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# SVJGA News

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## Happy New Year Everyone!

The SVJGA Board hopes that everyone had a great Christmas and that 2008 finds you healthy and happy. Have you had a chance to check out our website? Please do. Laurie Classen is constantly keeping it updated with tournament results and pictures from our tournaments. Thank you Laurie.

## New for 2008

Effective December, 2007, The First Tee, SVJGA and AT&T Jr. Golf will be offering a triple membership. You may still join SVJGA only for \$25, or The First Tee of Monterey County only for \$95, or AT&T Jr. Golf only for \$25. Or you can join all three organizations for \$120 and enjoy a \$25 savings. With a triple membership, you will also receive an NCGA handicap card at no extra cost. Please make sure that you include your current NCGA number (if you have one) on your application. You may also renew your NCGA card by joining only TFTMC or SVJGA. This card will allow you to post your scores at each of the courses that you play and have an official handicap. This card also allows you discount green fees at Laguna, Bayonet, Poppy, etc. For your convenience, a 2008 application is included in this newsletter.

## New Board Members Needed

SVJGA is currently looking for parents that would be interested in serving on our Board. We meet the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Please call Rusty at 444-0306 if you would be interested.

## 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 4-10, 2008.

## Birdies for Charity

This is a fun and exciting way to make a donation to SVJGA based on the number of birdies scored by all PGA players during the 2008 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am tournament. You can pledge one cent or more per birdie, or if you prefer, you may pledge a flat amount. Monterey Peninsula Foundation will invoice you for the amount you pledged. To enhance your pledge, they will add a 10% match. SVJGA will actually receive 110% of all funds that we raise. You may get a pledge form by calling Rusty at 444-0306. You can also print one from our website at [svjga.org](http://svjga.org). Or, you can go to the "Birdies for Charity" website, [www.attpbgolf.com](http://www.attpbgolf.com)

and make a pledge on-line. Click on "The Charities and then "Birdies for Charity". If you correctly guess the number of birdies made during the tournament, you can win a 7-day Norwegian cruise for two to the Mexican Riviera. There will also be random drawings for many other prizes throughout the pledging season.

## 2008 SVJGA Board of Directors

Gary Bacon	President
Rusty Stockton	Executive Director
Joann Patterson	Treasurer
Andy Watt	Director
Dave Quesenberry	Director
Cassie Belmont	Director
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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 pizza 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, Boys 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.

## **Scholarships**

The SVJGA will be awarding scholarships for the graduating class of 2008. 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.

## **18-Year Olds**

After turning 18 years old, juniors may continue to play with SVJGA until September 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **Want to Save Money?**

SVJGA would love to help you save money. We are offering half price range ball cards that can be used at Twin Creeks, Salinas Fairways or Salinas GCC. Each card is good for 5 large buckets and will cost you \$17.50, but has a \$35 value. We also have \$5 off green fee cards that are good anytime at Salinas Fairways. These cards are free. If you would like to take advantage of either of these programs, call Rusty at 444-0306.

## **Community Service – Scholarships**

Juniors that play in our Gold, Silver, Bronze tournaments are eligible to scorekeep at our Green level tournaments. This will accomplish three things. 1. You will earn community service hours which are now required by all high schools. 2. SVJGA looks very admirably on all scholarship applicants that have given back to our organization. 3. You will feel great about yourself by helping younger juniors to learn the game.

## **Spectator Rules**

We love to have you come out and watch your juniors play in our tournaments. The kids love having an audience. All we ask is that you respect our rules for spectators. **You must remain 25 yards from the competitors. You are not allowed on the greens or the tee boxes. You are not allowed to give advice to the juniors. Do not walk alongside of the competitors unless you are helping to find a lost ball. If you see an infraction of a rule, please bring it to my attention after the round. Thank you for your attention to this matter.**

## **Leaving Board Members**

SVJGA would like to thank Robert Hedberg and Mike Lerda for their many years of service on our Board. Both gentlemen found it necessary to recently resign their positions. We wish them all the best in their futures. They will be greatly missed by our Board.

## **2008 Jr./Adult**

This year's Jr/Adult is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. More info to follow.

