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### President's Perspective

I want to acknowledge and thank Steve Ochoa for his service and commitment to the club as our President for the past two years. Steve oversaw a number of changes to the club over that time in order to create a better club and I am proud to have served as his Vice President. Thank you Steve!

As 2009 has kicked off, I am sincerely honored to serve as the president of the Men's club for 2009. I may not be President Obama, but I will try and do the best I can for the club. Yes I can! I know that I am speaking for the rest of the board members that we are all committed to making the Men's club one of the best clubs that are available in the area and at an extremely affordable price.

We have made a few changes this year in our membership programs to meet the needs of our members in these difficult times, so if you have some friends that are interested in joining, please direct them to any of the board members or to our website.

I also want to highlight to the membership that we have instituted a Pace of Play (POP) that will strictly be enforced by the board. Over the last couple of tournaments we've improved, however, we all need to do what we can to keep the pace of play to four and a half hours.

It looks like 2009 is going to be a tough year for everyone, but the one thing we can all look forward too is the nice weather ahead and playing golf. So I wish you all the best in 2009 and may you hit the ball straight and have the wind at your back and that you make that long putt for birdie!

- Steve Lapointe, President

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### Welcome New Members!

The Santa Teresa Men's Golf Club would like to formally welcome the following new members who have joined in the past four months:

Albert Lam  
Jon O'Loughlin  
Andrew Devlin  
Cesar Bautista  
Ray Casaclang

### Hole No. 5 – Camera Tower

<http://www.usga.org/playing/rules/books/rules/rule24.html>

Under USGA Rule 24-2, the camera tower is deemed an immovable obstruction. As such, it's only deemed an obstruction if it either interferes with your stance or swing. It is not considered an obstruction if it merely blocks your line of sight to the pin.

Relief: You're allowed to take a drop within one club length of the nearest point of relief no closer to the hole. The area of relief may not be a hazard or on the putting green.

## The Board's thanks...

As many of you may know, Tim Pasek, a long term member of the board of directors, decided not to run for re-election last year. What some may not be aware of is just how much Tim has contributed to the board over the ten years he's served as director, and the service he continues to provide the Men's club. The Board would like to acknowledge Tim's historical and continuing contributions to the success of the Men's club.

First the tale of the tape: Tim was first elected to the board in 1998, he served as vice-president from 2003-2004, and president from 2005-2006. The dates of service do not come close to capturing the value Tim brought to the board. In addition to the standard board responsibilities, Tim was the person we depended on for points of order, for placing various issues in historical context, for calm and rational discourse, and for documenting and organizing the board's activities. When a difficult task was proposed, Tim was often the first to take on the additional responsibility.

Among his more significant contributions were his support of Art Carr's initiative to launch the club's website, and managing the transition when a board member died. In both cases, Tim's exemplary efforts were not obvious to those outside the board but directly benefited the members. Even though Tim no longer serves on the board, he continues to contribute to the Men's club by serving as our webmaster, which he's done since 2002. Please join us in thanking Tim for his dedicated service.

On a cautionary note, do not let him play you straight up for money. He has worked his index down from a 4.9 to a 2.0 over the last year -- quite an achievement in itself.

## Team Match Play 2009

[http://www.stmgc.com/MatchPlay/info\\_packet.htm](http://www.stmgc.com/MatchPlay/info_packet.htm)

After a very successful effort in 2008 that came up just points short of moving into the next round, I'm looking forward to the 2009 NCGA Team Match Play, and hope you'll join me as part of the STMGC team.

I've been part of the team for the last two years and have stepped up to the captain's position for 2009.

While you can always find all of the details on our site, I'll give you an overview on what is the NCGA Team Match. In Team Match play, the STMGC competes against other local NCGA clubs in handicapped, match play format. Play is in a pool format, with 4 teams per pool, and events are played both at Santa Teresa and the other three courses. For every foursome, there are two individual matches and a team match. Strategy and fortitude in the face of difficulty are the

keys to the game, as match play rewards a focus on smart play and resiliency.

The events occur between June 15 and August 15th. If you're interested, drop me a note at [kies@stmgc.com](mailto:kies@stmgc.com). Let me know if you would prefer to play local events (like Spring Hills, Palo Alto) or travel to other courses outside the immediate area. As a note, to play you don't have to commit to every event. We all have obligations outside of golf. Even if you would like to play only one or two events, please drop me a note to be included.

The recent Ryder Cup has shown how exciting team match play can be and I hope you'll join the fun of the STMGC team this summer in NCGA Team Match play.

- Jon Kies, STMGC Team Match Play Captain

## New Course Superintendent –

Pearce "P.J." Kaner

A little background...

In preparation for a major re-modeling of the course beginning in 2003, Los Altos Golf & Country Club invited P.J. to join the construction team. After seeding and sodding, P.J. acted as Grow-in Superintendent. When the golf course re-opened in 2004 P.J. was promoted to Assistant Golf Course Superintendent working directly under head Superintendent, Michael Simpson. A graduate of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo ('99), prior to joining Los Altos Golf & Country Club, P.J. founded Golden State Growers, a wholesale plant nursery specializing in California native plants.

In his new role...

P.J. has identified four key areas of importance for Santa Teresa - greens, tee boxes, landing areas, and bunkers.

Greens - An increase in the top-dressing to improve consistency across all holes both in the way shots hold the green and putts roll.

Tee Boxes – Leveling and conditioning are the two major issues. The tee boxes will be leveled in order of need. Aerating will take place early in Spring.

Landing Areas – To lessen the fairway damage crows and other wildlife create in foraging for insects, etc., P.J. will be implementing an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program. Simply put, decreasing the number of bugs and other food sources will significantly reduce the resulting damage.

Bunkers - While they are a hazard, they should have a consistency to them, and P.J. has a plan to improve their playability. Proper conditioning of the sand is the key to achieving a consistent feel in the bunkers. One aspect of this conditioning involves reducing the amount of organic material in the sand fueling the growth of algae. It's the build-up of algae, which causes the sand to essentially "gum up", making you feel as if you're hitting threw wet-cement, or bouncing the club off adobe.

## Tournament Summaries – Q1/09

### MARCH 21-22: NCGA 4-Ball Qualifier

Scott Alltop and Ray Casaclang shot a pair of 63's to win by 5 strokes over the teams of Tim Ryan & Jared Holley, and Cesar Bautista & Andrew Devlin. Scott had 4 birdies on Sunday to lead his team to victory. The second round was played in tough conditions as temperatures dropped and strong winds whipped through the course. Cesar and Andrew shot the best round of the tournament in Round 1 with a sparkling 61 (29+32), with eight 3's on the front nine.

### FEBRUARY 21: Individual Low-Net

Winners...

First Flight – Phil Lee, net 70

Second Flight – Bernie Imada, net 70

Phil Lee and Bernie Imada shot the only sub-par rounds on an overcast day to win their flights in the February Spring Training tournament. Tim Pasek shot a 74 to claim Low Gross honors by a stroke over Mark Klemczak. John Roberts and David Mignano had the only Net Skins to claim \$57 prizes. Alex Glebov stuck his tee shot on Hole 5 to 10" to claim the CTP award for the hole. In the Team Contest, the team of Mark K Mark won convincingly led by David Fitzgerald, Duane Hopkins, and Captain Mark Klemczak.

### JANUARY 24: Modified Stableford

Winners...

First Flight – Scott Alltop, 11 pts.

Second Flight – Brian Malekzadeh, 9 pts.

Third Flight - Sterling Matsui, 3 pts.

Scott Alltop, Brian Malekzadeh, and Sterling Matsui won their flights in the Modified Stableford tournament held on January 24. The recent rains held off for most of the field, raining only at the end of round for the last groups. Scott led all golfers with 11 points, while Brian won the 2nd Flight in a tiebreaker over Robert Peabody, both with 9 points. Sterling also won a tiebreaker over new member Frank DeSpain with 3 points. Tom Huckaby won 2 Gross Skins and 1 Net Skin, while Robert Peabody won a skin in each category. Brian Malekzadeh won 2 Net Skins to add to his flight triumph. Mark Mignano may have hit the shot of the day when his ball rebounded off a tree to within 4.5 feet on Hole 16 to win the CTP!

## 2009 Tournament Schedule

### Entry Tip! –

Entries into each tournament are processed on a "first come, first booked" basis, and that process requires both your entry form and payment. Make sure both arrive before the entry deadline. If you're paying electronically (EFT), when scheduling the payment date, take into consideration there may be a 2-3 day lag in receiving the payment. If you'd like to apply an existing club credit, make note of that on your entry form.

Date	Time	Entry Deadline	Format
Apr 25	11 am	Apr 18	2-man BB & Qualifier for NCGA Senior 4-Ball
May 16	11 am	May 09	Art Carr Championship (Individual)
May 17	11 am		One-third of Saturday's field
May 28	10 am	Apr 22	Poppy Hills (Thursday) Individual Low Net
Jun 13	8 am	Jun 06	Qualifier for NCGA Net Amateur (Individual)
Jul 18	11 am	Jul 11	4-man Yellow Ball
Aug 15	8 am	Aug 08	Individual Low Net
Sep 12	11 am	Sep 05	Club Championship ‡
Sep 13	11 am		Quarter-Finals
Sep 19	8 am		Semi-Finals
Sep 20	8 am		Finals
Sep 28	10 am	Aug 20	Eagle Ridge (Monday) Individual Low Net
Oct 10	11 am	Oct 03	2010 NCGA Zone Qualifier (2-man BB)
Oct 11	11 am		One-third of Saturday's field (maximum 10 teams)
Nov 14	8 am	Nov 07	Member/Guest (2-man Better Ball)
Dec 12	8 am	Dec 05	Individual Low Net

‡ NOTE: Two-tournament minimum needed to enter the Club Championship.

**April 2009 2-man BB Tournament**  
**(including Qualification for the NCGA Senior 4-Ball Net Championship)**

**Saturday April 25th; starting time 11 AM.** Maximum 60 players. **Entry Deadline: 4/18/2009.** Entry fee is \$142 per team (or \$71 per player). **Note: for those teams entering the Qualification for the NCGA Senior 4-Ball, please add \$5 per player to your entry fee, for a total of \$76 per player, or \$152 per team.**  
 See the [Policies Page](#) for detailed Entry info.

**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 14, 2009.
- 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 8/5 at TBD
- **If your team wants to compete in Flight #1 (Qualifying for NCGA Senior 4-Ball), check here \_\_\_\_\_ and indicate your Date of Birth here \_\_\_\_\_; your entry fee is \$152 per team.**

**All other Flights** will consist of 2-man teams playing at 100% of their course handicaps, with no age or handicap restrictions.

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 will be a \$2 surcharge added per contest entered the day of the tournament; the \$2 charge is not included in the prize fund.**

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

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**2-man Team Contests** - (per man) Net Team Skins \$5

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

## May 2009 Art Carr Championship

**Saturday May 16th. Starting time: 11 AM.** Maximum 60 players. **Entry Deadline: 5/9/2009**  
 Entry fee is \$71 per player. See the [Policies Page](#) for detailed Entry info.

**FORMAT:** Non-flighted, Individual Low Net at 90% of Course Handicap both days. (2-day cumulative net score)

**Only one-third of the field will play on Sunday May 17th, beginning at 11 AM. Players making the cut will be responsible for paying their greens fees directly to the ProShop on Sunday morning.**

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 will be a \$2 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"/>	Low Gross	\$5	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Net Skins	\$5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Team	\$5	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Long Drive	\$5	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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## May 2009 Poppy Hills Tournament

**Thursday May 28th; starting time 10:00 AM.** Maximum 44 players. **Entry Deadline: April 10, 2009.**  
**Entry fee is \$89 per player. See the [Policies Page](#) for detailed Entry info.**

**FORMAT:** Flighted, Individual Low Net. The \$89 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 \$78; otherwise, it's \$103.

***Note: Non-metal spikes are required.***

***Note: Players will be flighted depending on which set of Tees they prefer to play. Players in the first flight will play from the Blue tees; players in all other flights will play from the White tees:***  
**<http://www.poppyhillsgolf.com/pebblebeach/golf/scorecard.htm>.**

Please indicate which **optional** contests you'd like to enter, and adjust your entry fee accordingly (note: the Optional Contests are conducted separately for Blue Tee and White Tee flights; both flights will contest for the same CTP awards):

Name _____	Blue Tees <input type="checkbox"/>	Gross Skins \$5 <input type="checkbox"/>	
	White Tees <input type="checkbox"/>	Net Skins \$5 <input type="checkbox"/>	
		Low Gross \$5 <input type="checkbox"/>	

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

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### June 2009 NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier

**Saturday June 13th; starting time 8 AM.** Maximum 60 players. **Entry Deadline: 6/6/2009.** Entry fee is \$76 per player. See the [Policies Page](#) for detailed Entry info.

**FORMAT:** 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 9/17 at a site TBD. See the [NCGA Blue Book](#) for more information.

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 will be a \$2 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"/>	Low Gross	\$5	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Net Skins	\$5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Long Drive	\$5	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Team Competition	\$5	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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