



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

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NCGA LOW NET AMATEUR

Congratulations to the SMGC's two representatives for the NCGA Low Net Amateur competition. Both **Walter Parubrub** and **Brett Attard** advanced to sectional play at Poppy Hills on September 23. While Walt did not play his best, Brett took individual honors with a brilliant net 66. He went to the finals at Poppy Hills on October 18 and 19 where he shot net rounds of 80 and 82 in the Secretary's Flight. A good showing on the Monterey Peninsula, Brett.

SEEKING WEBMASTER

The SMGC is looking for someone to take over the popular SMGC website (www.smgc.us). After nearly nine years, it is time for me to pass the baton to an SMGC member that has the appropriate skills and would like to help the club with a very important communication vehicle.

Required skills are basic HTML and a knowledge of PHP and MySQL. I will continue to help with the website during the transition period.

If you would like to be considered for the SMGC webmaster position, please contact any board member. *—Les Cheong*



We are happy to announce three new SMGC members, as well as one returning member.

Chris Fridman of San Carlos

Frank Lee of Livermore

Rich Soucie of Sunnyvale

We are also delighted to welcome back past member **Dale Howell**, who's now in Lincoln.

Welcome to the Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club, gentlemen. We look forward to seeing you on the course.

PLAY IT AS IT LIES

In our ongoing review of the Rules of Golf, we would like to look at Rule 13, Play it as it lies. The ball is not always sitting pretty. Take this quiz to find out if you know how to proceed. *(From Golf Digest, November 2010)*

1) Your ball is in play but it's against a fence that serves as the course's boundary. Can you take relief without penalty?

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CLUB PHOTOS

For those of you who missed the SMGC Club Championship dinner in September, and even for those who attended and want to relive it, photos are now available on the SMGC website. Go to the website (www.smgc.us) and click on the Photos link at the top.

Thank you to the team of photographers for providing the photos: **John Szarka, Larry Lopez, and Michelle Driver**. Next year, extra batteries!

2011 SCHEDULE

Your SMGC tournament schedule for 2011 is almost complete. We have posted the first six months on the website. (www.smgc.us) In the meantime, we have included January through March below.

January 8 Van Buskirk
 15 Monterey Pines
 22 Ridgemark
 29 Palo Alto

February 5 Diablo Creek
 12 Deer Ridge
 19 Sunnyvale
 26 San Juan Oaks

March 5 Lake Chabot
 12 Franklin Canyon
 19 Sunnyvale
 26 Manteca

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Answer: No. A fence defining OB is considered fixed. Play the ball as it lies or take a one stroke penalty and proceed under the rules for an unplayable lie (Definitions: Out-of-Bounds).

2) You have to play a shot from an awkward lie that requires you to put a knee on the ground. You're familiar with Craig Stadler's famous rules blunder in 1987, so you know you can't put a towel under your knee when you swing. However, can you put towel down and take some practice swings then remove it when you take the shot?

Answer: Yes, provided you can restore the ground to its original state (Decision 13-3/5). If the towel were to soak up casual water, you'd violate Rule 13-2.

3) You're not allowed to repair a spike mark on the green. But can you allow a fellow competitor to do it before you putt?

Answer: No it's still considered improving your line (Decision 13-2/36).

4) Your ball is next to a bush. To hit the next shot, you back into the bush, bending and breaking several branches. Are you penalized for improving the area of your intended stance?

Answer: No, if you follow the least-intrusive course of action in taking your stance, it's okay to bend, move or break anything that's growing or fixed (Decision 13-2/1).

5) One foot from the fairway, in slightly higher grass, you find your ball is plugged in its pitch mark. Can you take relief without penalty?

Answer: No. You're allowed relief from a ball embedded in its pitch mark only if the grass is cut to fairway height or less (Rule 25-2).

TOURNAMENT TALK

Jim Perko will host the SMGC tournament at the tough West course down at Rancho Cañada on December 4. This point par event will cost \$57 without a cart. The first tee time is at 9:00 am. The cut-off date is November 24. You may sign up online, or call Jim at 408-739-1159 to play at this challenging course.

On December 11, the SMGC will play the Bayonet course at Fort Ord near Monterey. This course is as tough as any and has hosted PGA events a few years ago. John Szarka will run this point par tournament. The first tee time is at 8:30 am and it will cost \$85 with cart. The cut-off date is November 26. Please sign up online, or call John at 831-636-1408 to play.

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

You must have renewed your SMGC membership for 2011 in order to play in these tournaments.

December 18, 2010 President's Cup, Sunnyvale

Cost: \$59, no cart
 Director: John Szarka
 Phone: (831) 636-1408
 Field Size: 64
 First Tee Time: 8:00 am
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Blue
 Driving Range: No
 Cut-off Date: December 8

This is the first SMGC Major event of the 2011 season. It is 18 holes of Low Net where the top 3 players in each flight receive awards. Also, there is a special President's Flight for all the past and present SMGC Board members. There will be awards for Overall Low Net and Overall Low Gross. The Overall Low Net winner will receive a special trophy and his name inscribed on the master President's Cup trophy, along with the name of the club president. Start your holidays with a bang and play this Major event!

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

January 8, 2011 Van Buskirk

Cost: \$47, 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: January 8

A gem in the Central Valley, Van Buskirk is one great course. Forget the amenities here, you're coming to play golf. The clubhouse is much like its sister course, Swenson Park. The fairways are lush and the greens fast. It was designed in 1961 by John Dominick and Larry Nordstrom. On paper it is very much like Palo Alto Muni. Water awaits you on the front, and tree-lined fairways on the back. Treat yourself to a slice of the Central Valley.

White tees: Rating: 70.2
 Slope: 115 Yards: 6,511
Blue tees: Rating: 72.9
 Slope: 117 Yards: 6,890

January 15, 2011 Monterey Pines

Cost: \$57, with cart
 Director: Bob Heihn
 Phone: (408) 557-8653
 Field Size: 24
 First Tee Time: 9:30 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Blue
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off Date: January 15

This course, once a U.S. Navy Golf Course, is located adjacent to the Monterey Fairgrounds. In 2008, it was closed and completely renovated. A new clubhouse, new course routing, fairways, greens, and bunkering were included in the rework. Renamed Monterey Pines, it reopened in the summer of 2009. It is just absolutely 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 OBs make you work for your score. It is a gem on the Peninsula.

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

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Swenson Park October 30, 2010

First Flight

35 pts.	Jay Kearney	\$35
35	Brian Silva	35
33	Jim Perko	20
32	John Balsley	10

Second Flight

41 pts.	Phil Smithson	\$40
36	Tom Boydston	20
36	Dan Landro	20
36	Dale Wilson	20

Shadow Lakes November 6, 2010

First Flight

37 pts.	Yongsheng Yang	\$40
36	Jay Dameron	30
32	Jim Perko	20
30	Aurelio Periquet	10

Second Flight

37 pts.	Tom Boydston	\$40
36	Dale Wilson	30
35	Chuck Richmond	20
32	Barry Franklin	5
32	Jay Kanemoto	5
32	David Mak	5

Pacific Grove November 13, 2010

First Flight

68 net	Arif Janjua	\$35
68	Raymond Wong	35
70	Larry Lopez	15
70	Andy Zutler	15

Second Flight

69 net	Davis Huynh	\$35
69	Phil Smithson	35
71	Tom Boydston	20
72	Jay Kearney	5
72	Walter Parubrub	5
72	Brian Silva	5

Third Flight

71 net	Rick Colen	\$40
72	Frank Damiano	20
72	Barry Franklin	20
72	Dennis Nixon	20



"I've always made a total effort, even when the odds seemed entirely against me. I never quit trying; I never felt that I didn't have a chance to win." –Arnold Palmer