

San Francisco Golden Gate Classic
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SF GOLDEN GATE CLASSIC



& SCRATCHMASTERS 2008

JUNE 20 - 22, 2008
Maximum 58 teams/232 Bowlers

*Golden Gate Bridge photo provided for use courtesy of J. Gunther Photography

Welcome!

2008 marks the 24th year for the SF Invitational Golden Gate Classic and Scratch Masters Tournament, and as we look forward to 2009 and our silver anniversary, we want everyone to know that a lot of hard work has gone in to making this year's tournament one that we hope will be fun for everyone! As noted in the Director's Corner over the past several months, a lot of changes have taken place since our 2007 event and those changes are in response to the criticism and comments we got back from you! So, we hope that everyone has a great weekend of bowling this year at our 24th annual SF Invitational Golden Gate Classic and Scratch Masters Tournament.

To continue to provide all of bowlers with a very relaxing and comfortable environment, we have kept the same rules regarding the team format. At least 50% of each team's roster must be comprised of bowlers who either 1) identify themselves as belonging to or being committed to the LGBT community or 2) are active or past members of a LGBT-identified bowling league. Commitment to the LGBT Community is considered as active participation by attending or volunteering for your local LGBT events on a regular and on-going basis.

We feel that this format worked well last year and once again we hope it will make the tournament more enjoyable and a lot more fun. Michelob Light, Bud Light and Matagrano Distributors have been our loyal and generous sponsors for the past 11 years.

So Many Options!

Our 2008 tournament offers more options than ever to make a little money while having more fun!

Scratch Masters - Test your skills against your peers for a chance to win some big money. We have added a 6th Division and tightened the average range within each division so that those of you at the bottom of the average range will not be too far below those at the top of the average range in each division. This should provide everyone with an opportunity to enter Scratch Masters this year. Even if this is your first time, you can bowl your best by bowling against the best scorers in your division!

Optional Women's Singles - This new event, (yes, for women only!), allows all of our Lesbian bowlers and their female friends to bowl against one another in an exciting match and a chance to win top dollars!

Baby Brackets - We all love competition, but sometimes it seems that even handicap is not enough to win. Our new Baby Brackets are designed for bowlers with entering averages 160 and below. Now, once again, you can bowl against your immediate peers and win some great cash!

Ultimate 9-game Bracket - This proved to be a big success last year and we gave away a first place prize of \$500 for a mere \$5 entry fee. It is a handicapped bracket only, so everyone has a chance to win the top prize. Remember, if you get through the first 3 games, you are guaranteed at least your entry fee back! Who knows, is this your turn to walk away with the top prize? You won't know if you don't enter!

Tournament Sponsors



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2008 SFGGC Venues/Locations

Bowling Center:

Classic Bowling Center, 900 King Drive, Daly City; Phone: (650) 878-0300

All Tournament events and the Scotch Doubles Warm-Up Mini Tournament will take place at Classic Bowl in Daly City.

Directions from the North: Take 101 South to 280 towards Daly City. Exit Hickey Blvd. Turn right on Hickey Blvd. Turn left on Gellert Blvd. Turn right on King Drive. Classic Bowling Center is on the right.

Directions from the South: Take 101 North to 280 towards San Francisco. Exit Westborough/Avalon. Continue on Junipero Serra Blvd. Turn left on King Drive. Classic Bowling Center is on the right.

Host Hotel

Handlery Union Square Hotel, 351 Geary Street, San Francisco 94102;

Reservations: (415) 781-7800

Rate: \$149.00/night (Single/Double Occupancy); Identify yourself as part of "The Golden Gate Classic".

At first glance, The Handlery Union Square Hotel feels more like the upscale boutique hotels found in Europe. But once you're greeted by a member of the Handlery staff, there's no mistaking that this is a premier San Francisco hotel whose friendly, helpful employees capture the heart and soul of the Bay area. Located at Union Square, you are steps away from all that San Francisco has to offer. The Handlery Hotel is ideally situated with the cable car at our corner to take you up the hill through beautiful Nob Hill and down into Fisherman's Wharf. Five blocks from the hotel in one direction you will find yourself at the Moscone Convention Center and The Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) while a few blocks in the other direction you can sample some dim sum in China Town. For shopping enthusiasts, Macy's is right outside our door and with the new Westfield San Francisco Centre, the largest shopping center on the West Coast, you are minutes away from a new wardrobe. We're pleased to provide the following amenities: Outdoor swimming pool, heated year-round; Sauna; All-day dining at the Daily Grill Restaurant and Bar; On-site, covered valet parking at reduced rates with unlimited in-and-out privileges; Same-day laundry and dry cleaning; Room service 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Wireless Internet access; Gift shop; ATM machine.



SFGGC 2008 Event Schedule

Friday, June 20, 2008 - Classic Bowl

Scotch Doubles Warm-up Tournament \$20.00/pair	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Tournament Registration	5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Team Event	8:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Saturday, June 21, 2008 - Classic Bowl

Check-in for Singles/Doubles Event	9:30 AM - 10:00 AM
Singles Event	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Lunch Break - Check out Specials At Snack Bar	1:00 PM - 1:45 PM
PM Doubles Event	1:45 PM - 4:45 PM

Sunday, June 22, 2008 - Classic Bowl

Scratch Masters - Registration at 8:30 prompt!	8:30 AM - 3:00 PM
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Sunday, June 22, 2008 - To be announced

Awards Ceremony and Dinner	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
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Entry Fees and Non-Participants

Prize Fund	\$ 34.50
Linage	\$ 27.00
Awards Reception	\$ 17.00
Trophies	\$ 6.50
Expenses	\$ 4.00
Total per bowler (U.S. funds)	\$ 89.00
After May 15, 2008	\$ 99.00

All entries must be postmarked by June 10, 2008.

Non-Participants	\$25.00
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Scratch Masters

Division A	210 and above	\$50.00
Division B	195 - 209	\$45.00
Division C	180 - 194	\$40.00
Division D	165 - 179	\$35.00
Division E*	150 - 164	\$30.00
Division F*	149 and below	\$25.00

*Depending on the number of entrants, Divisions E and F may be combined into one Division. Entrants in Division F will have the option to receive their entry fee back and not participate in the combined Division E of 164 and below.

SFGGC 2008 Rules

1. The Golden Gate Classic is a mixed competition open to men and women by invitation only. All entrants must hold a current USBC membership card or they may purchase a membership card for \$20.00. The Golden Gate Classic (GGC) is affiliated with the International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO). In the best interest of supporting IGBO, all teams submitting applications to the GGC must have at least two (2) members (50% of team) who are active or past members of a gay (gay as in the lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, trans-gendered (LGBT) community) bowling league. A bowling league is considered gay if advertised as such and/or has a large percentage of gay bowlers. Active card-carrying members of the PBA must state so on their entry form. Maximum of 1 PBA member allowed per team. IN THE BEST INTEREST OF TOURNAMENT COMPETITION, THE DIRECTOR(S) RETAIN(S) THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE MAKEUP OF ALL TEAMS.
2. The Golden Gate Classic Tournament is USBC-certified. These rules apply to averages: A) Bowlers must submit proof, if they exist, of their highest April 15, 2008 book, highest January 1, 2008, and highest Summer 2007 book averages. Entries submitted without ALL averages for ALL bowlers WILL NOT BE PROCESSED and as such do not guarantee placement of the team in the tournament. The entry must clearly indicate if any averages do not exist by recording N/A in that average box. Proof of average is defined as: 1) a copy of a league sheet with name and average highlighted; 2) a copy of the local Bowling Association book showing name and all averages; or 3) a signed paper from the League Secretary with their name and phone number. B) Bowlers will use their highest book average as of April 15, 2008 (minimum 21 games). C) If the April 15, 2008 average is N/A, the highest January 1, 2008 average (minimum 21 games) will be used. D) If 2B and 2C are N/A, the highest Summer 2007 book average (minimum 21 games) will be used. E) If 2B, 2C and 2D are N/A, the highest April 15, 2007 Book average (minimum 21 games) will be used. F) If a bowler's highest April 15, 2008 book average is more than five (5) pins below the January 1, 2008 average, a five (5) pin drop rule will apply. USBC Rule #319 applies in its entirety. G) All others will enter at 220. Refer to USBC Rule #319b. H) SFGGC handicap is based on 90% of the difference between a bowler's entering average and 220.
3. SPORT BOWLING: USBC Rule #205 will be applied. A bowler must submit and use their adjusted Sport Bowling league average using the USBC Average Adjustment Scale (Rule #203) if this average is higher than their standard league average. Non-compliance may cause disqualification.
4. The bowler is responsible to verify the accuracy of their average, be it submitted by the bowler, the team captain, or someone else. Use of an incorrect average will result in disqualification unless corrected before the end of the first game of competition. Prize winnings will be based on the submitted average if higher than the correct average (USBC Rule #319a-3).
5. If a bowler has qualified for winnings of \$300 or more in any tournament the previous 12 months, the actual scores from the tournament must be reported for possible re-rating. Re-rating must be done before the entrant bowls. If a bowler has bowled more than 21 tournament games for the previous 12 months (all tournaments regardless of winnings) and their tournament average is more than 10 pins higher than their established entering average, their tournament average will be used (USBC Rules #319d and #319e apply and will be enforced). Tournament average must be entered on entry form.
6. The average of any bowler may be adjusted at the discretion of the Tournament Director(s). Any average adjustment must be made before the completion of the entrant's first game of competition.
7. There will be NO REFUNDS after acceptance of an entry by the tournament committee.
8. Entries must be accompanied by full amount of fees in the form of personal checks, certified checks, or money orders payable to "SF Golden Gate Classic" or by credit card (Visa or MC ONLY). Personal checks will not be accepted after May 15, 2008. Entries must be POST MARKED or received by FAX by June 10, 2008. See rule 2 for additional requirements. Late fees apply after May 15, 2008.
9. Bowlers may bowl only once in each event. Each event consists of three (3) games, for a total of nine (9) games. Singles and Doubles will be bowled back-to-back.
10. All claims of error must be submitted, in writing, to a Tournament Director within one hour after the bowler or team has bowled. In matters of dispute, the decision of the Director(s) will be final, unless an appeal is made in accordance with USBC Rule #329.

11. Substitutes are able to bowl with the Director's approval. Substitutes must register at least one (1) hour before the start of competition and must bowl in the same line-up position as the bowler they are replacing. The use of substitutes may not alter the "50% team membership in a gay league" required as stated in Rule 1. Use of a substitute in an emergency that lowers the team ratio to <50% must be approved by the Director(s).

12. Late bowlers will start bowling in the frame that they are ready to bowl; prior frames will be scored zero. Absent bowlers will be scored zero (0).

13. Cash Prizes: A bowler may win only one (1) special awards prize. Each event has its own prize list, based on at least a 1:10 ratio. All prize fees collected for an event will be returned 100% to the participants of that event. This does not include optional events.

14. Captains must check in their teams at least 30 minutes prior to the start of competition.

15. Bowlers will not be permitted to practice on their assigned lanes on the scheduled day of bowling. Bowlers will be allowed two practice balls per lane before the start of each of the 3 events. All bowling events will be held at Classic Bowl in Daly City, CA.

Scratch Masters Rules

1. The Scratch Masters, in conjunction with the SFGGC, is an optional mixed competition open to all tournament entrants. The Scratch Masters has a separate entry fee and the amount is based on the division. Prize money for each division consists of the total entry fees received in each Division.

2. Tournament Directors may place a bowler in a higher division at their discretion. Any such adjustments will be made before the entrant bowls.

3. The nine game scratch total from the Golden Gate Classic is used to determine the eight qualifiers and one alternate in each division. Scores do not carry over. A tie for the 8th position is broken by bowling a 9th and 10th frame to determine the qualifier.

4. The eight qualifiers in each division will bowl one match game against each of the other seven qualifiers in their own division, followed by a final position match for a total of eight games. The winner of each match receives 30 bonus pins added to their score; the loser receives no bonus. In case of a tie, 15 bonus pins are added to each bowler's score. The top four qualifiers after the eight games will bowl a match play roll-off. A tie for the 4th position will be broken by bowling an extra 9th and 10th frame. Ties in the match play roll-off will be broken by bowling a 9th and 10th frame.

5. A lane schedule with the lane assignment for the first seven matches will be given to each bowler at check-in. The final lanes are determined randomly, with the bowler in first place drawing their lane and the remaining lanes assigned in successive order.

6. Bowlers must be physically present for check-in thirty minutes prior to the scheduled start of the Scratch Masters. A bowler who does not check-in as specified will be immediately disqualified and will be replaced by the alternate. If the alternate is not present, the spot is filled by the next highest ranking bowler in the Division present at the time of check-in.

7. The match game competition will begin at 9:00 AM on Sunday June 22, 2008. Each Division will bowl on different sets of eight lanes.

8. Bowlers will be allowed ten minutes of practice before the first match. Within this time frame, bowlers may practice on any lane assigned to their division.

9. Any claims of error in the roll-off must be submitted before the start of the next match. In case of an error in the final match, any claims of error must be reported within one (1) hour after the end of the last match.

10. The Scratch Masters divisions are defined as: A-(210 & Up); B-(195 to 209); C-(180 to 194); D-(165 to 179); E-(150 to 164); and F-(149 & Below).



2008 San Francisco Golden Gate Classic Invitational Tournament

Squad Times (All squads at Classic Bowl)
 Team Event: Friday, June 20, 2008 8:00 PM
 Singles/Doubles: Saturday, June 21, 2008 10:00 AM

Doubles Partner 1A
Team Order _____

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Phone: _____ Male: _____ Female: _____
 E-Mail: _____ DOB(mm/dd): ___/___/___
 USBC No: _____ City/Assoc: _____

Average Information	
Apr 15, 2008	
Jan 1, 2008	
Summer 2007	
Apr 15, 2007	

- Won \$300 or more in any 1 event within the past 12 months.
- 21 or more tournament games within the past 12 months. If yes, average _____
- Have you been re-rated within past 12 months? If yes, what average? _____
- Active card-carrying PBA member.

Amount Due	
Entry Fee	
Scratch Masters	
Non-Bowler (\$35.00)	
Credit Card (\$2.00)	
Total	

Doubles Partner 1B
Team Order _____

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Phone: _____ Male: _____ Female: _____
 E-Mail: _____ DOB(mm/dd): ___/___/___
 USBC No: _____ City/Assoc: _____

Average Information	
Apr 15, 2008	
Jan 1, 2008	
Summer 2007	
Apr 15, 2007	

- Won \$300 or more in any 1 event within the past 12 months.
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- Have you been re-rated within past 12 months? If yes, what average? _____
- Active card-carrying PBA member.

Amount Due	
Entry Fee	
Scratch Masters	
Non-Bowler (\$35.00)	
Credit Card (\$2.00)	
Total	

Doubles Partner 2A
Team Order _____

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Phone: _____ Male: _____ Female: _____
 E-Mail: _____ DOB(mm/dd): ___/___/___
 USBC No: _____ City/Assoc: _____

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Amount Due	
Entry Fee	
Scratch Masters	
Non-Bowler (\$35.00)	
Credit Card (\$2.00)	
Total	

Doubles Partner 2B
Team Order _____

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Phone: _____ Male: _____ Female: _____
 E-Mail: _____ DOB(mm/dd): ___/___/___
 USBC No: _____ City/Assoc: _____

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Amount Due	
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Non-Bowler (\$35.00)	
Credit Card (\$2.00)	
Total	

TEAM NAME:

TEAM CAPTAIN:

Mail Entry to: 2008 SFGGC
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Charge Your Entry Fee! We welcome VISA or MasterCard. Entry must be accompanied by original signature along with the information below. There will be a \$2.00 charge for EACH PERSON for Credit.

___ VISA Acct Number: _____ Exp: _____

___ MC Name on Account: _____ Signature: _____

This page is your handy-dandy, easy-to-use 2008 SFGGC Invitational Tournament and Scratch Masters form. Just remove this page from the brochure and VOILA! You have the entry form ready to fill out, put in an envelope along with your payment and mail back. You are also able to read all of the tournament rules without turning the page! Thanks! Don't forget those averages!!