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President's Perspective

We're half-way through 2009 already, and I'm happy to report we've had some great tournaments and a lot of fun along the way. On that note, I'd like to just comment on a few points.

Personal Best Competition –

With a healthy number of participants, competition across all flights in both the Net and Gross categories is really heating up. Take a look at the current standings:

Personal Best leaders as of July 23rd...			
GROSS	Flight A	Ray Kong	61
GROSS	Flight B	Robert Peabody	65
GROSS	Flight C	Frank De Spain	68
NET	Flight A	Alex Glebov	55
NET	Flight B	Steve Kister	51
NET	Flight C	Mark Mignano	46

Pace of Play –

All-in-all we didn't do too badly in the April - June tournaments, and I'd like to thank everyone for striving to keep up with the group ahead. That said, we did experience a few gaps in the May tournament, which resulted in some lost time between the first and last groups. With feedback from our members, we've made changes in the POP policy (see page 3) that were implemented in the July 18th, Yellow Ball tournament. We hope this revision will help maintain a steady and enjoyable pace of play for all.

Team Match Play 2009 –

It's great to see our club competing in team competitions again this year. Let's do our best to win and move on to the next level!

- Steve Lapointe, President

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 three months:

Alan Fujihara Ralph Lockwood Mark Long
Mark Morales Scott Stepp

Team Match Play 2009 Update

http://www.stmgc.com/MatchPlay/info_packet.htm

Let me begin, with a BIG congratulations to our team on a great "at home" victory (30-6) versus Sharp Park on July 25th. They proved to be a tough opponent in our first match, and it was great to see our team play exceptionally well. This stellar performance was truly inspirational, and on a side note, I'd like to say "thanks" to everyone for getting me my first win as Captain.

Moving forward, I want to stress that we're still very much "in the hunt". Although the point scores don't reflect it, we played tough in our first two "away" matches, and came very close to upsetting Summitpointe - the current leader. It's important to note that, while winning the overall team competition is based on match wins, ties are broken based on the total points accrued over all six matches. Those points are earned in both individual matches and the two-man team matches within each foursome. Focusing on competing at both levels means we'll win the points that win matches.

I'm confident we can take the caliber of play we demonstrated versus Sharp Park, and win our next three matches.

If you're interested in playing, then send me an email at jonnygolf@gmail.com,

- Jon Kies, STMGC Team Match Play Captain

DATE	MATCH DETAILS
June 20	at Sharp Park (Results: L / 13 to 23)
July 11	at Summitpointe (Results: L / 14 to 22)
July 25	at HOME vs. Sharp Park (Results: W / 30 to 6)
August 1	at HOME vs. Shoreline – 9:00am start
August 8	at Shoreline – 9:00am start
August 16	at HOME vs. Summitpointe – 9:00am start

NOTE: Aug. 16th is a Sunday, scheduled to avoid our individual low-net tournament on Saturday, Aug. 15th.

Tournament Summaries

JUNE 13: NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier

Congratulations to Don Erba and Hendra Suwanda, who won their respective flights in the Net Am Qualifier; they will represent STMGC at the NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier in September.

MAY 16-17: Art Carr Championship

Congratulations to Steve Kister who shot net scores of 65 and 68 for a combined two-day total of 133. In the first weekend of truly baking heat (mid-90's with little wind), Steve edged out Hendra Suwanda, who placed second with a net total of 136.

APRIL 27: 2008 TOC Championship

Congratulations to Gib Gibson, who won the 2008 TOC Championship at Poppy Hills. No Monterey fog was going to cool down Gib as he trounced the competition with a sizzling net 61.

APRIL 25: 2-Man BB & NCGA Senior 4-Ball Qualifier

Winners...

NCGA Senior 4-Ball Qualifiers –

Teddy Coutts and Manny Minhoto

Wow! With two teams shooting net 64s, this one went to the fourth extra hole before Teddy Coutts and Manny Minhoto outlasted Gib Gibson and Robert Patyk in the play off. Teddy and Manny will be representing STMGC in a sectional qualifier on August 5th.

2-Man Best Ball (First Flight) –

Sam Yamada and Chris Lohman

Sam and Chris teamed up to shoot an impressive net 62. They needed to go that low as two other teams ended up tying for second with net 63s – Larry Soto & Robert Peabody and Vincent Lico & George Fowler.

2-Man Best Ball (Second Flight) –

David Mignano and Sterling Matsui

Talk about “smack down”, this one wasn’t even close. David and Sterling left the rest of the field in the dust with a net 56 – 7 shots better than the second place team.

Congratulations!

JULY 18: Yellow Ball 4-Man Team Competition

Congratulations to Percy Serrano, Marcus Rodriguez, Stefan Peck, and Alan Hargreaves, who won with a net best-ball score of 124, edging out two other teams as 125.

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
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.

TEE TIMES: Times shall be posted on the website several days prior to the tournament. The Pro Shop Staff will also be provided with a list of tee times for the convenience of players who call in for their times. In general, tee-times are assigned based on Pace of Play performance. Players with a proven history of fast play will be given the early times. The entry receipt will be a secondary factor to determine starting times. Special requests for an early time will be honored, but the group must exhibit good Pace of Play performance or future requests may be denied. As a condition of competition, we've adopted the [Note to Rule 6-3](#), which grants a player a 5-minute grace period after missing his tee-time (at a penalty of 2 strokes for stroke play, loss of hole for match play); after 5 minutes, the player is disqualified.

STMGC PACE OF PLAY POLICY REVISIONS

The Pace of Play (POP) Policy has been in effect for a few months and has successfully increased awareness among the members of our pace of play. The policy will be continuously refined as feedback is received from the membership. The initial revisions will move the Official Clock from the last hole to the 16th Hole and it will allow members to build up points for exceptional POP performance.

One issue has been the natural group separation that occurs between the 16th and 17th holes. This gap coupled with an unavoidable time-consuming incident on the last two holes puts a group at risk of going over the 12-minute limit.

To alleviate this situation, the official clock will be moved to the 16th green. All groups will record their time after putting out on the 16th hole. An additional clock will be placed on the last hole so that the 18-hole time can be recorded, but the POP points will be based on the time recorded on the 16th hole.

Another suggestion was to allow members to build up, or bank, points to use against a future bad time. The policy now awards a Reward Point if a group has an exceptional time and finishes within 8 minutes of the previous group. This will only apply to foursomes. A maximum of 2 Reward Points can be accumulated. Any subsequent POP penalty will draw against the banked points.

As before, any penalty can be appealed to the POP Chairman, who is identified on the tournament rule sheet.

As a reminder, the POP Policy was enacted to raise awareness of our pace of play and to avoid disciplinary actions by course management. A few chronic slow players are responsible for the majority of the problems and cause the entire club to suffer. This policy intends to identify and penalize those players.

Be aware of your group's position with respect to the group AHEAD of you. Doing your part allows everyone to enjoy his round.

August 2009 Individual Tournament Saturday August 15th; Starting-time 8 AM.

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

Entry Deadline : 8/8/09

Maximum 60 players. Entry fee is \$73 per player.
See the [Policies Page](#) for detailed Entry info.

FORMAT: Flighted, Individual Low Net.

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

Name _____

Gross Skins \$5

Net Skins \$5

Low Gross \$5

Long Drive \$5

Team Comp. \$5

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

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):

September 2009 Eagle Ridge Tournament Monday September 28th; Starting-time 10 AM.

Send with check to:
Santa Teresa Men's Golf Club
P. O. Box 64415
SunnyvaleCA 94088-4415

Entry Deadline : August 20, 2009.

Maximum 48 players. Entry fee is \$68 per player.

Fees Include: Green Fees, Cart, Small Bucket of Range Balls, and Prize Fund

Guest Fee*: \$55 (*) Guests are permitted on a space-available basis, but they are not eligible for any prizes.

See the [Policies Page](#) for detailed Entry info.

30-Day Cancellation for refund. If we can fill your spot on short notice, fees will be refunded.

FORMAT: Flighted, Individual Low Net. *Note: Non-metal spikes are required.*

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

Name _____

Gross Skins \$5

Net Skins \$5

Low Gross \$5

Long Drive \$5

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

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):

STMGC 2009 Club Championship

September 12 & 13 (11am) / September 19 and 20 (8am).

Send with check to:

Santa Teresa Men's Golf Club
P. O. Box 64415
Sunnyvale CA 94088-4415

Entry Deadline : 9/5/2009.

Maximum 60 players. Entry fee is \$73 per player

Greens fees for subsequent rounds are the responsibility of the player.

See the [Policies Page](#) for detailed Entry info.

NOTE: Participation in the Club Championship is limited to those players who have played in a minimum of 2 STMGC tournaments since the completion of last year's Club Championship.

Consult the [Policies Page](#) for a description of all Club Championship-related policies.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT FORMAT -

The Championship Flight plays from the Black tees, at scratch. The first round will be conducted at **Stroke play**, to determine the 8 seeds in the Championship Flight's bracket; **Match Play** for the remaining 3 rounds. Quarter-final matches are played on Sunday Sep 13th at **11 am**; Semi-final matches played on Saturday Sep 19th at **8 am**; Final-round match is played on Sunday Sep 20th at **8 am**.

HANDICAP FLIGHTS FORMAT -

The Handicap Flights play from the Blue tees, at full handicap. The first round will be conducted at **Stroke play**, to determine the top 4 players in each flight who advance to the 2nd Day. The 2nd Round will be also be conducted at **Stroke play**, on Sunday Sep 13th at **11 am**; payout will be based on the cumulative 2-day net score.

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

(**Note** : the Championship Flight will have its own optional contests, sepa rate from the Handicap Flights):

Name _____

Gross Skins \$5

Net Skins \$5

Low Gross \$5

Championship Flight

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

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