



# SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## UNSURE OF PROCEDURE

<Continued from April>

Last month we discussed what happens if there is a question of how to proceed in match play. Rule 2-5 applied, and the decision on how to proceed must be made before the players tee off on the next hole.

But WAIT, you say, can't I play two balls, declaring which one I want to count assuming that I'm right? Well, the answer is NO. Playing two balls only applies in stroke play, not match play. (Rule 3-3 covers doubt as to procedure in stroke play). The basic premise is that in match play, both players should ALWAYS know the current status of the match. If the two-ball rule applied in match play, then it is very possible that no one will know the current status of the match.

## HOLE IN ONE!

Congratulations to **Ed Biaggi** who aced the fourteenth hole at Manteca Park during the club event on May 8. He flew his 7-iron to the 164 yard pin and spun it back for a beautiful hole-in-one. Way to go, Ed!



## NCGA SENIOR 4-BALL

The 2010 local qualifier for the NCGA Senior 4-Ball Net competition will be held on June 12 at the Sunnyvale Golf Course.

Seniors must reach their 55th birthday by September 16, 2010 and have a handicap no higher than 36.4. All play will be at 90% of the course handicap, using a maximum handicap index of 18.4 for calculation purposes.

The winning two-man team will represent the SMGC at Poppy Ridge on September 7 and 8.

Non-seniors can also play on June 12 as a normal SMGC tournament. The cost is \$59 for seniors and \$49 for everybody else. To play, please sign up online or call John Balsley at 650-678-2191.

**NEW  
MEMBER**

Please join us in welcoming the newest member of the SMGC gang:

**Juan Dellarroquelle**  
of Sunnyvale

Juan, we hope you play a lot of golf with us this year, and we look forward to seeing you on the course very soon!

# FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

## June 19, 2010 Las Positas

Cost: \$64, 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: June 9

Just off 580 in Livermore, this watery track will test every club in your bag. Open space and lakes engulf the front nine. Then we head into the trees on the back. Greens are usually nine on the stimp and it is a very popular venue.

Enjoy breakfast or lunch at the wonderful restaurant/sports bar there. Many old time airplanes can be seen landing and taking off at the nearby airport.

**White tees:** Rating: 70.2  
Slope: 124 Yards: 6,331

**Blue tees:** Rating: 71.8  
Slope: 128 Yards: 6,677

## June 26, 2010 Pajaro Valley

Cost: \$56, no 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: June 11

This course is always a favorite of the SMGC. Fast greens and three putts are on the docket this day. If you can escape without a 3-putt, you've played well below your index capabilities, no matter what they are. Old Moss Landing can be seen in the distance at the 16th green.

Enjoy the picturesque drive to and from the course through the Santa Cruz foothills. The restaurant serves an excellent breakfast and lunch.

**Blue tees:** Rating: 70.2  
Slope: 121 Yards: 6,486

## July 10, 2010 Santa Clara – NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier

Cost: \$80, with cart  
 Director: Bob Heihn  
 Phone: (408) 557-8653  
 Field Size: TBD  
 First Tee Time: TBD  
 Format: Low Net  
 Tees: Green  
 Driving Range: Yes  
 Cut-off Date: TBD

Big greens and blind shots are in store for you at this course. Located near the Great America theme park, it is a walkable course. We will also pay out the flights with American Golf certs.

This will be an SMGC tournament and NCGA qualifier for the Net Amateur Championship. Four players will advance to the Sept. 23 sectional qualifying round. The championships will be at Poppy Hills on October 18 and 19. Play will be at 100% of your course handicap.

**Gold tees:** Rating: 70.2  
Slope: 116 Yards: 6,343

## FUTURE TOURNAMENTS, CONT.

### July 17 and 18, 2010 - Wine Country Weekender Oakmont - Saturday Windsor - Sunday

Cost:	\$60, no cart	Cost:	\$75, with cart
Director:	John Szarka	Director:	John Szarka
Phone:	(831) 636-1408	Phone:	(831) 636-1408
Field Size:	20	Field Size:	20
First Tee Time:	10:00 am	First Tee Time:	9:00 am
Format:	Point Par	Format:	Point Par
Tees:	Blue	Tees:	Split
Driving Range:	Yes	Driving Range:	Yes
Cut-off Date:	July 3	Cut-off Date:	July 11

The designer of this course was Ted Robinson. His other works locally include Brentwood, Canyon Lakes in Danville, Fountain Grove in Santa Rosa, Black Lake in Nipomo, and a variety of courses in Las Vegas and Palm Desert.

We will be playing the West course which stretches out to only 6300 yards from the tips. Let's see how good we think we are. It is a tree-lined course through residential property much like Half Moon Bay Old Course. Be ready for undulating greens and water, a Ted Robinson trademark.

**Blue tees:** Rating: 70.4  
Slope: 126 Yards: 6,313

Windsor opened in 1989 and was designed by Fred Bliss. His other works include McGinnis Park in San Rafael and Rooster Run in Petaluma.

The course is in the middle of the wine country of Sonoma, and has a superb layout. You'll relish the old grain silo on the back nine. It will take you a back a few years. Once a stop on the PGA Senior circuit, its course record was set by regular touring pro David Duval. Fast greens and creeks meander throughout the course. Be sure to bring your "A" game.

**Blue tees:** Rating: 70.0  
Slope: 126 Yards: 6,143

**Black tees:** Rating: 72.0  
Slope: 134 Yards: 6,621

## BOARD MEMBER STARDOM

How do all these fabulous tournaments come about? Who plans them? Who writes the newsletter content? Who keeps the website current? Who plans the Club Championship events? Your Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club Board of Directors has these fun and exciting opportunities. You too could help set the direction of the club by joining the SMGC Board. Elections will take place later in the year, so you have time to hang with the board and learn the ropes. Board members take turns running the weekly tournaments. In doing so, the tournament director for the week plays for free at his tournament. Board members also get a slight edge on the tournament tee times due to their assistance at tournaments that others are running.

We also welcome potential board members who have a knack for newsletter editing and layout, and/or website maintenance. If you have an affinity for InDesign and page layout, you may be able to pry the newsletter editing and printing responsibilities from our Vice President's wife's grasp. It is a fun monthly job, and will look great on the resumé you're tweaking right now. Talk to any of the board members (listed on page six), and let them know you would love to be considered for the Board prior to the October 2010 elections.

# BUNKER EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

We've found some very useful rules to remember whenever you are in the bunker.

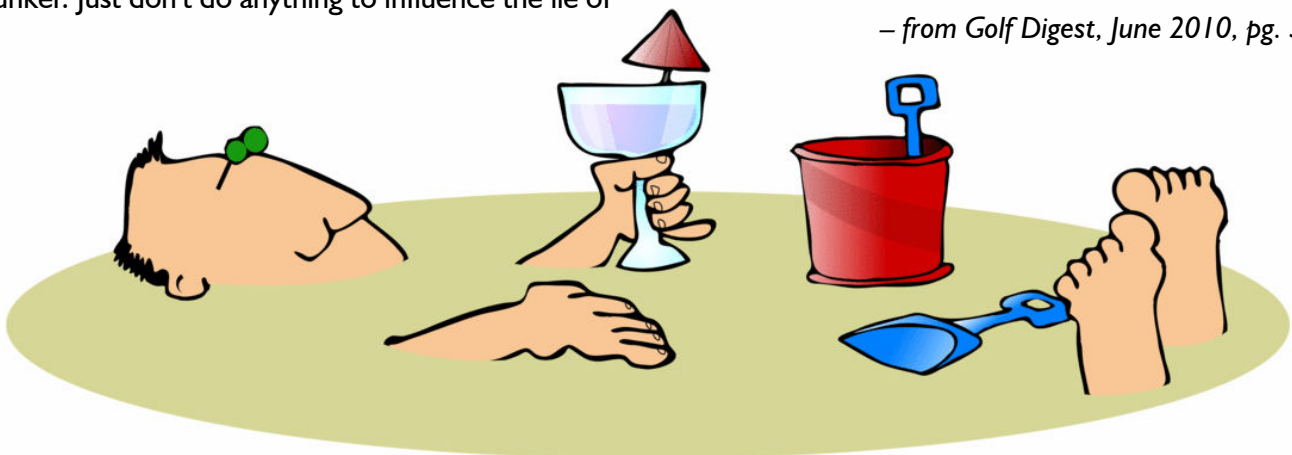
**Handling Casual Water** – You may drop the ball within the bunker at the nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole without penalty to avoid the water that has collected. You may not take free relief OUTSIDE the bunker. If you want to drop outside the bunker, then that drop comes with a one stroke penalty and must be taken behind the bunker in line with the hole and where the ball lay, as far back as you want.

**Raking in the Bunker** – You may rake after you've hit a bunker shot, even if your ball is still in the bunker. Just don't do anything to influence the lie of

the ball, area of your stance or swing, or line of play for your next shot. You may not rake your footprint trail behind you as you walk to your first bunker shot. You would incur a two-stroke penalty for testing the sand's condition.

**Taking an Unplayable Lie** – If you have an unplayable lie in a bunker, you may replay your previous shot with a one stroke penalty. If you have an unplayable lie but don't want to replay your previous shot, you can't drop outside the bunker. However, you may drop in the sand within two club-lengths of the ball or drop on an imaginary line made by the ball and flag, no closer to the hole. This also comes with a one-stroke penalty.

– from *Golf Digest*, June 2010, pg. 56



## SMGC ZONE TEAMS

The final qualifier to determine the four-man team to represent the SMGC at the NCGA South Bay Zone was held Sunday, May 2 at Laguna Seca.

Congratulations to the following two 2-man teams for advancing:

**Gary Ponzini & Mel Cottle** - net 65

**Aurelio Periquet & Justin Periquet** - net 66

**Jay Dameron & Bob Heihn** also shot a net 65, but due to a scheduling conflict will not be able to play at the South Bay Zone. They yielded their spot to the Periquet brothers.

Good luck to Gary, Mel, Aurelio, and Justin. They will play at Quail Lodge and Poppy Hills on June 21 and 22. We know you'll do well!

# TOURNAMENT RESULTS

## Sunnyvale – Director’s Cup April 17-18, 2010

### First Flight

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141 net	Jim Perko*
141	Andy Zutler
143	John Balsley**

\*Jim Perko defeated Andy Zutler in a playoff on the 19th hole  
 \*\*John Balsley defeated Mike Roscoe in a playoff on the 22nd hole

### Second Flight

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138 net	John Pantazy
143	Yongsheng Yang
149	Ray Wong*

\*Ray Wong defeated Brian Silva in a playoff on the 19th hole

### Third Flight

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130 net	Tom Boydston
138	Davis Huynh
140	Tom Rooney

### Fourth Flight

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138 net	Rich Brennan
150	Don Diluzio
154	David Mak

## Brentwood April 24, 2010

### First Flight

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40 pts	Bob Heihn	\$40
39	John Szarka	30
38	Brian Silva	15
38	Jim Perko	15

### Second Flight

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41 pts	Jack Guzman	\$30
41	Yongsheng Yang	30
41	Jay Kanemoto	30
38	Bob Chimpky	10

## Monterey Pines May 1, 2010

### First Flight

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69 net	Zuhair Bokharey	\$35
69	John Balsley	35
70	Larry Lopez	20

### Second Flight

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64 net	Brian Silva	\$40
67	Steve Reynolds	30
69	Justin Periquet	20

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# TOURNAMENT RESULTS, CONT.

## Monterey Pines, cont.

### Third Flight

67 net	Davis Huyhn	\$40
68	George Cai	30
70	Phil Smithson	20

## Manteca Park May 8, 2010

### First Flight

37 pts	Bob Joseph	\$40
36	Jim Perko	30
35	John Sasser	20

### Second Flight

44 pts	Dennis Nixon	\$40
35	Aurelio Periquet	25
35	Jay Kanemoto	25

## Dry Creek Ranch May 15, 2010

### First Flight

38 pts	Justin Periquet	\$40
36	John Balsley	30
35	Jay Kearney	20
31	Ray Wong	10

### Second Flight

37 pts	Phil Smithson	\$35
37	Jack Suzman	35
36	Tom Boydston	20
35	Chuck Richmond	10

## THURSDAY TEAM MATCH PLAY

June 17 marks the beginning of the 2010 NCGA Team Match Play at Aptos Seascap. The teams in our group are Poplar Creek, Sunnyvale, Palo Alto, and Aptos. We will have six matches that run through August 12. Matches begin at 12:00 or 1:00 pm, and food is usually provided afterward by the hosting club. There is great camaraderie and it's a great match play experience.

Contact Jay Dameron, (jayd@smgc.us) or Jim Perko (jimp@smgc.us) if you would like to play.

### SMGC Board of Directors

President	Jay Dameron
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