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# SVJGA News

Summer/Fall 2005

Salinas Valley Junior Golf Association

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

Come join us on Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at Salinas Golf & CC. Your entry fee of \$125 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 many programs such as the range ball cards and the green fee passes. 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, sponsoring a hole, 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 can be found in this newsletter.

## 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) 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. Questions? Call Rusty at 444-0306.

## Membership Renewal

Your yearly membership fee of \$15 is now due. Membership runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. If you do not renew now, this will be your last mailing.

## SVJGA.org

Laurie Classen is currently building a website for us. It should be up and running soon. Thank you Laurie for all your hard work. Also, thanks to Redshift for hosting our site.



## Discount Range Balls

Salinas Jr. Golf is offering discount range ball cards to all junior members. These cards can be used at Twin Creeks, Salinas Fairways or Salinas Golf & CC. Please look in this newsletter for more information.

## 2005 SVJGA Board of Directors

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## **2005 Scholarship Recipients**

Congratulations to Lindsey Shean, Phillip Nguyen and Sam Campbell. They will be receiving scholarships from SVJGA to help toward their college expenses. The Scholarship Committee awarded \$5,000 in scholarships this year. Good luck to these well deserving juniors.

## **Grants Received**

SVJGA was very fortunate this year to have received three grants. AT&T Pebble Beach Charities awarded us \$10,000. Northern Ca. Golf Association awarded us \$7,000. And the Harden Foundation awarded us \$5,000. Thank you, thank you, thank you. We are extremely grateful to these fine organizations for their kindness.

## **Monster Truck**

We raised over \$1,000 working the Monster Truck on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Jonna Blackwell, Doug, JoAnn and Staci Patterson and to the students from Salinas High School Lion's Club that volunteered to help.

## **Jr/Adult Tournament**

This year's tournament will be held Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at Salinas Golf & CC with a 2:00 shotgun. Please keep that date open. We are currently working on the format and other details. Applications will be mailed to you at a later date.

## **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.

## **Free Lessons**

If you are interested in taking lessons, call Rusty at 444-0306. We will be offering a series of 3 **FREE** lessons. You may each sign up for one series. If you wish to continue lessons after that, you may sign up for 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 \$763.13 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.

## **JGANC, FCWT, IJGT, AJGA**

A lot of you will be playing in tournaments for other junior golf associations this summer. Please call and let me know how well you did. I would like to include that information on our new website.

## **New Board Members Sought**

We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Please join us. Call Rusty at 444-0306 for more details.