



The STMGC Newsletter

Santa Teresa Men's Golf Club

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The President's Corner by Tim Pasek

As another calendar year winds down, it's instructive to look both backward and forward.

We began the year by surveying our membership on a variety of issues, and then making some targeted changes:

- 1) We increased our payouts substantially
- 2) We adopted a match-play format for our Turkey Shoot; this seemed to be very well received last month.
- 3) We eliminated some of the unpopular formats/contests (Ryder Cup, Accurate Drive, Low Gross)

The Board will continue to take the pulse of the membership, either by formal means (e.g. a survey), or by informally listening to the feedback of the members.

We again had a successful tournament year, including several NCGA Qualifiers, the Club Championship, and the Art Carr Championship. Tournament participation in general has decreased, which is of great concern to the Board; we encourage all members to sign up for a tournament - it's a great way to meet other golfers,

in a competitive setting. The increased prize fund should also appeal to the new players.

Although we're still signing up members, our total is still trending about 5% under last year's total; this is part of a discouraging trend which started several years ago. I encourage you to convince a golfing buddy to consider joining our Club. The larger our membership, the more benefits we can offer.

Looking forward to next year, I direct your attention to Page 2, where you'll find the 2006 Schedule of Tournaments. These tournaments rarely fill up, so there's always an opportunity to sign up. Keep the calendar handy (it's also on the website), so you never miss out. We'll continue to notify the general membership (via email) of approaching tournament entry deadlines.

We recently changed our Fiscal Year to begin on October 1st, so there's actually 13 months in the current Fiscal Year. That extends the TOC contest, and the Most Improved Player contest.

On behalf of the Board, I extend Best Wishes for a Happy, Healthy Holiday Season.

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Top 20 TOC Points Standings (12/10/2005)

The leaders after 5 events are:

1	Kister	Steve	47
2	Lewin	Jim	45
3	Mignano	David	43
3	Ochoa	Steven	43
5	Roberts	John	41
6	Yamada	Sam	40
7	Pasek	Tim	35
8	Matsui	Sterling	32
8	Peabody	Robert	32
8	Rodriguez	Marcus	32
11	Winer	Stefan	31
12	Fellows	Ron	28
13	Allen	Scott	26
13	Edgren	Dave	26
15	Minhoto	Manuel	26
16	Cole	Regan	24
16	Erba	Don	24
18	Corpus	Ariel	23
19	Hopkins	Duane	22
19	Scheide	W.I.	22

Late for Starting Times

We have had a number of instances recently with members being late for their start time, or not showing at all.

The board has adopted the Note to Rule 6-3a, which states that if a player arrives at the 1st tee within 5 minutes of the groups actual starting time he will not be disqualified. In stroke play he will receive a 2 stroke penalty, in match play it is loss of hole for the first hole. If he is later than 5 minutes in being ready to play his tee-shot, he is disqualified.

When a player does not show at all, if he contacts the tournament chairman prior to the tournament then he is eligible for a refund of his green fees. If he does not contact the tournament chairman, his green fees are not refunded. This does not apply to our two away tournaments as we still have to pay the green fees.

2006 Tournament Schedule

Jan 14	8 am	Modified Stableford (Indiv.)
Feb 18	8 am	Individual Low Net
Mar 18	8 am	Qualifier for NCGA Four-Ball
Mar 19	11 am	1/3 of Saturday's field, max 10
Apr 22	11 am	Qual. for NCGA Senior 2-man, plus 2-man Better Ball)
May 20	11 am	Art Carr Championship (Indiv.)
May 21	11 am	One-third of the Field from Sat.
Jun 10	11 am	Qual. for NCGA Net Amateur
Jun 28	10 am	Poppy Hills Individual (Wed)
Jul 15	11 am	Member/Guest
Aug 12	11 am	Club Championship
Aug 13	11 am	Quarter-finals
Aug 19	TBD	Semi-finals
Aug 20	TBD	Finals
Sep 16	11 am	Yellow Ball (4-man)
Oct 4	10 am	Poppy Ridge Individual (Wed)
Oct 14	11 am	NCGA Zone Qualifier for 2007
Oct 15	11 am	1/3 of Saturday's field, max 10.
Nov 11	8 am	Turkey Shoot Grudge Match
Dec 9	8 am	Individual Low Net

Use of Distance Measuring Devices

Your Board of Directors approved a local rule to permit the use of distance measuring devices as allowed by USGA Decision 14-3/0.5. The use of a device that gauges or measures other conditions that might affect a player's play (e.g. wind or elevation change) remains illegal. This rule takes effect beginning with our January 2006 tournament. Examples of permitted devices are laser range-finders and GPS (distance only).

Ball striking Power Towers

At the same meeting the Board did not approve the decision that would allow a local rule requiring a player to replay his shot if his ball were to strike the power towers. The local rule that the player must replay his shot if he hits the power lines remains in effect.

Pace of Play

Santa Teresa Golf Course recently introduced the following policy to help speed up play.

“If, at any time, you have fallen a hole behind the group ahead of you (and you are not at a pace to finish in 4 ½ hours) the player must tee off from the Green Tees until caught up. If this still does not work, move out to the forward tees positioned in the fairways”.

The course marshals are authorized by the golf course to enforce this rule, even in our tournaments, so it is in your best interest to keep in touch with the group ahead of you. This has speeded up play for the lead groups tremendously in the last 2 tournaments, but we still have groups that have fallen a hole behind. Note that USGA rules state that the penalty for playing from the wrong tees is disqualification.

Interesting web-sites

If you are not familiar with Google Maps Satellite View go to this web page and see Santa Teresa Golf Course from way out.

<http://maps.google.com/maps?ll=37.219838,-121.775551&spn=0.011623,0.014697&t=h&hl=en>

New Contest

For “calendar” 2006, a \$50 gift certificate will be presented next December to (4) STMGC members who earn the “closest to the pin” on each of the par 3’s for the entire year, This contest only applies to STMGC tournaments held at Santa Teresa. Hole in Ones do not count as they are eligible for \$500 if the member contributes to the hole-in-one fund. The only restriction is that the winner must be a member in December 2006.

NCGA Tournaments

STMGC sends representatives to four NCGA tournaments, after having held a local qualifier as one of our monthly tournaments. Several other NCGA tournaments are open to all NCGA members, the table below gives a brief summary. Further details, such as entry closing dates and qualifying rounds can be found on the NCGA web-site at <http://www.ncga.org/tourneys/individual.htm>. For these competitions the individual is responsible for the entry fees and green fees. Senior is 55 or

older (see entry form for actual date on which age limit applies). Master is over 40 and under 55 (see entry form for actual date on which age limit applies) Child is not restricted to under 18, it could be you and your mum/dad and need not be consecutive generations.

Tournament	Index requirement
Senior	< 7.4
Four-Ball	< 5.4
CGA Amateur	< 4.4
Senior Net	7.5 – 36.4
CGA Net Match Play	4.5 – 36.4
Public Links	< 36.4
CGA Senior Amateur	< 7.4
Amateur Stroke Play	< 4.4
Masters Division	< 5.4
Amateur Match Play	< 4.4
Parent/Child	< 36.4
Masters Div 4-ball	< 5.4
Senior 4-ball	< 8.4
Mixed Team	valid index

Leading Money Winners

STMGC is proud of the competitiveness of our tournaments and that our members have fair and honest handicaps. This is highlighted by our money winners so far this year (6 tournaments). We have 42 members that have a share of our \$4396 prize money. Prizes that qualify to be included in this list are tournament finish position and closest to the pin. For this table a value of \$200 has been placed on the winners of the NCGA Zone Qualifier (green fees at Spyglass and Poppy Hills).

James Lewin	\$467
Scott Allen	\$270
Benj Noto	\$270
John Roberts	\$254
Steve Kister	\$232
Manuel Minhoto	\$200
Bill Scheide	\$200
Steven Ochoa	\$198
Tim Pasek	\$190
Sam Yamada	\$165
Regan Cole	\$165
Dave Edgren	\$165

Tournament Results

Poppy Ridge Away Tournament

September 7th 2005

Every year STMGC holds two away tournaments, both held mid-week. In Spring we play at Poppy Hills and in the fall we play Poppy Ridge. In past years this event has been played in fog and howling gales, but this year was held in more typical Livermore Valley windy conditions. The tournament was played on the Chardonnay and Zinfandel nines, with the wind really blowing into the players by the end of the Zinfandel nine, Tim Pasek finished with a low gross of 75, while Ariel Corpus was the only player to finish under net par in the second flight.

Poppy Ridge Away Tournament

September 7th 2005

	Flight 1	NET			Flight 2	NET	
1	Sam Yamada	69	\$60	1	Ariel Corpus	68	\$60
2	Tim Pasek	70	\$45	2	Ron Fellows	74	\$40
3	Steven Ochoa	71	\$35	3	Duane Hopkins	74	\$40
4	Rich Reisinger	73	\$25	4	James Lewin	74	\$40
5	Lavelle Gibson	74		5	Marcus Rodriguez	75	
6	Frank Raab	76		6	Alan Hargreaves	76	
7	Don Erba	76		7	Mohammad Mohsin	78	
8	Stan Yamada	77		8	David Mignano	79	
9	Manuel Minhoto	81		9	Robert Patyk	83	
10	Benj Noto	82		10	Stefan Winer	87	
11	Tom Miltonberger	NC		11	George Lin	87	
				12	Pat Dishaw	NC	

Closest to the Pin			
	Hole	Dist.	
Sam Yamada	3	NA	\$20
Benj Noto	7	NA	\$20
Benj Noto	11	NA	\$20
Ron Fellows	16	NA	\$20

4-man NCGA Zone Team Qualifier

Round 1 September 17th 2005

This month's tournament is the STMGC Qualifier for the NCGA Zone Team Championship. The NCGA South Zone Qualifier will be played at Poppy Hills and Spyglass on March 7th and 8th, with the Championship held at the same two courses on August 21st and 22nd. The first place teams in each flight will form a four man team to represent STMGC, with all green fees paid for by the Men's Club. Congratulations to the winners Scott Allen, Jim Lewin, Manuel Minhoto and Bill Scheide

	1st Flight	Net		2nd Flight	Net
1	Allen & Lewin	62	1	Minhoto & Scheide	62
2	Cole & E. Simonsen	64	2	Matsui & Mignano	64
3	Peabody & Roberts	65	3	Edgren & Kister	67
4	Hilton & King	66	4	Rodriguez & Scaramuzzi	68
5	Erba & Raab	67	5	Johnson & Smith	68
6	McBride & Stan Yamada	68	6	Gibson & Patyk	70
7	Pasek & S. Simonsen	68	7	Ochoa & Winer	71
8	Charlton & Lapointe	68	8		

Closest to the Pin			
	Hole	Dist.	
Steve Ochoa	5	2' 11"	\$20
Regan Cole	7	21' 7"	\$20
Tim Pasek	14	1' 7"	\$20
John Roberts	16	4' 8"	\$20

Round 2 Sunday September 18th 2005

<u>1st Flight</u>	<u>Day 2</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Prize/Man</u>	<u>2nd Flight</u>	<u>Day 2</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Prize/Man</u>
Allen & Lewin	63	125	*	Minhoto & Scheide	67	130	*
Cole & E. Simonsen	64	126	\$100	Edgren & Kister	68	135	\$90
Peabody & Roberts	65	129	\$84	Matsui & Mignano	78	142	\$71

Scramble October 15th 2005

As part of your Boards policy of adding various tournament formats, October's format was a two man scramble. The 1st flight was won by two newcomers to our Men's Club. Welcome and congratulations to Steve Crocker and Scott Curry. Also noteworthy in this tournament was the prize winnings of John Roberts, with 3rd place finish, three closest to the pins and skins money, John is now planning early retirement.

<u>Closest to the Pin</u>			
	<u>Hole</u>	<u>Distance</u>	
John Roberts	5	7' 0"	\$20
John Roberts	7	3' 8"	\$20
Sam Yamada	14	5' 0"	\$20
John Roberts	16	5' 6"	\$20

<u>1st Flight</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Prize/Man</u>	<u>2nd Flight</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Prize/Man</u>
Crocker and Curry	62	1	\$45	Lewin and Depew	63	1	\$45
Noto and Kellos	63	2	\$30	Matsui and Mignano	63	2	\$35
Ochoa and Winer	63	3	\$30	Roberts and Kister	65	3	\$25
Klemczak and Peabody	64	4		Rodriguez and Fitzgerald	65	4	
Erba and Sam Yamada	65	5		Corpus and Majam	66	5	
McBride and Stan Yamada	67	6		Minhoto and Scheide	69	6	
Gibson and Patyk	70	7		Morse and Werner	71	7	

Turkey Shoot Grudge Match November 22nd 2005

The Inaugural Turkey Shoot Grudge Match proved to be a very popular addition to the STMGC Tournament Schedule. The format that allowed members to pick their own opponent and play for a turkey (\$32 gift certificate from Albertsons) led to much trash talking, before, during and after the matches. By mutual consent some of the ties were broken by a toss of the coin, while others played more golf.

<u>Closest to the Pin</u>			
	<u>Hole</u>	<u>Distance</u>	
Dan Belarmino	5	13' 7"	\$20
Steve Kister	7	4' 3"	\$20
Billy Charlton	13	20' 4"	\$20
Dan Belarmino	15	4' 5"	\$20

Jim Lewin	d.	Steven Ochoa	Default
Nelson McBride	d.	Stan Yamada	5 & 4
Billy Charlton	d.	Tom Morse	4 & 2
Bill Dougher	d.	Dan Belarmino	2 & 1
Steven Song	d.	Henry Bielefeld	Default
Alan Hargreaves	d.	Stefan Winer	5 & 4
John King	d.	Rick Hilton	3 & 1
Vince Lico	d.	Don Erba	19th Hole

Sterling Matsui	d.	John Roberts	5 & 3
Steve Kister	d.	David Mignano	5 & 4
Stefan Peck	d.	Rich Reisinger	4 & 3
P. Scaramuzzi	d.	M. Rodriguez	4 & 3
Robert Peabody	d.	M. Minhoto	20th Hole
Fred Langham	d.	Joseph Lucito	4 & 2
Wally Gordon	d.	Matt Wagoner	1 Up
Tim Pasek	d.	S. Massicotte	1 Up

Individual Net
December 10th 2005

On a beautiful December day, Steve Kister shot the only sub-par net round with a 65 to win the 3rd flight. Sam Yamada won a 3-way tiebreaker with Steven Ochoa and Scott Allen to win the 1st flight. John Roberts took the 2nd flight with an even par 71. The pin positions were tough and probably led to the unusually high scores.

<u>Closest to the Pin</u>			
	Hole	Distance	
Nelson McBride	5	0' 5"	\$20
Dave Edgren	7	15' 10"	\$20
Stefan Peck	13	9' 2"	\$20
Scott Allen	15	6' 7"	\$20

Nelson McBride just missed an ace on the 5th hole, leaving his tee shot 5 inches away. Stefan Winer closed strongly to pick up the Net Skins on the 17th and 18th holes with eagles. Tim Pasek was the only player to break 80, doing so by a stroke with a 36-43=79. The morning started out brisk, but the day soon warmed up and provided "shorts weather" on a windless day. The course was in excellent condition and the greens were fast and true.

	Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3			
		NET				NET				NET		
1	Sam Yamada	74	\$65	1	John Roberts	71	\$65	1	Steve Kister	65	\$65	
2	Steven Ochoa	74	\$50	2	Dave Edgren	72	\$55	2	David Mignano	71	\$55	
3	Scott Allen	74	\$50	3	Regan Cole	74	\$45	3	Ira Eagle	72	\$50	
4	Tom Huckaby	75	\$30	4	Duane Hopkins	75	\$30	4	Stefan Winer	73	\$35	
5	Tim Pasek	75	\$30	5	George Lin	75	\$30	5	Tom Morse	73	\$35	
6	Don Erba	76		6	Ron Fellows	76		6	Richard Lee	73		
7	Frank Raab	76		7	Alex Glebov	76		7	David Fitzgerald	75		
8	Nelson McBride	77		8	John King	78		8	Stefan Peck	75		
9	Dan Belarmino	77		9	Alan Hargreaves	78		9	Frank Correa	77		
10	Perecy Serrano	78		10	Lavelle Gibson	78		10	Bill Scheide	78		
11	Robert Peabody	79		11	Marcus Rodriguez	79		11	Peter Scaramuzzi	78		
12	Steve Lapointe	79		12	Robert Patyk	81		12	Terry Wigness	78		
13	Matt Wagoner	80		13	Steve Tseng	82		13	Fred Langham	79		
14	Stan Yamada	85		14	Billy Charlton	83		14	Sterling Matsui	80		
								15	Doug Webenbauer	82		

Tournament of Champions
October 12th 2005 Poppy Hills

The Tournament of Champions (TOC) purpose is to encourage active participation in our monthly tournaments. By contributing \$1 for each tournament that you play in, the prize for winning the tournament is the largest of our tournament schedule, equaling that of our club championship. The top twenty points winners each fiscal year are invited to play at Poppy Hills in October / November. This year we have a 13-month fiscal year, and the tournament has been scheduled for November 1st.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>NET</u>	
1	Benj Noto	71	\$200
2	James Lewin	71	\$150
3	Don Erba	73	\$100
4	Steven Ochoa	74	\$63
5	Tim Pasek	74	\$63
5	David Mignano	75	
7	Lavelle Gibson	77	
8	Sam Yamada	79	
9	Robert Patyk	80	
10	Duane Hopkins	80	

	<u>Name</u>	<u>NET</u>
11	Ariel Corpus	81
11	Eric Simonsen	81
13	Mark Klemczak	81
14	Nelson McBride	82
14	John Roberts	82
16	Marcus Rodriguez	83
17	John King	86
18	Sterling Matsui	87
18	Stan Yamada	87
20	Alan Hargreaves	91

January 2006 Modified Stableford Tournament

Saturday January 14th. Starting time: 8 AM. Maximum 72 players. **Entry Deadline: 1/7/2006**
Entry fee is \$63 per player.

FORMAT: Flighted, Individual Modified Stableford.

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 _____

If you'd like to be grouped with specific players, please list their names below:

Send with check to: Santa Teresa Men's Golf Club, P. O. Box 64415, Sunnyvale 94088-4415

February 2006 ILN Tournament

Saturday February 18th. Starting time: 8 AM. Maximum 64 players. **Entry Deadline: 2/11/2006**
Entry fee is \$63 per player.

FORMAT: Individual Low Net.

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 _____

If you'd like to be grouped with specific players, please list their names below:

Send with check to: Santa Teresa Men's Golf Club, P. O. Box 64415, Sunnyvale 94088-4415

March 2006 2-man BB NCGA Qualifying Tournament

Saturday March 18th; starting time 8:00. Maximum 72 players. **Entry Deadline: 3/11/2006.** Entry fee is \$126 per team.

FORMAT: Non-flighted, 2-man Better Ball Qualifier for the NCGA Four-Ball Net Championship. The lowest one-third of the field (to a maximum of 10 teams) from Saturday advance to 2nd day play on **Sunday March 19th at 11 AM**; payout will be based on cumulative 2-day team score. Players making the cut will be responsible for paying their greens fees directly to the ProShop on Sunday morning. Teams will compete under the following conditions (see the **NCGA Blue Book** for more information). Play will be at 90% of course handicap, using a maximum index of 18.4; players with indexes exceeding 18.4 may still play, 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 8/3/2006 at a site TBD.

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 _____

Name _____ GHIN # _____ ToC _____ HiO _____

If you'd like to be grouped with players from another team, please list their names below:

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