournament director, John Balsley, at 650-678-2191.

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

May 22, 2010 Diablo Grande, Legends

Cost: \$75, with cart
 Director: Jay Dameron
 Phone: (408) 712-0227
 Field Size: 28
 First Tee Time: 10:00 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off Date: May 14

The Legends Course was designed by Jack Nicklaus and Gene Sarazen. It has some of the longest par 4s we play with the SMGC. Holes 1, 7, 9, 10, and 18 can all reach over 400 yards from the blues. The greens are enormous, so allow for a couple 3-putts. It has a fantastic layout!

The course is walkable but hilly, similar to Shadow Lakes for elevation changes. There is a driving range there but only 8-10 stalls, so arrive early.

White tees: Rating: 69.7
 Slope: 129 Yards: 6,057

Blue tees: Rating: 72.4
 Slope: 137 Yards: 6,680

June 5, 2010 Rancho Solano

Cost: \$69, with cart
 Director: Les Cheong
 Phone: (408) 396-6902
 Field Size: 28
 First Tee Time: 8:45 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off Date: May 21

This course was designed by Gary Roger Baird. His other works include Shadow Lakes in Northern California, and he helped on remodels of Pasatiempo, Corral de Tierra and Del Paso C.C.

The course is definitely hilly with lakes on both nines and huge greens. Allow for several long range 3-putts. There is a great restaurant for breakfast or lunch.

White tees: Rating: 69.4
 Slope: 123 Yards: 6,259

Blue tees: Rating: 71.3
 Slope: 128 Yards: 6,659

June 12, 2010 Sunnyvale NCGA Sr. 4-Ball Net Qual.

Cost: \$59 qual. seniors
 \$49 all others
 Director: John Balsley
 Phone: (650) 678-2191
 Field Size: 60
 First Tee Time: 10:00 am
 Format: 2-Man Better Ball
 Tees: Blue
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off Date: June 2

This is a normal 2-man better ball club event, which serves as our local qualifier to determine the **one** 2-man team for the NCGA Senior 4-ball competition. Seniors must reach their 55th birthday by Sept. 16, 2010, and have a handicap no higher than 36.4. The winning team will represent us on Sept. 7-8 at Poppy Ridge.

All play will be at 90% of the course handicap using a maximum handicap index of 18.4 for calculations. If the partners' handicaps differ by more than 8 strokes, an additional 10% reduction will be applied to their course handicaps.

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

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Sunnyvale (NCGA Zone Qualifier) March 20, 2010

The top ten two-man teams advanced to the second qualifying round on May 2 at Laguna Seca. The top two teams will then represent the SMGC in the South Bay Zone.

Bret Attard / Davis Huynh	61 net
Jay Dameron / Bob Heihn	62
Jay Kearney / Andy Zutler	62
Scott Day / Don Leonard	63
Mel Cottle / Gary Ponzini	63
Frank Damiano / Dennis Nixon	63
Larry McGinty / Dick Dalton	65
Phil Smithson / Chuck Richmond	66
Jack Guzman / Matt Wassmer	66
Aurelio Periquet / Justin Periquet	66

San Juan Oaks March 27, 2010

First Flight

38 pts	John Balsley	\$40
33	Les Cheong	30
31	Bob Heihn	20

Second Flight

38 pts	John Szarka	\$40
37	Chuck Richmond	30
34	Davis Huynh	10
34	Phil Smithson	10

Diablo Creek April 3, 2010

First Flight

34 pts	Brian Silva	\$40
33	John Balsley	30
32	John Mendoza	20
31	Jim Perko	5
31	Jay Dameron	5

Second Flight

39 pts	Justin Periquet	\$40
36	Chuck Richmond	30
34	Jack Guzman	20
33	Phil Smithson	10

Poplar Creek April 10, 2010

First Flight

70 net	Dave Olivo	\$40
71	Larry Lopez	30

Second Flight

70 net	Amal De Silva	\$40
71	Dennis Nixon	15
71	Dale Wilson	15