



The Flagstick

Ancil Hoffman
Golf Club
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Carmichael, California
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President's Message Greg Hovious ~ AHGC President

Welcome to 2012! I am very excited to begin serving the membership of Ancil Hoffman Golf Club as its President. After serving the membership the last 4 years as Vice President, I am honored to take the reins. My predecessors, Ivory Rubin and Rick Price can be proud of their service and have both stepped down from the Board.

Ivory served the club as President in 2008 and 2009. Ivory was also the clubs Course Affairs representative in 2010 and 2011. Ivory was known for his consensus gathering and could always be counted on to do what was best for the Club.

Rick came back to the Board after previously serving as Weekend Tournament Director. As President in 2010 and 2011, Rick was faced with a declining membership and new management at the course. Not backing away from the challenges the Board faced, Rick guided the club through the adversities and the club is the all the better for his hard work.

Another Board Member who left us in 2011 is Matt Ghilcrist. Serving the club as its Weekend Tournament Director since 2007, Matt did an outstanding job making sure that members got the tee times and pairings they requested. Having helped Matt at several tournaments over the years, I can assure you that no one put in more hours and did more to improve the quality of our tournaments than Matt.

An Big THANK YOU for a Job Well Done to Ivory , Rick and Matt! When you see them around the course make sure to say thanks!

We have three new members to the Board this year – Liz Reedman steps in as Secretary, Rob Dixon is now our Handicapper and taking on Weekend Tournament Director, please welcome Mike Ong. As new Board Members, they are learning on the job so take it easy on them!

New Board positions go to Rod Bottel, Course Affairs (formerly Handicapper) and Khalil Cox, Vice President (formerly Secretary). And let's not forget to acknowledge our continuing Board members, Treasurer Gary Younglove, Midweek Tournament Director Danny Gore, Parliamentarian Bob Adhers, Publications Clyde Vickers and Program Director Greg Rousseve. Give them all a big Thank You for all they do for your golf club.

Looking forward to 2012, I hope to hear what you, the membership, want. We serve to provide for your visions of how Ancil Hoffman Golf Club should look like. E-mail is the best way to reach me (drcontract@comcast.net). All I ask is to remember we have no control of how the course is run (good), prices in the restaurant (reasonable) or frost delays. We do have a very good relationship with Empire Golf and Sacramento County and will continue to work together in the best interests of all.

What we do have control over are things such as pace of play (PoP), quarterly meetings and all the tournaments. Together, we all have an obligation to make the PoP in our tournaments as quick as possible. I know you all have differing ideas on how to improve PoP, but the bottom line is we must succeed.

Here's hoping that in 2012 each of you have a wonderful year, improve your handicaps , and maybe get that hole in one!

See you on the course. Greg

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**Join Us At Our
AHGC Quarterly
Meeting & Free
Dinner On
January 25, 2012**

At The Ancil Hoffman Restaurant . Check In & Raffle Ticket Sales Begin At 5pm.



2012 AHGC Tournament Schedules

2012 MIDWEEK SCHEDULE

January 19	Individual Stroke Play
February 23	Two Person Best Ball/Chapman/Scramble
March 8	Individual Stroke Play
April 12	Skins Game
May 3	Individual Stroke Play
May 24	Two Person Best Ball / NCGA Senior 4 Ball Qualifier
June 14	Individual Stroke Play / NCGA Net Qualifier
July 19	Devil Ball
August 2	Individual Stroke Play
August 23	Cha Cha Cha
September 6	Individual Stroke Play: Guests Welcome
October 18	Directors Choice
November 8	Individual Stroke Play & Wayne Parsell Senior Net
November 29	Directors Choice
December 13	Skins Game

2012 WEEKEND SCHEDULE

January 14	Individual Stroke
February 11	2-Man Best Ball + NCGA 4 Ball Qualifier
March 17 & 18	2-Man Best Ball + NCGA Zone Qualifier
April 15—Sunday	Two Person Best Ball/Chapman/Scramble
May 19	Individual Stroke
June 9 and 10	Presidents Cup
July 14	Individual Stroke (Club Championship Scratch Qualifier)
August 18	Director's Choice
September 15 and 16	Club Championship
September 22 and 23	Club Championship
September 23	Individual Stroke
October 21—Sunday	Skins Game
November 17	Stableford
December 15	Cha Cha Cha

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Midweek Tournament News

Danny Gore

Midweek Tournament Director

Happy New Year to all Ancil Hoffman Golf Club Midweek golfers!

We have completed a great year of tournament events, with amazing weather for all of the Thursday tournaments. A new item from the 2011 season was the option for men to play forward tees in event formats that were suited for them. Some members had requested play from the White Tee boxes to allow them to be more competitive. We will continue to offer this option when possible, in tournaments where the format allows for it and enough players request the forward tees to construct a competitive flight with a reasonable payout. We will continue to have guest-welcome events in 2012; we always encourage our players in the guest events to make an effort to bring a potential member out to experience AHGC competitive golf.

Looking at winners from the final quarter in 2011: first Jerry Martin (leading money winner and hole-in-one shooter in 2011) rang up \$275 in pro shop credit, followed by Joe Woelfle with \$240, Ray Martinez at \$175 and Gerard Steyn (our friendly Chief Marshal) with \$164. Info for new members: flight prizes are entered into the club member's account in the pro shop, with 10% added for good measure.

Please take a look at our 2012 Midweek Tournament schedule posted elsewhere in the newsletter. The first Midweek tournament of 2012 is on January 19, an Individual Stroke Play event. This is an NCGA tournament posting round – remember for new members that you need a minimum of two tournament posting Ancil Hoffman Club tournaments to be eligible for NCGA Qualifiers and AHGC 'Major' events such as the Club Championship. The January weekday tournament can get you started.

On February 23 we have a favorite format, the two person Chapman/Best Ball/Scramble team event. This is an example of a non-tournament posting round. Online entry, rules, and format description for this and other tournaments will be available on the web site every month. Please read the rules before each event, a wealth of information lies therein. Event dates labeled 'Director's Choice' are done so as to allow the director to decide the format according to conditions on the course. Wet and soggy will be a scramble, fast and firm will provide for a Tournament posting format.

For late entries, online signup problems, any requests concerning Midweek tournaments or any other random thoughts, please contact the weekday tournament director, Danny Gore, at smdcgg@rcsis.com (email is preferable). Phone (916) 774 6697 if necessary. Late entries can almost always be accommodated, but timely online entry and early submission of entry fee is a great help to facilitate the tournament administration.

Mark your 2012 calendars, come out and have a good time with the midweek tournament players.

Thank you, and see you on the course! Danny

Weekend Tournament News

Mike Ong

Weekend Tournament Chair

Happy New Year to all new and returning Ancil Hoffman Golf Club members!

I would like to thank Danny Gore for filling in as interim Weekend Tournament Directors for the last half of 2011.

Mother nature provided a freezing end to the 2011 Weekend Tournament schedule with a chilly 4 man Cha-Cha-Cha which was won by the team of Craig Calkin, Phil Geremia, Greg Stein and Indradev Kadiyal. The winning score was 123.

Our first 3 tournaments of 2012 are as follows:

Saturday, January 14 – Individual Stroke (\$20 entry fee)
Entry closes: January 6, 2012

Saturday, February 11 – 2 man Best Ball + NCGA 4-Ball Qualifier (1st Gross and top 2 Net will go to local qualifying) Entry closes: February 2, 2012

Saturday, March 17 & Sunday, March 18 – 2 man Best Ball + NCGA Zone Qualifier (1st Gross and 1st Net will go to Poppy Hills) Entry closes: March 8, 2012

To qualify for the NCGA Qualifiers, both participants must have played in 2 Ancil Hoffman Golf Club events in the past 12 months with an individual tournament score (team events such as scrambles do not count). If you have any questions regarding your eligibility for this qualifier, please feel free to contact me. The 4 members that represented Ancil Hoffman last year, will not be eligible for the qualifier, but are still eligible to play in the event.

The club has utilized on-line signups for the tournaments which allowed members and easier method to notify the tournament directors of their intent to play in an upcoming tournament since 2009. For 2012, we will continue to utilize this feature with a couple of changes. It should be noted that there will be a **closing date for all entries**. This is necessary as the Pro Shop has requested that we provide a head count at least 10 days prior to the date of the tournament. I would also appreciate it if all entry fees be paid prior the close of the deadline date by either dropping off your entry in the box in the pro shop or utilizing snail mail. Also, all entry fees for the skins game is to be paid separately from tournament entry fees.

**I look forward to serving you as your Weekend
Tournament Director for 2012. Mike**

Individual Stroke

Saturday, January 14, 2012

Entry Fee: \$20 per player / Make checks payable to AHGC

Entries Close 1-6-12

Name _____ GHIN _____ Phone #: _____

I request to play with _____

I prefer an Early _____ Mid _____ Late _____ tee time.

Mail to: Midweek TC, 6700 Tarshes Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608 or drop in the locked box in the Pro Shop

Individual Stroke Play

Thursday, January 19, 2012

Entry Fee: \$15 per player / Make checks payable to AHGC

Entries Close 6 Days Previous To Event

Name _____ GHIN _____ Phone #: _____

I request to play with _____

I prefer an Early _____ Mid _____ Late _____ tee time.

Mail to: Midweek TC, 6700 Tarshes Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608 or drop in the locked box in the Pro Shop

Two Person Best Ball + NCGA 4 Ball Qualifier

Saturday, February 11, 2012

Entry Fee: \$20 per player / Make checks payable to AHGC

Entries Close 2-2-12

Name _____ GHIN _____ Phone #: _____

I request to play with _____

I prefer an Early _____ Mid _____ Late _____ tee time.

Mail to: Weekend TC, 6700 Tarshes Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608 or drop in the locked box in the Pro Shop

Two Person Chapman/Best Ball/Scramble

Thursday, February 23, 2012

Entry Fee: \$15 per player / Make checks payable to AHGC

Entries Close 6 Days Previous To Event

Name _____ GHIN _____ Phone #: _____

I request to play with _____

I prefer an Early _____ Mid _____ Late _____ tee time.

Mail to: Midweek TC, 6700 Tarshes Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608 or drop in the locked box in the Pro Shop

**Individual Stroke Play
Thursday, March 8, 2012**

Entry Fee: \$15 per player / Make checks payable to AHGC Entries Close 6 Days Previous To Event

Name _____ GHIN _____ Phone #: _____

I request to play with _____

I prefer an Early _____ Mid _____ Late _____ tee time.

Mail to: Weekend TC, 6700 Tarshes Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608 or drop in the locked box in the Pro Shop the Pro Shop

**Two Person Best Best Ball + NCGA Zone Qualifier
Saturday & Sunday, March 17 & 18, 2012**

Entry Fee: \$20 per player / Make checks payable to AHGC Entries Close 3-8-12

Name _____ GHIN _____ Phone #: _____

I request to play with _____

I prefer an Early _____ Mid _____ Late _____ tee time.

Mail to: Weekend TC, 6700 Tarshes Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608 or drop in the locked box in the Pro Shop

**Skins Game
Thursday, April 12, 2012**

Entry Fee: \$15 per player. Make checks payable to AHGC Entries Close 6 Days Prior To Event

Name _____ GHIN _____ Phone #: _____

I prefer to play with _____

I prefer an Early _____ Mid _____ Late _____ tee time.

Mail to: Weekend TC, 6700 Tarshes Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608 or drop in the locked box in the Pro Shop

**Two Person Chapman/Best Ball/Scramble
Sunday, April 15, 2012**

Entry Fee: \$20 per Player / Make checks payable to AHGC - Entries Close 4-5-12

Name _____ GHIN _____ Phone #: _____

I request to play with _____ Early _____ Mid _____ Late _____

Mail to: Weekend TC, 6700 Tarshes Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608 or drop in the locked box in the Pro Shop

**From the Handicapper
Rob Dixon**

Thank You, Rod

The NCGA requires every club to have a certified handicapper. If a club fails to meet this requirement, the members are not able to post scores or participate in the handicap system.

As one of the largest clubs in the NCGA the Ancil Hoffman Golf Club certainly has a certified handicapper. Over the last two years, Mr. Rod Bottel has been the handicap chairman and certified handicapper for the Ancil Hoffman Club. Please join me in thanking Rod for his service to the club. He has done an excellent job maintaining the member's handicaps in both the GHIN system and our tournament index system.

New Year - New Handicapper

My name is Rob Dixon and I am privileged to serve as your new club handicap chairman and board member. I have been a member of Ancil since 1988 and have played most of the weekend and midweek club tournaments over the last 10 years. Rod Bottel has been working with me over the last two months to learn our club system. I will work hard to maintain the standard that Rod has set.

With a new handicap chairman we may wish to ask, what is the role of the club handicapper?

Here is the definition from Section 8-2 of "The USGA Handicap System" manual: "The Handicap Committee within the golf club is responsible for all aspects of the USGA Handicap System, including the computation of each member's Handicap Index. The Handicap Committee must verify that all acceptable scores are reported for handicap purposes, and that recorded scores are available for peer review."

Fun Fact

Ever find yourself starting a round and you or your buddy forgot to check the slope chart before you teed off?

The slope charts are a tool to help you convert your index to a course handicap. It is based on a simple formula that you can easily use on your calculator or smartphone. Just take your index and multiply it by the course slope from the appropriate tees. Then divide that number by 113. Round up or down to the nearest whole number and voila! You have converted your index to the course handicap.

Here's the formula: $(\text{index}) \times (\text{course slope}) / 113 = (\text{course handicap})$

From the Superintendent

Greg Blied

The lack of significant storms has made for easier daily leaf cleanup as the leaves tend to drop straight down. Since the leaves are hanging on the trees a little longer this year I expect to be mulching leaves well into January.

Drainage and tee leveling will be on the list of projects for this winter.

Work is under way to improve the drainage ditch on #7 just over a hundred yards from the green. The design of our old irrigation system limits us from turning water down in this area so we are going to increase the number of drainage inlets in the ditch and smooth it out so the water will move instead of becoming a muddy mess. We also took out a Liquid Amber that was providing excess shade.

The two tee leveling projects that we hope to complete in the coming year include the back tee on #6 and the back tee on #15.

The new #14 green continues to grow and improve and the new tee is coming along nicely as well. The plan is to wait until spring to open the new hole for daily play. The use of turf covers over winter will help the green grow despite cold temperatures.

Enjoy the beautiful weather while it lasts.

See you out there!

Greg Blied

From The Program Director

Greg Rousseve

The January 2012 Quarterly Meeting will be held Wednesday, January 25, 2012 in the Main Event restaurant located at Ancil Hoffman Golf Course. Sign in and raffle ticket sales begin at 5:00 p.m. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m.

Pursuant to the AHGC bylaws, the only item on the agenda will be a full and complete report from the AHGC Board on the 2011 golf season. All AHGC Board members will be present and prepared to answer any and all questions concerning last years golf season and the coming 2012 season.

Lessons in Humor and Golf

How To Produce a Fade or Draw The Ball

By Jeff Yurkiewicz, PGA, Photos By David Johnston



In the upper right and left photos, I'm demonstrating how to hit a slight fade and draw. (In the upper left, I'm demonstrating how to hit a straight shot.) Basically, the same rules apply whether you want to hit a draw or a fade—all you have to do is the opposite to produce the desired result.

First notice how my clubface is aiming straight down the line at the target and how my body lines (feet, waist, shoulders) are aiming either slightly to the left or right. From there, I swing along my body lines. I keep my clubface where it is but swing as if I'm hitting the ball to the left or right. This starts the ball out to the left or right and then, because the clubface is aiming straight, brings the ball back on that line. Nothing fancy here, just a sound setup that produces a curving ball flight.



SWING WITH YOUR BODY, NOT YOUR ARMS

If you want to dial in your chips and pitch shots, you have to learn to swing with the bigger muscles, not the smaller ones. This means making more of a body rotation through the shot, as opposed to a handsy, flippy style that can lead to all sorts of inaccuracies such as thin, fat or even shanked shots.



New Year, New Month, New Issue of Your Golf Magazine, New Swing.....So What Else Is New?

The Joke

A guy stood over his tee shot for what seemed an eternity, looking up, looking down, measuring the distance, figuring the wind direction and speed... driving his partner nuts.

Finally his exasperated partner says, "What the hell is taking so long" Hit the damned ball!" The guy answers, "My wife is up there watching me from the clubhouse. I want to make this a perfect shot."

"Give me a break! You don't stand a snowball's chance in hell of hitting her from here."

