



Sacramento Weekend Drivers Newsletter

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From the President

Greetings and Happy New Year everyone!!! My name is Keith Kato and I will be the president for the Sacramento Weekend Drivers Golf Club for the next two years (2007-2008). 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: Edna Dong, David Kinoshita, Bruce Norton, and Don Shaffer. 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 Edna, David, Bruce, and Don, 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 2007. The season starts off on February 24th with a team scramble format at Bartley Cavanaugh and ends on November 17th with a Turkey Shoot at Wild Wings in Woodland. In between the two events, in addition to our usual medal play/match play venues, we have our annual fun 9-hole golf/picnic day on June 2nd and out-of-town venture to Poppy Hills in Monterey on August 25th. I don't know about you, but for me, the weather in the Monterey peninsula may be a welcome change from the heat in the Sacramento Valley. As a change from past years, the Club Championship will be held on one weekend, September 15th and 16th, at Turkey Creek and Teal Bend. Please take a look at the 2007 tournament schedule in 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,

Keith Kato

2007 Officers and Directors

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Upcoming Tournament

First Tournament of the Season

Scramble Format

Saturday, February 24

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 our club president mentioned in his annual welcome message, this year's venue will be the 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 hit 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 foursomes, or we will form one for you. Good luck to all!

Tournament Format:	Team Scramble
First Tee Time:	10:15 a.m.
Entry Fee:	\$31.50
Carts:	optional (\$13.00 per rider)
Range Balls:	N/A
The Money Hole Pot (optional):	\$2.00
Skins Game (optional):	No Skins Game for this tournament.
Reservations:	Bill Fung – 391-4585

Hurry!!!

Sign-up / Cancellation Deadline: Sunday, February 11th

Call Bill Fung at 391-4585 (e-mail bfung@sbcglobal.net) if questions

Please check-in 40 minutes before your tee time!!



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Tournament Committee Reminders

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.

Club Rules for 2007

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:



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Club Rules for 2007 (Cont.)

- 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 less than 20 minutes 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.
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.



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Sacramento Weekend Drivers 2007 tournament Schedule

date	day	start time	course	possible format
February 24th	Saturday	10:00	Bartley Cavanaugh	team scramble
March 18th	Sunday	10:00	Haggins Oaks	medal play match play qualifying
April 15 ^{th**}	Sunday**	10:00	Timber Creek	medal play match play
May 6 ^{th**}	Sunday	10:00	Whitney Oaks	medal play match play
June 2nd	Saturday	9:00	Land Park (picnic)	special format for family fun
June 24th	Sunday	10:00	Franklin Canyon	medal play blind draw teams match play
July 22nd	Sunday	10:30	Blue Rock Spring	medal play match play finals
August 25th	Saturday	11:40	Poppy Hills	medal play
September 15th	Saturday	12:00	Turkey Creek	1st half Championships
September 16th	Sunday	12:00	Teal Bend	2nd half Championships
October 14th	Sunday	9:00	Lincoln Hills	two man team format
November 17th	Saturday	9:00	Wild Wings	turkey shoot team best 2 of 4

**These are changes from the schedule passed out at the Annual Dinner



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Match Play Tournament

In past years, we have had a Match Play Tournament. With enough participation again this year, we plan to again put on this fun but serious golf event. **More information will be published in the next Newsletter but here are some of the most important points of the Match Play Tournament:**

To compete in the Match Play Tournament, each person must qualify in the March tournament. The fee for attempting to qualify is \$1 for each entrant. 15 contestants will qualify to play in the Match Play Tournament. The net score from each contestant in the qualifying tournament is used to rank tournament bracket seedings 2 through 16. The defending champion is seeded 1st and plays the 15th qualifier (16th seed) in the first round of the Match Play Tournament. Tiebreakers for ranking are (1) the player with the lower index being ranked higher and (2) a coin flip.

Each successful qualifier will pay a \$10 Match Play Tournament entry fee before the first round match. If a qualifier withdraws after the tournament schedule is set for the first round match but before he or she has paid the entry fee, the match will be a forfeit and the golfer who has withdrawn may be required to pay the \$10 entry fee. The Match Play Tournament Chairman (MPTC) has sole discretion to grant a waiver, for exceptional reasons, for payment of all, or any part of, the entry fee.

Matches will be played as part of regularly scheduled tournaments. Match play will use full course handicaps, adjusted for slope and rating from different tee boxes, for each player based on their index for the month of the match. The player's net score for a hole determines whether a hole is won or halved (tied). The match is won when a golfer is ahead by more holes than there are remaining holes to be played. If a participant is unable to compete in a match, he or she will forfeit that match.

First prize will be \$100, a free entry and Number One seed in the following year's Match Play Tournament. Last year's Champion was Bill Fung. Second prize will be \$50. Last year's runner-up was Kent Hirose. Qualifying fees may be used to cover a withdrawal for exceptional reasons. Any balance of the qualifying fees will be contributed as a door prize at the annual awards dinner.

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.

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.

Check Out The SWD Website!

Did you notice the website address in the heading on the first page? Thanks to Vic Newquist, anyone can get a wealth of information about the club. Add the site to your favorites page!



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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 2007 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: _____ ST: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Birth Date: _____

Sponsoring Member: _____ Paid: _____



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Newsletters Sent by E-Mail for 2007

Our club annually distributes 13 - 15 newsletters, notices, invitations, etc. These used to be primarily sent via the US Postal Service. However, in 2005 we converted to E-mail except for the very few who are not computer connected to improve the following:

- Timeliness, the newsletter should arrive about 3 - 7 days sooner than via the Postal Service,
- The newsletter will be in color,
- You will be helping to save a tree,
- You will help the club maintain the line on increasing communication expenses (paper, ink, copying services, postage, etc.), and
- Convenience, you can get the newsletter at home, work, or both, if desired.

If you change your e-mail address, please provide your forwarding email address to Todd Dingley. You may contact Todd at sandpointe@sbcglobal.net or by phone at (916) 393-6464.

From the Secretary

Hi! My name is Todd Dingley. Most of you returning members know me as the guy who helps with the tournaments and hands out the tournament prizes! For the next couple of years, I'm also the SWD's Secretary. That means I'll be putting together the Newsletter and sending it out by e-mail. If you have any questions or problems, please contact me.

And again, I'll be handling the Match Play Tournament and helping out wherever I can. Sounds like a lot of work, doesn't it? Well, I've been helping out for a few years now and I have found that the Officers and Directors of the Sacramento Weekend Drivers each perform many tasks to try to make the Club's events as enjoyable as possible for all the members. 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.

The current Officers and Board of Directors terms will be up at the end of next year (2008). Anyone who would like to help with the activities of the club, or become an officer next term (2009-2010), is encouraged to contact any officers or director.

I hope that you enjoy the Newsletters and I also hope you can attend many of the events and have a fun time!

Thanks,
Todd.

Federation News

Chinese Federation members can go to the CFG website, <http://www.chinesefedgolf.org>, to view results, the latest Federation Newsletter, and get info about upcoming tournaments.