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Dear NASGA Members,

2012 is here and I hope everyone's year is off to a great start.

The new NASGA tournament season gets under way with a few signup deadlines coming up soon. I hope you enjoy the schedule of tournaments that I put together. Here are some important schedule notes and highlights:

- 1) The first signup deadlines are on February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> for Monarch Bay and Poppy Ridge. The Monarch Bay tournament is heavily discounted because of issues with our tournament there in 2011.
- 2) Poppy Ridge, Poppy Hills and Silver Creek have signup deadlines that are much earlier than the other courses on the schedule, at over 30 days out from the actual play date.
- 3) There are some exciting and new tournament venues for the club this year that I think are worth a special shout out.
  - a) Oakhurst Country Club in Clayton has opened up the course for limited tournament play and we were able to book a Saturday date there. The club hasn't been able to play there in over 10 years since they went private. Unfortunately, the date landed on U.S. Open weekend. If you aren't going to be at the Open, record it, play a gem of a course and watch it later. I know that's my plan!
  - b) A fantastic Jack Nicklaus designed course in Patterson, Diablo Grande Legend's course, is a new addition. It's an easy 90 minute drive from the south bay, an amazing layout and well worth the drive. I think it may be the best course in Northern California.
  - c) Instead of booking Metropolitan GL again, I chose a venue just a few minutes away. Chuck Corica in Alameda is a staple for local residents and a venue the club hasn't visited before. It is one of the few places that offer tournament groups a cart-optional rate too.
  - d) Speaking of courses we haven't visited yet, Boundary Oak in Walnut Creek is another new addition. We typically visit courses like The Bridges or Canyon Lakes in the San Ramon area. I thought this might be another good alternative to those courses in the East Bay.
- 4) Based on many requests, Roddy Ranch is back on for our annual trip to Brentwood.

We have one new addition to the board this year. Thomas Rainey is the new treasurer and is already taking care of business. If you are interested in becoming a member of the NASGA board too, please let me know.

In 2009 the NCGA rolled out the "Member Advantage" program with discounts at many courses in addition to the 2 Poppy home courses. The benefits list has been continually growing. Make sure to take advantage of these discounts for merchandise, green fees, and access to early twilight. Just go to the NCGA website and look for "Member Advantage" for a list of these additional member benefits.

The NCGA is still running the "Fill Your Foursome" promotion. Bring in 3 new members that weren't active in 2011 and earn a complimentary round at either Poppy Ridge or Poppy Hills. See the NCGA website for details.

Have a great 2012 and see you out on the course!

Sincerely,

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