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President's Note

Wow! Just one month left, and 2009's a wrap. It's been a great year of golf, and I want to thank everyone involved for supporting the club and participating in our events.

Going into 2010, I've just got a few things I'd like to touch on.

Pointing out the upcoming election.

Clarifying some existing and new programs/initiatives.

2010 Membership Drive - Rewarding Membership Referrals and the use of a business-referral card.

Name that tournament – sponsor a tournament.

Continuing our efforts to improve with the help of members' feedback to improve policies and explore new ways to make membership in STMGC better every year.

- Steve Lapointe, President

Personal Best Competition –

Just one more tournament to go, and it's now down to the wire. Is it now a fate accompli, or could December's Individual Low Net produce some stunning upsets. Take a look at the current standings:

Personal Best leaders as of December 1st..			
GROSS	Flight A	Alex Glebov	57
GROSS	Flight B	L. Gibson & R. Peabody	64
GROSS	Flight C	Frank De Spain	67
NET	Flight A	Alex Glebov	47
NET	Flight B	John Roberts	50
NET	Flight C	Mark Mignano	44

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:

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|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Dave Drury    | Jose Chau-Lee | Franklin Chung    |
| John Remy     | Nick Bobos    | Robert Malonso    |
| Kelly Sims    | John Pena     | Darryl van Maanen |
| Jim McCaffrey |               |                   |

Don't Forget!  
New Member  
Referrals...



Coming soon...

A handy 2010 STMGC business- & membership- referral card to give to prospective new members.

Policy Changes...

HANDICAP INDEX TO BE USED:

Starting in January 2010, the NCGA will be updating Handicap Indexes twice a month, on the 1st and 15th.

For our tournaments, the HI in effect 7 days prior to the first round will be used for the tournament (including all rounds of multi-day events). For example, if the tournament dates are the 21st and 22nd of the month, the HI issued on the 1st will be used for both rounds. Alternately, if the tournament were scheduled on the 4th day of the month, the HI issued on the 15th of the previous month would be used.

ELIGIBILITY:

Except for the annual Member/Guest Tournament, participation in home tournaments is limited to members of STMGC with valid handicap indexes.

If a new member appears on the club's roster on GHIN with enough posted scores, then the Handicap Chairman can issue a temporary handicap for use in that month's tournament (USGA Handicap Manual 8-2h). In the absence of a Scoring Record, the Handicap Chairman may issue a temporary handicap of 0.

## Ballot for STMGC Officers and Directors for Fiscal Year 2010

VOTE -- Saturday, December 12, 2009

The Nominating Committee, with the approval of the board of Directors, has submitted the following names for nomination as Officers and Directors for the 2010 fiscal year:

### President (vote for 1 only)

? Steve Lapointe (incumbent)

? \_\_\_\_\_ (write-in)

### Vice-President (vote for 1 only)

? Frank Raab

? \_\_\_\_\_ (write-in)

### Secretary-Treasurer (vote for 1 only)

? Lavelle "Gib" Gibson (incumbent)

? \_\_\_\_\_ (write-in)

### Tournament Director (vote for 1 only)

? Stan Yamada (incumbent)

? \_\_\_\_\_ (write-in)

### Directors (vote for a maximum of 3)

? Jon Kies (incumbent)                      ? Don Erba

? Larry Murchan                                ? Tim Ryan

? \_\_\_\_\_ (write-in)

? \_\_\_\_\_ (write-in)

**Notes:** The candidate receiving the third most votes for Director will serve the remainder of Jeff Cole's term (Jeff resigned from the Board).

Should the Board need to fill additional vacancies during the year, alternates will be drawn from the unelected candidates in order of votes received. Ties will be broken by a blind draw.

## STMGC PACE OF PLAY POLICY REVISIONS

As you know, the Board continuously refines the PoP policy based on timing stats and membership feedback from each tournament.

### ***Starting in January, the PoP clocks will be positioned at the end of holes 13 and 18.***

All groups will record their time after putting out on the 13<sup>th</sup> hole. An additional clock will be placed on the last hole, so that the 18-hole time can be recorded as well.

The goal of this change is two-fold. Firstly, it should help identify slow-play developing in the first four holes on the back-nine. In turn, it should de-emphasize the delays that more commonly occur between the completion of 16 and the start of 17.

### **It takes two bad times to get a PoP penalty.**

If you're times on both 13 and 18 are slow (*i.e., more than 12-minutes behind the previous group*), then you'll be assessed a PoP penalty point. As before, any penalty can be appealed to the POP Chairman, who is identified on the tournament rule sheet.

### **Two good times eliminates a PoP penalty.**

If you're times on both 13 and 18 are fast (*i.e., within 8 minutes or less of the previous group*), you'll be rewarded, and the equivalent number of any existing PoP penalty points will be dropped.

### **Exceptional PoP performance is rewarded!**

The policy awards players 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 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.

## Tournament Summaries

### Individual Low Net, August 15th

- 1<sup>st</sup> Flight:** Scott Alan (Net 67) beat Phil Lee by one stroke.  
**2nd Flight:** Percy Serrano (Net 63) beat Scott Alltop by one stroke.  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Flight:** John Roberts (Net 59) won by 3 strokes.

### Club Championship, September 12-13 & 19-20

- Championship Flight:** George Fowler won, 3&1 over Ray Kong  
**1<sup>st</sup> Flight:** Alex Glebov (Net 141) edged out Manuel Minhoto by one stroke.  
**Second Flight:** Frank DeSpain (Net 134) winning by 3 strokes.

### Eagle Ridge Individual Low Net, September 28

- 1<sup>st</sup> Flight:** Rick Hilton (Net 69) won by 4 strokes.  
**2nd Flight:** Frank DeSpain (Net 77) won win by 2 strokes.

### NCGA 2010 Zone Qualifier (2-man BB), Oct. 10-11

- 1<sup>st</sup> Flight:** Sam Yamada & Chris Lohman (Net 131) edged out Steve Kister & Larry Soto by one stroke.  
**2nd Flight:** Ariel Corpus & Cesar Bautista (Net 126) won by 3 strokes.

### Member/Guest (2-man Better Ball), Nov. 14th

- 1<sup>st</sup> Flight:** Mark Klemczak & Warren Butts (net 59) edged out Tim Ryan and Dave Laporte by one stroke.  
**2nd Flight:** David Mignano & Sterling Matsui (Net 58) won by 3 strokes.

## Team Match Play 2009 Results

The 2009 Team Match season was a roller coaster! Some of the highs included blowing out Sharp Park at home, and our victory at Shoreline led by Ray Kong with gross 66! But the low points took our momentum away and made it tough to recover. And as a rookie Captain, I learned that it's tough to be both a good captain and a good player (please don't ask me my record). ☺

And now for few of "shout outs" to some of the folks who really helped out:

**To** my Assistant Captain, Stefan Winer, got me through the initial hurdles and always remembered to make tee times. And, played some winning golf along the way!

**To** John Strickland, who filled in for me at literally the last hour when I was unable to attend an event.

**To** Phil Lee, who suggested we roll with a "Gangsta Limp".

**To** Bernie Imada, who showed up when I asked him to, but ended up not being able to play (Sorry Bernie)

**To** most importantly, everyone who played week in and week out. This is a commitment and I really appreciated your dedication when I'm scrambling to fill our roster. Ray, Alex, Larry, Steve D, Steve O, Phil, Stefan. Thank you.

I'm looking forward to next year and I've got plans to make sure we've got a team to beat. I think I've got this thing figured out, and I'm looking forward to making the playoffs. So, stay tuned, you'll be hearing from me next year!

Thanks,  
 Jon Kies, STMGC Team Match Play Captain

DATE	Saturday League Team Match Play Results
June 20	at Sharp Park (Lost: 13 to 23)
July 11	at Summitpointe (Lost: 15 to 18)
July 25	at HOME vs. Sharp Park ( <b>Won:</b> 28 to 8)
August 1	at HOME vs. Shoreline (Lost: 15 to 21)
August 8	at Shoreline ( <b>Won</b> 20 to 16)
August 16	at HOME v. Summitpointe (Lost 12 to 24)

Sharp Park won this group's (Group 25) competition, and was defeated in the next round by Lincoln Park (from Group 24).

## Q1-2010 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
Jan 23	8 am	Jan 16	Modified Stableford (Indiv.)
Feb 20	8 am	Feb 13	Individual Low Net
Mar 20	11 am	Mar 13	NCGA Four-Ball Qualifier (2-man Better Ball)
Mar 21	11 am		1/3 <sup>rd</sup> of Saturday's Field (10 teams Max).

**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.

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