

Santa Teresa Women's Golf Club

Golf Chatter

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

The year is literally flying by with many changes happening. We have weathered the re-routing of our course along with a new set of tee boxes, which we'll be using at least for now with ease. I am pleased with how well and smoothly the year has been given the many transitions we've experienced — changes in our course configuration, scorecards, the blue tees and white tees and all the ramifications they entailed. You've all been very patient and understanding through it all.

We've had a wonderful *Super Guest Day* and many thanks to Pat Skavdahl for planning and executing such a fine event.

We had a fun and competitive fight-to-the-finish *Partner Eclectic* and some of those scores were very low with Martha Kawanami and Naomi Nakano firing a 48 to win their flight. They were the only pair to break 50. Thanks to Mary Miyahara for all her work in putting together one of our more exciting partnerships events.

I want to offer congratulations to Rosemary Haeckle who is our *2011 Club Champion* and hats off to Joohyun Hong, the runner up. I wanted to add; Rosemary has won the Club Championship 14 times since her first in 1980 and has won at least once in every decade since then. Bravo to all the winners of our final major

Important Dates

October 27th Membership form due

October 27th Halloween Mystery Event

December 9th Christmas Party

tournament of the year. Thanks to Nancy Perkins and Felicia Angeles for organizing our Club Championship.

Of course, this is the time I want to recognize our monthly Captain's Trophy winners as well: July, Ann Kusumoto (66); August, Felicia Angeles (66); September, Mary Forster (71) and for October, Tomie Sera (67)

"Vroom" "vroom" the year is almost over. The *Halloween Mystery Event* is a few weeks off and gals are getting their foursomes together for a different event as Pat Skavdahl hopes to break out of our usual reverie of same-o, same-o. Thank you Pat. And our annual *Christmas party* comes quickly after that. Mark your calendars for Friday, Dec. 9 at The Villages.

We have news that Robie Kramer has become Santa Teresa's General Manager so we have much to look forward to in our future.

I am happy to report that we've successfully updated our By Laws and

Standing Rules, as we annually continue tweaking and changing them to keep up with the times and our membership needs. I hope it meets with your satisfaction. These updates you can find on the STWGC website.

Finally, I'm pleased to announce that we have voted in a new (and some old) slate of officers for 2012 as we look to the future of the club. I want to thank all who stepped up to meet the challenges of the New Year and offered their services to our club.

Many thanks to Pat Yelvington who carried on and followed through with her responsibilities



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's that time again to renew our membership with Santa Teresa WGC. The deadline for renewal is October 27. Renewal Forms will be emailed to each member October 1st, and a form can be downloaded from the STWGC Public web site <http://www.stwgc.com/>.

Please complete the form and highlight any changes to your personal information. We depend on your input to keep our records up to date. Send the form and your check to the Co-Captain. The form will include the address.

Patricia Yelvington
Co-Captain/Membership

despite injury. I hear our webmaster Ingrid Sander is making continued progress as well. We look forward to when they along with all of our other members out with injuries, surgeries and illnesses are well enough to rejoin once again.

We have a great board working tirelessly for this club making sure all of our Thursday play-days and special events run smoothly as well as coordinating lunches at general meetings. If you have a chance, give them a pat on the back and a shout out "well done!"

See you at the Christmas Party!!!

Barbara Hiura
Captain

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP 2011

A number of Santa Teresa ladies enjoyed this year's 69th Annual Santa Clara County Women's Golf Championship in August at the San Jose Country Club. The weather was lovely, the course was in great shape and the food (especially the famous scones) was wonderful.

Congratulations to Bonnie Hagen and Marilee Dunn for winning first place in gross for their flights.

In spite of the many flights and paying down to 4th place in each category, the rest of us in attendance were happy with our winning so many of the raffle prizes. I, for example, won a Ping putter of my choice!

This is a great event and something you should consider for next year. The dates next year will be Monday and Tuesday July 30 and 31st.

Cathy Priest
Team Captain

SANTA TERESA PARTNER EC

46 PLAYERS – 5 FLIGHTS

FLIGHT #1 – HANDICAPS 20 - 38

1 ST	C. MUNOZ – D. MOUTAFIAN	30 + 27 = 57
2 ND	R. HAECKEL– S. TRELEAVEN	31 + 27 = 58*

FLIGHT #2 – HANDICAPS 39 - 48

1 ST	N. TAKATSUKA–M. MIYAHARA	27 + 27 = 54
2 ND	B. HIURA - M. FORSTER	27 + 28 = 55
3 RD	D. TIBBETTS – D. GRIFFIN	30 + 29 = 59**

FLIGHT #3 – HANDICAPS 49 - 52

1 ST	V. YAUGER – H. MEYER	26 + 27 = 53
2 ND	M. NAKAMURA – T. SERA	28 + 27 = 55

FLIGHT #4 – HANDICAPS 53 – 57

1 ST	F. MASUDA – J. HIRAISHI	26 + 24 = 50
2 ND	G. GORDON – F. ANGELES	27 – 26 = 53

FLIGHT #5 – HANDICAPS 63 - 72

1 ST	N. NAKANO – M. KAWANAMI	22 + 26 = 48
2 ND	M. MASON - J. GILBEAU	28 + 25 = 53

FLIGHT #6 - HANDICAPS 73 - 77

1 ST	S. LONGANECKER - K. BUESING	27 - 23 = 50
2 ND	N. PERKINS - C. RODRIQUEZ	25 - 29 = 54
3 RD	I. MOHLER - D. FLANIGAN	29 - 26 = 55

TIE BREAKERs

*	BACK 9	J. HONG - J. HEW	27 - 31 = 58
**	BACK 9	J. STONEHOCKER - J GUTIERREZ	30 - 29 = 59
	BACK 6	TIBBETS 19, STONEHOCKER 19,	
	BACK 3	TIBBETS 10, STONEHOCKER 11	

Mary Miyahara/Cindy Moon
Eclectic Chairpersons

STARTERS AND SCORERS

FINDING A REPLACEMENT

If you find that you will be unable to Start or Score on your assigned day, please be aware that it is your INDIVIDUAL responsibility to find your own replacement and to notify the Starters & Scorers Chairperson of any changes. Please do not ask the Co-Captain to send out a group email to find a replacement for you.

As a suggestion, the easiest way to find your own replacement is to check the Starters & Scorers schedule in the STWGC Blue Handbook and look for potential dates where you would be able to exchange with someone, i.e., she would take your date and you would take her date. A simple email or phone call would accomplish the task. Experience has shown that the ladies are more than willing to exchange dates if they are available. Once you have found someone to exchange dates with, please send an email to the Starters & Scorers Chairperson regarding the changes ASAP. Thanks in advance for your cooperation; it is greatly appreciated!

Martha Kawanami
& Naomi Nakano
Committee Chairpersons

TOURNAMENT

Our new Blue/White combo starting position will be in effect for the remainder of the year. The new combo tee box will be Blue (front) and White (back) tee boxes with the rating of 73.6 – slope 124 and yardage of 5841.

We will be using the new scorecards that reflect the new handicap holes and yardages. In order to keep costs down, please use the pro shop scorecards for personal score keeping. I know you ladies have been doing a good job of that.

Here are few helpful guidelines for filling out your scorecard:

- Players should be listed by handicap ranking with the lowest handicap first.
- List players last name first.
- If there are players with the same handicap, list in alphabetical order
- Make sure your scorecard matches your foursome.
- Print legibly!
- Please leave an extra line between player's names so that extra line can be used for the "specialty games" or "putts".

Public Website

For our bylaws, Rules Corner postings, Minutes of meetings, history, photos of events, etc. check out the site at <http://www.stwgc.com/>

eClub Website

To view the current, updated schedule check <http://santateresa.ghinclub.com/>

We've added a few new games to our play day for 2012 which includes "Mutt & Jeff", Crier's Wish" and "Eenie Meenie". Please refer to our public website for definition.

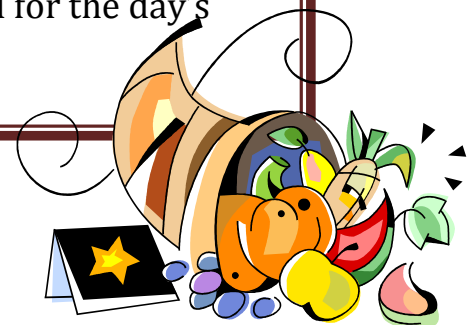
With specialty games there will be an example of how the scorecard should be filled out on the starters table.

And, just a reminder . . . Pace of play. We should continue to play ready golf and keep up with the group in front.

Thanks,

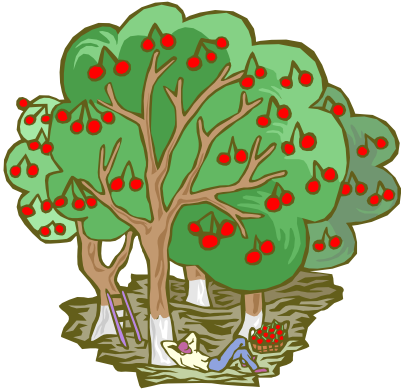
Ann Kusumoto, Emi Tuvey, Namie Takatsuka and Patty Yelvington
Tournament Chairs

1st Tee Group If you are in the 1st group, please feel free to realign any tee markers forward for the day's play.



SUPER GUEST DAY WINNERS

"Apple Mania" was visible everywhere on Thursday, September 8, when 79 STWGC members and guests celebrated Johnny Appleseed's birthday.



From apple tee markers to apple slices in the goodie bags, the legacy of this legendary pioneer was obvious. There were two flights of 10 teams each and six places in each flight were paid.

In the **FIRST FLIGHT**, the team of Takatsuka, Nabeta, Tuvey and Nakamura placed first, winning \$30 each. Second, winning \$25 each were Moon, Kyung, Takeshita, and Recagni. The third place team of Hew, Kado, Griffin and O'Neill each took home \$20. Placing fourth, the team of Munoz, Angeles, Walter and a blind draw won \$15 each. The team of Haeckel, Hiraishi, Foster and Ellison placed fifth and each took home \$10. Sixth place winners, Schumacher, McLaughlin, LaFetra and Nevius each pocketed \$5.

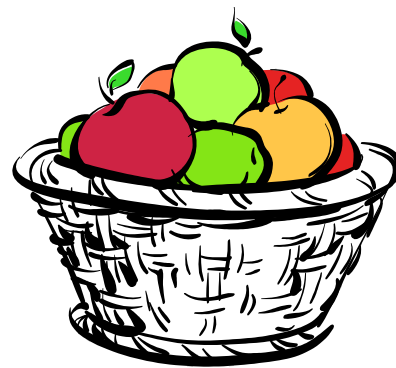
The **SECOND FLIGHT** winners earned the same amounts respectively in their flights. The teams were as follows:
1st -- Miyahara, Gilbeau, Hanamoto, and Urquhart;
2nd -- Hagen, Michaels,

Kuschill and Anderson; 3rd -
- Yaugher, Meyer, Manly and Goldman; 4th --Balling, Barkey, Flanigan and Mohler; 5th -- Kawanami, Kiyotani, Nakano, and Nakasora; and 6th -- Skavdahl, Burke, White and Condensa.

Awards were also given for Closest to the Flagstick and Closest to the Line.

Finally, after a luncheon with apple turnovers for dessert, baskets of apples, donated by Eveline Konig were given to those whose birthdays are closest to Johnny Appleseed's, September 28.

*Tomie Sera and Pat
Skavdahl
Chairs*



SUNSHINE

I learned yesterday that our beloved Bobbie Hill is in the hospital and not doing well as she continues to bravely fight the good fight. For our new members who don't know Bobbie she is a long time Santa Teresa member who served as our treasurer for many years as well as supporting our club in other areas...county team play and volunteering for the county championship at San Jose Country Club and other events to name a few. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. No visitors at this time but I know she would be very happy to hear from you. I will be sending her a card from our club.



REMEMBRANCES WERE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING FROM OUR CLUB:

Young Kerr
Bonnie White
Becke Reese
Carla Munoz
Rogie Kramer

Sue Treleaven
Pattie Yelvington
Ingrit Sander
June Brewer

Hope I didn't forget anyone. Remember ladies I depend on you to keep me informed of folks who are in need of a card from us. I know that we have a few of our ladies who continue to battle their illnesses and injuries who appreciate a note of cheer and support now and again.

*Gina Gordon
Sunshine Chair*



THANK YOU

RULES CORNER

This month there has been much discussion of the tee changes and how that would affect us all. At least two members have expressed the concern that using the new tees would cause our handicaps to change and thus affect Team Play and our play at other courses. It is true our handicaps might change, but our INDEXES probably would not -- and it is our Index that tells us what handicap to use on other tees and other courses.

So a short course on how the USGA actually figures our handicaps seemed in order. Many of you already know and understand the procedure, but may find this a timely

reminder. Contact me if you have any questions.

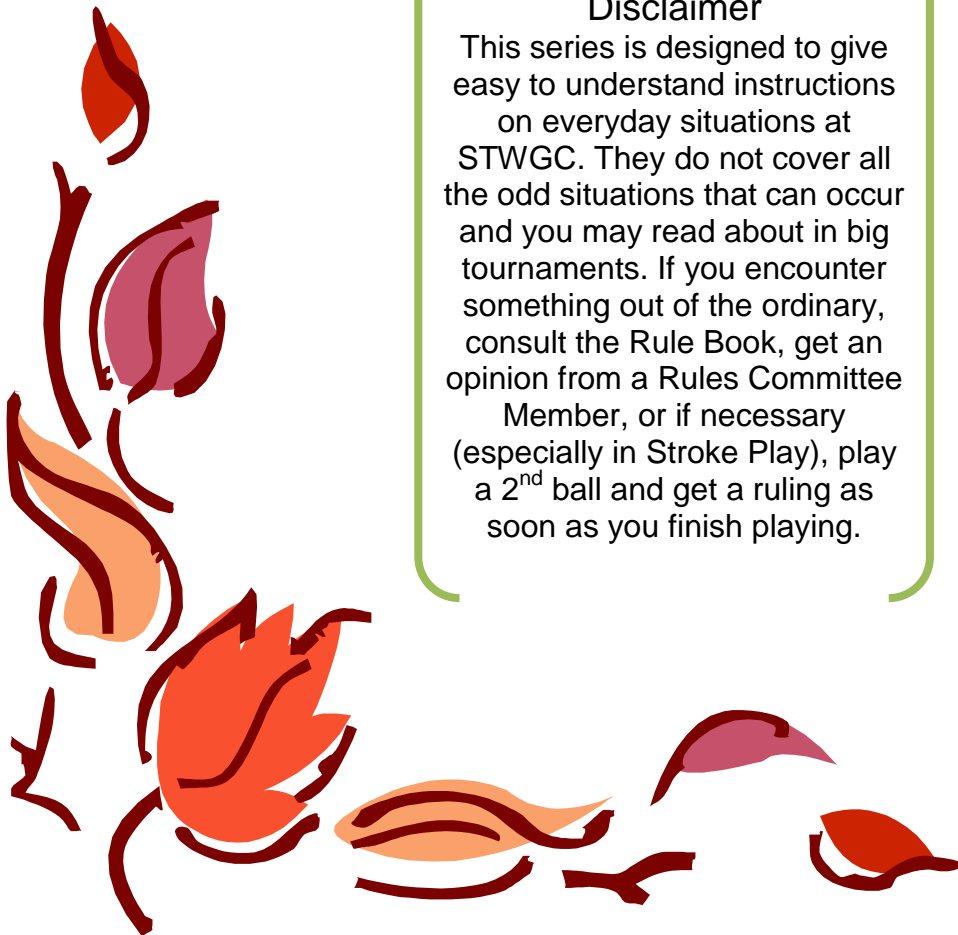
For newer members especially: If you wish to read any of the dozen or so previous selections, Ingrid has them on our website under 'Rules Corner'. The website is at www.stwgc.com.

Please read the Disclaimer below, and contact me at jan@lafetra.com if you have any questions.

Also, if you no longer want to get the monthly 'Rules Corner', just let me know. You can do this in person at the golf course, by phone (408-532-1044), or by return email. But if by email, pick **REPLY** and **NOT** Reply All!

Disclaimer

This series is designed to give easy to understand instructions on everyday situations at STWGC. They do not cover all the odd situations that can occur and you may read about in big tournaments. If you encounter something out of the ordinary, consult the Rule Book, get an opinion from a Rules Committee Member, or if necessary (especially in Stroke Play), play a 2nd ball and get a ruling as soon as you finish playing.



BLUE TEES OR WHITE TEES OR BOTH

REMEMBER - We now play the Blue tees on the front nine and White tees on the back nine. Equally important, when you go to Post your score on the computer, note that when you get to the screen that asks which tees you played the Computer DEFAULTS to the BLUE TEES. You need to bring the cursor one line down to the Blue-White Tees.

Why the change? Early this year the USGA instituted a program called 'Play it Forward' in which they encouraged course managements to recommend players play tees more appropriate to the way they play. There is concern that over the years courses have gotten so long that the average player is losing out on some of the fun and strategy that should be part of golf. The old saying "Drive for Show, Putt for Dough" is true, and shows how often we let our egos get in the way of the pleasure golf should bring.

Santa Teresa Management implemented this new program by changing the tee placements, and adding white tees. They also changed the hole number designations on the front nine, so that old #2 became new #5, and old #6 is now #2, etc. It was thought that both changes would speed play up.

Jan La Fetra
Rules Chairperson

Are the changes permanent? No one really knows. The hole number designations are up to Course Managements, and most players think this has slowed play down, not speeded it up. But changing it back means new score cards, rating systems and GPS settings.

Which tees STWGC members use is up to us as a Club. The assumption that our members would use the White tees did not go over well, particularly because changing in mid-year is disruptive to our Ec and Birdie Board programs. We then tried playing the Blue tees, but that made the course even longer and harder than before. After study, it was decided that playing the Blue tees on the front nine and the White tees on the back nine came as close as possible to what we are so used to playing.

That decision can be revisited next year if we wish. I personally would like to see members try using the White tees on the many winter days when we have Open Play and there is no tournament. I think many would be pleasantly surprised at how much more fun the course would be. Not just because it would be shorter, but the holes would play with more opportunities and challenges than just hitting the ball as far as you can.





CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SANTA TERESA



CHAMPION: ROSEMARY HAECKEL
Runner Up: Joohyun Hong



FIRST FLIGHT:

Low Gross: Sue Treleven
1st Low Net: Mary Forster
2nd Low Net: Jan Hew



SECOND FLIGHT:

Low Gross: Mona Nakamura
1st Low Net: Gina Gordon
2nd Low Net: Leta Walter



THIRD FLIGHT:

Low Gross: Felicia Angeles
1st Low Net: Joyce Kurotori
2nd Low Net: Mary Mason



FOURTH FLIGHT:

Low Gross: Eveline Konig
1st Low Net: Bonnie White
2nd Low Net: Nancy Perkins

