



Sacramento Weekend Drivers Newsletter

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From the President

Greetings and Happy New Year everyone!!! My name is Ron Sanui and I will be the president for the Sacramento Weekend Drivers Golf Club for the next two years (2009-2010). I look forward to working and meeting with as many members as possible. Before I begin, I would like to thank all those who are continuing as officers and directors for the next two years. I will be looking for your support and guidance during the next 24 months.

I would like to welcome the following new members to our golf club: Dr. Craig Yamada, Jay Record and Alan Low's daughter Katie Low. For those of you who haven't met them before, please step up, say "hello", and help them feel comfortable with their golfing environment. To Craig, Jay and Katie, you will meet a lot of nice people who are the strength and back-bone of our club.

Once again, your tournament committee has put together another wonderful line-up of golfing events for 2009. The season starts off on February 21st with a Four man team scramble format at Bartley Cavanaugh and ends on November 15th with a Turkey Shoot at Wildhawk Golf Course. In between the two events, our annual out-of-town venture will be to Reno where we will be playing Wildcreek and Wolf Run on August 15 & 16.

This year we are implementing a few changes. First we are discontinuing the match play tournament because it was very difficult for the all participants to commit to playing in five consecutive tournaments. Next we will not be hosting the annual picnic/fun tournament at Land Park because of declining participation. Third we are changing the distribution of prizes from golf balls to cash for flight winners and closest to the pin to reduce the workload for distributing prizes (more details in the Rules section below). Lastly our club championship will be held at Castle Oaks in September and at Teal Bend in October. Please take a look at the 2009 tournament schedule at the end of this newsletter for the full lineup. You will also have other opportunities to golf with the Chinese Federation Golf Association.

As we get into the golfing season, I would recommend that you read the monthly newsletter to keep yourself abreast of the upcoming club happenings and events. In this issue, please read up on the club rules as being aware of them will make your golfing experience more enjoyable. If you have any questions, please call any of the officers or directors for answers.

On behalf of the officers and directors, I would like to wish all of you great fun at our tournaments regardless of the outcome. This beats yard work, house work, and work in general.

Health and happiness,
Ron



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**First Tournament of 2009
Saturday, February 21
Bartley Cavanaugh Golf Course
8301 Freeport Blvd.
Sacramento, CA
(916) 665-2020**

Our first tournament of the year will be our traditional Team Scramble. This is a great tournament for the club as it gives us the chance to meet and get to know our new members, shake off the rust from a couple of months of not playing, and get back into the swing of things (no pun intended). The team format for this event is also good as it allows us all to enjoy ourselves and get some help, if needed, from our teammates.

As Ron mentioned in his annual welcome message, this year's venue will be Bartley Cavanaugh in south Sacramento. It is a fairly easy course (just right for getting the winter rust off!) that our club has visited before. It has some water hazards, a few trees, some narrow fairways, and some undulations, but should make for a fun "beginning of the year" test.

For those that have not played a scramble before, each player on the team hits his or her first shot. The team selects the best ball and then the other players pick up their balls and move them to the "best ball" position. Each player then hits his or her second shots. This pattern continues until the hole is complete. One rule for this tournament is that each team must take 4 drives from each player.

Please note: Men will be playing from the **BLUE** tees. Women will play from the **BLACK** (forward) tees. For this tournament, you can form your own four man team, or we will form one for you. Good luck to all!

Tournament Format: Scramble Format - Four man teams

First Tee Time: 10:00 a.m.

Green Fees: \$35.00

Carts: Optional

Range Balls: None - Bring your own range balls

The Money Hole Pot (optional): \$2.00

Skins Game (optional): No Skins Game for this tournament.

Reservations: May Lee at 391-4309 or famileex5@sbcglobal.net

Cancellation Deadline: Saturday, February 7th



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Tournament Sign-ups, Cancellations, and Fines

As an introduction to our new members (and a reminder to our returning members), here are some guidelines and information regarding signing up for a club tournament, cancellations, and the *dreaded* fines.

In order to participate in a club tournament, you must **sign-up** with our tournament chairperson (TC). This is because we are provided a limited number of openings by the course. Members signing up after the field is full will be placed on a waiting list. The general rule is that you must sign-up with the TC no later than two weeks prior to the event. The sign-up number is listed with the tournament announcement. We recommend signing-up earlier to ensure that you will not be on a waiting list.

Cancellations are a fact of life. Things happen and even though you have signed-up, you find you cannot make the tournament. **PLEASE** contact the TC and let them know as soon as possible. This gives the TC time to notify the people on the waiting list. The last date to cancel and avoid a possible fine is two weeks prior to the tournament.

Published in each newsletter with the announcement of the next tournament is a sign-up/cancellation deadline. Members canceling after that date or not showing up at the tournament will be notified of a **fine** by a written letter from the club. The fine structure is \$5.00 for individual medal play tournaments and \$10.00 for team event tournaments. The cost of the green fees will also be assessed if the club is charged for the fees by the course and we are unable to find a substitute for you.

So, if you have signed up for a tournament and discover you can't play after the cancellation date has passed, contact the TC immediately. He may be able to find a substitute for you and help you minimize your costs.

2009 Officers and Directors

President: Ron Sanui 422-1984	Handicapper: Alan Low xxx-xxxx	Executive Board: David Chan 395-8162	Board of Directors: Wes Tom 427-7616
Vice President: Mel Yu 421-3722	Tournament Chairperson: Bill Fung 391-4585	Michael Fong 428-6549 Melvin Yu 421-3722	Rodney Wong 285-9397 Keith Kato 393-6887
Secretary: Gary Fujii 391-1054	Tournament Committee: Sterling Joe 769-3382		Vic Newquist 394-0294
Treasurer: Winfred DeLeon 684-3334	May Lee 391-4309 Winfred DeLeon 684-3334	Junior Membership/Awards: Felix Wada 395-3263	



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Club Rules for 2008

The Sacramento Weekend Drivers adhere to the USGA Rules of Golf. We do, however, provide some additional rules and guidelines that are intended to speed up tournament play, provide clarification for how we determine handicap flights, specific tournament rules, etc. We have not modified our rules from last year, but it is a good idea for everyone to take a minute to review the rules.

The following is the list of club rules (in addition to the USGA rules) that will be in effect this year:

1. Historically, the SWD was relatively slow in completing tournaments in a timely manner. Even our own members made negative comments about our general pace of play. In 2004 the SWD Board implemented the following:

1. When the first group in the tournament completes their round, they will set up a clock at the scorer's table.
 - The time will be set at 20 minutes, and started.
 - The second (and succeeding) group(s) must finish and turn in their scorecards before the clock hits zero. The clock will be reset to 20 minutes after each group.
 - Penalties will apply for late play.
 - Turn in your scorecard in 20 minutes or less and there is no penalty.
 - If your group is more than 20 minutes behind, but less than 30 minutes, then 2 strokes will be added to the gross score of each member of the foursome.
 - If your group is more than 30 minutes behind, then 5 strokes will be added to the gross score of each member of the foursome.
 - While this process is not desirable, it is more liberal than the NCGA's guidelines, and is an attempt to make our tournaments more timely and thereby more enjoyable for all of our members.
2. The tournament chairman will determine summer or winter rules on the day of the tournament. If not specified, the rules in effect at the golf course will be used. Summer rules are play the ball as you find it and winter rules usually allow the ball to be "bumped" to within 6 inches of its original spot.
3. Take a maximum of two putts on temporary greens.
4. All putts must be holed out - no gimmies.
5. Water hazard holes should be played from designated tees. If your tee shot lands in the water, you may drop on the other side - 1 stroke penalty. If two consecutive shots land in the water, you must drop on the other side, total penalty -2 strokes. You may also hit from the opposite shore and take a 2-stroke penalty. However, you must also circle the strokes on that hole to indicate this option has been invoked and you will be disqualified from winning any prizes for that tournament.



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Club Rules for 2009 (Cont.)

6. The Men's "A" and "B" flights will be split evenly among the men competing in each tournament based upon current index. If there is an odd number of men, the extra competitor will be placed in the "A" flight. Since your flight may change from one tournament to the next, it is **YOUR** responsibility to determine your flight prior to teeing off on the first hole. This is important as the tee boxes may be different for each flight, and hitting from the wrong tee box constitutes a penalty.
7. During the Club Championship, once you are placed in a flight, you will remain in that flight for the duration of the club championship.
8. For all members without handicaps, until you receive your official NCGA handicap you may compete for prizes, but you will be assigned a ZERO handicap.
9. As Ron indicated we are changing the prize distribution of each flight and closest to the pin prizes from golf balls to cash. Here are the new prize payouts:

	<u>Flight winners</u>	<u>Closest to Pin</u>
1 st Place	\$25	\$5
2 nd Place	\$15	\$3
3 rd Place	\$10	\$1

When you check-in you will be asked to choose between "banking" any winnings to be paid at the end of the year or used to offset next years dues or to receive the cash at the next tournament. There is no change to the payouts for skins and money hole.

Your Scores Count!

Keeping accurate scores is an easy thing to do. Besides being easy, it helps to ensure fair competition. We all need to remember to post our practice round scores so that our course handicap fairly compares to another golfer's handicap during competitive rounds. If you forget to post your score at the golf course you can go to the NCGA website and post your score online at NCGA.org.

The Tournament Committee has the responsibility and authorization to ensure fair competitions. Please help to ensure fair competition by posting accurate scores of all your practice rounds.



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Sacramento Weekend Drivers Junior Membership

In 2004, the Sacramento Weekend Drivers Golf Club began a membership program for junior golfers to enhance and further the game of golf to the younger people in our community. If you have a junior golfer who might be interested in playing golf with us, please note the information below and contact Felix Wada, the Junior Membership Coordinator, at (916) 395-3263. or fwada1@comcast.net

Requirements:

- Must be under the age of 18 as of January 1st for the current golf season.
- Must be approved by the membership committee.
- Minimum age of 10. This is a 'soft' rule.
- Must show experience in golf skills, rules and etiquette. This is a 'hard' rule.
- Must be related to a current SWD member.
- Will be on 'probation' for a six-month period. This will allow the club to analyze the junior member. If the club deems the junior member to be inappropriate for our club, the junior member will be reimbursed 50% of their membership fees.

Benefits:

- The junior member will have all of the other rights as a regular member.
- Will be eligible to participate in all tournaments, skins, closest-to-hole, match play, etc.
- Will play in whatever flight his/her index calls for and is subject to the same rules and conditions as that flight (blue tees, white tees, red tees, etc.)

Membership Fees:

For 2009 the dues shall be \$60.00 which includes the NCGA fees. There will not be junior fees for an inactive junior member.

Sacramento Weekend Drivers – Junior Membership Form

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Birth Date: _____

Sponsoring Member: _____ Paid: _____



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From the Secretary

Hi everyone my name is Gary Fujii and I will be your club secretary for the next two years. This is my first year as a club officer and I look forward to working with Ron and the new Officers and Board of Directors to help keep our club running smoothly and fun for all of you. Please let me, or any of the other Officers and Directors know about any of your concerns or your ideas to improve how the Club can serve you. My main responsibilities are to distribute the club newsletter and keep our website updated. The newsletters will let you know about upcoming tournaments, provide your tee times and the results of the previous tournaments. It will also keep you updated about club news and announcements. I will continue to distribute the newsletters via e-mail so be sure and let me know when your e-mail address changes so I can keep the e-mail list current. If you have any questions or problems contact me at sacgary2@comcast.net or call me at (916) 391-1054. If you can't get to your e-mail don't worry you can always go online at www.swdgolf.org to find your tee time or find out when the next tournament is scheduled.

I hope you enjoy the newsletters and I wish all of you good luck and good shooting for the upcoming season.

Gary Fujii

Federation News

One of the benefits of being in the SWD is the opportunity to play in a select number of Chinese Federation golf tournaments during the year. The Federation has three tournaments scheduled for 2009. The first, the Tucson Golf Vacation, is in April. Tournament information and entry forms are posted on the Federation website.

Two other tournaments are planned for LA and Portland and when we get notification I will include the information in our newsletter. You can also go to their website at <http://www.chinesefedgolf.org> to read the latest Federation Newsletter and get more info about the tournaments.



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SACRAMENTO WEEKEND DRIVERS 2009 SCHEDULE

Saturday	02/21/2009	Bartley Cavanaugh GC	\$50	Scramble
Sunday	03/22/2009	Woodcreek GC	\$65	Medal play
Sunday	04/19/2009	Cherry Island GC	\$56	Social colored ball
Sunday	05/17/2009	Cypress Lakes GC	varies	Medal play
Sunday	06/14/2009	Mather GC	\$58	Two man best ball
Saturday	07/11/2009	Apple Mountain GC	\$70	Medal play
Saturday	08/15/2009	Wildcreek GC, Reno	\$55	Blind draw teams
Sunday	08/16/2009	Wolf Run GC, Reno	\$80	Medal Play
Saturday	09/12/2009	Castle Oaks GC	\$68	Club championship
Sunday	10/18/2009	Teal Bend GC	\$47	Club championship
Sunday	11/15/2009	Wildhawk GC	\$53	Turkey shoot

The courses in Reno are subject to change
Players are to arrange their own travel and accommodations in Reno.