



# SUNNYVALE MEN'S GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

January 2012

## 2011-2012 POTY STANDINGS AS OF JANUARY 13, 2012

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| 1 John Balsley        | \$185.00 |
| 2 Tom Lechnar         | \$180.00 |
| 3 Ray Wong            | \$110.00 |
| 4 (tie) Dick Dalton   | \$100.00 |
| 4 (tie) Dennis Nixon  | \$100.00 |
| 6 (tie) Tom Boydston  | \$95.00  |
| 6 (tie) John Szarka   | \$95.00  |
| 8 (tie) Bob Heihn     | \$80.00  |
| 8 (tie) Phil Smithson | \$80.00  |
| 8 (tie) Andy Zutler   | \$80.00  |

### Recruit a new member and get \$25

We would like to encourage any member to bring in a friend as a new member. If you can sign up a new member before March 1 we will give you a gift certificate from Sunnyvale for \$25 dollars. Make sure that your friend mentions your name as a reference on his application.

### Several new members this month.

James H Rogers Jr brought in by Dave Olivo  
Mathew Brailey brought in by Neil McCarthy  
Brian Helm from San Carlos  
Mark Leininger from Burlingame

## In Loving Memory, he will truly be Missed



Don Anderson, 75, a loved and active member of the Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club, passed away at home on January 4, 2012 after a long fight with cancer. I shall miss his special Arkansas greeting call of "Hi Partner" whenever he met anyone. In spite of the advance of his disease, Don still managed to play with the guys on Wednesdays and weekends until the time of his death. "Just wanted to be with the guys", he said. Don was a great husband, father, grandfather, and golf buddy. He was a hard working plumber by trade and worked extremely hard throughout his life. It should be noted that he had just finished a job on Saturday, a couple of days before he died. He said "he was going to work until he died" and he did just that! He was a guy that literally would give the shirt off his back to anyone. A kinder, gentler man like Don would be hard to find anywhere. Members of SMGC would like to extend our condolences to his family on their loss. Don thanks for the memories. We shall miss you..... PARTNER!

### Your board of directors

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| President -        | Jay Dameron  |
| Vice Pres -        | Jim Perko    |
| Secretary -        | Bob Heihn    |
| Treasurer -        | John Balsley |
| Tournament Chair - | Andy Zutler  |
| Handicap Chair -   | John Szarka  |

# TOURNAMENT RESULTS

## Sunol Palm 1/7/2012

### Results: Point Par

|                    | Pts | Certs |
|--------------------|-----|-------|
| First Flight       |     |       |
| 1st Michael Roscoe | 38  | \$40  |
| 2nd Dick Dalton    | 37  | \$30  |
| 3rd Ray Wong       | 35  | \$20  |
| 4th Andy Zutler    | 34  | \$10  |

|                       | Pts | Certs |
|-----------------------|-----|-------|
| Second Flight         |     |       |
| 1st Bob Heihn         | 43  | \$40  |
| 2nd Tom Boydston      | 38  | \$30  |
| 3rd tie Daniel Marble | 34  | \$15  |
| 3rd tie Mike Burns    | 34  | \$15  |

Skins Results - 16 players went after nine skins

|              | Holes          |      |
|--------------|----------------|------|
| Les Cheong   | Birds - 11, 17 | \$34 |
| John Szarka  | Bird - 6       | \$17 |
| Andy Zutler  | Bird - 12      | \$17 |
| Jay Dameron  | Birds - 1, 10  | \$34 |
| John Balsley | Birds - 2, 15  | \$51 |
|              | Eagle - 3      |      |

## Sunnyvale 2 man 1/14/2012

### Net Certs

|                |    |    |
|----------------|----|----|
| 1 Team 11      | 61 |    |
| Richard Dalton |    | 40 |
| Brad J Nelson  |    | 40 |

|                   |    |    |
|-------------------|----|----|
| 2 Team 6          | 62 |    |
| Thomas Lechnar    |    | 30 |
| Loren Dale Wilson |    | 30 |

|              |    |    |
|--------------|----|----|
| 3 Team 13    | 63 |    |
| Tom Boydston |    | 20 |
| Brian Silva  |    | 20 |

|             |    |   |
|-------------|----|---|
| T4 Team 2   | 66 |   |
| Larry Lopez |    | 5 |
| Jay Dameron |    | 5 |

|                   |    |   |
|-------------------|----|---|
| T4 Team 9         | 66 |   |
| Dave Olivo        |    | 5 |
| James H Rogers Jr |    | 5 |

Skins \$42 each

|              |      |    |
|--------------|------|----|
| Larry Lopez  | Bird | 5  |
| John Balsley | Bird | 6  |
| Brad Nelson  | Bird | 10 |
| Brett Attard | Bird | 11 |



### For Sale:

Sun mountain cart. Older model still in very good condition. Only used a couple hundred rounds but still has many good rounds left in it.

\$50.

Call or Email Andy 510 797 5134

If you have something you need to sell then please send the information to me and I will put it into the next newsletter.

# FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

## Feb 11 – Sunnyvale Muni / NCGA South Bay Zone

Cost \$170/team  
2 Man Best Ball

Director: John Szarka  
(831-636-1408)

First Tee time 8am  
Blue tees

Max # of players 48

Cut-off-date 02/01/12

In addition to a regular event, this will serve as the first qualifying event to determine the four players to represent the SMGC in the NCGA South Bay Zone competition. The top ten (10) two man teams plus ties will advance to stage two of qualifying at Laguna Seca. Dates for that stage are TBD. From Laguna Seca, two teams advance to Regionals at Poppy Hills and Quail Lodge. If you are fortunate to make it past this stage, the Zone Championships are August 27 and 28 at Poppy Hills and Spyglass Hill. Play will be at 90% of your course handicap. The maximum index allowed for the competition is 18.4. Anyone above that will be reduced to 18.4.

Blue Tees:  
6,255 yds 70.2/118

## February -18 Pacific Grove

Cost per player: \$63 no cart.  
Point Par

Director: Jay Dameron  
(408-712-0227)

First starting time is 9:34am  
Split tees

Max # of players: 28

Cut-off date: 02/08/12

A journey back to the Monterey Peninsula for an SMGC favorite course, co-designed in the 1920's by a Jack Neville. His other works include Pebble Beach. This is the poor man's Pebble. Though not at all in the same category, the similarities are worth trip. Morning fog and sea mist require you take more club extra club for your shots. The greens are as small as Pebble but not as quick. The rye and Bermuda grass make the pitch and run shot doubly difficult. After your round, enjoy lunch in the newly renovated restaurant. They serve a great burger.

Blue Tees  
5732 yds 67.6 / 116



## February 25 Summitpointe

Cost per player \$58 w/cart  
Point Par

Director: Bob Heihn  
(408-557-8653)

First starting time is 9am  
Split tees

Maximum # players 24

Cut-off date 2/15/12

Summitpointe is a definitive "local knowledge" course. Unpredictable caroms are the rule on a quirky layout shoehorned in amongst steep hillsides. The property rises about 300 feet above I-680, and excellent views of Silicon Valley are offered from the first few holes. The course's best stretch of holes are laced through a grassy canyon, starting at #11 and continuing up to the fabulous par 3 16th. COURSE'S BEST: #16 Par 3 199/178/122 yds. From a tee box elevated some sixty feet above the putting surface, you can see most of the green, but little of the danger posed by a reed-filled pond which protects the front and left side of the target.

Blue Tees  
6329 yds 71.3 / 133  
White Tees  
6061 yds 70.1 / 131

# FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

## March 3 – Lake Chabot

Cost per player \$63 w/cart  
Point Par

Director; Jim Perko  
(408-739-1159)

First starting time is 10 am,  
Split Tees

Maximum # players 24

Cut-off date 2/22/12

The Lake Chabot Golf Course is one of three municipal golf courses in the City of Oakland. It was established in 1923 and is located in the Oakland Hills with stunning panoramic views of the City of Oakland, Bay Bridge and Lake Chabot Regional Park. It was originally designed by William Lock then redesigned in 1989 by Robert Muir Graves. Comprehensive re-seeding, fertilization and improved irrigation have significantly improved course conditioning and playability, while a complete remodeling of the property's historic Spanish-style clubhouse - including an upgrade to the Chabot Café and enhanced banquet and catering capabilities - make it the ideal location for settling your bets after the round.

Blue Tees

5976 yds 69.5 / 124

White Tee

5675 yds 67.6 / 118

## March 10 – Manteca

Cost per player \$43 no cart  
Point Par

Director John Balsley  
(650-678-2191)

First starting time is 9:30 am,  
Split Tees

Maximum # players 24

Cut-off date 3/1/12

The 18-hole "Manteca Park" course at the Manteca Park Golf Course facility in Manteca, California features 6,466 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 72. The course rating is 70.7 and it has a slope rating of 119 on Bermuda grass. Designed by Jack Fleming, the Manteca Park golf course opened in 1966. The Restaurant serves an excellent breakfast or for lunch the Tri-Tip sandwich is always a favorite!

Blue Tees

6478 yds 71.6 / 126

White Tees

6131 yds 70.1 / 121

## Rules corner

### Q:

A player begins his downswing with the intention of striking the ball but decides during the downswing not to strike the ball. The player is unable to stop the club before it reaches the ball, but he is able to swing intentionally over the top of the ball. Is the player deemed to have made a stroke?

### A:

No. The player is considered to have checked his downswing voluntarily by altering the path of his downswing and missing the ball even though the swing carried the clubhead beyond the ball.

If the player had not successfully checked his downswing (i.e., he had struck the ball), he is considered to have made a stroke.

Any doubt regarding the player's intent must be resolved against the player. (Revised)

### Q:

A player putts with a golf ball held in his left hand against the grip. He claims the pressure transmitted to the grip through the ball assists him in putting. Is such use of a ball permissible?

### A:

No. The player is using equipment in an unusual manner to assist him in making a stroke and is in breach of Rule 14-3. (Revised)

## Presidents Cup Results December 17 2011

Winner overall low net John Szarka \* 68 TROPHY \* WON MATCH OF CARDS

Winner overall low gross John Balsley \* 75 TROPHY \* WON MATCH OF CARDS

Winner Presidents Flight Bob Heihn 68 TROPHY

First flight low net winner Jim Perko 69 TROPHY

Second flight low net winner Neil McCarthy 70 TROPHY WON MATCH OF CARDS

Third flight low net winner Larry McGinty 73 TROPHY



**Presidents cup winner John Szarka**



**First flight low net winner Jim Perko**



**Bob Heihn presidents flight gross winner and John Balsley low gross winner**



**Neil McCarthy Second flight low net winner**



**Third flight low net winner Larry McGinty**