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### President's Perspective

By Steve Ochoa

From all the board members we wish you the best for the Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.....

In the midst of our first 15 month fiscal year we have many challenges ahead. The first and foremost is membership recruitment. Unfortunately, the renewal rate from last year's member pool is far short of our expectations and budget. During the last two months, your board members have contacted the non renewing members with mixed results. Please talk to your friends, colleagues, and neighbors about joining our club. You are our best recruiting tool as you can explain and describe the fun and benefits of membership in the STMGC.

In 2007 we have made a few changes.

- ❖ Will hold our two away tournaments at Poppy Hills.
- ❖ We will consider scheduling Poppy Ridge again in 2008.
- ❖ Five individual events starting in May and running through our Club Championship.
- ❖ TOC Championship is scheduled for 2008 at a site yet to be determined.

If our members have any other ideas to increase the enjoyment and competitiveness, please contact myself or any board member.

In the fall, we are trying to arrange an away tournament in the Reno area. More information will be distributed as it becomes available.

The Board would also like to thank everyone for their efforts to improve our **Pace of Play**. In 2005, 6 tournaments recorded at least one foursome with a playing time greater than 5 ½ hours. In 2006, we reduced that total to only 1. Another interesting trend I discovered, the shortest tournament times typically run between October through March. Coincidentally we start these tournaments at 8:00 instead of 11:00. I will discuss this little matter and a few others with the course management team soon.

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As we close the year I would like to mention a few **2006 STMGC Highlights...**

- ❖ Don Erba's three tournament victories (including his near hole in one with a beauty on # 7)
- ❖ Peter Scaramuzzi's great weekend in April with a pair of 67s to win the Art Carr Championship
- ❖ John King's wonderful June round of 77 at Poppy Hills for a net 63
- ❖ Ray Kong's Club Championship victory starting with his first two drives landing in the 9th fairway
- ❖ Stefan Winer's (7) one putts in recording a 29 on the front nine and qualifying for the 2006 Team Zone Match
- ❖ Stan Yamada for holing out from 140 yds to make eagle at Red Hawk in October
- ❖ Vince Lico's memorable net 61 against Don Erba in the November Grudge match
- ❖ Alan Hargreaves for winning eight holes on the front nine in the same tournament
- ❖ Alex Glebov (7.1) won two tournaments and one year ago owned an index of 13.5
- ❖ David Mignano third place finish in July's Nugget Amateur Challenge
- ❖ John Roberts we have not forgotten your three CTP in October of 2005!

One more item...

A huge thanks to Alan Hargreaves for his continued energy in Captaining our steadily improving Match Play Team!

## TOC 2006 ~ 2007

### TOC Period of Play Extended:

All regular tournaments from October 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007.

Make sure to add a dollar to your entry fee and check the box for every tournament you enter. You might be one of the top 20 next year to compete for the big prize fund.

## TOC Tournament Results – Poppy Hills

It was a beautiful day at Poppy Hills for the 20 lucky participants.

Well almost except for the last group that was rained on. They complained it was due to slow play. Imagine that.

The other 16 guys thought the weather was lovely.

POS	Winners	Net	\$\$
1	Steve Kister	67	\$200
T2	Ron Fellows	75	\$125
T2	Alan Hargreaves	75	\$125
T4	John King	77	\$63
T4	Peter Scaramuzzi	77	\$63

Closest to the pin contest for the TOC field.

HOLE	WINNER	\$\$
2	Matt Wagoner	\$19
6	Stan Yamada	\$19
11	Dave Edgren	\$19
15	Alan Hargreaves	\$19
17	John King	\$19

*TOC season has begun.  
Are you ready?*

## Poppy Ridge Away Tourney

Poppy Ridge showed its teeth and caused many high scores and a few withdrawals.

Birdies and pars were hard to come by as no one broke 80 (gross). Fast greens, diabolical pin positions, and penal rough contributed to the high scores.

Sam Yamada and Steve Kister were the only players to shoot under par and each won their respective flights. Steve Kister eagled Hole 9 after hitting the green in two and sinking his putt!

Don Erba narrowly missed acing Hole 3 as his tee shot lipped the cup!

Chardonay's Hole 6 was the toughest hole of the day as only one par was recorded by the field and the average score was a double bogey!

POS	First Flight Winners	Net	\$\$
1	Sam Yamada	71	\$60
2	George Lin	72	\$52
3	Scott Allen	73	\$44
4	Don Erba	75	\$38
5	Stan Yamada	76	\$30

POS	Second Flight Winners	Net	\$\$
1	Steve Kister	69	\$56
2	Marcus Rodriguez	74	\$48
T3	Duane Hopkins	76	\$35
T3	Manuel Minhoto	76	\$35
T3	Stefan Peck	76	\$35

#	\$\$	CTP - Winners	Distance
3	\$20	Don Erba	Lipped Out
7	\$20	Larry Soto	N/A
11	\$20	Gib Gibson	N/A
16	\$20	David Fitzgerald	N/A

## NCGA Zone Qualifier - 2007

Dave Thur, Bill McCombie, Stefan Winer, and Ariel Corpus will make up the team representing our club in the NCGA South Bay Zone Qualifier in 2007. They earned their way onto the team by winning their respective flights in the two-day competition.

Dave and Bill shot net 62-63 to edge out Ian McCray and Larry Soto in a scorecard tiebreaker. Dave had to make key putts on the last two holes for a birdie on 17 and a par on 18 to sew up the victory. Ian and Larry were the first day leaders with a best-ball 61, good for a one-stroke lead over Dave and Bill, and the team of Tim Pasek and Alex Glebov. Norman Chang and Tony Yee were the final team to make the cut with a net 63.

Stefan and Ariel were the first day leaders in the 2nd Flight with a net 61. Steve Kister and Bob Peabody trailed by a shot, with the Marcus Rodriguez/Peter Scaramuzzi team tied with Alan Hargreaves/Andrew Sturtevant at 64. The competition was still close as the teams turned to the back nine on Sunday, and a net bogey on hole 10 by Winer/Corpus had them tied with Kister/Peabody. But Stefan and Ariel birdied 3 of the next 5 holes to build up a lead that was never challenged.

POS	PRIZE/MAN	First Flight WINNERS	NET BB Total
1	NCGA Entry Paid	Bill McCombie Dave Thur	125
2	\$62	Ian McCray Larry Soto	125
3	\$53	Tim Pasek Alex Glebov	129
4	\$46	Norman Chang Tony Yee	131

POS	PRIZE/MAN	Second Flight WINNERS	NET BB Total
1	NCGA Entry Paid	Ariel Corpus Stefan Winer	126
T2	\$58	Marcus Rodriguez Peter Scaramuzzi	129
T2	\$58	Steve Kister Bob Peabody	129
4	\$46	Alan Hargreaves Andrew Sturtevant	137

#	\$\$	CTP - Winners	Distance
5	\$20	Ariel Corpus	2' 7"
7	\$20	Billy Charlton	13' 2"
14	\$20	Jeff Cole	9' 5"
16	\$20	Stan Yamada	2' 8"



## November Grudge Match

Despite ominous weather forecasts, all 36 players showed up and played their Grudge matches. They were rewarded with excellent scoring conditions when the bad weather failed to materialize: 11 players shot net par or better, led by Vince Lico and Alan Hargreaves (61 and 62, respectively).

Two matches went to extra holes, and both were decided by natural birdies (Alex Glebov on #19, and Bob Patyk on #20). In the true spirit of the Grudge Match, several matches were re-matches from the finals of the Club Championship in August; in both cases, the winner in August prevailed in November (Alex Glebov and Ray Kong).

Each of the 18 match winners received a \$32 Albertson's card, redeemable for a virtual turkey.

MATCH	WINNER	OPPONENT	MATCH OUTCOME
1	Patyk	Gibson	20 holes
2	Charlton	Cole	3 & 1
3	Ochoa	Raab	5 & 4
4	Kong	Wagoner	2 up
5	Lico	Erba	5 & 3
6	King	Hilton	3 & 1
7	White	Morse	3 & 2
8	Langham	Hopkins	1 up
9	Hargreaves	Winer	9 & 7
10	Peabody	McBride	6 & 5
11	McCombie	Thur	1 up
12	Lundstrom	Mignano	4 & 3
13	Peck	Reisinger	4 & 3
14	Scaramuzzi	Rodriguez	2 up
15	Corpus	Lin	1 up
16	Minhoto	Scheide	3 & 1
17	Pasek	Rose	4 & 2
18	Glebov	Edgren	19 holes

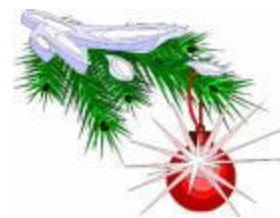
#	\$\$	CTP - Winners	Distance
5	\$20	Bill Scheide	8' 4"
7	\$20	Duane Hopkins	3' 3"
14	\$20	Stefan Peck	9' 3"
16	\$20	Rick Hilton	11' 2½"

## December Individual Low Net

A storm front wasn't enough to deter 48 golfers from playing in the last tournament of 2006. Nelson McBride, Peter Scaramuzzi, and Tim Ryan won their respective flights on a busy day for the Tournament Committee.

The course personnel changed the pin location on Hole #2 during tournament play. Because of this, the Committee, in consultation with course professional Terry Sullivan, decided to eliminate the 2nd hole from the tournament and base the results on the remaining 17 holes. Course handicaps were recalculated to account for the 2nd hole elimination. The golf course management apologized for this mishap and is taking steps to insure this does not happen in the future. The superintendent had decided to move the pins to higher spots on the green in case heavy rains occurred, but he was not aware that the tournament had already started.

Only Nelson and Tim shot net scores under par on a blustery day. Nelson also won the optional Low Gross competition and the \$45 prize. Steve Kister picked up 2 Net Skins and 1 Gross Skin for a total of \$84.



*"Rain or shine we came to play"*

POS	First Flight Winners	Net	Payout
1	Nelson McBride	63	\$60
2	Philip Lee	67	\$50
T3	Alex Glebov	68	\$41
T3	Tim Pasek	68	\$41
5	Rick Hilton	69	\$34
6	Mark Klemczak	70	\$30

POS	Second Flight Winners	Net	Payout
1	Peter Scaramuzzi	68	\$60
2	Duane Hopkins	69	\$50
T3	Ariel Corpus	70	\$41
T3	Teddie Coutts	70	\$41
T5	George Lin	71	\$32
T5	Robert Peabody	71	\$32

POS	Third Flight Winners	Net	Payout
1	Tim Ryan	65	\$60
T2	Fred Langham	68	\$47
T2	Steve Kister	68	\$47
4	William McCombie	69	\$38
5	Vince Lico	71	\$34
6	Tom Morse	72	\$30

#	\$\$	CTP - Winners	Distance
5	\$20	Steve Kister	3' 5"
7	\$20	Tom Huckaby	11' 1"
14	\$20	Tom Morse	6' 9"
16	\$20	Teddie Coutts	9' 6"

Hole	Score	Net Skins - Winners	Payout
6	2	Tim Ryan	\$35
10	3	Steve Kister	\$35
12	2	Steve Kister	\$35
18	3	Richard Angevine	\$35

Hole	Score	Gross Skins - Winners	Payout
8	3	Nelson McBride	\$14
9	3	Frank Raab	\$14
11	4	Ian McCray	\$14
12	3	Steve Kister	\$14
13	3	Steve Lapointe	\$14
16	2	Rick Hilton	\$14
17	4	Bill Dougher	\$14

*"It's often necessary to hit a second drive to really appreciate the first one."*

## New Contests Implemented

The optional Skins competition has been a huge success. The competition gives the players the option of participating for additional prizes during their tournament round.

Building on that success, other contests using a similar structure will be tried out. Starting with the December tournament, a Low Gross contest was held.

When the format is Individual Medal play, a Low Gross competition will be held. For other formats, there will be a Long Drive contest.

As with the Skins contest, participation is optional. Sign up for these contests at the check-in desk the day of the event. Cost \$5.00 per event.

If you have other ideas for contests, speak to a Board Member or send us an email or letter.

## 2006-2007 Top Ten Money Leaders

The results are in thru December. A \$100 value was awarded to the winners of the two man NCGA event played October. Does not include skins winnings.

Steve	Kister	\$381
Peter	Scaramuzzi	\$213
Alan	Hargreaves	\$203
Ariel	Corpus	\$193
Bill	McCombie	\$170
Tim	Pasek	\$126
Alex	Glebov	\$126
Ron	Fellows	\$125
Robert	Peabody	\$122
Marcus	Rodriguez	\$106
Stefan	Winer	\$100
Dave	Thur	\$100

## Most Improved Golfers

Steve Ochoa was the winner for the most improved golfer for our 2006 season.

Steve will receive a \$40 gift certificate.

POS	Player	9/1/2005	9/1/2006	Factor
		Index	Index	
1	Steve Ochoa	9.2	4.6	1.2766
2	Billy Charlton	12.7	8.6	1.1943
3	Richard Angevine	35.6	28.7	1.1684
4	John King	12.0	8.8	1.1493
5	Tom Morse	14.7	11.5	1.1379
6	Ron Pasek	17.6	14.0	1.1375
7	Shawn Ruddell	8.7	6.3	1.1311
8	Michael Yost	10.6	8.0	1.1282
9	Tim Ryan	24.0	20.1	1.1208
10	Chon Gallegos	4.2	2.5	1.1156



## Final CTP Results for 2006

The results are in for December and the four closest to the pin winners for our 2006 season are listed below.

Good Job Gentlemen. You will each be rewarded with a \$50 gift certificate.

The club will reset the distances starting in January 2007.

Come out and play in January and get an early start at our annual closet to the pin contest.

#5	Benj Noto	1' 4"
#7	Don Erba	0' 4"
#14	Alex Glebov	3' 4"
#16	Stan Yamada	2' 8"

## Sudden-Death Playoffs to be Used for Multi-Day Tournaments

The Board of Directors has instituted a new tiebreaker procedure for selected events.

Currently, ties for first place are broken by scorecard for all events, except the Club Championships and the Grudge Match. Because of the importance of certain tournaments, a sudden-death playoff will break ties to determine the players who will advance to the NCGA event in two-day qualifiers (Zone Team Qualifier and the Four-Ball Qualifier), and for 1st place in the Art Carr Championship. Because of the reduced field on Day 2 and the grouping by Day 1 scores, the logistical barriers to having a playoff are greatly reduced.

The tiebreaker will start on the 1st hole, with handicaps "spun off" the lowest handicap player in the playoff. Handicap strokes will apply as they appear on the official scorecard in effect for that round. For example, two teams tie for the last qualifying spot in the Four-Ball Qualifier. Team A has Paul (8 handicap) and John (12 handicap); Team B has George (16 handicap) and Ringo (22 handicap). For the playoff, Paul plays at scratch, John would get 4 strokes, George plays to an 8 handicap, and Ringo receives 14 strokes.

The playoff procedure in effect will always be stated on the Rules Sheet. It is every competitor's responsibility to know the conditions of the competition.

## Use of Range Finders

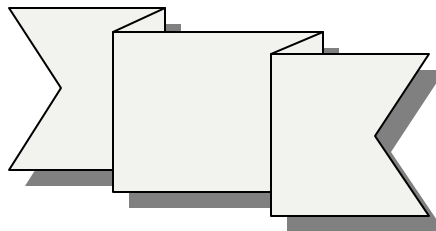
Since several members have started to use range finders the Board of Directors felt we should clarify what is acceptable by the USGA during tournament play

### **14-3/0.5 Local Rule Permitting Use of Distance-Measuring Device**

Q. May a Committee, by Local Rule, permit the use of distance-measuring devices?

A. Yes. A Committee may establish a Local Rule allowing players to use devices that measure distance only.

However, the use of devices that gauge or measure other conditions that might affect a player's play (e.g., **wind or gradient**) is not permitted.



*"Every time a golfer makes a birdie, he must subsequently make two triple bogeys to restore the fundamental equilibrium of the universe."*

### January 2007 Modified Stableford Tournament

**Saturday January 13th. Starting time: 8 AM. Maximum 72 players. Entry Deadline: 1/6/2007 Entry fee is \$66 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 \_\_\_\_\_

ToC

HIO

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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### February 2007 Individual Low Net (ILN) Tournament

**Saturday February 17th. Starting time: 8 AM. Maximum 64 players. Entry Deadline: 2/10/2007 Entry fee is \$66 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 \_\_\_\_\_

ToC

HIO

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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### March 2007 2-man BB NCGA Qualifying Tournament

**Saturday March 17th-18th; Starting time 8:00. Maximum 72 players. Entry Deadline: 3/10/2007. Entry fee is \$132 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 18th at TBD**; 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 TBD 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 \_\_\_\_\_

ToC

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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