

Shoreline Seniors Golf Club

A Member Club of the NCGA & USGA

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January 2012

1) Presidents Message:

First of all I would like to wish each of you a happy New Years. The upcoming year should be interesting and challenging for all of us. As you all know Touchstone Management has taken over the day to day operation of Shoreline Golf Links. Many of the people that we all became friends with are no longer there, or are working in different capacities. We have had some useful meetings with the local Touchstone management team. From these interactions it seems that they are quite adamant that the conditions of the course will improve and the greens fees will stay the same or be reduced. A larger maintenance staff has been hired and areas for improvement have been noted. The single most mentioned way to improve the course was the nuisance bird population. Some new things are being tried to remove the bird excrement from the greens, and repair the damage done by the coots. A more aggressive approach will be taken to discourage the birds from making their home on the golf course. The increased maintenance staff will allow for improvements in the fairways and bunkers. A different aeration method and routine work on the greens will also improve the quality of the greens. Unfortunately this will not happen overnight, but will take time. Please try to be patient and understanding. We should see small improvements every month. Please check the web-site for more information on course improvements.

We hope we can increase our member's participation in our weekly tournaments. We have been experiencing a slow attrition in memberships over the past few years. I would encourage all members to see if any of their friends would be interested in joining our club. Many of you already have an established foursome. For those that do not I would encourage that you to go to the pro-shop and sign up for a time. There are also times available for complete foursomes. Also remember that members are required to release their tee-time by Friday if they are not playing in the next Monday's tournament.

I am looking forward to our tournament schedule and seeing our members having fun. Enjoy the upcoming year and avoid the dreaded 3 putt.

2) Board Officers and Assignments for 2012:

President: Jim Dunn

Vice President: Jim Wilson

Treasurer: Ted Roshinski

Secretary: Tom Konno

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Past President: O.J. Pilcher

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3) Greens Committee Report:

a) The dirt fill for the ponds on the back nine has been completed. The seeding and planting of this area will be done in the spring. These areas are now considered as environmentally sensitive areas. Golf balls hit into them are not to be retrieved and the shot should be played as

b) The course, especially the front nine, is suffering from the negative effect of the birds and the frost. The Coot count on the front nine has increased to around 3000 which is about twice the long term average. The city and the management team are well aware of this problem and will be working to correct it. They have tried some testing of a spray on the greens but it has only a short term effect.

c) The course is considering a “Grand Re-opening” celebration in the spring once the course conditions have improved.

4) Shoreline Gift Certificates:

Effective January 2012, the course management has transferred from the city of Mountain View to Touchstone Golf. They are not leasing the course but are running the course for the city. Therefore, all operations should remain the same. The inventory in the pro-shop is managed by Touchstone for the city and all previously held certificates will still be honored.

5) Membership & Tee Time Availability:

Now that we have completed our registration for the New Year, we have 110 members (107 renewals and 3 new members). Our membership has been reduced from 123 for last year, so this has opened up some tee times which are listed below. If you or your group would like to make a change, please contact Peter Steiner (650-851-2081). Here are the changes already made and the status of each tee time. Unless an open slot is indicated, a foursome is scheduled for each time.

Time	1st player	rel	sub	2nd player	rel	sub	3rd player	rel	sub	4th player
7:32	Jim Clark			Pisano			Mateo			Izushima
7:40	Nunes			John Clark			Warner			
7:48	Emerzian			Cooper			Prillinger			Steiner
7:56	Pilcher			Kono			Okada			Hyder
8:04	Hayashi			Larraux			Gannon			Dunn
8:12	Wilson			Whitaker			Robago			Gonzales
8:20	Hayes			Isbell			Horn			Chiochios

8:28	Fujikawa		Yob		Sutton		S. Peters
8:36	Ritchey		Shrank		Cole		Schmidt
8:44	Bartels		Lui		OPEN		Yamazaki
8:52	R. Dessling		Brackett		OPEN		H. Dessling
9:00	Hashimoto		Bishop		Perrine		Tsuruda
9:08	OPEN		OPEN		OPEN		OPEN
9:16	OPEN		Straub		Fritz/Hawley		Labrum
9:24	Everett		Yaffe		Pendelton		Gorrell
9:32	Cantwell		Goelzer		M. Anderson		Van/Slyke
9:40	Kutler		OPEN		OPEN		Gambrel
9:48	Fong		Kao		Char		C. Wong
9:56	Wong		Roshinski		Tanabe		Why
10:04	Hart		Bottini		McSweeney		Mollohan
10:12	Tong		P. Lau		Sakai		Kamachi
10:20	Good		Hauer		Kennedy		Batoy
10:28	OPEN		OPEN		OPEN		OPEN
10:36	OPEN		Boeckling		DeGrasse		Nelson
10:44	OCCASIONAL		PLAYERS				
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6) Environmental Hazards:

The water holes on the back nine have been converted into environmental hazard areas. They are marked with signs and yellow/green stakes. If you hit your ball into these areas you cannot go into the area to retrieve or play your ball. The penalty is one stroke. There are two options for putting a new ball into play. One is to return to the spot from which the previous stroke was played and play it again. The second is to drop a ball behind the point where it crossed the hazard. The drop can be made as far back as the golfer wishes, so long as the point where the ball crossed into the hazard is kept between the drop area and the hole.