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# SVJGA News

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SVJGA.org

Salinas Valley Junior Golf Association

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## 10<sup>th</sup> SVJGA Fundraiser

Come join us on Thursday, Sept. 21st at Salinas Golf & CC. Your entry fee of \$150 includes green fees, carts, range balls, tee prizes, dinner, awards, auction and a whole lot of fun. This is our major fundraiser for the year. This is how we manage to support our tournament, range ball and green fee programs. As you know, we are funded solely by private donations and grants and could really use your help to keep these programs going. We are asking for your support by playing in our tournament, becoming a sponsor, making a donation to our raffle/auction, or simply volunteering to help that day. Anything that you can do will be greatly appreciated. For your convenience, an entry form will be mailed to you soon.

## SVJGA Tournaments

Come join us!! We have tournaments for all skill levels, age doesn't matter. Our less experienced players are called Green Level 5 and 9 holers. They will be playing at Twin Creeks. Our Green 5 holers will be required to carry (or pull) and choose their own clubs. They will be sent out with a scorekeeper to help with the rules, etiquette and scorekeeping. It really is a learning experience. Our Green 9 holers will also be required to keep a scorecard. 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 89 or less, Silver shoots 90 & up and 9-hole. Juniors may progress to the next level by shooting 3 consecutive or 3 out of 5 scores in the next level's range.

## 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 results from past tournaments. You will find our latest news under News Flash. A huge thank you goes to Laurie Classen for the excellent job building and maintaining our website. If you have pictures, e-mail them to me at [rusty@svjga.org](mailto:rusty@svjga.org).



## First Tee Open

The First Tee Open presented by Wal\*Mart is coming August 30<sup>th</sup> – September 3<sup>rd</sup> to Pebble Beach and Del Monte GC. If you wish to go and purchase tickets on behalf of SVJGA, we will receive half of your ticket price as a donation. Kids are admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult. Please check last page of this newsletter for more information on how to purchase tickets.

## 2005 SVJGA Board of Directors

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## First Tee Open

This tournament consists of 78 Champions Tour players, 78 juniors, and 156 amateurs. August 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> are free practice rounds. September 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, everyone plays at both courses. September 3<sup>rd</sup>, all pros and low 22 juniors play Pebble Beach. Low 28 amateur teams and 56 juniors play Del Monte. You may purchase advance daily tickets for \$25, a season badge (good all week) for \$60, a charity patron (season badge good at The First Tee Open and AT&T) for \$150. There are also some corporate packages available. You may purchase tickets in the following ways: call 831-644-0333 and request tickets (mention SVJGA as the organization to receive credit), go to the website [www.thefirstteeopen.com](http://www.thefirstteeopen.com) and order tickets (again, click on SVJGA as the organization to receive credit) call Rusty at 831-444-0306, or order with the brochure that will be mailed to you shortly (it must have a white sticker with a pink line through it on the order form for us to receive credit)

## Welcome Mike Chapman

Mike Chapman, PGA professional at Salinas Golf & CC, is our newest Board member. He has also graciously accepted the position as Secretary. Thank you, Mike.

## 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.

## 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 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.

## Handicap Cards

SVJGA will be purchasing handicap cards through the NCGA for all of our junior members that have joined SVJGA and The First Tee through our dual membership application. 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. If you joined in 2006 and have not received your sticker, call Rusty at 444-0306.

## 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 and green fee passes 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.