



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

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NCGA ON-COURSE RULES SEMINARS

The NCGA On-Course Rules Seminars will take golfers out on the course for a half day of situational based Rules Education. The class will teach the Rules through a variety of stations and situations that will translate directly into a better understanding and proper application of the Rules out on the course.

Water hazards, bunkers, obstructions, putting green — this interactive seminar moves beyond the classroom to the golf course providing hands-on instruction.

The seminar will include a continental breakfast, lunch and the 2010-2011 Rules of Golf Book. Appropriate golf attire is required.

Seminar Dates

Monday, Oct. 11	Serrano Country Club	8:00 to 3:00
Monday, Oct. 25	Boulder Ridge Country Club	8:00 to 3:00

These Fall Seminars include Teeing Ground, Out of Bounds, Ball Unplayable and Scoring. Fees are \$30 for NCGA Members and \$40 for Non NCGA Members.

For more information and to register, please go to <http://www.ncga.org/scores/2009/assignments/rulesoncourseinfo.pdf>

HOW TO GIVE YOURSELF A GIMME

Hate 2 to 3 footers? Here's how to give yourself the short putts when others won't.

From *Golf Digest*, June '10, p. 70.

The Flamingo

– Lifting one foot off the ground and then hitting the putt provides a strong, visible signal to your group that even if you miss, it was good anyway. Who could take that attempt seriously? And if you make it, your friends will be impressed. “Just let me clean this up.”



The Lost Ball Marker – Best to use this one in four-ball situations where your putt likely won't matter. Pretend you can't find your marker until your opponent gives you the putt. Coins are best because you make jingling noises to alert everyone that you're “trying” to find it. “Where's my

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GOLF MAGAZINES

Who knew there were so many golf magazines? Gee willikers! Oh, what are they? Okay, here you go:

Golf Magazine, monthly	African-Amer. Golf Digest, 4/year
Golf Digest, monthly	Kingdom, 3/year
Golf Tips, bimonthly	Links Magazine, 5/year
Golf World, weekly	Golf Week, 45/year
Golf Illustrated, bimonthly	Women & Golf, bimonthly
Golf Fitness, bimonthly	Golf Course Architecture, 4/year

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

July 24, 2010 Ridgemark — Diablo

Cost: \$69, with cart
 Director: Les Cheong
 Phone: (408) 396-6902
 Field Size: 28
 First Tee Time: 9:03 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off Date: July 10

Ridgemark is a gem of a golf course in Hollister with 36 challenging holes. The Diablo Course starts out with a tough par 4 behind the clubhouse followed by a short par 4 with a tricky uphill approach shot. The holes on this course are not particularly long, but there are some that will really make you wonder how you're suppose to play it.

The other course at Ridgemark is Gabilan. This might be a good day to play both courses.

White tees: Rating: 70.3
 Slope: 124 Yards: 6,068

Blue tees: Rating: 72.6
 Slope: 126 Yards: 6,582

July 31, 2010 Deer Ridge

Cost: \$59, with cart
 Director: Jay Dameron
 Phone: (408) 712-0227
 Field Size: 28
 First Tee Time: 9:00 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off Date: July 17

Just off Balfour Road in Brentwood and across the street from Shadow Lakes, this is a tough course. The foothills create many awkward lies and the rough can be penal. Designed in 2004 by Andy Raugust, Deer Ridge is challenging to say the least. Holes 15 – 18 are on the back side of the mountain and elevation drops can be as much as 80 feet. You must be accurate and allow for some 3-putts; these are big, undulating greens.

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

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

August 7, 2010 Spring Hills

Cost: \$53, no cart
 Director: John Balsley
 Phone: (650) 678-2191
 Field Size: 28
 First Tee Time: 9:00 am
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off Date: July 31

Family owned and operated since 1965, this is a short demanding course in the Santa Cruz foothills. Holes 2 – 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 6,000 yards, this 127 slope will challenge all golfing levels. Come see this stylish course and enjoy the food in the old, refurbished clubhouse - a very comfortable setting.

White tees: Rating: 69.6
 Slope: 125 Yards: 5,857

Blue tees: Rating: 70.0
 Slope: 127 Yards: 6,002

**FUTURE TOURNAMENTS,
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**August 14, 2010
Franklin Canyon**

Cost: \$64, with cart
 Director: Jim Perko
 Phone: (408) 739-1159
 Field Size: 28
 First Tee Time: 10:00 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off Date: August 4

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 normally have on the driving range. The fairways and greens are fast and firm so you may have to play bump and run. Try the restaurant here. It has a great burger. This course was designed in 1968 by Robert Muir Graves. His other works include the Bridges at Gale Ranch, Chalk Mountain and Blue Rock Springs East.

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

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

MORE BUNKER RULES

Last month, we covered some common bunker situations. This month, we'll look at a few more that may come up from time to time. It always pays to know the rules of golf!

Grounding your club – You may ground your club in a waste area. A common feature on many modern courses, waste areas are usually massive bunker-like regions of firm, unkept sand. One clue might be the absence of rakes. You may not ground your club in a hazard, which is how bunkers are designated. You can't touch the sand with your club until the forward swing.

Searching for your ball – You may move the sand to find your ball. If you accidentally move the ball or remove too much sand during the search, you must re-create the original lie, minus enough sand so you can see part of the ball. You can't search for more than five minutes. After that, the ball is lost, and you must play from where the previous shot was made, with a one-stroke penalty.

Touching the sand – You may dig your feet in to form a stable base. If you decide to change clubs, you can exit the bunker to grab a different one, then dig your feet in again. You can't draw a line behind the ball as seen in instruction tips nor slam your wedge against the sand if you've hit a poor shot and the ball hasn't left the bunker. Either action would result in a two-stroke penalty - four, if you do both!

TOURNAMENT TALK

These tournaments were announced in past newsletters. Contact the director of the tournament if you are interested in playing. You may sign up online if cut-off date has not passed.

Jim Perko directs a point par event at Pajaro Valley on June 26. The first tee time is 9:00 am and the cost is \$56 with cart. We are past the cut-off. Call Jim at 408-739-1159 to see if there is still room to play.

Our NCGA Net Amateur qualifier is being held at Santa Clara on July 10. The top four players will advance to the September 23 qualifying round. The first tee time is 9:30am and the entry fee is \$80 with cart. If you want to play in this event, sign up online or call Bob Heihn at 408-557-8653 to get in.

Our Wine Country weekender is July 17 and 18. John Szarka (831-636-1408) directs Oakmont on Saturday, July 17. First tee time is 10 am and the cost is \$60, without cart. Bob Heihn (408-557-8653) leads us at Windsor Golf Club on Sunday, July 18. The first tee time is 9 am. It's \$75 with cart.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Diablo Grande (Legends) May 22, 2010

39 pts	Jay Kanemoto	\$40
37	Walter Parubrur	30
36	John Szarka	20
34	Bob Heihn	5
34	Dennis Nixon	5

Rancho Solano June 5, 2010

First Flight

40 pts	Jim Perko	\$40
36	Larry Lopez	30
35	John Balsley	15
35	John Denevan	15

Second Flight

37 pts	Barry Franklin	\$40
36	Phil Smithson	30
34	Walter Parubrur	20
31	Rick Colen	5
31	Rob Hartmann	5

NCGA Senior Two-Ball Qualifier Sunnyvale June 12, 2010

63 net	Jim Perko & Lee Cooper	\$25 pp
63	John Szarka & Zuhair Bokharey	\$25
63	Jay Kearney & Rich Brennan	\$25
63	John Balsley & Tom Boydston	\$25

In a match of cards, **Perko/Cooper** and **Szarka/Bokharey** qualified for the first round of the NCGA Senior Two-Ball to be held on August 4.

Golf's three ugliest words: still your shot.

~Dave Marr

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quarter? These new shorts have weird pockets.”

The pool cue – If you're playing with people you've just met, this classic icebreaker lets them know just how casual you treat testers. And because it puts your eyes low, it's a good green reading drill in case you're ever forced to putt anything out. “Titleist 4 in the corner pocket!”

The backhander – As the name implies, hit the ball with the back of the putterhead. Mallet style putters are the best for this because the round or irregular shaped flanges reduce expectations that the putt should roll straight. Any make is a bonus. “Looks like the group behind us has caught up. Let's move on.”

All kidding aside, remember, “gimmes aren't given, they're earned!” - *Max Adler*