



# SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB

JULY/AUG. 2010 NEWSLETTER

## With great sorrow, two of SMGC's prominent members have passed, Harold Cohn and Brani Buric.

**Harold Cohn**, our oldest club member died June 25 of a massive heart attack at the age of 89. As one of our higher handicapped players, he loved the game of golf. Amazingly he continued to walk and play the course, in quest of that perfect round until the end. He had a wry smile and somewhat croaky voice that we all knew and loved. He was very active in the Club. Harold served as our perennial auditor for years. With fond memories, you can recall his beaming, ear-to-ear smile when he scored his Hole-in-one and when he collected one of several trophies for winning an event.

Harold, rest in peace with your beloved wife, Rosalie. She probably has planned a cruise to some exotic place for you both to share. Enjoy! We all will miss you!

*John Szarka, SMGC Handicap Chairman.*

**Brani Buric**, died 7/25 of cancer complications. He joined the club around 2002, was a steady, friendly, player that got involved in all the activities during a round. He would play skins, make donations to our prize fund at every Club Championship and was always helpful to the rest of the players he was paired with. He was a fierce competitor beneath his quiet exterior and won his flight in the Club Championship in 2006.

The write up of him from his workplace, Virage Logic Corporation Associates, praised him no end. "He was, without question, the hardest working, most passionate and smartest executive I ever worked with." said Dan McGranie, executive chairman at Virage Logic. "He will be missed, but never forgotten." We will all miss his dry sense of humor and camaraderie with all of us!

*Barry Franklin and Jay Kearney*



## Currently Scheduled Tournaments

**On Aug 21**, Bob Heihn takes us to a great classic course in the Napa Wine Country. Many touring pros used it as warmup the week before the actual Silverado Championship was played. Cutoff date was Aug 11. Call Bob at (408-557-8653) for openings.

**On Aug 28**, Jay Dameron us to Micke Grove. Bring your sunblock and join the club at one of our regular venues in Lodi. The par 5's provide a sample of the variety of golf styles you'll find at Micke. The 5th hole is a risk/reward hole that is reachable in two, but watery graves off the tee and near the green await errant balls on your drive and second shots. Both par 5's on the back also provide lakes for you to tack around. Cutoff date is 8/18. Call Jay at (408-712-0227) for openings.

## Player of the Year

Below are the Player of the Year standings so far for 2010. The dollar amount is the tournament winnings to date. Going into the Club Championship, Medalist, Winners, and Runners-up points are doubled.

- 1) **Jim Perko**  
\$370
- 2) **John Szarka**  
\$355
- 3 tie) **Jay Dameron**  
\$345
- 3 tie) **John Balsley**  
\$345
- 5) **Chuck Richmond**  
\$280
- 6) **Bob Heihn**                      \$242
- 7) **Tom Boydston**

## NCGA RESULTS

### South Bay Zone Championship June 21, 22

The SMGC team of Gary Ponzini, Mel Cottle, Aurelio Periquet and Justin Periquet fired a two round total of 261, 25 under at Quail Lodge and Poppy Hills. The winning score was San Jose C.C. at 45 under. We ended up in 13th place. Thanks guys for representing the SMGC in great form. 45 under seems unreachable and we're proud of you!

## Future Outings (cont pg 5)

### Sunnyvale Club Championship Sept. 11-12, 18-19, 25

Cost:	\$150 / no cart
Director:	John Szarka
Phone	(831) 636-1408
Field Size:	64
First Time	8 am
Format	Match Play - Low Net
Tees	Black
Driving Range	No
Cutoff Date:	9/01/10
Spikes:	Non-Metal Only
Carts	90 <sup>0</sup> Weather Permitting

#### Comments:

The biggest club event of the year and spans three weekends. You must have played in at least two club tournaments in 2010 in order to play in the Club Championship. Players with indexes of 6.0 and lower are automatically qualified for the Championship flight. See page 4 for more information on this prestigious event.

**Remember:** those players 80 years of age and over may play any round from the white tees. Your score will be reduced by the required number of strokes because of the reduced slope and course rating.

**Black tees:**                      Rating: 70.2  
Slope: 118                      Yards: 6,100

## Board of Directors

**President - Jay Dameron**  
**Vice Pres - Les Cheong**  
**Secretary - Bob Heihn**  
**Treasurer - John Balsley**  
**Tourn Chair - Jim Perko**  
**Hdcp Chair - John Szarka**

## 2010 Thursday Team Match Results

Team	Wins	Losses	Ties	Points	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Results</u>
1) Sunnyvale	4	1	1	122	Jim Perko	5W, 1L
2) Aptos Seascap	3	1	2	129	John Szarka	4W, 2T
					Larry Lopez	4W, 1L
					Brad Nelson	3W, 3L
3) Poplar Creek	2	4	0	95	Jay Dameron	3W, 3L
					Vince Delfino	2W, 1L
4) Palo Alto	1	4	1	86	Bob Heihn	2W, 1L
					Phil Smithson	1W, 3L, 1T
					Roger Boettger	1W, 5L
					Walt Parubrub	1W, 1L, 1T
					Dennis Nixon	1W, 1L, 1T
					Don Leonard	1W, 2L
					Don Anderson	1W, 1L
					Robert Chimpky	1W
					Arif Janjua	1W
					Steve Lam	1W
					Jay Kearney	1W

Thanks to all our players in our Thursday Match Play. The Thursday groups can be a significant commitment for those that work. We played a solid season each week. The biggest challenge is to win on the road. It took us till week 6, but it secured our first place finish. Palo Alto was the sight where we wrapped up our season. At home, we were more than solid - 3 wins. They came in consecutive weeks and may have created the momentum we needed to finish the season off at PA. The playoffs begin August 26. Let's see how far we can go.

### Membership Renewal Time

Your 2011 Sunnyvale Men's Club Membership Renewal Form is included with this Newsletter. The 2011 season begins with a tournament at Diablo Grande Ranch Course on October 2. We must receive your 2011 dues if you wish to play in any event starting with this one. Please mail your renewal form with your check for \$135 as soon as possible. You can also find the renewal form on our website at [www.smgc.us/](http://www.smgc.us/)

### September, October General Meet-

The next General Meeting of the SMGC will be Thursday, **Sept 16 at 7 pm** at the Lookout Inn at the Sunnyvale Golf Course. 3 Board Members are up for re-election. Jim Perko - Tournament Chairman, Bob Heihn - Secretary, John Balsley - Treasurer. Nominations for directors or any new candidates will be closed at the end of this meeting. There will be a Special Meeting **October 22** when we hold the official election.

# 2010 Club Championship

The Club Championship is our last and biggest event of the 2010 season. The top eight players in each flight advance to Match Play the following weekend. The Championship Flight (players with an index of 6.0 or lower) will play at scratch. All other flights play at net. Any player with an index greater than 6.0 may choose to play in the Championship Flight, but he must declare so before he tees off the first day.

The Club Championship dates are Sept 11-12, 18-19, and the finals on the 25th. Player of the Year points are **doubled** for this event. In fact, if you are the Medalist for the 36 holes of medal play and go all the way in match play, you can earn 120 points toward the Player of the Year.

A club dinner and raffle will follow on the evening of Saturday, Sept 25 at a venue TBD. Guests are welcome and will cost an additional \$10. Prize donations are welcome for the raffle. Please contact anyone of the Board of Directors if you have a prize to donate. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

## 2009 Results

### Champ Flight

Winner - John Driver  
 Runner Up - Larry Lopez  
 Semi's - Jim Perko, Jay Dameron  
 Medalist - John Driver

### First Flight

Winner - Pat Ramos  
 Runner Up - John Balsley  
 Semi's - Bob Heihn, Andy Zutler  
 Medalist - Bob Heihn

### Second Flight

Winner - Phil Smithson  
 Runner Up - Nadeem Rahman  
 Semi's - John Pantazy, A. Periquet  
 Medalist - Nadeem Rahman

### Third Flight

Winner - Dennis Nixon  
 Runner Up - Ben Magana  
 Semi's - David Carey, Rich Brennan  
 Medalist - Dan Chase

## 2008 Results

### Champ Flight

Winner - John Driver  
 Runner Up - Brad Nelson  
 Semi's - Jim Perko, Jay Dameron  
 Medalist - John Driver

### First Flight

Winner - Mark Wittler  
 Runner Up - Andy Zutler  
 Semi's - Dan Feehan, Walt Parubrub  
 Medalist - John Szarka

### Second Flight

Winner - Yongsheng Yang  
 Runner Up - Jay Kanemoto  
 Semi's - Alan Depew, Ramon Periquet  
 Medalist - Phil Smithson

### Third Flight

Winner - Dale Wilson  
 Runner Up - Barry Franklin  
 Semi's - Steve Cope, Dan Chase  
 Medalist - David Mak

## 2007 Results

### Champ Flight

Winner - John Driver  
 Runner Up - Jim Perko  
 Semi's - Les Cheong, Jay Dameron  
 Medalist - John Driver

### First Flight

Winner - Justin Periquet  
 Runner Up - Nadeem Rahman  
 Semi's - Andy Zutler, Bob Heihn  
 Medalist - Justin Periquet

### Second Flight

Winner - Alan Depew  
 Runner Up - Ramon Periquet  
 Semi's - Phil Smithson, A. Periquet  
 Medalist - Phil Smithson

### Third Flight

Winner - Barry Franklin  
 Runner Up - Brani Buric  
 Semi's - Heedon Kyung, Walt Keown  
 Medalist - Walt Keown

# Future Outings (cont)

## Diablo Grande Ranch Oct 2, 2010

Cost: \$75 w/cart  
 Director: Jim Perko  
 Phone: 408-738-1159  
 Field Size: 28  
 First Time: 10 am  
 Format: Point Par  
 Tees: Split  
 Driving Range: Yes  
 Cutoff Date: 9/24/10  
 Spikes: Non Metal Only  
 Carts: 90<sup>0</sup> Weather Permitting

### Comments:

Designed in 1996 by Dennis Griffiths, this course meanders through the foothills of Patterson. Allow a couple three putts this day for the greens are huge and undulating. The trademark holes at the Ranch Course are the long par 4's. Holes 8 and 15 are well over 400 yards. #15 will test your 2nd shot, probably a 190 carry over a ravine to clear. And your drive better be at least 250 yds to even try to get home. Don't miss The Ranch!

**Blue tees:** Rating: 74.1  
 Slope: 135 Yards: 6,932

**White tees:** Rating: 71.6  
 Slope: 129 Yards: 6,381

## Lake Chabot Oct 9, 2010

Cost: \$58 w/cart  
 Director: John Balsley  
 Phone: 650-678-2191  
 Field Size: 28  
 First Time: 10 am  
 Format: Point Par  
 Tees: Split  
 Driving Range: No  
 Cutoff Date: 9/30/10  
 Spikes: Non-Metal Only  
 Carts: 90<sup>0</sup> Weather Permitting

### Comments:

If you have not played this course up in the Oakland foothills just past the Oakland Zoo, then you're in for a treat. The views are incredible and the course will test your ability to play on sloping terrain. The short yardage makes the course playable for all players, but there are many tricky holes also. The most memorable hole may be the **Par 6, 18th**. 673 yards long but dramatically downhill and reachable in two shots! 3 time Club Champ, Brad Nelson, scored an albatross 3 here by holing his fairway shot!

**Blue tees:** Rating: 68.9  
 Slope: 119 Yards: 6,004

## San Juan Oaks Oct 16, 2010

Cost: \$78 w/cart  
 Director: Jay Dameron  
 Phone: 408-712-0227  
 Field Size: 28  
 First Time: 9:40 am  
 Format: Point Par  
 Tees: Split  
 Driving Range: Yes  
 Cutoff Date: 10/6/10  
 Spikes: Non-Metal Only  
 Carts: 90<sup>0</sup> Weather Permitting

### Comments:

This Freddy Couples course in Hollister is a premier golf destination that has hosted PGA qualifiers in addition to PGA events. The grass driving range is outstanding providing excellent practice facilities. Do your scoring on the front nine since the back has one of the toughest stretch of holes anywhere. The long par 4 13th through the par 4 17th will challenge your entire game, especially the long irons to the greens.

**Blue tees:** Rating: 72.6  
 Slope: 134 Yards: 6,712

**White tees:** Rating: 70.9  
 Slope: 130 Yards: 6,342

# Tournament Results

**Sunnyvale Muni  
June 12, 2010  
Sr Two Ball Qualifier**

**Santa Clara  
10, 2010  
NCGA  
Low Net Amateur Qualifier**

Low Net	Players	Certificates
63	Perko / Cooper	\$50
63	Szarka / Bokharey	\$50
63	Kearney / Brennan	\$50
63	Balsley / Boydston	\$50

In match of cards, **Jim Perko / Lee Cooper** and **John Szarka / Zuhair Bokharey** qualified to advance to the next round of qualifying. Jim and Lee shot net 60 August 4th at Metropolitan and John and Zuhair shot net 63 August 4th at Poppy Ridge. All 4 players now advance to the Finals at Poppy Ridge Sept 7 - 8. Congratulations guys!

**Las Positas - Pt. Par  
June 19, 2010**

First Flight

Pts	Player	Certificates
38	Ray Wong	\$40
36	Jay Dameron	\$30
35	Les Cheong	\$20

Second Flight

Pts	Player	Certificates
39	Aurelio Periquet	\$35
39	Dennis Nixon	\$35
38	Joaquin Guzman	\$10
38	Rick Colen	\$10

**Pajaro - Pt. Par  
26, 2010  
June**

Pts	Player	Certificates
36	Davis Huynh	\$40
34	Phil Smithson	\$30
33	Stevie Lam	\$10
33	Les Cheong	\$10
33	Larry Lopez	\$10

Two Qualifiers

Walter Parubrur - 63  
Brett Attard - 65

First Flight

Net	Player	Certificates
65	Brett Attard	\$35
65	John Balsley	\$35
66	John Szarka	\$15
66	Roger Boettger	\$15

Second Flight

Net	Player	Certificates
63	Walter Rarubrur	\$40
65	Robert Chimpky	\$30
66	Dan Chase	\$15
66	Earl Cooper	\$15

Congratulations to **Walter Parubrur** and **Brett Attard** for qualifying for the NCGA Net Amateur. Both will play Sept 23 and sectional courses. Good Luck guys!

**Ridgemark Diablo  
Par  
2010  
Pt.  
July 24,**

Pts	Player	Certificates
36	Jay Dameron	\$35
36	Les Cheong	\$35
35	John Balsley	\$20
34	Larry Lopez	\$10

Pts	Player	Certificates
37	Phil Smithson	\$40
35	George Cai	\$30
34	Chuck Richmond	\$15
34	Yongsheng Yang	\$15