



The STMGC Newsletter

Santa Teresa Men's Golf Club

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The President's Corner by Tim Pasek

Now that the worst of the weather is behind us, the tournament season is upon us in full swing. Three of our four NCGA qualifiers are held between March and June, so be sure to sign up, and take your best shot at representing STMGC at one of the NCGA Club events.

On page 2 is our list of Tournament Policies and Procedures. You can also find this on the STMGC website (see "Club Policies" in the left navigation bar). We've reprinted here for emphasis, since this is the first time we've gathered into one place all of our tournament-related policies. I encourage each of you to read it carefully, to acquaint (or re-acquaint) yourself with the policies which guide the administration of our monthly tournaments. This sheet will be bundled with other documents to form a New Members Packet, which will be mailed to each of our newly joined members. However, all of this information is now available on the website, and will be updated annually to reflect any changes.

For the past year, we've stationed a large clock on the 1st tee and the 18th green, for the purpose of recording the time it takes each group to complete its round. Just a reminder: your start time is when the first tee-shot is hit on #1; your end time is when the last putt drops on #18. Mark down these times on your scorecard, so the Tournament Director can compile the results. Observing this convention will allow us to further refine our time-keeping records.

We now post on the website, as part of each tournament result, the time it took each foursome to complete its round.

Our club now has 186 members, which is nearly the level we reached last year. We're hoping to reverse the more than 6 year decline in membership by attracting more players to our Club. We are now pro-rating our new membership dues, resulting in a \$25 savings; if you have any golf buddies who are looking for a Club to join, encourage them to consider joining STMGC.

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Top 20 TOC Points Standings (2/18/2006)

The leaders after 8 events are:

1	Mignano	David	71
2	Kister	Steve	61
2	Lewin	Jim	61
4	Erba	Don	53
4	Roberts	John	53
6	Ochoa	Steven	51
7	Peabody	Robert	50
8	Matsui	Sterling	48
8	Yamada	Sam	48
10	Rodriguez	Marcus	46
11	Fellows	Ron	45
12	King	John	39
12	Pasek	Tim	39
12	Winer	Stefan	39
15	Yamada	Stan	36
16	Gibson	Lavelle	34
16	Raab	Frank	32
18	Corpus	Ariel	31
19	Hopkins	Duane	30
19	Minhoto	Manuel	30
19	Scheide	W.I.	30

Leading Money Winners

So far this year (8 tournaments). We have 57 members that have a share of our \$5959 prize money, this represents 15 new winners in the last two tournaments. . For this table a value of \$100 has been placed on the winners of the NCGA Zone Qualifier (green fees at Spyglass and Poppy Hills).

James Lewin	\$402
John Roberts	\$309
David Mignano	\$296
Steve Kister	\$274
Benj Noto	\$270
Don Erba	\$232
Steven Ochoa	\$218
Sterling Matsui	\$208
Sam Yamada	\$201
Tim Pasek	\$190

Annual CTP Standings

#5	Sterling Matsui	1'' 9''
#7	Don Erba	0' 4'',
#14	David Mignano	7' 2'',
#16	Norman Chang	7' 6'

The current leaders are all from February's tournament. As a reminder, those members who maintain the closest to pin distances throughout the calendar year of 2006 win an additional \$50.00 in December. You must be a member in December to win.

Tournament Policies and Procedures

SIGN-UP PROCEDURES Sign-ups for all tournaments are handled by the U.S. Mail. Checks (made out to STMGC) must accompany entry forms, which are available on the website and in the newsletter.

Send your tournament entry forms and fees to:

**Santa Teresa Mens Golf Club
P.O. Box 64415
Sunnyvale, CA 94088-4415**

Entry deadlines are generally 7 days prior to the tournament date; if your entry arrives after the entry deadline or after the field is full, your name will be placed on a list of alternates. You may request to play with specific players by indicating your preference on the entry form; we prefer (but do not require) that you enclose payment for all such players in the same envelope. Please coordinate with your preferred playing partners, to ensure they do intend to play, and that they have not already committed to another group.

REFUNDS: For a home tournament entry fee to be refunded, the Tournament Chairman (not the Golf Course) must receive a cancellation notice from the entrant prior to the scheduled tee-time. Lack of said notification will result in forfeiture of the entire entry fee.

For away tournaments, once payment has been made to the Golf Course, cancellations shall first be filled by available alternates. If there are no alternates, the canceling member is responsible for filling his slot or the entry fee shall be forfeited.

TEE TIMES: Times shall be posted on the website no later than 8:00 PM on the third day prior to the tournament. The Pro Shop Staff will also be provided with a list of tee times for the convenience of players who call in for their times.

In general, tee-times are assigned based on the postmark of the entry form - the earlier we receive it, the earlier you'll tee off. The Tournament Director has some latitude in overriding this practice.

As a condition of competition, we've adopted the **Note to Rule 6-3**, which grants a player a 5-minute grace period after missing his tee-time (at a penalty of 2 strokes for stroke play, loss of hole for match play); after 5 minutes, the player is disqualified.

HANDICAPS: An officially-recognized index is required for all Tournaments. Players without an officially-recognized index will play at Scratch.

TIE-BREAK PROCEDURES: For most club events, the USGA recommendation for breaking ties by scorecard will be used. Always check the Tournament Rule Sheet to determine the Tie Break method in effect. The USGA recommendation is outlined in the Rules of Golf, Appendix 1, Part C, Section 11 - How to Decide Ties, Stroke Play (c). If this does not settle the tie, this procedure will be applied to the front nine. Here is the description:

An acceptable method of matching cards is to determine the winner on the basis of the best score for the last nine holes. If the tying players have the same score for the last nine, determine the winner on the basis of the last six holes, last three holes and finally the 18th hole. If this method is used in a handicap stroke-play competition, one-half, one-third, one-sixth, etc. of the handicaps should be deducted. Fractions should not be disregarded. If this method is used in a competition with a multiple tee start, it is recommended that the "last nine holes, last six holes, etc." is considered to be holes 10-18, 13-18, etc.

FLIGHTING GUIDELINES: Flights will generally be sized between 12 and 18 players. Flight sizes will be equally sized, if possible. If there is an odd number, the following guidelines will be used to determine the odd-sized flight(s):

- Keep all golfers with the same course handicap in the same flight
- Minimize handicap spread across a flight

The number of players in a flight determines prize money. Therefore, the larger flight(s) will have more prize money spread among the winners to ensure equity.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP :

The Club Championship will have one Championship Flight and multiple handicapped flights. The number of entries determines the number of flights.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

The Championship Flight is played at scratch and is contested from the Black Tees. Any member can enter the Championship Flight, as long as he has played a minimum of 3 club tournaments during the current fiscal year. The Away tournaments (i.e., Poppy Hills and Poppy Ridge) are included in this calculation, but the TOC Finals and the NCGA Team Match Play events are not.

A minimum of 8 members must enter the Championship Flight or it will not be contested.

If exactly 8 members enter the Championship Flight, the championship will start at Match Play. The Handicap Index will determine the top 4 seeds. The opponents for the top seeds will be determined by blind draw. In this situation, the first two rounds of match play will be contested during the first weekend, and the championship match will be played on the Sunday of the 2nd weekend. If more than 8 members enter the Championship Flight, a medal qualifying round will first be held to determine the 8 players who will advance to Match Play. The qualifying scores will be used to determine the seedings. For the purposes of seeding, any ties will be broken using the USGA card matching procedure (see [Tie Break Procedures](#) section). Any ties for the last qualifying spot will be broken using a Sudden Death playoff commencing on the 1st hole.

In Match Play, any ties after 18 holes will be broken by a Sudden Death playoff commencing on the 1st hole.

HANDICAP FLIGHTS

The handicap flights will be created with a minimum of 10

players and a maximum of 16 players in the flight. The handicap flights will be contested from the Crimson Tees. A medal qualifying round will determine the 8 players who advance to Match Play. The qualifying scores will be used to determine seedings. For the purposes of seeding, any ties will be broken using the USGA card matching procedure (see [Tie Break Procedures](#) section). Any ties for the last qualifying spot will be broken using a Sudden Death playoff commencing on the 1st hole.

Handicap strokes for Match Play will be calculated based on the lower handicap. For example, if Jim has a 16 handicap and his opponent Bob has a 20 handicap, Bob will receive a handicap stroke on the 4 lowest handicapped holes. Note that the Hole Handicap assignments differ between Medal and Match Play. The official scorecard will show the correct assignments. It is also posted on the club website (see Club Policies – Scorecards).

In Match Play, any ties after 18 holes will be broken by a Sudden Death playoff commencing on the 1st hole.

Handicap strokes will continue to apply as they are stated on the scorecard for the duration of the playoff.

USGA RULES OF GOLF APPLY: If extraordinary ground conditions require Local Rules, or if any other Special Rules are applicable, beyond those printed on the Golf Course score card, they will be provided on Tournament Rule Sheets available at check-in.

CELL-PHONES AND PAGERS: The use of electronic communication devices is discouraged during Tournament play. For the enjoyment of the other players, please turn off the ringers on such devices.

GPS AND OTHER RANGE FINDERS: As a condition of STMGC competitions, we allow the use of GPS and other range finders, per [Decisions 14-3/1](#) and [14-3/5.5](#).

MULTI-DAY TOURNAMENTS: Each player (or team of players) who advances past the first day of a multi-day tournament is responsible for paying their greens fee (for all subsequent rounds of the multi-day tournament) directly to the ProShop. Players who don't pay their greens fee are not eligible to receive award certificates.

NCGA TOURNAMENT SUBSTITUTION POLICY: When a player who has qualified at the Club Qualifier cannot participate in the next stage of qualifying, the Tournament Director must be notified as soon as possible. The qualifying spot will be offered to the 2nd place finisher in the Club Qualifier. In the case of a team event, the non-withdrawing partner will choose his new partner from the 2nd place team. If a substitution cannot be made from the 2nd place finisher, the 3rd place finisher will be offered the qualifying spot.

CLAIMS, DISPUTES, DECISIONS: At all tournaments, one or more Committee members, or their designates, will be assigned to resolve claims and disputes. These decisions shall be final ([Rule 34-3](#) and [Rule 33-7](#)).

SLOW PLAY: The Committee, in consultation with the golf course Marshall, is empowered to penalize groups, or individuals for slow play (see **Rule 6-7: Undue Delay**). The USGA penalty for breaches of Rule 6-7 may include disqualification.

DISQUALIFICATION: A player who has been disqualified is still eligible for TOC entry points, and any Skins or Closest-to-Pin awards he may have won.

POSTING TOURNAMENT SCORES: After completing a tournament round, the player should check his scorecard, sign it and obtain the marker's signature. **DO NOT POST** the adjusted score on the GHIN computer; the Committee will post scores for all tournament rounds. This round will not be identified as being played on Santa Teresa GC on the ghin.com website, due to limitations in the Tournament Scoring software provided by the NCGA.

HOLE-IN-ONE AWARD: If you score a hole-in-one during the first day of any STMGC tournament, you'll win a \$500 cash award (provided you paid the \$1 HIO fee for that tournament); if you didn't pay the \$1 HIO fee, you'll receive a \$50 cash award instead.

REVIEW AND CHANGE PROCEDURES: This document will be reviewed at least once a year by the Board for appropriate additions and amendments.

Most Improved Golfers

Player	9/1/2005	3/1/2006	Factor
	Index	Index	
1 Rafuse, Cory	27.6	20.4	1.2214
2 Kister, Steve	16.3	13.4	1.1139
3 Boswell, Paul	1	0	1.0917
4 Corpus, Ariel	13.7	11.6	1.0894
5 Matsui, Sterling	17.7	15.5	1.0809
6 Correa, Frank	18.4	16.2	1.0803
7 Ferguson, Bill	19.9	17.7	1.0762
8 King, John	12	10.3	1.0743
9 Yost, Michael	10.6	9.1	1.0689
10 Angevine, Richard	35.6	32.5	1.0687

Change to Fiscal Year

Your board of directors is proposing a change to the Fiscal year from October-September to January-December to align ourselves with the NCGA. The impact to our members is:-
 The current fiscal year would end on September 30, as planned. The TOC contest would end then, and Most Improved Player contest would end on October 1. The new fiscal year would begin

October 1, 2006, and would run for 15 months, until December 31, 2007. The TOC contest would span 15 months, as would the Most Improved Player contest.

Starting in 2008, the fiscal year would begin on January 1, and run for 12 months, through the end of the calendar year. Because this change would require a change to the Bylaws, we must make the proposed changes available for membership comment. Please send any comments or questions to me at tim.pasek@sbcglobal.net or contact any board member before April 1, 2006. The Board will then vote on the proposed changes to the Bylaws at our April meeting.

One Man Scramble

The One Man Scramble is a fast growing golf tournament in California! Golfers from the NCGA and SCGA compete in 4 different divisions: Men's, Sr. Men (55 yrs+) and Super Sr. Men (65 yrs+). Each division consists of 7 flights, representing all calibers of golfers. STMGC plans to embed a Local Qualifier for this event in one or more of our existing tournaments during the second calendar quarter of this year. The entry fee will be \$20. Half the field from each flight will advance to the Sectional Championships to be held between July 1 and August 31. The top finishers there will advance to the Northern California Championships to be held in early October.

Flight	Index
1	4.0 and below
2	4.1 – 8.0
3	8.1 – 12.0
4	12.1 – 16.0
5	16.1 – 20.0
6	20.1 – 24.0
7	24.1 and above

The One Man Scramble format will apply to the Sectional and Championship competition, only. This format allows golfers to hit a mulligan on every shot if they wish.

The entry fee for the Sectional Championship to be played at a course TBD within a 1 hour drive from STGC is \$65 and includes green fee, cart and Nike Golf tee package. The entry fee for the Northern California Championship to be played at Silverado Resort in Napa is \$135 and includes lunch, green fee, cart and Nike Golf tee package.

Proceeds from the One Man Scramble benefit the NCGA Foundation, SCGA Foundation, and PGA Northern and Southern California Section Foundations.

Tournament Results

Individual Modified Stableford Format

January 14th 2006

On a cold and rainy day, 43 members proved their mettle by surviving a difficult day on the course. Tom Morse had the most points in the Stableford format and easily won the 3rd Flight over David Mignano.

Bill Dougher ran against the grain by entering the tournament prior to the round (five golfers withdrew from the tournament). Bill then went out and won the 1st Flight with 5 points, shooting a gross 76. Sam Chen capped off the flight winners by winning the 2nd Flight with 4 points.

Lavelle Gibson used 3 birdies to dominate the Skins competition, winning 3 Gross Skins and 2 Net Skins for a total prize of \$101. New members Matt Wagoner and Erik Rosales each won a Closest To The Pin award and placed 4th in their flights.

Closest to the Pin			
	Hole	Distance	
Matt Wagoner	5	8' 8"	\$20
John Roberts	7	14' 10"	\$20
Erik Rosales	13	16' 5"	\$20
Steve Ochoa	15	14' 5"	\$20

	Flight 1		NET		Flight 2		NET		Flight 3		NET	
1	Bill Dougher	5	\$67	1	Sam Chen	4	\$67	1	Tom Morse	11	\$70	
2	Frank Raab	3	\$52	2	John King	1	\$52	2	David Mignano	4	\$55	
3	Don Erba	2	\$42	3	James Lewin	0	\$35	3	Tim Ryan	1	\$45	
4	Matt Wagoner	-1	\$37	4	Lavelle Gibson	0	\$35	4	Erik Rosales	-2	\$35	
5	Mark Klemczak	-2	\$27	5	John Roberts	0	\$35	5	Ron Pasek	-2	\$35	
6	Steven Ochoa	-3		6	Alan Hargreaves	-1		6	Robert White	-6		
7	Robert Peabody	-5		7	Steve Tseng	-1		7	Peter Scaramuzzi	-7		
8	Percy Serrano	-6		8	Ariel Corpus	-4		8	Fred Langham	-9		
9	Rick Hilton	-6		9	Duane Hopkins	-5		9	Stefan Winer	-9		
10	M. Rodriguez	-7		10	Doug Webenbauer	-6		10	Richard Lee	-11		
11	Dan Belarmino	-8		11	Steve Kister	-6		11	Sterling Matsui	-11		
12	Nelson McBride	-8		12	Alex Glebov	-8		12	B. Malekzadeh	-13		
13	Stan Yamada	-15		13	Billy Charlton	-15		13	Bill Scheide	-16		
14	Steve Lapointe	-27		14	Robert Patyk	-25		14	Mike Nguyen	-16		
								15	Stefan Peck	-19		

Individual Net

February 18th 2006

Ron Fellows and Alex Glebov recorded the only sub-par net rounds on a cold and threatening day. Contrary to weather reports, no significant precipitation fell, although a few light snowflakes were seen! The skies eventually cleared and the tournament finished under calm and sunny conditions. The golf course was in excellent shape and the greens were fast and firm. A few tricky pin positions, especially on holes 10 and 11, accounted for many war stories after the round. Don Erba finished strongly, shooting 1 Under Par (gross) over the last six holes to win the First Flight with a net 71. His 80 was also the lowest gross score of the tourney. Ron Fellows beat Alex Glebov in the Tie-Breaker to claim the Second Flight with a net 69. Tom Morse also used the Tie-Breaker to edge out David Mignano for the Third Flight honors with a net 72. Sterling Matsui (1' 9" on Hole 5) and Don Erba (4" on Hole 7) just missed Aces to win the CTP competition on those holes. David Mignano and Norman Chang hit fine shots to win the CTP on the back nine. Jim Lewin and Frank Correa each won a Gross and Net Skin to claim \$96 bounties.

Closest to the Pin			
	Hole	Distance	
Sterling Matsui	5	1' 9"	\$20
Don Erba	7	0' 4"	\$20
David Mignano	13	7' 2"	\$20
Norman Chang	15	7' 6"	\$20

	Flight 1				Flight 2				Flight 3			
		NET				NET				NET		
1	Don Erba	71	\$70	1	Ron Fellows	69	\$70	1	Tom Morse	72	\$70	
2	R. Peabody	72	\$55	2	Alex Glebov	69	\$60	2	David Mignano	72	\$60	
3	Stan Yamada	72	\$55	3	George Lin	71	\$50	3	Sterling Matsui	74	\$50	
4	Marshall Smith	74	\$42	4	M. Rodriguez	72	\$42	4	Steve Kister	75	\$42	
5	Sam Yamada	75	\$36	5	Jon Kies	73	\$36	5	Tom Rudolph	76	\$33	
6	Frank Raab	76	\$30	6	Ariel Corpus	74	\$30	6	David Fitzgerald	76	\$33	
7	Mark Klemczak	77		7	Steve Tseng	74		7	Bill Scheide	76		
8	Matt Wagoner	78		8	Duane Hopkins	76		8	Frank Correa	79		
9	Tim Pasek	78		9	John Roberts	76		9	Joseph Lucito	79		
10	Sean Simonsen	79		10	James Lewin	76		10	Fred Langham	79		
11	Jeff Cole	79		11	Dave Edgren	77		11	Alan Depew	79		
12	Steven Ochoa	79		12	Robert Patyk	79		12	P.Scaramuzzi	82		
13	S. Massicotte	80		13	Sam Chen	80		13	Richard Lee	83		
14	Ray Kong	81		14	John King	82		14	Stefan Winer	85		
15	Scott Allen	84		15	Manuel Minhoto	84		15	John Melton	86		
16	Nelson McBride	84		16	Norman Chang	84		16	Terry Wigness	87		
17	Steve Lapointe	85		17	Billy Charlton	90		17	Wally Gordon	89		
18	Dan Belarmino	87		18	Lavelle Gibson	NC		18	Erik Rosales	90		

**April 2006 2-man BB Tournament
(including Qualification for the NCGA Senior 4-Ball Net Championship)**

Sat. Apr. 22th; starting time 11:00. Maximum 68 players. **Entry Deadline: 4/15/2006.** Entry fee is **\$126/team.**

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

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 Blue Book](#) for more information).

Players must have reached their 55th birthday by September 18, 2006.

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 8/24/2006 at a site TBD.

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 age or handicap 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 _____

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

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

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

May 2006 Art Carr Championship

Sat. May 20th. Starting time: 11 AM. Max. 72 players. Entry Deadline: 5/13/2006. Entry fee is \$63/player.

Only one-third of the field will play on Sunday May 21st, beginning at 11 AM. Players making the cut will be responsible for paying their greens fees directly to the Pro Shop on Sunday morning.

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

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

June 2006 NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier

Sat. June 10th; starting time 11:00. Max. 72 players. Entry Deadline: 6/3/2006. Entry fee \$63/player.

FORMAT: Flighted, Individual Low Net.

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 9/21/2006 at a site TBD. See the [NCGA 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:

Name _____ GHIN # _____ ToC _____ HiO _____

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

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

June 2006 Poppy Hills Tournament

Wed June 28th; starting time 10:00 AM. Max. 44 players. Entry Deadline: **May 19** 2006. Entry fee is \$77/player

FORMAT: Flighted, Individual Low Net. The \$77 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 \$68; otherwise, it's \$96.

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 _____

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

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