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The President's Corner by Tim Pasek

With the approach of several NCGA qualifiers, we're entering the heart of our tournament schedule. By the time you read this, we'll have already identified the 2-man team who will represent us at the NCGA 4-Ball sectionals in June. In April, we'll be holding our qualifier for the NCGA Senior 4-Ball, and in June, we'll hold our qualifier for the NCGA Net Amateur. In addition to these Club events, there are a variety of non-Club competitions (scratch and handicapped) which the NCGA conducts during the year. Check your Blue book (page 116) for information on how to enter (or on-line at www.ncga.org/calendar.htm).

Speaking of tournaments, we're holding our Poppy Hills event earlier than usual this year: Wednesday May 25th. However, because we must submit payment 30 days prior, the deadline for entering is April 16th. You'll find the entry form in this newsletter, or on-line at www.stmgc.com/Tournaments/2005/05.25.entry.htm; enter early, and avoid missing the deadline.

Those players who love Match Play should get ample opportunity during the summer months. In addition to our Club Championship in August, STMGC is again entered into the NCGA's Team Match Play competition (www.ncga.org/tourneys/teamrule.htm). In a series of 6 home-and-home matches with area clubs, we pit 12 of our players against 12 opponents in Four-ball and individual

matches. Alan Hargreaves is again our Captain, and you'll be hearing from him later this Spring. For more information, see our website (www.stmgc.com/MatchPlay/2005/schedule.htm). Note: you can participate in fewer than 6 Team Matches, if that's all that your schedule allows.

Participants in the last 2 tournament may have noticed a large clock stationed on the 1st tee, and beside the 18th green. The Board feels the clock will serve 3 purposes:

- By using the same clock to record our starting/ending times on our scorecards, we'll more accurately be able to gauge our tee-time intervals on the 1st tee and our total elapsed times.
- The clock should serve as a reminder to all groups that our target elapsed time for a round of golf is 4 hours and 30 minutes.
- The clock will demonstrate to the Golf Course that we consider pace-of-play to be a high priority.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the on-line survey in January. We got a lot of useful suggestions on how to improve participation in our tournaments (see the raw data at www.stmgc.com/SurveyResults.htm). Stan Yamada talks about our preliminary analysis on page 3.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Richard Angevine Wally Gordon
 Steve Crocker John Leat
 Dan Cullinan Mark Palmatier
 Scott Curry Alex Rojas
 Steve DeJung

NCGA Activities

Tom Huckaby Wins at Poppy Ridge

Tom Huckaby won the Gross division of the NCGA Committeemen's competition at Poppy Ridge. Check out his picture in the Winter 2005 NCGA blue book, page 36.

Team Match Play

The Santa Teresa Mens Golf Club has entered the NCGA team match play tournament for 2005. A maximum of 6 matches will be played against other clubs in the area. If you are interested in participating please contract the team captain, Alan Hargreaves at alan@all-seasons-golf.com or phone 408-205-0836.



BIG WINNERS

Sept 1, 2004 through
 March 31, 2005

	Place	CtoP	Acc	LowGr	Total
Don Erba	\$178	\$60	\$40		\$278
Benji Noto	\$143	\$80		\$20	\$243
Tim Pasek	\$133	\$60		\$20	\$213
Frank Raab	\$146	\$20			\$166
Lavelle Gibson	\$118	\$40			\$158
John Roberts	\$150				\$150
James Lewin	\$140				\$140
Regan Cole	\$90	\$20	\$20		\$130
Steve Tseng	\$101	\$20			\$121
Bobby Peabody	\$120				\$120

NCGA Membership and Handicap Management

Beginning in the second quarter of this year, several changes will be made to the NCGA handicapping procedure. From June 2005, posted scores will be downloaded on the last day of the month. Previously, the download was 5 to 6 days prior to the end of the month to accommodate the printing of the handicap record stickers. The stickers will not be provided after April 1st. However, you will be able print a copy of the sticker from the NCGA website at www.ncga.org. A significant advantage of the new system is that you will be able to view your current handicap index via the computer screen at all NCGA golf courses. You will still have the option of receiving an automatic e-mail revision report. If you haven't signed up for this feature, you may do so at the NCGA website.

Most Improved Golfer



As of March 1, 2005, the following members have improved the most since September 1, 2004.

		Start	Now
1	Eric Simonsen	12.5	9.4
2	Chon Gallegos	3.8	2.3
3	Robert Peabody	7.9	6.2
4	Frank Raab	8.5	6.7
5	Chris Dieninger	15.8	13.6
6	Shawn Ruddell	8.8	7.2
7	David Mignano	21.3	18.7
8	Richard Lee	27.0	24.3
9	Ben Scales	15.8	13.9
10	Joseph Lucito	31.9	29.5

NCGA Perpetual Membership Cards

As you may have noticed, there is no date on your new NCGA membership card. NCGA has notified us that cards will no longer be issued yearly, so take care of the one you have.

NCGA Tournament Players Program

The NCGA Tournament Players Program (TPP) has been improved and modified to allow remote utilization. We will be evaluating its features and easy of use for potential use for our Men's Club events. The TPP application program is expected to ship in May or June.

Upcoming NCGA Deadlines

Entries close for NCGA Public Links 4/6/05
 Team Match Play captains dinner 5/19 or 6/3/05

On-Line Survey Completed

The Board of Directors conducted a survey in January to attempt to determine how to reverse the trend of decreased participation in our tournaments. The survey was conducted through our website and 54 members participated. This represented about a third of our members with Internet access. The complete results are available on our website.

The survey showed that the overwhelming factor determining tournament participation is the member's personal schedule. The next closest factor that respondents stated as a reason not to enter a tournament is Pace of Play.

The survey also measured other aspects of tournament play such as Tournament Format, Awards, and Prize Fund Contribution. The Board will use the results to guide it in planning our tournament schedule and policies.

One result will be to schedule more Individual scoring events, as opposed to team events. The survey also showed that many members would like to see the prize fund contribution increased to create larger prizes, however a significant minority would not like to see any increase. The Board feels that optional competitions may satisfy both groups. An excellent example is the Skins Game contest that is held in conjunction with our tournaments. Participation is voluntary and provides an additional competition for those seeking it. The Board will continue to investigate similar competitive vehicles.

Many write-in comments were received with the survey and they are listed with the survey results, sans identification. It is disconcerting that some of the comments show a lack of knowledge of some of the Club's procedures and programs. Some of these comments will be addressed below.

Comment: (The club) should have a first paid to be first off on tee time.

Explanation: This is exactly the procedure that is in place.

Comment: Increase pace of play by placing 1 or 2 more minutes between tee times.

Explanation: The Board has discussed this with course management, but tee time intervals will not be adjusted.

Comment: Improve Pace of Play by giving chronically slow players the later tee times.

Explanation: A procedure is in place to address chronically slow players, but it can only be enacted if members lodge a complaint with the Tournament Chairmen and identify these players. In four years since the policy was enacted, only two complaints have been lodged. It's up to the members to self-police ourselves and solve this problem.

Comment: Get some more early tee times... The club should get the very first tee time the whole year... Earlier tee times in the summer.

Explanation: The club is limited to a fixed number of 8 AM start times per year. During the summer, the Club must adhere to the same course policy as outside groups and is not allowed start times before 11 AM.

Rules of the Game

Official "Winter Rules" for STMGC tournaments were published and distributed at the February tournament. For those of you that did not compete, the rules are as follows:

Winter Rules for STMGC Tournaments

When the Tournament Chairman invokes Winter Rules for an STMGC tournament, the following conditions apply:

1. To be eligible for relief, the ball must lie on a closely-mown area* of the hole being played.
2. The ball may, without penalty, be marked, lifted, cleaned and placed within six(6) inches of where it originally lay, but not nearer the hole. It must be placed on a closely-mown area.
- 3 A player may place his ball only once per stroke, after which the ball is in play.

* A "closely-mown area" is any area that is mowed to fairway height or less. **Limited to:** fairway, fringe, teeing areas and paths mown in the rough.

Golf is deceptively simple and endlessly complicated; it satisfies the soul and frustrates the intellect. It is at the same time rewarding and maddening -- and it is without doubt the greatest game mankind has ever invented.

-- Arnold Plamer

SANTA TERESA MEN'S GOLF CLUB
Individual Net Tournament
December 11, 2004

1st Flight				2nd Flight				3rd Flight			
<u>Team</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Prize /Man</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Prize /Man</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Prize /Man</u>
Benj Noto	66	1	\$ 55.00	Eric Simonsen	67	1	\$ 55.00	John Roberts	70	1	\$55.00
Robert Peabody	69	2	\$ 40.00	Peter Scaramuzzi	68	2	\$ 40.00	Joseph Tarrantino	72	2	\$40.00
Steve Lapointe	70	3	\$ 33.00	Marcus Rodriguez	70	3	\$ 35.00	William Dinette	74	3	\$35.00
Frank Raab	70	3	\$ 33.00	Ron Fellows	72	4	\$ 30.00	Alan Hargreaves	75	4	\$30.00
Rick Hilton	72	5	\$ 25.00	Sterling Matsui	73	5	\$ 25.00	David Mignano	76	5	\$23.00
Tim Pasek	74	6	\$ 20.00	George Lin	74	6	\$ 20.00	Stefan Winer	76	6	\$23.00
Don Erba	74	6	\$ 20.00	Regan Cole	75	7	\$ 20.00	Floyd Okada	77	7	\$20.00
Stan Yamada	75	8		Steve Tseng	75	7		Bobby Yother	78	8	
Teddie Coutts	75	8		John King	76	9		Alan Depew	78	9	
Sean Simonsen	75	8		Duane Hopkins	76	9		Chad Wong	80	10	
Stephen Massicotte	76	11		Sam Chen	76	9		Richard Lee	80	11	
Sam Yamada	77	12		James Lewin	77	12		Ivor Durham	81	12	
Nelson Mcbride	77	12		Dave Edgren	77	12		Henry Bielefeld	82	13	
Issac Uht	78	14		Lavelle Gibson	78	14		John Melton	84	14	
Tom Huckaby	80	15		Terry Wigness	79	15		Mark Mignano	87	15	
Rob Cuffia	80	15		Ariel Corpus	79	15		Mike Nguyen	93	16	
Scott Allen	80	15		Robert Patyk	81	17		George Szymkiewicz	96	17	
Tony Yee	85	18		Steve Kister	84	18					
Tony Caccamo	107	19									

<u>Closest to Pin</u>	<u>Hole</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Driving Accuracy</u>	<u>Prize</u>
Teddie Coutts	5	\$ 20.00	4' 0"	Steve Lapointe	\$ 20.00
Teddie Coutts	7	\$ 20.00	15' 9½"		
Benji Noto	14	\$ 20.00	7' 2"	<u>Low Gross</u>	<u>Score</u>
Rick Hilton	16	\$ 20.00	8" 3½"	Benji Noto	72
					<u>Prize</u>
					\$ 20.00

SANTA TERESA MEN'S GOLF CLUB
Modified Stableford
January 15, 2005

1st Flight				2nd Flight				3rd Flight			
<u>Team</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Prize /Man</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Prize /Man</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Prize /Man</u>
Marshall Smith	11	1	\$ 60.00	Duane Hopkins	13	1	\$ 60.00	Mike Nguyen	10	1	\$ 60.00
Benj Noto	10	2	\$ 45.00	W Scheide	7	2	\$ 40.00	Scott Johnson	8	2	\$ 45.00
Mark Klemczak	4	3	\$ 30.00	Ariel Corpus	7	2	\$ 40.00	Alan Hargreaves	7	3	\$ 33.00
Tim Pasek	4	3	\$ 30.00	George Lin	6	4	\$ 30.00	William Dinette	7	3	\$ 33.00
Robert Peabody	4	3	\$ 30.00	Sterling Matsui	2	5	\$ 25.00	Terry Wigness	4	5	\$ 25.00
Bill Dougher	3	6	\$ 23.00	Steve Tseng	0	6	\$ 23.00	Stefan Winer	3	6	\$ 25.00
Nelson Mcbride	3	6	\$ 23.00	Lavelle Gibson	0	6	\$ 23.00	Stefan Peck	2	7	\$ 20.00
Frank Raab	2	8		Marcus Rodriguez	-1	8		Mark Mignano	-2	7	
Rick Hilton	0	9		Steve Kister	-2	9		Frank Correa	-4	9	
Scott Allen	-1	10		Dave Edgren	-2	9		David Mignano	-7	10	
Stan Yamada	-3	11		James Lewin	-2	9		Henry Bielefeld	-8	11	
Mike Costanzo	-4	12		Robert Patyk	-3	12		Joseph Tarantino	-9	12	
Issac Uht	-5	13		Eric Simonsen	-4	13		Ron Pasek	-10	13	
Don Erba	-5	13		John King	-6	14		George Arzate	-11	14	
Steve Lapointe	-6	15		Tom Morse	-7	15		Tony Caccamo	-12	15	
Paul Boswell	-7	16		Peter Scaramuzzi	-8	16		Steven Song	-12	15	
Glen Mccoon	-10	17		John Roberts	-11	17		Richard Lee	-16	17	
Tony Yee	-13	18		Sam Chen	-11	17		Joseph Lucito	-20	18	
Billy Charlton	-18	19		Doug Webenbauer	-14	19		Ivor Durham	-23	19	

<u>Closest to Pin</u>	<u>Hole</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Driving Accuracy</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Prize</u>
Tim Pasek	5	\$ 20.00	7' 10"	John King	3' 6"	\$ 20.00
Benj Noto	7	\$ 20.00	18' 3½"			
Ivor Durham	14	\$ 20.00	2' 5¼"			
Tim Pasek	16	\$ 20.00	2' 10"			

SANTA TERESA MEN'S GOLF CLUB
Two-Man Net Better Ball
February 19, 2005

1st Flight			Prize	2nd Flight			Prize
<u>Team</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>/Man</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>/Man</u>
Frank Raab & Don Erba	67	1	\$43.00	Robert Patyk & Lavelle Gibson	63	1	\$50.00
Benj Noto & Ron Fellows	67	2	\$43.00	Teddie Coutts & Sterling Matsui	64	2	\$35.00
Nelson McBride & Sam Yamada	69	3	\$30.00	Marcus Rodriguez & Peter Scaramuzzi	66	3	\$30.00
James Lewin & Regan Cole	69	4		Duane Hopkins & Frank Correa	67	4	
Steve Lapointe & Billy Charlton	70	5		William Dinette & Joseph Tarantino	68	5	
Rich Reisinger & Stefan Peck	71	6		Mark Mckoin & Stefan Winer	72	6	
Rick Hilton & John King	72	7		Bobby Yother & David Fitzgerald	76	7	
Stan Yamada & Eric Simonsen	73	8		Tony Caccamo & Henry Bielefeld	80	8	
Scott Allen & David Mignano	74	9					
Steve Crocker & Scott Curry	75	10					

Closest to Pin	Hole	Distance	Prize	Driving Accuracy	Prize
Bobby Yother	5	8' 9"	\$20.00	Don Erba	\$20.00
Teddie Coutts	7	15' 9½"	\$20.00		
Steve Lapointe	14	4' 7"	\$20.00		
Rich Reisinger	16	7' ½"	\$20.00		

Congratulations to Sterling Matsui and David Mignano

As winners of the NCGA Four-Ball Qualification tournament,
they will represent Santa Teresa Men's Golf Club at the Sectional Qualifier on June, 16 2005.

SANTA TERESA MEN'S GOLF CLUB
NCGA Four-Ball Qualification
March 19, 2005

1st Flight	Scores				Prize	Saturday Only				
	<u>Team</u>	<u>Sat</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>/Man</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Prize</u>
Sterling Matsui & David Mignano	62	66	128	1	\$0.00		James Lewin	75	1	\$35.00
Nelson McBride & Sam Yamada	64	65	129	2	\$55.00		Stefan Peck	76	2	
Tim Pasek & Sean Simonsen	63	67	130	3	\$45.00		Tom Morse	81	3	
Frank Raab & Don Erba	66	66	132	4	\$40.00					
Steve Tseng & Sam Chen	67	71	138	5	\$33.00		Closest to Pin	Hole	Distance	Prize
Stephen Massicotte & Scott Allen	67	71	138	5	\$33.00		Don Erba	5	7' 3"	\$20.00
Alan Hargreaves & Stefan Winer	67	73	140	7	\$25.00		Mark Klemczak	7	3' 11"	\$20.00
Steve Crocker & Scott Curry	67	WD	WD	8	-		Tim Pasek	14	4' 6½"	\$20.00
Peter Scaramuzzi & Marcus Rodriguez	68			9			Benji Noto	16	9' 5½"	\$20.00
Mark Klemczak & John Roberts	69			10						
Robert Patyk & Lavelle Gibson	69			10			Driving Accuracy	Distance	Prize	
Ariel Corpus & Mike Nguyen	69			10			Marcus Rodriguez			\$20.00
Teddie Coutts & Manuel Minhoto	70			13						
Stan Yamada & Eric Simonsen	71			14						
Regan Cole & Frank Correa	71			14						
Bill Scheide & Ira Eagle	72			16						
Benj Noto & Ron Fellows	72			16						
Tony Yee & Norman Chang	75			18						
William Dinette & Joseph Tarantino	78			19						
Steve Lapointe & Billy Charlton	78			19						
Wally Gordon & Mark Mignano	80			21						

2005 Tournament Schedule

January 15	8 am	Modified Stableford (Individual)
February 19	8 am	2-man Better Ball
March 19	8 am	Qualifier for NCGA Four-Ball (2-man Better Ball)
March 20	11 am	Low one-third of field, max 10 teams
April 16	11 am	Qualifier for NCGA Senior 2-man, plus 2-man Better Ball
May 14	11 am	Art Carr Championship (Individual)
May 15	11 am	One-third of the Field from Saturday
May 25	10 am	Poppy Hills Individual (Wednesday)
June 11	11 am	Qualifier for NCGA Net Amateur (Individual)
July 16	11 am	Member/Guest (2-man Better Ball)
August 13	11 am	Club Championship; Election of Officers
August 14	11 am	Quarter-finals
August 20	11 am	Semi-finals
August 21	11 am	Finals
September 7	10 am	Poppy Ridge Individual (Wednesday)
September 17	11 am	NCGA Zone Qualifier for 2006 (2-man Better Ball)
September 18	11 am	Low five teams from each flight
October 15	11 am	2-man Scramble
November 12	8 am	Turkey Shoot (Individual)
December 10	8 am	Individual Low Net

Laminated credit card size versions of the 2005 schedule are now available.

Ask the tournament chairman for one at the next tournament

What are the origins of the term "dormie?"

Historically, the term dormie is derived from the French/Latin cognate "dormir," meaning, "to sleep," suggesting that a player who is dormie can relax without fear of losing the match.

April 2005 2-Man Better Ball Tournament

Saturday April 16th - Starting time 11:00 AM

FORMAT: Flighted, 2-man Better Ball. Conditions of play vary, depending on flight:

(including Qualification for the NCGA Senior 4-Ball Net Championship)

Maximum 68 players. Entry Deadline: 4/9/2005. Entry fee is \$124 per team.

Flight #1 will consist of 2-man teams who are attempting to qualify for the NCGA Senior 4-Ball Net Championship; teams in this flight will compete under the following conditions (see the NCGA 2005 Blue Book for more information).

- Players must have reached their 55th birthday by September 26, 2005.
- Play will be at 90% of course handicap, using a maximum index of 18.4; players with indexes exceeding 18.4 may still play in Flight #1, but they will use an index of 18.4.
- If partner's course handicaps differ by more than 8 strokes, an additional 10% reduction will be applied to their course handicaps.
- In lieu of certificates, the qualifying team will have their entry fee paid to the Sectional Qualifying, to be held on 8/25/2005 at a site TBD. If the qualifying team is unable to play in the Sectional Qualifying, the 2nd place team will take their place at the Sectional, and the Championship proper, if they advance.
- If your team wants to compete in Flight #1 (Qualifying for NCGA Senior 4-Ball), check here _____ and indicate your Date of Birth below.

All other Flights will consist of 2-man teams playing at 100% of their course handicaps, with no restrictions.

I want to play in the Tournament of Champions and/or Hole in One. Included is \$1.00 each as checked below:

Name _____ GHIN # _____ ToC _____ HiO _____ Date of Birth _____

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AUGUST 2005 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

**Any member wishing to play in the Championship (scratch) Flight
MUST PLAY IN AT LEAST THREE OTHER TOURNAMENTS,
DURING THE 2004-2005 FISCAL YEAR.**

May 2005 Art Carr Championship

Saturday May 14th - Starting time: 11 AM

FORMAT: Non-flighted, Individual Low Net (2-day cumulative net score)

Maximum 72 players. Entry Deadline: 5/7/2005 Entry fee is \$62 per player.

Only one-third of the field will play on Sunday May 15th, beginning at 11 AM.

Players making the cut will be responsible for paying their greens fee directly to the Pro Shop on Sunday.

I want to play in the Tournament of Champions and/or Hole in One. Included is \$1.00 each as checked below:

Name _____ GHIN # _____ ToC _____ HiO _____

Send with check to: Santa Teresa Men's Golf Club, P. O. Box 6446, San Jose 95150

May 2005 Poppy Hills Tournament

Wednesday May 25th - Starting time 10:00 AM.

FORMAT: Flighted, Individual Low Net.

Maximum 36 players. Entry Deadline: 4/16/2005. Entry fee is \$75 per player.

The \$75 entry fee includes green fee, prize money, and cart. Guests are permitted on a space-available basis.

If your guest is an NCGA member, his entry fee is \$67; otherwise, it's \$95.

Note: Non-metal spikes are required.

I want to play in the Tournament of Champions and/or Hole in One. Included is \$1.00 each as checked below:

Name _____ GHIN # _____ ToC _____ HiO _____

Send with check to: Santa Teresa Men's Golf Club, P. O. Box 6446, San Jose 95150

June 2005 NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier

Saturday June 11th - starting time 11:00 AM

FORMAT: Flighted, Individual Low Net.

Maximum 72 players. Entry Deadline: 6/4/2005. Entry fee is \$62 per player.

Competitors are attempting to qualify for the NCGA Net Amateur Championship. In lieu of certificates, those who qualify will have their entry fee paid to the Sectional Qualifying, to be held on 8/4/2005 at a site TBD.

See the [NCGA 2005 Blue Book](#) for more information.

I want to play in the Tournament of Champions and/or Hole in One. Included is \$1.00 each as checked below:

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