



CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

We have certainly had some much needed rain this year but luckily it hasn't interfered much with Santa Teresa Ladies Golf. Our tournament from the Orange Tees was especially well timed. Since the week before was the only tournament we had to cancel this year and many of us hadn't played since before the holidays we enjoyed playing and walking a shorter course.

Thanks again to Arline Stepovich who, with the help of Norma Rayl, organized a great holiday awards luncheon at the Villages. The table decorations were simply beautiful and I was happy to win the one at my table. I was able to use mine throughout the holidays. Pam Schwarz made our cocktail hour especially enjoyable by playing holiday music on the piano for us. Thank you all for making it such a lovely day.

If you missed the meeting, the highlights included announcing our annual award winners. Our Club Champion was Rosemary Haeckel in a closely contested competition with Jane Lee. Eveline Konig captured the title as Handicap Champion. The 2009 Captain's Trophy Champion was Young Kerr with Rosemary Haeckel earning the honors for Low Putt Champion. And Pam Schwarz was our Most Improved

Player reducing her index by 27% !!!
Congratulations ladies.

Starting off 2010 in January your Captain (me) managed to tie Dora Moutafian for Captain's Trophy, but she out did me on the back nine and captured the honors. Congrats Dora. In Feb Harumi Mori won the honors outright, way to go Harumi.

We will start our team play tournaments in April this year. If you haven't done any team play and want to participate or know more about it, please contact Felicia Angeles.

Certainly LAST but not LEAST, we have had a change in the board. Due to health issues Bobbie Hill has stepped down as our Treasurer, a position which she has superbly performed for great many years. I appointed and the Board has approved Dora Moutafian as our new Treasurer and backfilling her as Co-Captain will be Mona Nakamura. I am pleased to have such a great group of ladies to serve on our board and committees this year. They all do a lot of work for the club and I'm proud that we have such a great organization.

I'm looking forward to seeing you out on the course.

Cathy Priest

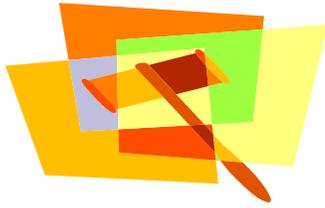


Our Rally for the Cure tournament will be a shotgun on April 22 this year. As in the past the cost is \$20 to participate and we will have our closest to the center line on #8 (you need not hit a long ball, just get close to the line) option and a great raffle. Participation again includes a subscription to selected magazines and everyone has a chance to win a golf ball for hitting the green on #7 from the forward tees and the one closest to the pin will win a special prize from the Susan G. Komen foundation.

We are looking for raffle items so please let me know if you have anything to donate. If you belong to any golf clubs that might be willing to donate, rounds of golf are always welcome. I can provide you with a donation letter from Susan G. Komen, if needed. The raffle has been a great fund raiser in the past which has allowed us to raise over \$3000 each year.

Signups will be emailed to you mid March and they will be available on our website and Thursdays at the golf course. Hope you can participate this year. **AND remember to wear PINK!**

Cathy Priest



STANDING RULES

In December, the members at the Christmas party voted on the following Standing Rule Change:

I. MEMBERSHIP

D. An active member, if not already serving on the club's administrative board, will serve as a starter and a scorer a minimum of once during the tournament year in order to remain a member in good standing.

1. Game credit is given for doing the job as starter or scorer even if said member does not play that day. Game credit is also given for members with starting and/or scoring duties on days declared as rain outs.
2. Starters must arrive at least 45 minutes in advance of the first starting time.
3. If a member fails to show up when assigned as a starter or a scorer without notice or a reasonable cause, she will be assessed \$25. She will not be allowed to participate in Thursday play days until the fine is paid.

Reminders are sent out to members, when it is their turn to be starter/scorer. If members substitute for one another, they should notify either Eveline Konig or Joyce Kurotori the Starter/Scorer Chairs.

Please check our website for our complete standing rules.

Barbara Hiura
Rules

LOCAL RULES

Three new rules include clarification and reference to animal burrows, clarification of what constitutes a putt and a "chip-in" when scoring:

- Animal rooted areas
Ball may be dropped to nearest point of relief no nearer the hole – no penalty.
- All putts made on the green are counted as putts.
- A "Chip-In" is any stroke made from off the green that goes into the hole.

Mona Nakamura
Co-Captain

Co-Captain/Membership

92 Members
18 Associate Members
2 Pending

Welcome to Christine Kim. She joined STWGC on February 18th.

Mona Nakamura



STWGC 2009 Holiday Food Drive

Thanks to all of our members that contributed 250 pounds of food for the Second Harvest. I am sure our effort made a difference on many local holiday tables.

Irene Mohler

2010 SUPER GUEST DAY

Mark your calendars and start thinking about inviting a guest on **MONDAY**, May 17th 2010 for our Super Guest Day. Details will be following in the coming weeks.

*Irene Mohler
Diana Flanigan*

TOURNAMENT



We have tried new-to-STWGC games for our playdays—and will be adding more—so please refer to your directory for the Tournament Schedule as well as the “Names of the Games” on pg. 6.

A few suggestions to keep us smiling:

Scorecards

Players should be listed by handicap ranking—lowest handicap first. Make sure your scorecard matches your foursome—and, print legibly!

Pace-of-Play

Keep up with the group in front of you—as you approach the green, make sure your equipment is not getting in the way of the group behind you as they make their approach shots.

1st Tee Group

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

Starters & Scorers

Be sure to review the instruction sheet which is emailed to you, so you are well-prepared to face your fellow players.

Thanks,

*Namie & Emi
Tournament Co-Chairs*



SPRING/INDIVIDUAL ECLECTIC

This year we have 8 weeks to work on our scores. On February 18 we got off to a good start for week #1 of the Spring/Individual Eclectic. The last day for the Ec will be April 15. Our course is beginning to dry out after the much needed rains. We have 47 players divided into 8 flights. As much I tried to keep like handicaps in the same flight, it was not possible. The split was determined by Index. Flight #1 has 4 players, 2 places will be paid; Flight #3 has 7 players, 4 places will be paid; Flights #2, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8 have 6 players in each flight, 3 places will be paid.

Thank you all for participating and supporting this fun event. Have a good time, lots of luck, and shoot well.

Mary Miyahara

SCORECARDS



Our scorers are having difficulty reading player's handwriting on their scorecards. Please write or print the names clearly.

All cards should be filled out as follows:

- In handicap order with the lowest first.
- Last name first.
- If there are players with the same handicap, then put into alphabetical order.

There will be an example of how a scorecard should be filled out on the starters table.

Thanks for your cooperation.

HANDICAP

I recently attended a PWGA workshop and the discussion of having handicaps updated twice a month came up. It was decided by Ghin that handicap revisions would be twice a month starting in Jan. 2010. This was done to accommodate members who have shorter active seasons in the US. At Santa Teresa the board had decided not to implement it until 2011, however, at the workshop we were told that we have to do it now. So starting in March, our handicaps will be issued on the 1st and 15th of the month. If a tournament runs during both of the update times, the handicap at the start of the tournament will be the one used.

Deanna Griffin

PWGA

Our 1st play day of the year will be @ Deep Cliff Golf Course on March 29th. Will let the ladies know the cost and deadline when the flier comes out. Members can play in any playday out of your area, but no medallion points will be awarded. Also new policy is that money will not be refunded unless the playday is cancelled.

PWGA books are here and can be picked up on Thursdays or at the general meeting. Please consult books for PWGA tournaments and other area playdays. The first tournament will be Senior/Super Senior on May 4th & 5th. It will be held in Modesto. The list of tournaments will be posted on our bulletin board and also is available on the website, www.golfpwga.org.

June is women's golf month and Play Golf America. These courses will be offering specials of \$99 which include 5 lessons for women beginning or getting back into golf: Crystal Springs, Harding Park, Las Logos, Shoreline and Shadowridge.

A rules clinic will be held on Wed, May 19th @ Palo Alto Golf Course. Anyone interested in joining the rules committee can obtain form on the website. PWGA has stopped doing the "Rule of the month". Instead they recommend using the USGA website and click on players' email.

This year the Decision Book has had several changes. I have purchased a book for our club and it will be kept in the drawer with starter info. It is much more straightforward in interpreting the rules.

JoAnne Zemetra
PWGA Rep

Happy Birthday Marty!



On our Thursday play day, January 28th, we celebrated Marty Durham's 90th birthday.

*"Ninety wonderful years . . . bright with warm memories".
Congratulations on your 90th Birthday.*

(see photos on our website)

Join Us as a Volunteer or Supporter!

I have been volunteering with the First Tee of San Jose since last Fall and have become acquainted with a delightful group of youth and awesome volunteers. Please join me in supporting the Girls' Golf program—a subset of The First Tee.

The girls play monthly tournaments and I am coordinating prizes—if you have any golf balls, tees, towels or other gift items you think a girl from the age of seven to 14 would enjoy receiving, please consider donating the item to the Girls Golf Program. I will be happy to collect these prizes from you.

Thank you! Emi Tuvey



The First Tee of San Jose is a life skills program which builds the character of youth to help them succeed in life. We make the game of golf accessible to all children.

Volunteers assist both on course and in office for about three hours per week. Ideally, volunteers have teaching, mentoring, coaching or golfing experience. Visit our Volunteer page online to get started.

Supporters of our organization include both individuals and corporations. Participants just pay \$60 for a 9-week class because of our generous donors. Participants are not denied enrollment for financial reasons. Visit our Home page online to become a supporter.

You'll see STWGC as a [sponsor](#) from Super Guest Day 2009 donations!

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Hi Ladies,

These are the folks who were sent remembrances from our club.

BOBBIE HILL – for surgery and chemotherapy.

DOROTHY HIURA – for an illness and brief hospitalization.

TOMIE SERA – for surgery.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER BETTY TADOKORO – hospitalization and surgery.

MARILEE DUNN'S HUSBAND, HERMAN – for hospitalization and surgery.

MARTY DURHAM – for her 90th birthday.

LETA WALTER – for skiing accident.

Bobbie, Tomie, Betty and Marilee's husband are still in recovery stages so prayers, good wishes and personal remembrances are always appreciated.

Please let me know of any others we need to remember.

Gina Gordon
Sunshine