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President's Perspective

By Steve Ochoa

As we approach the end of another successful year, the STMGC board members wish you a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

Membership recruitment is by far our biggest challenge for 2008. As in the previous years, our renewal rate from last year dropped significantly.

The board met recently and we are trying to develop strategies to improve the renewal rate and increase the rate of new members. Please talk to your friends, colleagues and neighbors about joining your club.

With only a few exceptions pace of play has improved overall. Thank you for your attention and support to improve our pace of play. Everyone's contribution helps.

Speaking of helping, I would like to thank the board members for their continued efforts in 2007. We have an energetic group of volunteers giving their free time to make every tournament a success and strive to improve every aspect of our club. Again THANKS TO ALL!

We have some new ideas and opportunities in 2008. We anticipate another exciting and fun year. Come join the fun.

See you at the course!



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STMGC Web Design

We hope you all like the new look and feel of the website. Make sure to thank Tim Pasek and Stefan Winer for their efforts.

Tournament Entry Fee Increase

The entry fees for 2008 will increase by \$2.

Why, you ask?

The additional two dollars will automatically enter you into the Tournament of Champions (TOC) and Hole-In-One competitions.

The Board felt that since 85% of entrants entered both contests, the vast majority of entrants would not be affected. The entry fees have been increased by \$2 to reflect this change.

This change will result in less administrative overhead for our Treasurer, Tournament Director, and TOC Statistician; updated TOC results will also be posted earlier on the website.

TOC 2008 Results

TOC Period of Play:

All regular tournaments from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

TOC Top 20 Qualifiers

Congratulations to all of those who participated in the 2007 Tournament of Champions and made the top 20 plus ties.

The TOC Tournament for 2006-07 will be held Monday April 14, 2008 at Poppy Hills GC.

If you qualified and cannot make it make be sure to let us know so we can put someone else in your spot.

POS	Last	First	TOC TTL	# Events
1	Corpus	Ariel	147	13
2	Erba	Don	145	16
3	Kister	Steve	137	13
4	Rodriguez	Marcus	130	18
5	Mignano	David	123	17
6	Winer	Stefan	118	16
7	Scaramuzzi	Peter	112	14
7	Suwanda	Hendra	112	12
9	Lee	Philip	108	12
10	King	John	106	16
10	Peabody	Robert	106	12
12	Mcbride	Nelson	104	16
13	Yamada	Stan	102	17
14	Yamada	Sam	100	14
15	Patyk	Robert	97	16
16	Hargreaves	Alan	94	15
16	Kong	Ray	94	17
18	Glebov	Alex	93	14
18	Klemczak	Mark	93	9
20	Hilton	Rick	92	14
20	White	Robert	92	11

TOC was a long season!

Are you ready for next year?

Oct 07 ~ NCGA Zone Qualifier

Mark Klemczak, John Roberts, Manny Minhoto, and Gilbert Gonzalez will make up our Zone Team for 2008. Mark and John won the First Flight with rounds of 63-63, while Manny and Gilbert won the Second Flight with scores of 64-61.

Gilbert, a new member, combined with Manny to shoot a sparkling 61 in the second round to break out of a log jam to claim the prize. Manny's net 67 led all scores on Sunday. Manny also set a new YTD mark on Saturday with his CTP on the 7th hole of 1' 9".

Mark and John repeated their Saturday round of 63 to edge out Nelson McBride and Bob White by two strokes. Nelson shot back-to-back gross 75s to lead his team.

Tim Ryan, aka "The Bomber", claimed both Long Drives with monstrous efforts of about 300 yards.

Sterling Matsui claimed two Skins for a team payout of \$80.

POS	First Flight Winners	Net	\$\$ Split
1	Mark Klemzack John Roberts	126	NCGA
2	Nelson McBride Bob White	128	\$100
3	Don Erba Frank Raab	135	\$88
4	Tim Pasek Jeff Cole	136	\$76

POS	Second Flight Winners	Net	\$\$ Split
1	Manuel Minhoto / Gilbert Gonzalez	125	NCGA
T2	Ariel Corpus / Stefan Winer	129	\$94
T2	Marcus Rodriguez Peter Scaramuzzi	129	\$94
4	Dave Thur William McCombie	130	\$76

#	\$\$	CTP - Winners	Distance
5	\$20	Bob Collins	3' 3"
7	\$20	Manny Minhoto	1' 9"
14	\$20	Tim Pasek	12' 7"
16	\$20	Rick Hilton	39' 1"

Nov 07 ~ Member/Guest (2-man Better Ball)

A large field turned out for the Member-Guest tournament. In spite of windy conditions, many teams shot low scores in a competitive tournament.

Jon Kies and his guest, Kelly Sims, claimed the 2nd Flight in a tie-breaker over the teams of Steve Lapointe/Tim Ryan, and David Mignano/Sterling Matsui, who all shot 61's. Jon shot the low round of the day with a gross 75. A shot back were the teams of Alan Hargreaves/Stefan Winer, and Nelson McBride/Jeff McBride.

The 1st Flight was won by the hot duo of Dave Thur/Gilbert Gonzalez in a tie-breaker over John Roberts/Mark Klemczak with best-ball scores of 63.

The teams of Robert Peabody/Steve Kister, and Frank Raab/guest Terry Doland were a shot back.

POS	First Flight Winners	Net	\$\$ Per Man
1	Dave Thur Gilbert Gonzalez	63	\$60
2	John Roberts Mark Klemczak	63	\$52
T3	Robert Peabody Steve Kister	64	\$40
T3	Frank Raab Terry Doland (G)	64	\$40
5	Sam Yamada Bob Isaacs (G)	67	\$32

POS	Second Flight Winners	Net	\$\$ Per Man
1	Jon Kies Kelly Sims (G)	61	\$60
T2	Steve Lapointe Tim Ryan	61	\$48
T2	David Mignano Sterling Matsui	61	\$48
T4	Alan Hargreaves Stefan Winer	62	\$34
T4	Nelson McBride Jeff McBride	62	\$34

#	\$\$	CTP - Winners	Distance	YTD
5	\$20	Gilbert Gonzalez	9' 1"	1' 2"
7	\$20	Manny Minhoto	8' 8"	1' 9"
14	\$20	Stefan Winer	6' 5"	1' 3"
16	\$20	Phil Lee	25' 4"	5' 10"

Dec 07 ~ Turkey Shoot

The Grudge Match was the last tournament of the 2006-07 season. Individual matches were contested with 34 members participating. To add a team component, the players were drafted onto four teams in an optional prize competition. Steve Ochoa's team won the spirited competition in a tiebreaker over Tim Pasek's team. Don Erba's team raced out to a quick lead, winning the first four matches of the tournament, but the bottom of the order came up empty in a shocking development.

Steve Song and Alan Hargreaves shot net 66 and 67 and won both of their matches. Don Erba, Phil Lee, and Ray Kong shot 76's for the lowest rounds of the day (note: Par Plus was used to compute medal scores after a match was decided). Mark Lundstrom won the longest match of the day, requiring 21 holes to dispatch Bill McCombie. Ted Coutts defeated his son Scott on the 19th Hole, the only lead that Ted held all day. Larry Soto won the YTD Closest to the Pin competition for the 16th Hole by hitting his shot to 4' 2".

Each of the 17 match winners received a \$32 grocery card, redeemable for a virtual turkey.

#	Winner	Opponent	Result
1	Nelson McBride	Lavelle Gibson	3&2
2	Alan Hargreaves	Stan Yamada	1 UP
3	Don Erba	Rick Hilton	1 UP
4	Frank Raab	John King	3&2
5	Mark Lundstrom	William McCombie	21st
6	Robert Peabody	Mark Klemczak	6&4
7	Steve Kister	Larry Soto	1 UP
8	Stefan Peck	Rich Reisinger	3&1
9	Marcus Rodriguez	Peter Scaramuzzi	3&2
10	Duane Hopkins	Robert Patyk	3&2
11	Teddie E Coutts	Scott Coutts	19th
12	Robert White	Frank Correa	3&2
13	Steven Song	Bill Scheide	6&4
14	Philip Lee	Alex Glebov	5&3
15	David Fitzgerald	Tom Cannon	2&1
16	Tim Pasek	Steven Ochoa	1 UP
17	Sam Yamada	Ray Kong	3&1

#	\$\$	CTP - Winners	Distance	YTD
5	\$20	Alan Hargreaves	23' 9"	1' 2"
7	\$20	Mark Klemczak	8' 7"	1' 10"
14	\$20	Tim Pasek	7' 0"	1' 3"
16	\$20	Larry Soto	4' 2"	5' 10"

The Skinny - Q4 Results

October

Hole	Score	Net Skins - Winners	Team Payout
4	2	Steve Lapointe Billy Charlton	\$40
6	2	Rick Hilton John King	\$40
8	2	Alex Glebov Percy Serrano	\$40
10	2	Robert Peabody Steve Kister	\$40
14	2	David Mignano Sterling Matsui	\$40
15	2	David Mignano Sterling Matsui	\$40

Hole	Score	Long Drive - Winners	Payout
9	N/A	Tim Ryan	\$32
17	N/A	Tim Ryan	\$32

November

Hole	Score	Net Skins - Winners	Team Payout
2	4	Jim Cooper	\$38
3	2	Steve Kister	\$38
5	1	Jeff McBride	\$38
8	2	Steve Lapointe	\$38
11	3	Tim Ryan	\$38
14	1	Stefan Winer	\$38
16	1	Tony Baron	\$38

Hole	Score	Long Drive - Winners	Payout
9	N/A	Jeff Cole	\$22
17	N/A	Charlie Strouss	\$22

December

Ocho - Team Winners	Payout
Steve Ochoa	\$16
Ray Kong	\$16
Robert White	\$16
Robert Peabody	\$16
Steve Kister	\$16
Marcus Rodriguez	\$16
Philip Lee	\$16
Scott Coutts	\$16
Rick Hilton	\$16

Long Drive	Payout
Steve Ochoa - Hole 9	\$25

2006~2007 Top 20
Money Leaders

The STMGC paid out \$18,000 in prize fund money from October 06 ~ December 07.

1	Kister	Steve	\$786
2	Corpus	Ariel	\$757
3	Erba	Don	\$585
4	Lee	Philip	\$567
5	Peabody	Robert	\$558
6	Scaramuzzi	Peter	\$554
7	Klemczak	Mark	\$547
8	Winer	Stefan	\$539
9	Mignano	David	\$521
10	Rodriguez	Marcus	\$460
11	White	Robert	\$457
12	Suwanda	Hendra	\$440
13	Mcbride	Nelson	\$437
14	Thur	Dave	\$408
15	Minhoto	Manuel	\$400
16	Hargreaves	Alan	\$395
17	Roberts	John	\$370
18	Pasek	Tim	\$362
19	King	John	\$348
20	Coutts	Teddie	\$335

USGA Rules Changes

Beginning in January 1, 2008

Changes to Rules 12-2 and 15-3

A golfer will be allowed to lift a ball for identification in a bunker or water hazard. However, there now will be a two-stroke penalty for playing a wrong ball from a hazard. In match play, the penalty will be loss of hole.

Rule 4-1

Another notable change is the reduction in penalty in for carrying, but not using, a non-conforming club from disqualification to, in stroke play, a penalty of two strokes per hole, with a maximum penalty of four strokes for the round.

Rule 19-2

The penalty for the accidental deflection of a ball by a player, his partner or either of their caddies or equipment under Rule 19-2, will be reduced to one penalty stroke in both match play and stroke play. (In 2007, the penalty was loss of hole in match play and two strokes in stroke play.)

STMGC Member Web

Posting

As a service to our members we will place any active member's business card and a link to the member's website on the STMGC website.

There will be no charge for this service, however we request any members so listed provide a discount to any STMGC members that solicit their services.

To have a business listed, please send the appropriate information to STMGC's webmaster (as listed on the website).

Never try to keep more than 300 separate thoughts in your mind during your swing.

Personal Best (PB) Competition

Beginning on January 12, 2008

We're pleased to announce a new, season long competition:

The **Personal Best (PB) Competition** (also known as an Eclectic competition).

It applies to every tournament round at Santa Teresa GC during 2008, where the format is not match play (that works out to a maximum of 15 rounds).

STMGC will track the best score you record on each hole; the sum of your personal best on each hole will be your PB score for the year.

Here's how it works:

- One time Entry fee is \$20 per category (Net and Gross)
- Sign up to participate in either the Gross, Net, or both categories.
- Net scores will be determined based on the handicap you have at the time each round is played
- STMGC will track your best net score and gross score for each hole, and post your cumulative PB score before each tournament
- Prizes will be paid to approximately 10% of the field, not to exceed 5 players for each category.

The earlier you sign up, the more rounds count towards your PB score.

So come out in January and sign up.

