
SVJGA News

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Salinas Valley Jr. 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. Have you had a chance to check out our website? Please do. Laurie Classen is constantly keeping it updated with pictures from our tournaments. Thank you Laurie.

Annual Fundraiser

Our annual fundraiser which was held Sept. 21st raised over \$13,000. Thank you to Salinas G&CC for the use of their course and the excellent dinner afterward. Thank you to our Silver Sponsors: Allstate - Ainslie Loverde Insurance and D.R. Electrical Contracting. Thank you to our Bronze Sponsors: The First Tee of Monterey County, Monterey Peninsula Foundation, Garden Source, Kirkorian Family Foundation, Commercial Service Co., Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of Monterey County, Gary Bacon Insurance, Sonny Rianda and Lil' Jordan Eugenio & Family. Thank you to Kurt Dillard of Valley Trophies and Scott Seadler of Golf Mart. Thank you to all of our Hole Sponsors, to the golfers that played, to the volunteers that worked and to everyone that donated to our raffle/auction. Hope to see all of you again next year.

New Prices

Due to the rising costs of running our program, we have found it necessary to raise some of our prices. Please note that the annual membership is now \$25. Or you can join both the SVJGA and The First Tee of Monterey County for \$50. That is a \$10 savings. If you join both organizations, we will include an NCGA membership for free. Please check the back page of this news for more info on NCGA memberships. Tournament fees have also gone up.



Green level tournaments are now \$10. Gold, Silver, Bronze tournaments are now \$20. If anyone has difficulty with these new prices, please let me know. We'll work something out so that everyone can be included. We are still offering range ball cards which are good for 5 large buckets of balls for \$17.50. These cards are good at Twin Creeks, Salinas Fairways or Salinas G&CC. To order, please call Rusty at 444-0306 or download an application on our website.

\$5 Discount at Salinas Fairways

This program is available to all juniors playing in our Gold, Silver, Bronze tournaments. Call Rusty and she'll send you 3 cards, each good for \$5 off your green fees when you play Salinas Fairways. These cards will be distributed 3 at a time, good for 3 months. If you need more, call.

Welcome

SVJGA would like to welcome our newest Board members. Joann Patterson has graciously agreed to be our new Treasurer. Lou Fierro, Cassie Belmont and Jerry Singley have agreed to work on our Board. Welcome and thank you to all of you.

2007 SVJGA Board of Directors

Gary Bacon	President
Rusty Stockton	Executive Director
Joann Patterson	Treasurer
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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) Gold-shoots under 90, Silver-shoots over 90, 9-hole (not ready for 18 holes) Juniors may progress to the next level by shooting 3 consecutive or 3 out of 5 scores in the next division's range. G&CC.

Congratulations

Jason Simonetti, Ryan Rimbey and Cody Hughes were each awarded \$1,000 in scholarships from SVJGA. Congratulations to each of you. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Lessons

If you are interested in taking lessons, call Rusty at 444-0306. You will receive 5 one-hour group lessons for \$40.

Thank You Albertson's

Albertson's donated over \$400 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

You may join the NCGA through us or through TFTMC by either paying the extra \$2 or we'll include it free when you join both organizations. 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 reduced rates.

Results

Please check our website for results of our tournaments. We will no longer be posting them in our newsletter. You will also need to order range ball cards by downloading an application from our website or by calling Rusty at 444-0306. We're sorry, but due to the rising costs of printing and postage, we find it necessary to cut back on costs.

Scholarships

The SVJGA will be awarding scholarships for the graduating class of 2007. 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. If you would like to receive one, please call Rusty at 444-0306. Call as soon as possible, as applications are due back by mid-April.

THANK – YOU

Thank you to the following people for scoring at our Green Tournaments held at Twin creeks Golf Course:

Sean Bourque, Greg Classen, Michael Jacobs and Spencer on July 8th.
Greg Classen, Jacob Quesenberry, Ryan Rimbey and Gary Bacon on Aug. 5th.
Greg Classen, Sean Bourque, Caroline Belmont, Jerry Singley and Gary Bacon on September 9th.
Gary Bacon, Jacob Quesenberry, Michael Castillo, Keegan and Taylor Dominguez on October 14th.

These scorers not only keep score, they also help our younger juniors with the rules and etiquette. This is not always an easy job. Our tournaments would not run so smoothly without your help. Thank you for your time and patience. Juniors or adults (with golf knowledge), if you would like to help, call Rusty at 444-0306. Juniors are eligible to earn community service hours from their high schools.

CONGRATULATIONS

The following juniors have advanced to the next level:
Troy Armstrong and Matthew Ogden have advanced to the Gold level.
John Louie, Sunil Datt, Sergio Rios and Andrew Parco have advanced to the Silver level.
Rolen Ordona has advanced to the Bronze 18-hole level.
Christian Banaag has advanced to the Bronze 9-hole level.
Taylor Camany, Katrina Mendez and Catrina Williams have advanced to the Girls Silver level.

Congratulations juniors, great job!!!!

AT&T Pebble Beach Charities

SVJGA would like to thank AT&T Pebble Beach Charities for their very generous grant donation in the amount of \$20,000. It will help us to continue to expand our many programs. Please join us in supporting them by attending the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am held February 5th – 11th at Pebble Beach, Spyglass and Poppy Hills Golf Courses.

SVJGA Winter/Spring Event Schedule

___ Sat, Feb 3	2:00	Green 9 and 5 Hole Tournament	Twin Creeks GC
___ Sun, Feb 4	12:00	Boys G, S, B, B-9 & Girls G, S, 9-hole	Salinas Fairways
___ Sat, Feb 24	4:00	Rules Clinic	Twin Creeks GC*
___ Sat, Mar 3	2:00	Green 9 and 5 Hole Tournament	Twin Creeks GC
___ Sun, Mar 4		Boys G, S, B, B-9 & Girls G, S, 9-hole	Rancho Canada West
___ Sat, Mar 24	10:00	Rules Clinic	Twin Creeks GC*
___ Sat, Mar 31	3:00	Green 9 and 5 Hole Tournament	Twin Creeks GC
___ Sun, April 1	1:00	Boys G, S, B, B-9 & Girls G, S, 9-hole	Laguna Seca GC
___ Sat, April 28	2:00	Green 9 and 5 Hole Tournament	Twin Creeks GC
___ Sun, April 29	3:00	Boys G, S, B, B-9 & Girls G, S, 9-hole	San Juan Oaks**
___ Sat, May 26	2:00	Green 9 and 5 Hole Tournament	Twin Creeks GC
___ Sun, May 27	4:00	Boys G, S, B, B-9 & Girls G, S, 9-hole	Poppy Hills GC**

* Gold, Silver, Bronze tournament players are required to take a Rules Clinic. If you haven't done so, please sign up now.

** Due to the late starting time, both of these tournaments will be 9 hole tournaments. You will still compete at your skill level, but only for 9 holes.

Please check the events that you wish to participate in. All Boys G, S, B, B-9, Girls-G, S, Girls-9 tournaments are **\$20.00**. All Green tournaments are **\$10.00**. Please send your entries in as soon as possible. **If you cannot play in an event that you signed up for, please call Rusty at 444-0306. THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!!!** I will call you a couple of days before the tournament with your tee-time. **Please check in with me, 30 minutes before tee time.**

Dress code policy is enforced at **all** of our tournaments and clinics. Blue jeans and sweat pants are not allowed. Collared shirts must be worn and tucked in. Please wear soft spikes or tennis shoes. **Parents must follow dress code at SG&CC and Corral.**

NAME _____ AGE _____ PHONE# _____

(GREEN ONLY) - I am currently playing 5 holes _____ 9 holes _____

(G,S,B,B-9,&Girls) - I am currently playing GOLD _____ SILVER _____ BRONZE _____ B 9-Hole _____

Girls GOLD _____ SILVER _____ Girls 9-Hole _____

(All Ages) (if new, I must have this info) INDEX OR LAST 3 SCORES _____

_____ is interested in scoring for a Green Tournament on Feb 3 ___ Mar 3 ___ Mar 31 ___ April 28 ___ May 26 ___

TOURNAMENTS CHECKED _____ @ \$10.00 = _____ (amount enclosed)

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MAIL ENTIRE PAGE & PROPER \$ AMOUNT TO: SVJGA P.O. BOX 2507 SALINAS, CA 93902