



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2010

CARSON CITY WEEKENDER

MAY 29 & 30

Our Carson City, Nevada weekender will occur over Memorial Day weekend, May 29 and 30. This is always a very popular getaway for the club. This isn't just golf, but much more!

We will be opening up sign-ups this month because of the need to confirm the number of players a month in advance.

Here are the details:

Pricing:	Single golfer / Single room	\$330
	Two golfers / Shared room	\$255
	Single golfer + Non-golfer	\$380

The package includes a room at the Plaza Hotel Friday and Saturday night, along with cocktails and dinner at Red's Grill. Also included are casino coupons.

Golf will be at Dayton Valley on Saturday and Silver Oak on Sunday. Price includes cart and range balls.

The club will arrange a few tee times at Eagle Valley West on Friday at 1pm for a practice round. If you are interested in playing, please contact the tournament director John Szarka.

If you sign up for Carson City, all money must be received by May 7. Thanks in advance for your promptness. Please send your payment to John Szarka at 621 McMahan Road, Hollister, CA 95023.

NEW MEMBER

Please welcome our newest member!

Amal De Silva of Sunnyvale

Amal, we look forward to seeing you on the golf course on one of the many sunny weekends we're sure to have coming up! Glad to have you with us.

RULES OF GOLF

What do you do after you lift and clean your ball on the putting green, try to replace it, and it just won't stay? Perhaps the slope is extreme, or the wind is strong. We'll refer to Rule 20-3d, (Ball Fails to Come to Rest on Spot) in an excerpt from the USGA site www.usga.org/ourexpertsexplain.aspx?id=26636.

If a ball, when placed, fails to come to rest on the spot on which it was placed, there is no penalty and the ball must be replaced. If it *still* fails to come to rest on that spot, then:

- *except in a hazard, it must be placed at the nearest spot where it can be placed at rest, not nearer the hole nor in a hazard*
- *in a hazard, it must be placed in the hazard at the nearest spot where it can be placed at rest, not nearer the hole*

If after replacing the ball and it is finally at rest, if it moves *again* (as a result of wind, gravity, earthquake, etc.), there still is no penalty, but you must play it from where it finally comes to rest.

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

April 24, 2010 Brentwood Golf Club

Cost: \$69 with cart
 Director: Jim Perko
 Phone: (408) 739-1159
 Field Size: 28
 First Tee Time: 9:00 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Blue
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off Date: April 14

Located in Brentwood (straight up Vasco Road from 580), this facility offers a country club atmosphere with a wonderfully conditioned golf course. Gently mounded fairways, great bunkering, a fair amount of lakes, and well contoured greens make this a real treat to play at a very affordable price.

There are 27 holes at Brentwood Golf Club. We will be playing the Creekside and Hillside 9's.

Blue tees: Rating: 71.7
 Slope: 127 Yards: 6,422

May 1, 2010 Monterey Pines

Cost: \$55 with cart
 Director: John Szarka
 Phone: (831) 636-1408
 Field Size: 28
 First Tee Time: 10:00 am
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Blue
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off Date: April 28

This course, once the U.S. Navy Golf Course, is located adjacent to the Monterey Fairgrounds. In 2008 the course was closed and completely renovated. A new clubhouse, new course routing, fairways, greens, and bunkering were included in this renovation. Renamed Monterey Pines, it reopened in the summer of 2009.

It is just plain wonderful. Don't let its length and par fool you. It is a real challenge. Tall Monterey pines, water, moderately contoured greens, and close proximity OB's make you work for your score. It is a hidden gem in Monterey. Don't miss it.

Blue tees: Rating: 66.7
 Slope: 107 Yards: 5,409

May 8, 2010 Manteca Park

Cost: \$45 no 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: April 28

Manteca Park is a treat. It is the closest course we play out in the Stockton area, and most SMGC members would agree that it is one of the best. For the price, you can't beat it, and it is very walkable.

The course is flat, but the trees will catch errant shots. There is not much water on the course, but it is strategically placed to catch your drives that hang out to the right. The course ends with a wonderful dogleg right par 4, to an elevated green.

White tees: Rating: 69.7
 Slope: 118 Yards: 6,131

Blue tees: Rating: 71.2
 Slope: 123 Yards: 6,478

**FUTURE TOURNAMENTS,
CONTINUED**

#7 AT SUNNYVALE

**May 15, 2010
Dry Creek Ranch**

Cost: \$55 with cart
 Director: John Balsley
 Phone: (650) 678-2191
 Field Size: 28
 First Tee Time: 10:02 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off Date: May 1

This month, we spotlight our shortest hole on the golf course, the par 3 seventh hole. There are two things to be aware of this hole, the water hazard and possible out-of-bounds.

The water hazard in front of the green is a regular water hazard (which means you must keep the hazard between you and the pin), not a lateral water hazard. This really only comes into discussions when people swear the ball actually made it all the way over the water, but then it rolled back in or spun back in the water. Assuming that you don't go into the hazard to play your scuba-diving ball, you must drop back all the way on the far side of the hazard again; you cannot drop the ball on the side near the green. This usually means that if your ball ends up in the water, you probably will tee it up again to give yourself a perfect lie, and you are hitting your third shot.

There is out-of-bounds on the seventh hole, although it rarely comes into play. To the right near the perimeter fence is out of bounds, as well as if you airmail the green left towards the eighth tee. Look for the white stakes by the fence.

Jack Fleming designed Dry Creek Ranch, located in Galt where it bisects Highway 99. It's a great course, loaded with too many oaks and a stream that is always in the wrong place.

The front side seems like a challenge, but it's easy relative to the back side. Precision shots are required here. If you spray the ball you will be well acquainted with the lovely oaks before the day is done.

The restaurant serves an excellent tri-tip sandwich, so you may want to treat yourself afterwards.

White tees: Rating: 69.8
 Slope: 123 Yards: 6,161

Blue tees: Rating: 71.4
 Slope: 127 Yards: 6,521

TOURNAMENT TALK

The following tournaments were announced in the 'Future Tournaments' section in prior newsletters. Please refer to these or our website for more details.

Diablo Creek in Concord is our venue on **April 3**. Jim Perko hosts this point par event on a course we haven't played in quite a while. The first tee time is at 10 am, and the cost is \$65 with cart. We are past the cut-off date, so call Jim at 408-739-1159 to see if he still has space.

We're heading to **Poplar Creek** in San Mateo on **April 10**. John Balsley will direct us at this low net event. It's \$71 with cart, and the first tee time is 10 am. *Please note that the course will be aerating their greens on April 5 and 6.* The cut-off date is March 27, so sign up online or call John at 650-678-2191 to play.

Our next major event, The Directors' Cup, will be a at **Sunnyvale** on **April 17 and 18**. This is a 36 low net event earning double points toward Player of the Year. Food will be included. The first tee time is 10 am both days and the cost is \$130 per player, not including cart. Sign up online or call John Szarka at 831-636-1408 to play this important event.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Paradise Valley February 13, 2010

First Flight

38 pts.	John Szarka	\$40
36	Jay Dameron	30
34	Jay Kearney	7
34	John Balsley	7
34	Justin Periquet	7

Second Flight

44 pts.	Rick Colen	\$40
41	Aurelio Periquet	30
40	Steve Cope	20

Sunnyvale NCGA 4-Ball Qualifier February 20, 2010

Congratulations to **John Balsley** and **Tom Boystun** who shot a net 61. They will represent the club in the local NCGA 4-ball qualifier on April 1. They also won \$40 gift certificates for taking all honors. The following teams also received gift certificates.

First Flight

62 net	L. Cheong & J. Szarka	\$30 ea
65	J. Dameron & B. Heihn	\$15 ea
65	J. Perko & L. Lopez	\$15 ea

Second Flight

62 net	J. Sasser & L. Cooper	\$30 ea
63	A. Periquet & J. Periquet	\$20 ea
64	R. Boettger & L. McGinty	\$10 ea

Lone Tree March 13, 2010

36 pts.	Matt Wassmer	\$40
35	Dale Wilson	30
34	Brian Silva	10
34	John Balsley	10
34	John Pantazy	10

RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY!

As a result of a very wet winter, we've had to cancel many more tournaments than usual, much to the frustration of all.

Three of the tournaments that have been rained out have been rescheduled for dates later this year, so you will still get a chance to play these courses:

July 10 – Santa Clara

August 21 – Napa Kennedy

October 9 – Lake Chabot