



SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2010

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP UPDATE

The Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club annual Club Championship dinner will be Saturday, September 25, at David's Restaurant at the Santa Clara Golf Course. Cocktails at will be available at 6:30 pm (cash bar), and dinner will be at 7:30 pm. The awards for the Club Championship and our Player of the Year will be given at that time. Our annual raffle will be held too. We have a lot of great golf prizes waiting for a new home. If you have any golf-related prizes that you would like to donate to the raffle, please see any SMGC board member before Saturday. All proceeds go to the SMGC general fund to help run your organization and its tournaments throughout the year.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Have you renewed your Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club Membership yet? Yes? Oh, good. If you didn't say, "Yes," please note that your SMGC dues must be received by October 15. Dues received after this date will incur a late fee. The cost is now \$135, (still, a mere pittance for such a great club) and renewing with the club will automatically renew your membership with the NCGA as well. You must renew in order to play in future tournaments. Renewal forms are on the web at www.smgc.us/news/renewal2011.pdf. Alternatively, you may use the form that came with the August newsletter.

Ben Magana Hits Hole-In-One!

Congratulations
Ben Magana on
your hole-in-one on the
157-yard 8th hole at
Palo Alto Golf Course on
Wednesday, July 21 with a
6-iron. Yea, Ben!

ELECTIONS

At the SMGC General Meeting held at Sunnyvale Golf Course on September 18, nominations for three officers were submitted, and a 2011 dues increase from \$125 to \$135 was presented and approved. The officers re-nominated for the 2011 season were Jim Perko – Tournament Chairman, Bob Heihn – Secretary, and John Balsley – Treasurer. At the October General Meeting we will have the official vote to finalize these positions. Please plan to attend this important meeting at the Lookout on October 21 at 7:00 pm.

NCGA SENIOR QUALIFIER

On September 7 and 8 the teams of Lee Cooper – Jim Perko, and Zuhair Bokharey – John Szarka shot a two day total of -4 at the windswept and damp Poppy Ridge layout. Congratulations guys on a great showing! You did the SMGC proud. The winning score was from Madera Municipal Golf Course at -13.

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

October 23 San Jose Muni

Cost:	\$69, with cart
Director:	Bob Heihn
Phone:	408-557-8653
Field Size:	28
First Tee Time:	11:00 am
Format:	Low Net
Tees:	Gold
Driving Range:	No
Cut-off Date:	October 9

San Jose Muni is a local, flat layout where the SMGC loves to play. Designed in 1968 by Robert Muir Graves, some of his other works include The Villages in San Jose, Blue Rock Springs East, Franklin Canyon and Chalk Mountain. One of the reasons is that it is quite forgiving and therefore you can really score low here. The greens are unpredictable and the conditions are consistently good. Come early to warm up on the double-decker driving range and also enjoy the great chipping, bunker, and putting area. You could easily spend a half day here practicing and forget that you really came to play golf.

Gold Tees: Rating: 71.8
Slope: 119 Yards: 6700

October 30 Swenson Park

Cost:	\$47, 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:	October 22

Swenson Park is a hidden gem in Stockton that is very affordable and walkable. Although it is flat, the tree-lined fairways and angled doglegs will force you to think carefully rather than just crushing your drive on every hole. Many of the greens have some hard-to-read slopes that could surprise you on your approach shots and putts. You won't find too many golf courses like this that are fun to play and at such a low price. The weather is bound to be great, but watch out for the Central Valley wind.

Blue Tees: Rating: 70.6
Slope: 115 Yards: 6,703

White Tees: Rating: 69.4
Slope: 111 Yards: 6,431

November 6 Shadow Lakes

Cost:	\$57, with cart
Director:	John Balsley
Phone:	650-678-2191
Field Size:	28
First Tee Time:	9:00 am
Format:	Point Par
Tees:	Split
Driving Range:	Yes
Cut-off Date:	October 23

This beautiful and well-maintained course in Brentwood is a wonderful track. It is not excessively long, but when the wind whips up, it can play well over 7,000 yards. The fairways are fairly wide, but hilly. Most of the holes either go straight up the hill or down the hill, so you'll hit a great variety of shots throughout the day. Watch out for false fronts on some of the holes such as the uphill par 4, 12th hole. If you land it there, be prepared to watch your ball roll back for a 50-yard pitch back up to the green.

Gold Tees: Rating: 70.5
Slope: 134 Yards: 6,327

Silver Tees: Rating: 68.9
Slope: 128 Yards: 5,962

**FUTURE TOURNAMENTS,
CONTINUED**

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

**November 13
Pacific Grove**

Cost: \$62, no cart
 Director: Les Cheong
 Phone: 408-396-6902
 Field Size: 28
 First Tee Time: 9:02 am
 Format: Low Net
 Tees: Blue
 Driving Range: Yes
 Cut-off Date: November 3

Ah, beautiful Pacific Grove Golf Links. What more can be said? It is less than 6,000 yards from the tips, but each shot on the back nine will be memorable. The price is one of the best you will find in the Monterey Peninsula for a golf track. If we're lucky, we may see 15-foot waves crashing on the surf. Give yourself time either before or after the round to have a meal in downtown Pacific Grove. There are some good restaurants there in addition to fun shops to explore.

Blue Tees: Rating: 67.6
 Slope: 116 Yards: 5,732

**Deer Ridge
July 31, 2010**

First Flight

38 pts Jay Dameron \$40
 37 Matt Wassmer 30
 35 John Denevan 10
 35 Larry Lopez 10

Second Flight

44 pts Barry Franklin \$40
 36 Dan Chase 25
 36 Dennis Nixon 25

**Spring Hills
August 7, 2010**

First Flight

38 pts Andy Zutler \$40
 36 Jay Dameron 30

Second Flight

37 pts Davis Huynh \$40
 33 Chuck Richmond 30

**Franklin Canyon
August 14, 2010**

First Flight

43 pts John Szarka \$40
 38 Jay Kearney 30
 34 John Balsley 20
 33 Brian Silva 5
 33 John Pantazy 5

Second Flight

41 pts Don Diluzio \$40
 35 Jay Kanemoto 30
 33 Walt Keown 20
 30 Tom Boydston 2
 30 Rob Hartmann 2
 30 Dale Wilson 2
 30 Barry Franklin 2

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TOURNAMENT RESULTS, CONT.

Napa Kennedy August 21, 2010

40 pts	Walter Parubrub	\$40
36	Jay Dameron	25
36	Yongsheng Yang	25
35	Andy Zutler	10
35	John Balsley	10
35	Dale Wilson	10

Micke Grove August 28, 2010

39 pts	Dale Wilson	\$40
38	John Sasser	30
35	Ray Wong	20
34	Rick Colen	10

FREE REPLAYS!

Sept. 1, 2010 - Feb. 28, 2011

At both Sunnyvale Municipal and Sunken Gardens golf courses, golf customers are normally limited to one round per paid green fee. This discount program, good until February 28, 2011, will allow golfers to unlimited golf all day, space available, for the price of one standard fee.

THE BEST BALL FOR YOUR GAME

The right golf ball for your style of play can make a huge difference in your game. There have been tomes written on the importance of golf ball choice, but we'll just provide few notes by Jack Moorehouse.

It is important to make sure you select your best ball type by evaluating them from the green backwards - a method that is in step with modern golf ball technology. After assessing your game style and defining your needs, consider what you want from a ball. Do you need distance, or more control? Choose based on the skills you have now, not those you hope to have. Also, course conditions could impact ball choice.

Next, test a few ball types based on what you can comfortably afford. Consider multilayered, two-piece, super soft, and low compression varieties. Test from various points of play, beginning with the fringe. Take the test balls to the fringe of the green and hit some chip shots and pitch shots, and observe the results. See which balls hit the green and 'check' and which hit the green and release. Then, hit some putts and sand-shots and observe performances. In general, the multilayer balls will feel softer, fly a bit low, and stop or check more on the green than their two-piece counterparts. Super-soft balls will roll the farthest with the least amount of spin after hitting the ground.

Now, test from the fairway. Take the balls and move out into the fairway to the 100-yard marker. Test each ball from that point and observe each ball's checking and releasing characteristics after it hits the green. Do the same test from the 150-yard marker.

Lastly, test balls from the tee box. Hit the balls with your driver. Look for drives that reach their apex or highest point quickly and then level out and carry far down range. What you don't want to see are drives that start low and then shoot up like a jet plane taking off. Such shots indicate that the driver has added too much spin to the ball, resulting in shorter drives that hook or slice more.

With this data, base your decision on combination of performance qualities that are the most meaningful to you. For example, golfers who base their iron play on shots that hit and bite close to where they land will probably prefer a multilayer ball, even if it means sacrificing a little trajectory and distance. If the ball you choose doesn't feel right after selecting it, try another. Give each ball a fair trail.

Check out these sites for more help and data:

<http://www.mygolfclubreviews.com> - click on the "balls" link on the top right corner.

<http://www.thegolfchannel.com/equipment-insider/throwing-fast-balls-39201/>