



# Santa Teresa Men's Golf Club

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## President's Perspective

With the annual December elections approaching, it's important that we have a competitive slate of candidates. We encourage all members to consider running for one of the vacant seats on the Board of Directors - it's crucial that we get a steady influx of new members and ideas on the Board.

We purposely stagger our vacancies from year to year, to achieve a balance of innovative incoming Board members, and the continuity provided by the incumbents.

Serving on the Board can be a fulfilling experience, where friendships are formed, and real progress can be made towards moving the Club forward. It's a great way to give back to the game of golf.

If you're interested in running for the Board, please inform a member of the Nominating Committee (Steve Ochoa, Billy Charlton, or Tim Pasek), or any other Board member, prior to November 1st.

## Membership Renewal

Be on the look out for your renewal letter. Our renewal period begins October 1<sup>st</sup> for the 2009 calendar year.

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## Pace of Play Reminder

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 1/2 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

## Top Ten Money Winners

1	David Mignano	\$ 482
2	Sam Yamada	\$ 452
3	Sterling Matsui	\$ 438
4	Tim Pasek	\$ 392
5	Nelson McBride	\$ 334
6	Stefan Peck	\$ 316
7	George Fowler	\$ 292
8	John Roberts	\$ 289
9	Don Erba	\$ 279
9	Alex Glebov	\$ 271

## Tournament of Champions

**Tournament of Champions (TOC)** - All members are awarded points based on their performance in each of the club's tournaments throughout the year. The top 20 players will compete in the Tournament of Champions which will be played at Poppy Hills early next year. For details on points allocation, tournament date, etc. go to <http://stmgc.com/TOC-info.htm>.

## TOC Standings

The top 25 players are shown below. As of this issue there are 4 tournaments remaining and plenty of opportunity for players to move up above the cut line. There are 15 to 20 more players still in the hunt.

Full results are posted in the clubhouse and on the web at:

<http://stmgc.com/TOC/2008/detailed06092008.htm>

Position	Player	Points	Events
1	Sterling Matsui	95	9
2	Sam Yamada	92	10
3	David Mignano	87	9
4	Don Erba	73	9
5	Stefan Peck	72	10
5	Alex Glebov	72	8
7	Tim Pasek	69	8
7	Lavelle Gibson	69	10
9	Steve Kister	66	8
9	George Fowler	66	6
11	Marcus Rodriguez	63	10
11	Steve Darrow	63	7
13	Percy Serrano	62	8
13	Philip Lee	62	10
15	Stan Yamada	60	10
15	John Roberts	60	8
17	Stefan Winer	57	10
17	Nelson McBride	57	7
19	Alan Hargreaves	56	8
20	Mark Mignano	52	9
21	Rich Reisinger	51	7
21	Ariel Corpus	51	7
21	Bob Collins	51	7
24	Jon Kies	50	9
25	Brian Malekzadeh	48	7

## 2008 Tournament Schedule

Jan 12	8:00 am	Modified Stableford (Indiv.)
Feb 9	8:00 am	Individual Low Net
Mar 15	8:00 am	Qualifier for NCGA Four-Ball
Mar 16	11:00 am	1/3 of Saturday's field, max 10
Apr 28	11:00 am	Qual. for NCGA Senior 2-man, plus 2-man Better Ball
May 17	11:00 am	Art Carr Championship (Indiv.)
May 18	11:00 am	One-third of the Field from Sat.
May 27	10:00 am	Poppy Hills Individual (Wed)
Jun 7	11:00 am	Qual. for NCGA Net Amateur
Jul 12	11:00 am	4-man Progressive (4-MBB)
Aug 16	11:00 am	Flighted Individual Low Net
Sept 13	11:00 am	Club Championship
Sept 14	11:00 am	Quarter-finals
Sept 20	8:00 am	Semi-finals
Sept 21	8:00 am	Finals
Sept 29	11:30 am	San Juan Oaks (Mon)
Oct 11	11:00 am	2 Man, BB NCGA Zone Qual for 2009
Oct 12	11:00 am	1/3 of Saturday's field, max 10 teams
Nov 15	8:00 am	Member/Guest
Dec 13	8:00 am	Flighted Individual Low Net

## Create a Custom Yardage Guide

Is there a hole that has your number? One that always gives you trouble because you're unsure of the correct distance to a safe landing site? Does hole 15 at San Juan Oaks come to mind? Where do you aim and how far do you need to hit your second shot? I don't play the course often enough to have a feel for it and I struggled with this issue each time I played it. Google Earth came to the rescue for me. With its distance measuring feature you can create a very handy yardage resource for an individual hole. Here's how:

1. You will need to install Google Earth if you haven't already done so. Go to <http://earth.google.com> to find the free download. You will find lots of interesting capabilities even if you don't care to use it for a yardage resource.
2. Under "Search", in the Fly to box in the left pane, enter San Juan Oaks Golf Club, CA.

3. Zoom into the 15<sup>th</sup> hole. You can rotate the image using the outer ring of the tool in the upper right portion of the image window to align the hole in the window.
4. Select the “Ruler” from the “Tools” dropdown menu.
5. Choose “yards” for the measurement.
6. Anchor the ruler by left clicking on the teeing area and move the cursor to the distance and location to represent the end point of your drive. A 240 yard drive is shown below.



7. Anchoring the ruler in the middle of the green and stretching back down the fairway determines the location of the 150 yard marker as shown below. Note it is in the narrowest part of the fairway.



8. You can now select the anchor point back at the green and move it to the end point of your drive to determine the direction and distance to the 150 yard marker. For this case, you will find that it is about 140 yards.



9. Leave the anchor at your drive end point and move the anchor at the 150 yard marker forward to determine your distance and yardage options.
10. One option is to go for the wide part of the fairway over the trees. As shown below, it is about 190 yards to the “fat” of the fairway.



With a little twiddling you can develop a reasonable strategy for this hole.

## TOURNAMENT SUMMARIES

### JULY - Four-Man Progressive Best Ball

Tim Pasek, Jeff Cole, Teddie Coutts, and David Fitzgerald were a well-oiled machine as they won the Four-Man Progressive Best Ball tournament. All team members shot net scores of 71 or less to finish with a team score of 25 under par. Tim led the way with a gross 71 (net 65). Only a bogey-bogey finish prevented Tim from shooting a sub-par round. Larry Murchan and Mark Klemczak shot gross 72's and Bob Collins shot a 74 for more low rounds. Mark's round included four birdies and a 33 on the front nine.

**AUGUST - Individual Low Net**

Frank Raab, Billy Charlton, and Jeffrey McBride won their respective flights in the August medal tournament. Jeffrey shot a blazing 64 to win the 3rd Flight by 3 strokes over David Fitzgerald. Frank and Billy shot 67s to claim their flights.

Steve Darrow won the Low Gross contest with a 77 and he also collected two Gross Skins. Jeff Cole won a Gross Skin and two CTP prizes. The Boomers, led by captain Gib Gibson, took the Team Contest.

**SEPTEMBER - Club Championship**

**Championship Flight Winner – Tim Pasek**



PLACE	PRIZE	CHAMPIONSHIP
1	\$200	Tim Pasek
2	\$150	Bob Collins
T3	\$100	Larry Murchan
T3	\$100	Steve Darrow

**First Flight Winner – Sam Yamada**



PLACE	PRIZE	FIRST FLIGHT
1	\$200	Sam Yamada
2	\$150	Don Erba
T3	\$100	George Fowler
T3	\$100	Alex Glebov

**Second Flight Winner – David Mignano**



PLACE	PRIZE	SECOND FLIGHT
1	\$200	David Mignano
2	\$150	Gib Gibson
T3	\$100	Sterling Matsui
T3	\$100	Peter Robinson

### October 2008 Qualifier for the 2009 NCGA Zone Tournament

**Saturday October 11th and Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup>. Starting time 11:00.** Maximum 72 players. **Entry Deadline: 10/4/2008.** Entry fee is \$142 per team. (HIO and TOC are included in the basic entry fee)

**FORMAT:** Flighted, 2-man Better Ball Qualifier. The lowest one-third of each flight (to a maximum of 10 teams total) will advance to **Sunday October 12th 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. The two flight winners will advance to the South Bay Regional Zone on TBD. 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 teams will have their entry fee paid to the South Bay Zone Championship, and, if they advance, to the NCGA Zone Championship on TBD.

Please indicate which **optional** contests you'd like to enter, and adjust your entry fee accordingly:

**\*\*\* If you do not pay for the optional contests at the same time you send in your entry form there is will be a \$2.00 surcharge added per contest entered the day of the tournament, the \$2 charge is not included in the prize fund.**

Name _____	Long Drive	\$5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Name _____	Long Drive	\$5	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>2-man Team Contests</u>	Net Team Skins	\$10	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you'd like to be grouped with players from another team, please list their names below (but only after verifying that they intend to be grouped with you):

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### November 2008 Member/Guest - Member/Member Tournament

**Saturday November 15th; starting time 8:00 AM. Maximum 72 players. Entry Deadline: 11/8/2008.**  
**Entry fee is \$142 per team. (HIO and TOC are included in the basic entry fee)**

**FORMAT:** Flighted, 2-man Better Ball. Guests are ineligible for the Hole-in-One prize and TOC points. However, they are eligible for the Closest-to-Pin awards. Please indicate the GHIN # of your guest.

Please indicate which **optional** contests you'd like to enter, and adjust your entry fee accordingly:

**\*\*\* If you do not pay for the optional contests at the same time you send in your entry form there is will be a \$2.00 surcharge added per contest entered the day of the tournament, the \$2 charge is not included in the prize fund.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Long Drive \$5

Guest \_\_\_\_\_ GHIN # \_\_\_\_\_ Long Drive \$5

2-man Team Contests Net Team Skins \$10

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### December 2008 Individual Low Net Tournament

**Saturday December 13th. Starting time: 8 AM.** Maximum 80 players. **Entry Deadline: 12/6/2008** Entry fee is \$71 per player. (HIO and TOC are included in the basic entry fee)

**FORMAT:** Flighted, Individual Low Net.

Please indicate which **optional** contests you'd like to enter, and adjust your entry fee accordingly:

**\*\*\* If you do not pay for the optional contests at the same time you send in your entry form there is will be a \$2.00 surcharge added per contest entered the day of the tournament, the \$2 charge is not included in the prize fund.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Gross Skins	\$5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Net Skins	\$5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Long Drive	\$5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low Gross	\$5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Team Competition	\$5	<input type="checkbox"/>			

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