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President's Perspective

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Change is in the air!

Ah springtime! A time for change.

Time to get the winter rust off the clubs and time to kick your game into high gear. The golf gods (more so Congress) are helping with two additional weeks of daylight savings. This year daylight savings starts two weeks early March 11th. Take advantage of the extra time and get to the course or a practice facility to prepare. Don't forget about the STMGC certificates. Use them to re-grip your clubs or practices rounds. Remember any purchase over \$100 entitles you to a 10% discount.

This spring we have two NCGA qualifying events, the Art Carr Championship and our first away event on May 29th at Poppy Hills. These events are always popular so remember to get your entries in early. For more information please check out our newly designed website at www.stmgc.com. Thanks to Tim Pasek and Stefan Winer for their continued hard work on the web design and ease of use for our members.

Speaking of change, the USGA is getting in on the act. The USGA has two new equipment proposals regarding grooves and adjustability of golf clubs. For more information please refer to usga.org.

Welcome to the club to our 10 newest members.

Our first two events have had more than 40 players and our pace of play has been very good. Last month we had only one foursome with a time greater than 5:10. Popular springtime events and the changing weather suggest larger fields. Larger turn outs means larger payouts. So get your entry fees in early. Be sure not to miss out on all the fun! We usually have space for another 20 players at every event so have all your friends who like to sleep in join up and join in for our monthly event.

See you at the course!

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Membership Drive

We will issue a \$20 credit to a STMGC **member's account** for each new member he successfully recruits.

Contest Period: March 12, 2007 ~ December 31, 2007

2006~2007 Top Ten Money Leaders

The results are in thru **March**.

A \$125 value was awarded to the winners of the two man NCGA event played in March.

Does not include skins winnings.

Steve	Kister	\$581
Ariel	Corpus	\$243
Alan	Hargreaves	\$223
Robert	Peabody	\$222
Eric	Rosales	\$215
Peter	Scaramuzzi	\$213
Robert	White	\$195
Manuel	Minhoto	\$176
Philip	Lee	\$174
David	Mignano	\$171

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 Top 20

The race has begun for the TOC crown.

Full results are posted on our web page and the clubhouse.

POS	Last	First	TOC TTL	# Events
1	Steve	Kister	71	5
2	Ariel	Corpus	57	6
3	David	Mignano	50	7
4	Stan	Yamada	47	6
5	Marcus	Rodriguez	46	7
5	Peter	Scaramuzzi	46	5
5	Stefan	Winer	46	7
8	Alex	Glebov	44	6
9	Don	Erba	42	7
9	Rick	Hilton	42	6
9	Manuel	Minhoto	42	6
12	Nelson	McBride	41	6
13	Tim	Pasek	38	5
14	Robert	Peabody	36	4
14	Erik	Rosales	36	4
14	Larry	Soto	36	5
17	John	King	35	7
18	George	Lin	34	5
19	Edward	Dryg	33	3
19	Ray	Kong	33	6
19	Robert	Patyk	33	6
19	Sam	Yamada	33	3

TOC season is heating up with 9 more months to go..

January ~ Stableford

The icy cold morning produced a long frost delay, with a modified shotgun start at 10:15 AM. The greens were hard and, combined with some tough pin positions, led to some high scores. It was a day for hardy souls and dedicated golfers. Kudos to all who played.

Mark Klemczak, Steve Kister, and Ed Dryg won their flights in the Modified Stableford format tournament.

Steve Kister continued his recent fine form by leading the field with 11 points. The next highest total was shared by Ed Dryg and Eric Rosales in the 3rd flight with 4 points.

Mark Klemzack had the only positive point total in the 1st Flight with 2 points.

First Flight			
POS	Winners	Net	\$\$
1	Klemczak Mark	2	\$60
2	Lee Philip	-1	\$50
3	Huckaby Tom	-4	\$44
T4	Stan Yamada	-5	\$35
T4	Kong Ray	-5	\$35

Second Flight			
POS	Winners	Net	\$\$
1	Steve Kister	11	\$60
2	Ariel Corpus	4	\$50
3	Larry Soto	0	\$44
4	Bob White	-3	\$38
5	Rick Hilton	-4	\$32

Third Flight			
POS	Winners	Net	\$\$
1	Ed Dryg	4	\$60
2	Eric Rosales	4	\$50
T3	Stefan Winer	-1	\$41
T3	David Mignano	-1	\$41
5	Richard Lee	-5	\$32

#	\$\$	CTP - Winners	Distance
3	\$20	Steve Kister	25'2"
7	\$20	Alan Hargreaves	5'3"
11	\$20	Don Erba	16'9"
16	\$20	Manuel Minhoto	19'6"

February Individual Low Net

Spring came early as the February tournament was played on a glorious day. Blue skies and 75 degrees proved to be quite a contrast to the frigid conditions in our January tournament.

Stan Yamada, Sean Simonsen, and Brian Malekzadeh won their respective flights.

Sean shot a 65 to win the Second Flight by five strokes and shoot the lowest net score of the day. Brian's torrid 29 on the front side led his way to victory.

Phil Lee won the optional Low Gross competition with a nifty 75. Phil also took two Gross Skins as he totaled four birdies and almost aced the 5th hole, leaving his tee shot about a foot away (for a CTP award). Nice playing Phil!

POS	First Flight Winners	Net	\$\$
1	Stan Yamada	68	\$64
2	Phil Lee	69	\$54
T3	Bill Dougher	71	\$49
T3	Scott Allen	71	\$49
5	Frank Raab	74	\$34

POS	Second Flight Winners	Net	\$\$
1	Sean Simonsen	65	\$55
T2	Rick Hilton	70	\$44
T2	Sam Yamada	70	\$44
4	Don Erba	73	\$35
5	Lavelle Gibson	74	\$30

POS	Third Flight Winners	Net	\$\$
1	Brian Malekzadeh	69	\$60
2	David Mignano	71	\$50
T3	Ed Dryg	72	\$41
T3	Frank Correa	72	\$41
5	Bob Patyk	73	\$32

#	CTP - Winners	Distance	\$\$	YTD
5	Phil Lee	1' 2"	\$20	1' 2"
7	Erik Rosales	5' 6"	\$20	5' 3"
14	Frank Raab	9' 9"	\$20	9' 9"
16	Scott Allen	8' 2"	\$20	8' 2"

March 2-man BB NCGA Qualifier

Erik Rosales and Bob White teamed up to dominate the NCGA Four-Ball Qualifier by shooting 62-64 to win by five strokes over Bob Peabody and Steve Kister.

Erik and Bob shot a 62 on Saturday to take a two shot lead over David Mignano and Sterling Matsui. Erik and Bob blitzed the front nine on Sunday and were never heard from again.

Manny Minhoto and Tom Cannon claimed third place and David and Sterling came in fourth.

Tony Yee used some sharp iron play to claim three CTPs. Erik and Ian McCray claimed the only Net Skins for a big \$105 prize for each of their teams.

Ian also claimed two Gross Skins.

Ray Kong and Bill Dougher each claimed a \$30 prize in the optional Long Drive Contest.

POS	PRIZE/MAN	First Flight WINNERS	NET BB Total
1	NCGA Entry Paid	Erik Rosales Robert White	126 62-64
2	\$100	Robert Peabody Steve Kister	131 66-65
3	\$90	Manuel Minhoto Tom Cannon	133 65-68
4	\$80	David Mignano Sterling Matsui	134 64-70
5	\$75	Jeff McBride Nelson McBride	136 66-70
6	\$70	John Roberts Mark Klemczak	138 67-71
7	\$67	Vince Lico John King	139 66-73
8	\$65	Steve Lapointe Billy Charlton	140 67-73

#	\$\$	CTP - Winners	Distance	YTD
5	\$20	Tony Yee	8' 10"	1' 2"
7	\$20	Steve Lapointe	12' 3"	5' 3"
14	\$20	Tony Yee	10' 6"	9' 9"
16	\$20	Tony Yee	22' 6"	8' 2"

"The putting greens were hard, and bumpy"

The Skinny

Q1 Skin Results

January

Hole	Score	Net Skins - Winners	Payout
5	2	Hendra Suwanda	\$36
7	1	Alan Hargreaves	\$36
11	3	Mark Klemczak	\$36
14	2	Erik Rosales	\$36

Hole	Score	Gross Skins - Winners	Payout
3	3	Steven Ochoa	\$23
9	3	Ray Kong	\$23
11	4	Mark Klemczak	\$23
12	3	Rick Hilton	\$23

Gross Points - Winner	Points	Payout
Ray Kong	10	\$45

February

Hole	Score	Net Skins - Winners	Payout
4	2	Manuel Minhoto	\$46
6	2	Jeff McBride	\$46
7	1	Erik Rosales	\$46
17	3	Sean Simonsen	\$46

Hole	Score	Gross Skins - Winners	Payout
4	3	Manuel Minhoto	\$21
5	2	Philip Lee	\$21
7	2	Erik Rosales	\$21
12	3	Philip Lee	\$21
13	3	Stan Yamada	\$21
15	3	Bill Dougher	\$21

Gross Score - Winner	Score	Payout
Phil Lee	75	\$45

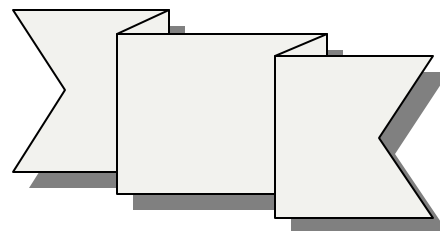
March

Hole	Score	Net Skins - Winners	Team Payout
2	4	Ray Kong	\$17
4	3	Ian McCray	\$17
5	2	Garry Theroux	\$17
8	3	Bill Dougher	\$17
11	4	Ray Kong	\$17
12	3	Steve Lapointe	\$17
16	2	Nelson McBride	\$17
17	4	Ian McCray	\$17

Hole	Score	Gross Skins - Winners	Team Payout
6	1	Eric Rosales	\$105
17	3	Ian McCray	\$105

Hole	Long Drive - Winners	Payout
9	Ray Kong	\$30
17	Bill Dougher	\$30

"Since bad shots come in groups of three, a fourth bad shot is actually the beginning of the next group of three."



Poppy Away Tournament

REMINDER: Tuesday May 29th
 Starting time: 10:00 AM
 Maximum Players: 44
 Entry Deadline: April 20, 2007
 Entry fee Per Player: \$77
 Notes: Green fee, prize money, and cart included in fee

Make sure to send in your money early if you want to play in this mid-week event.

Reno – Fun Event

We are trying to organizing an away tournament to Reno.

Event Days: October 20 - 21
Golf Days: Saturday 10:00 AM / Sunday 9:00 AM (Approximate Tee-times)
Travel days: Friday / Sunday
Transportation: Arrange your own

There is no commitment yet, we are just trying to get an idea of the number of interested members.

If you are interested in participating please email Alan Hargreaves at alan@all-seasons-golf.com or call (408) 268-7326.

Bumpy Greens

If you played in the March tournament you might have noticed inconsistent roll on the greens. The clubhouse informed us the greens keeper is changing the maintenance methods so they only have to plug the greens once a year instead of twice a year. Part of the procedure is to remove Thatch form the greens by using a different cutting method. This new procedure takes about two weeks, after that you should see the improvement to the putting surfaces.



STMGC Web Page

Take a look. We have made changes to the web page to make it easier to navigate. Enjoy.

"Error must go somewhere. If your driver is hot, your putter is ice cold; if you can hit your irons, you will top your woods; if you are keeping your right elbow tucked in, your head will come up."



Hole 3



Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out
Hcp	1	13	15	11	17	5	9	3	7	
Par	4	5	4	4	3	4	3	4	4	35
Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In Total
Hcp	10	16	8	4	18	14	12	6	2	
Par	4	5	4	4	3	4	3	5	4	36 71

Click the hole number to view

Tips:

Do not get greedy. A 200 yard tee shot will get you to 150 yards from the green. The front half of the green slopes back to front, so try and stay below the hole. Go after a back pin.

**April 2007 2-man BB Tournament
(including Qualification for the NCGA Senior 4-Ball Net Championship)**

Saturday April 28th; starting time 11:00. Maximum 68 players. **Entry Deadline: 4/21/2007.** **Entry fee is \$132 per 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, 2007.
- * 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 August 23 at a site TBD.
- * If your team wants to compete in Flight #1 (Qualifying for NCGA Senior 4-Ball), check here _____ and indicate your DOB 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 _____ ToC HiO Date of Birth _____

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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 2007 Poppy Hills Tournament

Tuesday May 29th; starting time 10:00 AM. Maximum 44 players. **Entry Deadline: April 20, 2007.**
Entry fee is \$77 per 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, but they are not eligible for any prizes. If your guest is an NCGA member, his entry fee is \$68; otherwise, it's \$96.

Note: Non-metal spikes are required.

Included is \$1 **each** as checked below, for ToC and/or Hole-in-One;
Include \$5 **each** for Net Skins and/or Gross Skins and/or Low Gross:

Name _____ ToC HiO
Net Skins Gross Skins Low Gross

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 2007 Art Carr Championship

Saturday May 19th. Starting time: 11 AM. Maximum 72 players. **Entry Deadline: 5/12/2007**
Entry fee is \$66 per player.

Only one-third of the field will play on Sunday May 20th, 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 _____ 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 2007 NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier

Saturday June 9th; starting time 11:00. Maximum 72 players. **Entry Deadline: 6/2/2007. Entry fee is \$66 per 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 September 13 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 _____ ToC HiO

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

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