



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

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SMGC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2010 Club Championship saw some new winners emerge and some winners that just keep it going.

George Cai was a first-time winner in the Third Flight. He played the final match without using a driver all day. It was a closely-contested battle against **Rich Brennan**, who was the 2009 Semi-Finalist. Congratulations to George!

The Second Flight was won by a tough match play guru. **Lee Cooper** blocked the way for opponent **Don Anderson**. Congratulations to Lee!

In the First Flight, the finals saw two tough competitors take their match to the eighteenth hole. **John Szarka** and **Roger Boettger** went toe-to-toe for 17 holes in the finals until a winner finally emerged on the eighteenth green. Congratulations, John Szarka for your tenacity and for taking the POTY honors as well!

John Driver and **Larry Lopez** were both 1-1 against each other going into the rubber match in the Championship Flight. Larry took John to the 30th hole until he succumbed to John, 5 and 3. Congratulations, John Driver, for your *fourth consecutive* Club Championship title! In the 35+ years of the SMGC, only three men have won four Club Championship titles: **Bill Courville** (six), **Dave Parsons** (four, 1993 – 1996), and now John Driver. That is superb consistency.

See a summary of the final match play results on page three.

2010 PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The 2009-2010 SMGC tournament year had probably the most tightly contested play we've had in years. Five players were within five dollars in the POTY race going into the Club Championship.

Every weekend the standings would change. John Balsley was in the lead, then Jim Perko. Larry Lopez made a major move up the leaderboard with his Medalist honors in the Club Championship. Predicting a winner was impossible since only a player's best ten scores count in the POTY leaderboard. Therefore, not taking any chances, one player decided to "run the table". He won Medalist in the first flight of the Club Championship, then he won his first and second matches. During the finals, the match went to the 18th hole, but this player, demonstrating why he was the top winner in the Summer's Thursday Match Play events, prevailed for another one-up finish. If he had lost this match, Jim Perko would have been POTY. A hearty congratulations to **John Szarka**, our 2010 Player of the Year!

2010 Final POTY Leaderboard

1	John Szarka	\$410
2	Jim Perko	395
3	Jay Dameron	365
4	John Balsley	360
5	Chuck Richmond	310
6	Larry Lopez	275
7	Yongsheng Yang	260
8	Bob Heihn	242
9	Dale Wilson	240
10	Rich Brennan	235

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

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

November 20, 2010 Turkey Shoot, Sunnyvale

Cost: \$55, no cart
 Director: John Szarka
 Phone: (831) 636-1408
 Field Size: 72
 First Tee Time: 8:00 am
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Blue
 Driving Range: No
 Cut-off Date: November 10

December 4, 2010 Rancho Canada (West)

Cost: \$57, no cart
 Director: Jim Perko
 Phone: (408) 739-1159
 Field Size: 28
 First Tee Time: 9:00 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off Date: November 24

December 11, 2010 Bayonet

Cost: \$85, with cart
 Director: Les Cheong
 Phone: (408) 396-6902
 Field Size: 28
 First Tee Time: 8:30 am
 Format: Point Par
 Tees: Split
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off Date: November 26

This annual event always brings out the largest field of the entire year. And why not? Good golf, camaraderie, and a chance to be the hero at home by bringing home the Thanksgiving turkey. The lowest net score in your foursome automatically wins a turkey. However, if you're not that lucky individual, don't leave early, as all other players will have their name placed in the "Low Net" pool – an alternate chance to have your name drawn out to win a bird. This event is always fun and provides a great opportunity to hang out with players you may not have played with during the year.

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

The tree-lined fairways and angled doglegs will force you to think carefully rather than just crushing your drive on every hole. This course has some of the narrowest fairways we play all year. The second hole forces you to thread the needle on your second shot, while 10, 12 and 15 all are 30 yards across at their widest. You MUST drive it straight. The greens here are smooth and running 10 - 11 on the stimp meter. The icing on the cake: Carmel Valley can be beautiful this time of year.

White tees: Rating: 69.2
 Slope: 119 Yards: 6,116

Blue tees: Rating: 70.5
 Slope: 124 Yards: 6,349

The course designer of this PGA-caliber track was General Robert McClure. A former stop on the early days of the Bing Crosby Clam Bake, the recently re-designed Bayonet course is as tough as any on the Monterey Peninsula. It is long with fast greens. Be prepared to be humbled here. The tight fairways and small greens will test every shot you have. Net par or 36 points here is an excellent round and something to strive for.

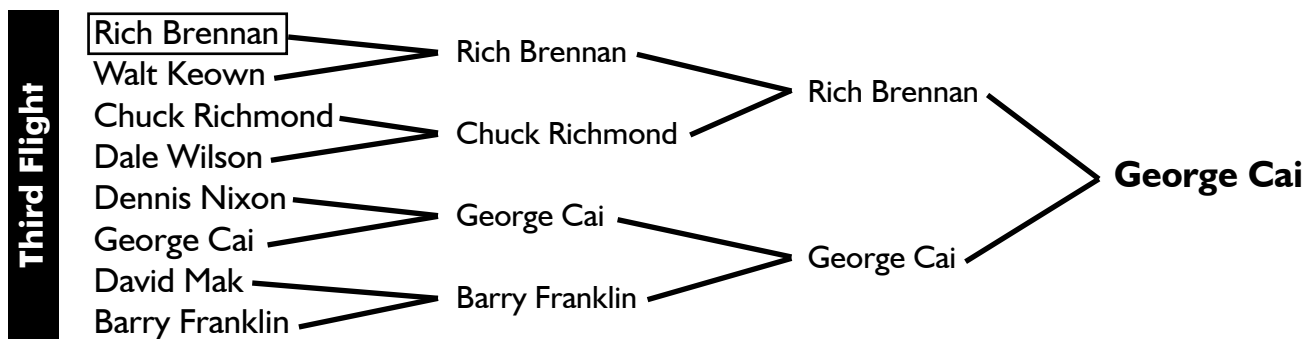
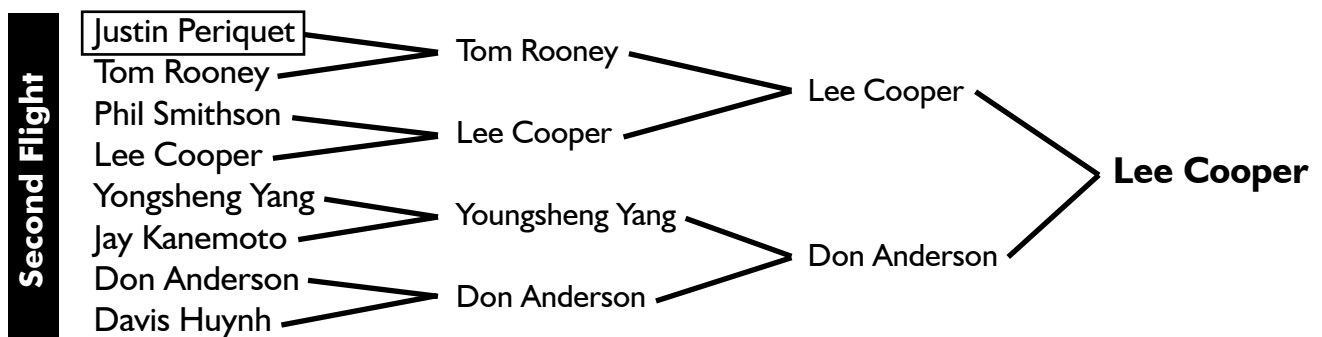
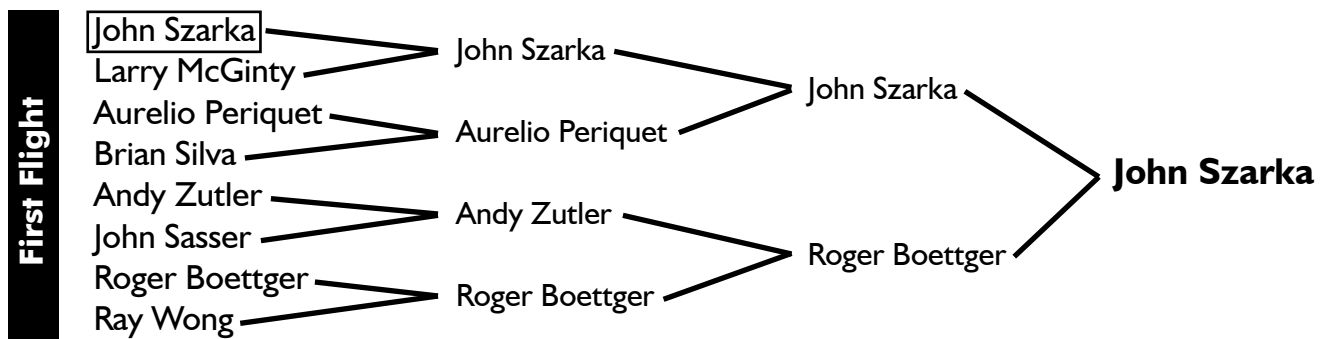
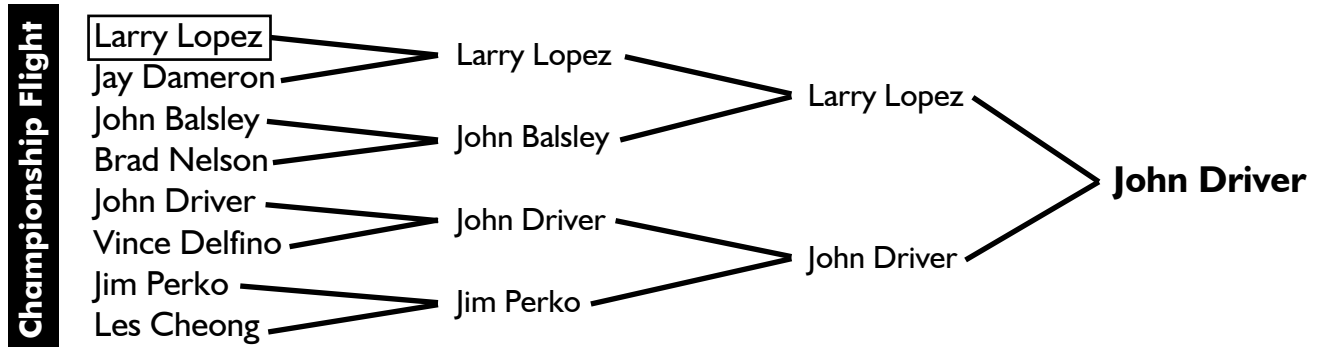
Dress warmly. It may be very cool, especially if the fog rolls in.

White tees: Rating: 71.3
 Slope: 133 Yards: 6,318

Blue tees: Rating: 73.4
 Slope: 135 Yards: 6,771

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

SMGC Club Championship Results - Tournament Concluded September 25



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Tournament Results are continued on page four.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Diablo Grande October 2, 2010

40 pts	Chuck Richmond	\$40
36	John Szarka	30
35	Rich Brennan	10
35	John Denevan	10
35	Dennis Nixon	10

Lake Chabot October 9, 2010

First Flight

33 pts	Yongsheng Yang	\$40
30	Brad Nelson	20
30	Jim Perko	20
30	Ray Wong	20

Second Flight

36 pts	Rich Brennan	\$35
36	Chuck Richmond	35
35	Davis Huynh	20
30	Tom Boydston	5
30	Don Deluzio	5
30	Barry Franklin	5

San Juan Oaks October 16, 2010

First Flight

38 pts	Dave Olivo	\$30
38	Brett Attard	30
38	Jay Dameron	30
37	Yongsheng Yang	10

Second Flight

39 pts	Stephen Lam	\$40
37	Chuck Richmond	25
37	Phil Smithson	25
36	Ron Valenzuela	10

San Jose Muni October 23, 2010

64 net	Chuck Richmond	\$35
64	Dale Wilson	35
66	Ed Biaggi	20
68	Steve Cope	10

Um, Chuck, what are you eating for breakfast lately? Wheaties? Wheatgrass shots? You're on fire this month!