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President's Note

As the summer comes to a close I want to thank the membership for working so hard on keeping the pace of play a key focus. This has been an effort for a number of years and we have seen improvements with our efforts. I do want to let the membership know that our goal is to improve the speed of play for all of our members and improve the enjoyment of our tournaments. I do understand there will be times where unusual circumstances happen out on the course that causes groups to get out of place. Please let the Tournament or Pace of Play chairman know the circumstances around the situation. Our goal isn't to penalize players our goal is to improve the pace of play.

We will be having the pace of play chairmen at the scoring table at the end of your round, so please discuss any issue or problem that might have occurred out on the course, so we can determine if a penalty is warranted for the group or a particular player. This is a change to previous tournaments. We have had a number of members upset with penalties that they have received and with this change, we hope that members can speak to the POP chairmen right after the tournament to resolve any issues. We hope this helps all members feel that they can resolve issues in a more-timely manner.

I do want you to know that the board works very hard to make the club enjoyable for all. We try and institute policies and programs that will improve the club. So we welcome any and all feedback on anything that you feel might improve the club. Please speak with any member of the board or please send me an email with your suggestions.

Thanks and hit them straight!
-Steve-

Welcome New Members!

The Santa Teresa Men's Golf Club would like to welcome our new members over the past few months:

Full Members	
Thomas Jaffe	David Rose
Associate Members	
Tim Blackwell	Ian McCray
David Akina	

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

2011 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's membership renewal time for fiscal year 2011 (Jan. – Dec.), and renewal forms have been mailed to all members in the last week of September.

We have 14 tournaments planned including four NCGA qualifying events, two away tournaments (Poppy Hills and another site TBD), a Club Championship, NCGA Matches and a variety of individual and team competitions.

Don't Forget! New Member Referrals...

This is a perfect time to recruit friends to the club. Know anybody interested?



Board Elections - December

With the December 11th 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 Board members with fresh ideas.

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 contact webmaster@stmgc.com before November 1st.

2010 Personal Best Competition

Well it looks as if the modifications made for this year's competition have really made things interesting. With only three tournaments left in the season, things are getting tight, but there's still time to make a move. Will someone back in the pack get hot and surprise us all?

Current Leaders through September			Projected Payout
Gross - Flt. A	1	Steve Ochoa (59)	\$120
Gross - Flt. A	2	Ray Kong (60)	\$72
Gross - Flt. A	3	Philip Lee (62)	\$48
Gross - Flt. B	1	Robert Peabody (63)	\$80
Gross - Flt. B	1	John Eichorn (65)	\$48
Gross - Flt. B	1	Bernie Imada (67)	\$32
Gross - Flt. C	1	David Mignano (73)	\$30
Gross - Flt. C	2	Mark Mignano (78)	\$10
Net - Flt. A	1	Steve Ochoa (51)	\$120
Net - Flt. A	2	Don Erba (54)	\$60
Net - Flt. A	3	Stan Yamada (55)	\$60
Net - Flt. B	1	Brian Malekzadeh (50)	\$90
Net - Flt. B	2	John Roberts (51)	\$45
Net - Flt. B	3	Bernie Imada (52)	\$45
Net - Flt. C	T1	Hendra Suwanda (49)	\$80
Net - Flt. C	T1	Nick Bobos (49)	\$40
Net - Flt. C	3	David Mignano (50)	\$40

Gross Competition – At the time a player signs up, his current handicap 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.

Net Competition - The score is 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.

Projected Payout - The top three positions in each flight will payout. Ties will be broken as they are in a regular tournament by using the USGA recommended method of matching scorecards.

2010 NCGA Team Match Play

Congratulations to Atascadero in winning the group competition. Atascadero advanced to the second round and lost to San Luis Obispo.

2010 NCGA Saturday League Team Match Play Results	Group S-15			
	Won	Lost	Tied	Pts.
Atascadero (Chalk Mtn.)	4	2	0	132
Summitpointe	4	2	0	106
Salinas Fairways	3	3	0	101
Santa Teresa	1	5	0	91

To view the NCGA Saturday playoff bracket, visit:
<http://www.ncga.org/scores/2010/teammatch/2010SaturdayBracket.pdf>

July's Four-Man Yellow Ball

One Team's Saga by Steve Ochoa

Team 13 started July's tournament with a net eagle/birdie to reach three under after their first hole. We struggled through the next 9 holes to improve our score to only four under and things looked bleak.

John Stricklin got their resurgence started on 11 with text-book course- management and made his short birdie putt for net eagle. Sterling Matsui two-putted from 3 feet to par –giving us a net birdie.

On 12, John rammed in a 25 foot downhill putt for birdie net eagle and David Fitzgerald calmly made net birdie. On the long drive hole #13, only David's ball landed in the fairway, but once again John led the charge with a fine shot from the hardpan for par net birdie and Sterling complemented John's score with a net birdie!

At 14, the first par three of the back, Sterling hit an excellent shot to win the CTP at 2 ft. 7.5 in. Unfortunately, I couldn't make par from a downhill position on fringe. Moving to 15, David made his first natural par for net birdie and Sterling found a way to make a net par.

Stepping up 16, our team score was now minus 13. David owned the yellow-ball, and this is where the fun began. With the pressure on, David hit a fine tee shot and landed on the green. Sterling drilled his tee shot to 3 feet 7 inches to win his second CTP -- a personal record second CTP for one tournament, and consecutively too. David made his two-putt for his second consecutive natural par net birdie. It seemed we had the 16th locked-up, but our "back-nine-par-three-hero" missed his 3 ft. 7 in. birdie putt leaving the ball a full revolution shy of the cup. As Sterling always likes to say, "What did Dad say about leaving a birdie putt short?" He taps in for par net birdie.

Continued...

Heading to the 17th, our team had forged ahead to minus fifteen giving it a reasonable chance to place in the money with John and me owning the last two yellow balls.

On 17, John (yellow-ball) hit his first tee shot into the trees and had to play a provisional. His second tee shot landed in the trees as well. We located John's first ball on the street. His second ball was found deep within the trees. John contemplated his next move. The options were: a lateral punch to the short grass or escape from the trees through a rather smallish 8 inch gap between the tree trunks. This would have been a very difficult shot under any circumstances, but was even tougher after the disaster at the tee box. Everyone left John to his shot and miraculously he found the tiny gap. The ball flew through the trees down the fairway. John did his best to recover and finished the hole with a double bogie. Everyone else made net par.

Having dropped to minus 13, Team 13 was disconsolate and desperate as they approached the 18th tee. From the tee box, Sterling found the trees on the left side of the fairway. John split the fairway in half and rolled to inside 150 yards. Steve's drive (yellow ball) created splash in the fairway trap with the ball's final resting spot unseen from the tee box. Naturally, as had been the case all day, David found the fairway and in turn advanced his next shot up the fairway.

John hit his 9-iron to the middle of the green, and then complained he should have chosen more-club. Sterling hit his 9-iron through the trees. As for the yellow ball, we found my drive beyond the trap, just 135 yards from the pin. Unfortunately, two trees stood between the ball and the green. After considering the options, I announced that I intended to hit a 6-iron and my teammates smirked in utter disbelief. I then selected a target line straight toward the large "signature" oak tree to the right of the green. John checked my address, and envisioned my shot heading toward "no-mans- land" -- the tall weeds on the hillside. Collectively, my three teammates concluded that I was making a terrible mistake, and pictured nothing short of utter disaster, but I had a different vision.

With a pronounced hinged inside take-away, I took the 6-iron back, and when the ball was struck, they all held their breath. Finally, the tension was broken as Sterling cried, "Hey, good shot!" The yellow ball had in fact been hit toward the oak tree, but the fierce draw-spin imparted curved the ball's flight toward the green and it stop the left fringe 35 ft. from the cup.

With everyone on the green, John launched his 45 foot uphill putt and though the ball hung on the front lip momentary, it finally dropped in for birdie net eagle. Inspired and feeling our team's mojo alive and well, I sank my putt from the fringe for birdie, and a net eagle!

Team 13 closed the 18th with double net eagle to jump from fifth place to second! A TRUE TEAM EFFORT!

Summer Tournament Results

FALL Away - Eagle Ridge

September 27th, Gilroy

Conditions: 105° and "Turkey Cookin' Hot"

PLACE	FIRST FLIGHT	NET
1	John Eichhorn	74
2	George Fowler	78
T3	Alex Glebov	80
T3	Rick Flores	80
5	Ray Kong	81
PLACE	SECOND FLIGHT	NET
1	Duane Hopkins	75
2	Stefan Winer	77
T3	Stefan Peck	79
T3	Frank Correa	79
5	Ralph Lockwood	80

2010 Club Championship

September 11-12, 18-19

Conditions: Competitive, gritty, and tense

PLACE	CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT
1	Alex Glebov
2	Ray Kong
T3	John Stricklin
T3	Steve Darrow
PLACE	FIRST FLIGHT
1	Richard Jenkins
2	Frank De Spain
T3	John Roberts
T3	Bernie Imada
PLACE	SECOND FLIGHT
1	Ralph Lockwood
2	Frank Correa
T3	Stefan Winner
T3	Hendra Suwanda

Individual Low Net, August 14th

Sponsored By: Matt "Buckeye" Wagoner

Conditions: Winds to 12 mph, 78 degrees.

PLACE	FLIGHT 1	GROSS	CI	NET
1	Ray Kong	72	3	69
2	Alex Glebov	76	7	69
T3	Scott Allen	80	8	72
T3	Jon Kies	83	9	72
PLACE	FLIGHT 2	GROSS	CI	NET
1	Chris Lohman	81	12	69
2	Frank De Spain	83	14	69
T3	Duane Hopkins	86	16	70
T3	Marcus Rodriguez	84	14	70
PLACE	FLIGHT 3	GROSS	CI	NET
1	Stefan Winer	87	20	67
T2	Cesar Bautista	83	15	68
T2	Hendra Suwanda	89	21	68
T2	Mark Mignano	96	28	68

Yellow Ball Four-Man Team, July 17th Sponsored By: Billy Charlton (*Hasta La Vista*)

Conditions: Hot, occasional breeze, 92 degrees

PLACE	WINNERS	NET BB
1	Edgren, Roberts, Minhoto, Bobos	121
2	Stricklin, Ochoa, Matsui, Fitzgerald	125
3	Lapointe, Charlton, Langham, Ryan	126
4	Kong, Correa, Lockwood, Suwanda	127
5	Fowler, Drury, Kawaoka, Lico	128

Poppy Hills Individual Low Net, May 25th

Conditions: Overcast, variable winds to 15 mph, 62 degrees.

Blue Tee Flight Results			White Tee Flight Results		
PLACE	WINNER	NET	PLACE	WINNER	NET
1	Ray Kong	75	1	Peter Robinson	68
T2	Lavelle Gibson	76	2	Frank Correa	69
T2	Mark Klemczak	76	T3	Bernie Imada	73
T2	Sam Yamada	76	T3	Ariel Corpus	73
			T5	Percy Serrano	74
			T5	George Fowler	74
			7	Vince Lico	75

The 2010 Art Carr Championship, May 15 & 16

Weekend Conditions: Mild, 65-70 degrees, and light breeze.

PLACE	NAME	Rd. 1	Rd. 2	TOTAL
1	John Roberts	67	69	136
2	Chris Lohman	71	69	140
3	Steven Ochoa	68	74	142
4	Richard Jenkins	71	72	143
5	Sam Yamada	72	72	144
T6	Stan Yamada	72	73	145
T6	John Stricklin	71	74	145
8	Don Erba	71	75	146
T9	Robert Peabody	72	75	147
T9	Bernie Imada	70	77	147
T11	Larry Soto	69	79	148
T11	Rick Flores	69	79	148
13	Ray Kong	72	77	149
14	Sterling Matsui	70	81	151
15	Brian Malekzadeh	71	86	157

NAME A TOURNAMENT!

Advertise your business, or honor someone or something special!

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

Q4 2010 Tournaments

Date	First Tee Time	Tournament Format
9-Oct	11 am	NCGA Zone Qualifier for 2011 (2-man BB)
10-Oct	11 am	One-third of Saturday's field (max. 10 teams)
13-Nov	8 am	Member/Guest (2-man Better Ball)
11-Dec	8 am	Individual Low Net

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.

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.

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