
SVJGA News

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Salinas Valley Junior Golf Association

Happy New Year Everyone!

The SVJGA Board hopes that everyone had a great Christmas and that we're all ready to start a brand new year. Please be aware that we have made some changes. Our website is up and running and we are offering a dual membership with The First Tee. We are also offering NCGA handicap cards for all our juniors. Please review the newsletter thoroughly for the new information.

SVJGA Tournaments

Come join us! Juniors compete at skill level, age doesn't matter. Our less experienced players are called Green Level 5 and 9 holers. They play at Twin Creeks. Our Green 5 holers are required to carry (or pull) and choose their own clubs. They are sent out with a scorekeeper to help with the rules, etiquette and scorekeeping. It is a learning experience. Our Green 9 holers are also required to keep a score-card. When available, they will also have a scorekeeper. Afterwards, we enjoy hot dogs and trophies. Our more experienced players will play all other golf courses. They must follow USGA rules and correctly keep a competitor's scorecard. There are no scorekeepers. They will be broken into the following categories: (Boys) Gold-shoots 79 or less, Silver-shoots 80-89, Bronze-shoots 90 & up, Bronze 9-hole (not ready for 18 holes). (Girls) 18-holers and 9-holers. At the present time, we don't have enough girls to allow more than two divisions. Juniors may progress to the next level by shooting 3 consecutive or 3 out of 5 scores in the next division's range.

Want to Save Money?

SVJGA is offering you 2 ways to save money. One is with our monthly passes good at Twin Creeks.



The other is with our range ball cards that can be used at Twin Creeks, Salinas Fairways or Salinas G&CC. Please check in the newsletter for more information and an order form.

Scholarships

The SVJGA will be awarding scholarships for the graduating class of 2006. You must be a current member in good standing and be active in our activities. The scholarships are available only to seniors with a minimum 2.0 GPA. Applications were mailed out in December. If you did not receive one, please call Rusty at 444-0306. Call as soon as possible, as applications are due back by mid-April.

SVJGA.org (Thank you Laurie)

Our website is now up and running. You may go there to download an application or an order form for range balls or green fee passes. You can also check out our current schedule and see the results from past tournaments. You will find our latest news under News Flash. **A huge thank you goes out to Laurie Classen for the excellent job she did on our website.** She also updates it periodically with tournament results and pictures. If you have any pictures, e-mail them to me at Rusty@svjga.org. I'd like to also thank Redshift for hosting our site.

2006 SVJGA Board of Directors

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Thanks Ed

The SVJGA Board would like to thank Ed Campbell for his many years as treasurer on our Board. Ed has turned in his resignation due to the fact that he'll be moving. Thank you Ed for all your years of hard work keeping our books straight. You will be greatly missed.

Welcome Jonna

Jonna Blackwell, our current secretary on the SVJGA Board has graciously agreed to be our new treasurer. Thank you Jonna.

New Board Members Sought

The SVJGA Board is constantly looking for new members to help keep our ideas fresh. Would you like to help us out? The Board meets the 3rd Friday of each month for lunch, at 12 noon. We meet at Salinas Golf & CC or Twin Creeks GC. Please call Rusty at 444-0306.

Rules for Spectators

It has come to my attention that some of you are getting too involved in your junior's game.

You must remain 25 yards from the competitors. You are not allowed on the tee blocks or putting greens. You are not allowed to give advice to any junior. If you do see an infraction of a rule, please bring it to my attention after the round. I will address it as I see fit.

Range Cards

You do not need to be a member at SG&CC to purchase their range ball cards. All they ask is that you follow their dress code, call first for range availability and do not leave your children unsupervised.

Lessons

If you are interested in taking lessons, call Rusty at 444-0306. You will receive 5 one-hour group lessons for \$40. You must be a paid member of our association to take lessons.

Thank You Albertson's

Albertson's donated \$519.77 to our program last year. Thanks to everyone for using those cards. If you shop at Albertson's and haven't received a card, please call Rusty at 444-0306. All you need to do is have a cashier swipe your card at check-out. Albertson's will donate 2% of your purchases back to the SVJGA. You may even request cards for your neighbors, friends and relatives. The more we use

them, the more money we receive. This fundraiser costs you nothing. **Please help us!**

18-Year Olds

After turning 18 years old, juniors may continue to play with SVJGA until September 1st following graduation, or until entering college, whichever comes first. The year you turn 18, you will still be included in the TOC.

Spectator - Dress Code

Please be aware that Salinas G&CC and Corral de Tierra both have strict dress codes. We expect spectators as well as juniors to dress accordingly.

This means no blue jeans.

We appreciate that these two private clubs allow us to use their courses. Please help us to thank them by showing respect for their rules.

Handicap Cards

SVJGA will be purchasing handicap cards through the NCGA for all of our junior members. If you join through us, SVJGA will be responsible for your membership. If you join through The First Tee, they will be responsible for your NCGA membership. Either way, you will be able to post your scores at any golf course that you play and have a current index. You will also be receiving a sticker for your handicap card that will allow you to play certain golf courses for \$5. More information about that will be on our website at a later date.

Valley Trophies

Thank you to Valley Trophies for the beautiful job they do on all of our awards. If you need trophies, plaques, medals, awards of any kind, call Kurt Dillard at 422-2967.

Round Table Pizza

Thank you Chris Swanson for supplying the pizza at our tournaments. It is excellent pizza and always on time.