
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 2009 finds you healthy and happy. Please check inside for our latest schedule of tournaments and other policy changes that we have made for 2009.



New for 2009

Effective immediately, your membership is good for 12 months from when you pay. We have done this to match The First Tee of Monterey County and AT&T Jr. Golf. All 3 associations now have a 12 month 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 \$25. Or you can join all three

for organizations for \$120 and enjoy a \$25 savings. You will also receive an NCGA membership at no extra cost when you join all 3. Please make sure that you include your current NCGA number (if you have one) on your application. You may also receive an NCGA card by joining only TFTMC or only SVJGA. Both of these associations are part of the NCGA's Youth on Course program. 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 and discount range balls at Laguna Seca, Poppy Hills, Salinas Fairways, etc. For your convenience, a 2009 application is included in this newsletter.

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 2009 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. Or, you can go to the "Birdies for Charity" website, 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 two Continental airline tickets (up to \$500 each). There will also be random drawings for many other prizes throughout the pledging season.

2008 SVJGA Board of Directors

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Tony Toliver	Director

The mission of SVJGA is to prepare, develop and provide opportunities for competitive junior golfers, guided by etiquette and the rules of golf.

Points Program

SVJGA started a new Points Program in 2008. We are offering points to juniors playing in the Gold, Silver and Bronze tournaments. Points will be awarded in each level. 1st place will receive 10 points, 2nd place will receive 9 points, etc. down to 1 point. You don't need to place to earn points, just show up for a tournament. If two juniors tie, they will each receive the applicable points for that spot. When you move up to the next level, you take your points with you. We will have Winter/Spring Points Champions and Summer/Fall Points Champions. You can find the Champions for 2008 on our website. You will find an updated Points List at each tournament, posted by Rusty's desk at The First Tee and on our website. Very shortly, there will be a large plaque in the Pro Shop at Twin Creeks GC with the Champions' names engraved.

New Board Member

SVJGA would like to welcome Tony Toliver as our newest Board member. Tony is a First Tee Coach at The First Tee of Monterey County and a PGA apprentice. He brings a lot of golf knowledge and tournament experience to our table. Thank you Tony for joining our Board.

Spectator - Dress Code

Please be aware that many of the golf courses that we play have strict dress codes. We expect spectators as well as juniors to dress accordingly. **This means no blue jeans.** We appreciate that these private clubs allow us to use their courses. Please help us to thank them by showing respect for their rules.

Spectator Rules

We love to have spectators come out and watch. The juniors love having an audience. All we ask is that you respect our rules. **Spectators must remain 25 yards from the competitors. Spectators are not allowed on the greens or the tee boxes. Spectators 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**

Rusty's attention after the round. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Jr/Adult Tournament

This year's Jr/Adult Tournament will be held Saturday, May 30th at Salinas Golf and Country Club. Please keep this date open as this tournament is always a lot of fun. An application for this tournament will be available on our website as soon as details are finalized.

Pace of Play

Pace of play is considered good golfing etiquette during any round of golf, tournament or not. Simply stated, "pace of play" means keeping up with the group playing directly in front of your group. It should not take more than 2 hours 15 minutes per 9 holes for a foursome and not more than 2 hours per 9 holes for a threesome. There are many factors that could cause a group to fall behind. However, it is then the responsibility of each player in that group to speed up play and get back into position. Once we determine that a group is "out of position", they will receive a verbal warning. They will then have 3 holes to get back into position. If they don't, each person in the group will be assessed a one stroke penalty. Remember, slow play will not be tolerated.

Thank You

Thank you to the following people for scoring at our Green level tournaments held at Twin Creeks GC in 2008:

Greg Classen, Catrina Williams, Jacob Quesenberry, Al Dominguez, Anthony Baca, Mickey Mahoney, Don Webster, Kay Harmon, Keegan Dominguez, Taylor Dominguez, Drew Nelson, Jill Strange, Mike Perham and Greg Williams.

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 couldn't possibly run so smoothly without their 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 may earn community service hours.

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 awards. 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.

New Policies

- #1. All tournaments must be paid in advance. We no longer accept payment on the day of the tournament.
- #2. There are no cash refunds on tournaments. If you cancel 2 weeks before a tournament, we can issue a credit.
- #3. We now have a no-show policy in effect. If you don't show up for a tournament that you signed up for and you don't call, you will receive a warning letter. If you do it twice in one year, you won't be allowed to play in the Tournament of Champions. It is your responsibility to notify Rusty or the golf course that you will not be there.
- #4. Points Program – Please check our website to see how the Points Program works.

Scholarships

The SVJGA will be awarding scholarships for the graduating class of 2009. You must be a currently paid member in good standing and be active in our activities. If you would like to receive an application, please call Rusty at 444-0306. Call as soon as possible as applications are due back by April 3rd.

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 Tournament of Champions.

Monterey Peninsula Foundation

SVJGA would like to thank MPF for their very generous grant donation in the amount of \$20,000. It will greatly help us to continue the many programs that we bring to you. Please join us in supporting them by attending the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am held February 9-15, 2009.

Want to Save Money?

SVJGA would love to help you save money. We have \$5 off green fee cards that are good anytime at Salinas Fairways. These cards are free. If you would like a card or cards, call Rusty at 444-0306 or e-mail her at rusty@svjga.org.

Community Service – Scholarships

Juniors that play in our Gold, Silver and Bronze tournaments are eligible to score keep 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.

Free Golf Clinic for Juniors

In conjunction with the 2009 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, the Payne Stewart Youth Golf Exhibition will be held Saturday, February 7th, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. at the Pebble Beach Driving Range. The popular event will feature golf entertainer Peter Johncke, The Trick Shot Master. Two pros, Rob Grube and Zack Miller, will also be available to interact with spectators and offer golf tips. Both pros attended Stanford University. Admission is free and all kids will receive snacks and giveaways. Please, come join the fun!

Check the events that you wish to participate in. Gold, Silver, Bronze tournaments are \$20. Green tournaments are \$10. Please send your entries in as soon as possible. We must receive payment **prior** to the tournament. **If you cannot play in an event that you signed up for, please call Rusty at 444-0306. THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!!!** No cash refunds. Credit will be issued if you cancel 2 weeks in advance of a tournament. I will call you a couple of days before the tournament with your tee-time.

On tournament day, please check in 30 minutes before your tee time.

SVJGA Winter/Spring Event Schedule

___ Sat, Feb 21	12:00	Gold, Silver, Bronze & 9-Holers	Salinas Fairways
___ Sat, Feb 28	2:30	Green 9 and 5 Hole Tournament	Twin Creeks GC
___ Sat, Mar 7	TBD	Rules Clinic (No Charge)	Twin Creeks GC
___ Sat, Mar 21	2:30	Green 9 and 5 Hole Tournament	Twin Creeks GC
___ Sun, Mar 22	12:00	Gold, Silver, Bronze & 9-Holers	Rancho West
___ Sat, April 18	2:30	Green 9 and 5 Hole Tournament	Twin Creeks GC
___ Sat, April 19	1:00	Gold, Silver, Bronze & 9-Holers	Quail Lodge
___ Sat, April 25	TBD	Rules Clinic (No Charge)	Twin Creeks GC
___ Sat, June 6	TBD	Rules Clinic (No Charge)	Twin Creeks GC
___ Sat, June 20	2:30	Green 9 and 5 Hole Tournament	Twin Creeks GC
___ Wed, June 24	1:00	Gold, Silver, Bronze & 9-Holers	Pajaro Valley GC

Hot dogs and sodas will no longer be provided at the Gold, Silver, Bronze tournaments.
We will provide water and snacks at the turn.

NAME _____ AGE _____ PHONE# _____

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

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

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

TOURNAMENTS CHECKED _____ @ \$10 = _____ (amount enclosed)

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