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President's Note

Well, it looks like the good weather is finally here. What a long winter this has been. I hope that everyone has their game tuned up for summer despite the weather limitations. We will be participating in the Team Match play competition again this summer and Jon Kies is serving as Captain again (see the article below for more information). We have been close to making the playoffs the last few years, so I am hopeful that this will be our year. Contact Jon if you are interested in playing.

We also have started the Tournament Naming rights. This is something new that we added this year to the club and is intended to create a fun environment as well as generate additional funds. So far Steve Ochoa, Stan Yamada and myself have sponsored a tournament. We've named the tournament and we have added a little extra money into the closest to the pin contest. So, if you have a special occasion coming up or you have a favorite tournament, contact a Board member if you are interested in sponsoring a tournament.

I'd like to thank the members that participated in the recent on-line survey; the results have been very helpful in the Board's discussions. The results and purpose of the survey are discussed in an article below. The Board felt that the information was valuable enough that it is examining additional methods of soliciting members' opinions on issues that the Board is considering. As

always, if you have some ideas about how to make the club even better, I encourage you to speak to a Board member or drop us an email.

I wish everyone a great summer of golf. I hope you hit them long and straight and you drop the Birdie putt!

See you out on the links!

-Steve-

NAME A TOURNAMENT!!!!

A great way to advertise your business!

Or, to honor someone or something special!

Or, just to see your name in lights (OK, we don't really have any lights, but it sounds good)!

Contact Steve (s.lapointe@sbcglobal.net) for info

Board of Directors Update

As this is the first newsletter since the Board of Directors election in December, we would like to update the membership on the results. Steve Lapointe was re-elected President, as was Frank Raab for Vice-President, and Gib Gibson for Secretary-Treasurer. Three Directors were elected: Jon Kies, Don Erba, and Tim Ryan. Larry Murchan is the first alternate should a replacement be needed for a Board member. Congratulations to the newly elected Officers and Directors!

Another change at the Board level is that Steve Ochoa has assumed the duties of Tournament Director from Stan Yamada. For those that may not know it, Stan has been the behind the scenes guy that lets our tournaments run so well. While many of us may struggle to get to the tournament early enough to hit a few balls, Stan's work starts days in advance of an event. He sets the tee times up, attempting to honor everyone's special requests and resolving any conflicts, prints the

scorecards, and prepares all the materials for the Tournament Chairman. After the tournaments Stan enters the scorecards into a somewhat finicky computer, figures out the tie-breakers (when needed), and posts the scores. We're glad that Tournament Director is a volunteer position – we would've busted the budget if we had to pay him by the hour!

Please take the opportunity to join us in thanking Stan for his years of exemplary service and Steve for his willingness to assume these important duties. You've got big shoes to fill Steve!

Welcome New Members!

The Santa Teresa Men's Golf Club would like to welcome our new members:

Full Members	
Delwy Hocker	Clark Stockard
John Eichorn	John Krepick
Dean Schoen	Gary Aiello
Associate Members	
Anthony Layton	

Thanks for joining and we look forward to getting to know you.

**Don't Forget!
New Member
Referrals...**



We're finally seeing great weather and ideal playing conditions after the seemingly endless rain over the past several months. This is a perfect time to recruit friends to the club. Know anybody interested?

Personal Best Competition

Personal Best as of 5/1/10		
Flt.	Gross	Net
A	Ray Kong (64)	Steve Ochoa (57)
B	Steve Kister (70)	Brian Malekzadeh (55)
C	David Mignano (81)	David Mignano (58)

While it is still early in the season, we are already seeing some good scoring. Particularly noteworthy is Brian Malekzadeh's 55 in the lead for the Flight B Net competition. That's a great start with only four tournaments played.

As the Personal Best is a year-long competition, unlike regular events, issues arise with flighting and what is the proper handicap to use. So here's how it works: The player's handicap when he signs up is used to place him in the appropriate flight. The player will stay in that flight for the entire year no matter what happens to his handicap. However, the score for the net competition will be calculated using the handicap for that tournament. So, if you start the year as a 12 and drop to an 8 on May 1st and remain there, you will be competing in the B flight but from May 1st on, your net scores will be based on an 8. Simple isn't it? Next newsletter: The Electoral College.

Also worth noting is that the Board has agreed to a change in the payout for this year's competition. Last year only the top position paid out. At the suggestion of several members, this year the top three positions in each flight will payout. We hope that this makes for a more competitive outcome and keeps people interested all the way through the December tournament. Ties will be broken as they are in a regular tournament by using the USGA recommended method of matching scorecards.

Survey Results

As Steve mentioned in his note above, the Board has reviewed the results from the survey many of you recently completed on-line. First, the response was very good and was particularly helpful with an issue the Board was considering. Santa Teresa had offered to allow our

tournaments to start at an earlier tee in exchange for all players taking carts. The Board felt that this decision should be made with as much input from our members as possible, thus the survey. The survey results indicate that a majority of our members would rather walk than be required to take carts at the earlier tee times. Reflecting this result, we will inform Santa Teresa that our preference is to continue with our traditional tournament times. Full results of the survey will be available on our website shortly if you are interested in all the nitty gritty details. The Board would like to acknowledge Jon Keis for putting the survey together and assembling the results.

September Away Tournament

The September Away Tournament this year will be held at Eagle Ridge. Rick Hilton who has marshaled there for a number of years has arranged for us to play there. The date has been set for September 27th, but the time has yet to be determined.

Notable Shots

Stan Yamada eagled #4 in the March NCGA Qualifier. Here 's how he describes it: "From 150 yards out, 1 yard off the left fairway in the rough, a well-struck 7-iron made like a laser for the flag. It hit just short of the green, and rolled right into the hole cut in the front of the green. It had Eagle written on it from the moment it left the club."

Alex Glebov and Mark Klemczak eagled #13 at the 2009 Tournament of Champions at Poppy Hills. Here's Gib Gibson's eyewitness account: "Mark's eagle was from the middle of the fairway, about 160 out. As the hole was above us no one saw it go in. Three of us had put mid irons to what appeared to be on the green, but there were only 2 balls on the green when we got up there. A brief search was made beyond the green before we check the hole and found Mark's ball hiding in it."

Great shooting guys!!!

Got a story to tell? Send it to us and we'll put it in the next newsletter (but, it has to be true).

Team Match Play

Greetings STMGC golfers! It's that time of the year when competition changes from you against the field to *mano a mano* - it's NCGA Team Match Play. Whether this is your 20th year or you're thinking about trying match play for the first time, we need YOU on the team. There is nothing like match play to test your skills and nerve and get you sharp for this summer season. Interested? We'll be sending out an email to STMGC members letting them know the exact dates and times as soon as the Team Match Captains finalize the schedule.

This year we are in Group S-14 that also includes Summitpointe, Atascadero, and Salinas Fairways. We have recent team match play experience with both Summitpointe and Salinas Fairways, so we have an idea of what we are up against. Personally, I'm looking forward to making it a weekend in Paso Robles wine country when we head down to Atascadero. So I hope you'll join the team, join the fun, and enjoy the Team Match Play golf!

Volunteer Opportunity

Want to see one of the best courses in the Bay Area up close and personal without paying greens fees?

Want to brag about walking "inside the ropes" at a PGA event?

**The FRY.S.COM OPEN at Cordevalle
(Oct. 11 – Oct. 17) is looking for volunteers!!!**

Interested in volunteering? Contact Greg Fitzgerald at mgritz@sbcglobal.net or go to www.frysopengolf.com for more information.

Tournament Results

January 23rd – Modified Stableford (Individual)

Sponsored by: Steve Lapointe

Conditions: Clearing, standing water throughout course, 55 degrees.

First Flight			Second Flight			Third Flight		
Place	Player	Pts.	Place	Player	Pts.	Place	Player	Pts.
1st	Mark Klemczak	16	1st	Robert Peabody	6	1st	Sterling Matsui	6
2nd	Philip Lee	5	2nd	Steve Kister	4	T2nd	David Mignano	5
3rd	Ray Kong	1	3rd	Alex Glebov	1	T2nd	Duane Hopkins	5
4th	Robert Malonso	-1	4th	Bernie Imada	-1	4th	Frank Correa	3
5th	Steve Lapointe	-3	5th	Marcus Rodriguez	-3	5th	Frank De Spain	2

February 20th – Individual Low Net

Sponsored by: Steve Ochoa (She Said Yes)

Conditions: Overcast, wind strengthening later, 56 degrees

First Flight			Second Flight			Third Flight		
Place	Player	Net	Place	Player	Net	Place	Player	Net
1st	Steve Lapointe	72	1st	Chris Lohman	68	1st	Stefan Peck	65
T2nd	Jon Kies	72	T2nd	John Roberts	69	2nd	Andrew Devlin	65
T2nd	Ray Kong	72	T2nd	Brian Malekzadeh	69	3rd	Duane Hopkins	67
T4th	Steven Ochoa	73	T4th	Frank De Spain	70	4th	David Mignano	68
T4th	Percy Serrano	73	T4th	Dave Edgren	70	5th	Nick Bobos	71

March 8th – 2009 Tournament of Champions at Poppy Hills

Conditions: Overcast, variable wind up to 10 mph, 56 degrees

Place	Player	Net
1st	Alex Glebov	68
T2nd	Jon Kies	72
T2nd	Mark Klemczak	72
T4th	Ray Kong	73
T4th	Robert Peabody	73

March 20-21 – NCGA 4-Ball Qualifier**Sponsored by: Stan Yamada***Conditions: Partly cloudy, variable winds to 10 mph, 65 degrees*

Place	Players	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Total
1st - NCGA	DeSpain/Malekzadeh	64	62	126
2nd - NCGA	Corpus/Serrano	63	63	126
3rd	Peabody/Soto	62	65	127
4th	Darrow/Glebov	64	64	128
5th	Stricklin/Stan Yamada	63	65	128
6th	Edgren/Kister	63	66	129
7th	Erba/Raab	63	67	130
8th	Fowler/King	64	68	132

Congratulations to the teams of Frank DeSpain & Brian Malekzadeh (who won in a 3-hole playoff), and Ariel Corpus & Percy Serrano. Both groups advance to the NCGA Four-Ball Qualifier!!!

April 24th – Senior Four-Ball NCGA Qualifier/Open Four-Ball**Sponsored by: ---***Conditions: Sunny, wind strengthening later, 70 degrees*

Senior Four-Ball Flight			Open Four-Ball Flight		
Place	Winners	Net	Place	Winners	Net
1	Del Hocker/Dean Schoen	65	1	Sam Yamada/Chris Lohman	61
2	Rick Hilton/John King	65	2	Jon Kies/KellySims	61
T3	Sterling Matsui/Frank Correa	67	T3	Ray Kong/Hendra Suwanda	62
T3	Don Erba/Frank Raab	67	T3	Larry Soto/Dave Edgren	62
5	Steve Ochoa/ Mark Mignano	68	5	Phil Lee/AlexGlebov	63

2010 Tournament Schedule**Entry Tips**

- Entries for each tournament are processed as “first come, first booked.” This means you have to have both your entry form and payment in before the entry deadline.
- ***Let's give the new Tournament Director (Ochoa) a break and make a point of getting the entries in before the deadline, he's going to have his hands full with his new duties and intends to enforce the cutoff date.***
- Paying electronically (EFT)? Remember there can be a 2-3 day delay from the scheduled date to when we receive the payment.
- You can apply an existing club credit. Just make note of that on your entry form.
- Santa Teresa gift certificates are not applicable for entry fees.

2010 STMGC Tournaments			
Date	Entry Deadline	First Tee-time	Tournament Format
15-May	8-May	11 am	Art Carr Championship (Individual)
16-May		11 am	One-third of Saturday's field
25-May	16-Apr Tuesday	10 am	Poppy Hills Individual Low Net
12-Jun	5-Jun	11 am	Qualifier for NCGA Net Amateur (Individual)
17-Jul	10-Jul	11 am	4-man Team Event (Yellow Ball)
14-Aug	7-Aug	11 am	Individual Low Net
11-Sep	4-Sep	11 am	Club Championship (2 tournament minimum to enter)
12-Sep		11 am	Scratch Flight Quarter-Finals; Handicap Flight Finals
18-Sep		8 am	Scratch Flight Semi-Finals
19-Sep		8 am	Scratch Flight Finals
27-Sep	TBD	TBD	TBD Individual Low Net
9-Oct	2-Oct	11 am	NCGA Zone Qualifier for 2011 (2-man Best Ball)
10-Oct		11 am	One-third of Saturday's field (maximum 10 teams)

Tee Times

- Times will be posted on the website several days prior to the tournament. The Pro Shop Staff will also have a list of tee times for the convenience of players who call.
 - 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. 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.
 - The date the entry was received will be a secondary factor to determine starting times.
 - 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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