



The Flagstick

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

Greetings Fellow Members!

I write to you with melancholy thoughts. My tenure as your President has almost run its course. I have had the privilege to represent you for the last three years, and it has been my honor. As I look back, I like to think that our club is in a better place than before. Our relationship with Empire Golf is solid, and the County of Sacramento gives us its complete support. Kudos to Dane Borer and Greg Bliak.

Our club is facing a challenging future. Our membership continues to age and shrink – the harsh realities of life. And the golf course operations are up for bid. While we don't have much influence with what happens to course operations, we can do something about our membership. Each of us can tell our non-member golfing friends about how great it is to be a member of our club. We can tell them how we put on 26 tournaments a year that average about 100 players, and the winners get over \$100 in prize funds. We can point out that our tournament indexing has virtually eliminated sand bagging in our tournaments. We can share with them that AHGC will wine and dine them four times a year at our quarterly business meetings. We can make them envious of our Putting Championship, with so much fun and revelry. We can brag to them that no other golf club has EVER held both the Sacramento Gross and Net Champions. And we can point out that the stereotype 6 hour round at Ancil is a myth - our tournaments average 4:30 rounds - and that is only because we have so many participants. In short, point out to them you belong to Ancil Hoffman Golf

Club because it is simply the best club and

course in the area, without exception! I have been playing AHGC since high school, and I never tire of playing Ancil.

I will be transitioning to the position of Course Affairs representative for AHGC. I will also be helping shape our 50th Anniversary celebration next summer. I will be serving as Hole Captain for the Ancil Hoffman hole (#11) at the US Senior Open Championship at Del Paso CC next June. Marsahll positions are still available – please contact me.

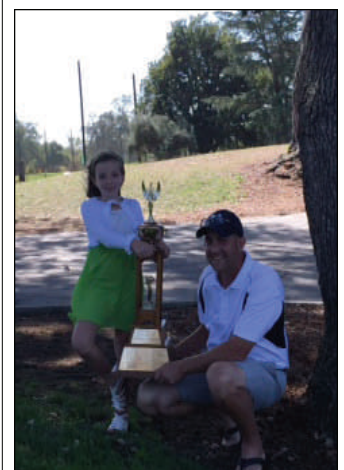


As I send you my last message as your President, I thank all the Board Members with whom I have had the pleasure to work. My thanks also to the two most recent Past Presidents – Ivory Rubin and Rick Price – from whom I learned what it takes to be the President of Ancil Hoffman Golf Club. And I leave you with certainty to that your new President, Khalil Cox, will continue to maintain the highest level of service that Ancil Hoffman Club members deserve. Most of all I thank all of the members. It has been an honor to serve as your president. — Greg

In the pictures at right, Club Champ Jeff Johnson shows his dad and his daughter the championship trophy.

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2014 MIDWEEK TOURNAMENTS

- October 16 Individual Stroke Play & Carly Cup
- November 20 Individual Stroke Play & Wayne Parsell Senior Net
- December 18 Skins Game

2014 WEEKEND TOURNAMENTS

- October 25 Stableford & Julie-Jess Cup
- November 15 Cha Cha Cha & Jenn-Red Cup
- December 14 Individual Stroke Play & Ancil Points Cup

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Zach Solomon (left) and Greg Hovious display their trophies as winners of the 2014 Sacramento County Gross Championship and Net Championship, respectively. This year marks the first time that the winners of both of Sacramento County's top individual competitions have come from the same golf club. Way to go Zach and Greg!

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Midweek Tournament News

Harry Massingill

Interim Midweek Tournament Chairman

Hello Ancil Hoffman Golf Club Members! The Fall season in our area is a wonderful time of year and we have a lot of great tournaments coming up to finish off 2014!

November 20th — Individual Stroke and the Wayne Parsell Senior Net Championship.

December 18th — Skins Game.

Next year we are moving the Wayne Parsell Senior Net Championship to May 28th so we can have this “major” tournament when our Ancil Hoffman Golf Course is in prime condition. Our two Midweek NCGA Qualifiers will also be in the spring / early summer to take advantage of the better conditions. Let’s hope for a lot of rain next year to help us out as well.

For at least the next three tournaments we will more than likely be implementing our local “leaf rule” as well as “lift, clean and place” due to course conditions. The drought has had a significant effect on the fairways and rough, and I want to commend the maintenance staff for keeping the course in the best shape possible. I’ve played other courses in our area in the past few months, and it’s my opinion that Ancil Hoffman Golf Course is the only one acknowledging we’re in a severe drought and using less water. A tip of my cap to Greg Blied and his staff!

I’m looking forward to the “Home Stretch” of our 2014 golf season, and I’ll see you on the course!

Weekend Tournament News

Rob Viebrock

Weekend Tournament Chair

Fall is here as temperatures start to cool. Fairways had a tough go at the end of summer, however, they are staging a great comeback after punching took place in early September. Greens were punched after the October 25th tourney.

Congratulations to Jeff Johnson, winner of the 2014 Club Championship. Jeff battled last year’s winner Chris Johnson in a match that took many turns, but, finally Jeff came out on top 2&1 on the 35th hole! Great match to both you guys!

Congratulations go out to President’s flight winner Bob Synhorst (4&3 win over Pat Harrold), Vice President’s flight winner Justin Eubank (5&4 win over Rick Wiley), and Treasurer’s Flight winner Larry Stenvick (4&2 win over Ray Stewart). Great play by everyone!



Three-time club champ Chris Johnson (right) passes the permanent championship trophy to winner Jeff Johnson (no relation). The two scratch golfers battled down to the 35th hole, where Jeff prevailed 2&1.

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Individual Stroke Play + Ancil Points Cup Final

Saturday, December 13, 2014

Entry Fee: \$20 — Make checks payable to AHGC

Name _____ GHIN _____ Phone #: _____

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

I will participate in: Net Skins (\$5) ___ Gross Skins (\$5) ___ Hole-in-One Insurance (\$1) ___

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

Skins Game

Thursday, December 18, 2014

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

Name _____ GHIN _____ Phone #: _____

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

I will participate in: Net Skins (\$5) ___ Gross Skins (\$5) ___ Hole-in-One Insurance (\$1) ___

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

Individual Stroke Play

Thursday, January 8, 2015

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

Name _____ GHIN _____ Phone #: _____

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

I will participate in: Net Skins (\$5) ___ Gross Skins (\$5) ___ Hole-in-One Insurance (\$5) ___ Ancil Points (\$5) ___

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Individual Stroke Play

Saturday, January 17, 2015

Entry Fee: \$20 — Make checks payable to AHGC

Name _____ GHIN _____ Phone #: _____

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

I will participate in: Net Skins (\$5) ___ Gross Skins (\$5) ___ Hole-in-One Insurance (\$1) ___ Ancil Points (\$5) ___

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**From the Handicapper
Rob Dixon**

Rules You Can Use (When You Don't Know the Rule)

One of the nice things about the Rules of Golf: Even if you are not sure about the Rule - there's a Rule for that.

Today we talk about how to handle a rules question in the heat of battle.

We don't have rules officials running around in carts to answer questions. This means the players in the group must decide, and agree, on how to handle the vagaries of tournament golf. Most of the time this works just fine. But what happens if there is doubt? What if, for whatever reason, the group cannot agree how to proceed? In stroke play, the player may take advantage of Rule 3-3 and, without penalty, complete the hole with two balls.

From the Rules: "After the doubtful situation has arisen and before taking further action, the competitor must announce to his marker or fellow-competitor that he intends to play two balls and which ball he wishes to count if the Rules permit. The competitor must report the facts of the situation to the Committee before returning his score card. If he fails to do so, he is disqualified."

Let's put a little more meat on this by way of example. Assume you drive your ball in to a nasty pile of grass clippings just off the fairway. You believe you are entitled to relief under the rules for ground under repair. Your fellow competitor states that he believes the pile of clippings are abandoned by the staff and you are not entitled to relief. Here is where you take advantage of Rule 3-3. First, declare you are playing two balls, take relief as you believe you are entitled and play out the hole. The trick is how to play the second ball. On the second ball you want to make sure that, although you may have a penalty stroke, you will be able to complete the hole under the Rules and not be disqualified. So, you could always take stroke and distance and be safe but in this case you might declare an unplayable lie. (Tip - you can always take stroke and distance and be safe - kind of like the WD-40 of the Rules - see Rule 28.) Of course, you could just play the ball as it lies.

This will give you two scores for the hole. Make a note on the card and be sure to disclose this to the Committee before you turn in your card. It is their job to make a ruling and determine your score. A good rule of thumb is to always discuss any out of the ordinary issues with the Committee before you turn in your card.

This handy procedure is only available in stroke play. In match play all decisions must be made before you tee off on the next hole. That's another good reason to have a rules book in the bag or on your smart-phone. At least until you get on the Tour.

As always, play it down and post all your scores.

**From The Treasurer
Gary Younglove**

2014 Income Dries Up; Now Only Bills to Pay

It's not as bad as it sounds. More than 99.9% of the club's 2014 income was derived from membership dues, which were collected from October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014. Dues received after October 1st will be applied to 2015's income. As of September 30th our club's bank balance is \$15,441.83.

And now the rest of the story. Even without additional income for the rest of the year (except for a few dollars in interest), we still have bills to pay. Between October 1 and December 31 we must pay for:

- September - December's Midweek and Weekend Tournament prizes.
- Drink tickets for the same tournaments.
- Perpetual trophy engraving
- Our quarterly meeting dinner and keg of beer.
- Quarterly meeting raffle prizes
- Director's Tournament lunch (this year we host club officers from Cherry Island and Mather).
- Our club officer's monthly stipends (about half the officers do not accept them).
- Annual charge for our Post Office Box.

** Remember you have until the end of the year to renew your membership for \$79. If you have family or friends interested in joining our golf club, now is the time to do it. The new member fee is \$89, whether they join now or wait until 2015. By joining now a new member will be able to participate in Midweek and/or Weekend Tournaments for the remainder of this year as well as next.

Junior memberships (age 17 and under) are only \$18.

**From the Secretary
Liz Ridinger**

**Renew Your Annual AHGC/NCGA
Membership for 2015**

The Ancil Hoffman Golf Club Annual Fall Renewal Period for 2015 membership concludes January 10.

Please submit your renewal application and annual fee of \$79 (\$89 for Transfers and players new to AHGC) in the Pro Shop drop box or by mail to: AHGC Secretary P.O. Box 2064 Carmichael, CA 95609. The AHGC application can be found in the pro shop or can be downloaded from the AHGC website.

The NCGA portion of your membership benefits includes:

- [Online Tee Time Portal](#) – featuring nearly 50 area courses offering member-exclusive rates and online booking options
- USGA Handicap Index
- [Verizon Wireless discount](#)
- NCGA [iPhone and android phone apps](#) to track your scores and more.
- Pebble Beach Resorts seasonal promotions throughout the year
- [Youth on Course access](#) for certified youth via the nationally-recognized NCGA Foundation

Renewing today also avoids a \$10 reinstatement fee and allows you to continue receiving enhanced NCGA member benefits, including delivery of the 2015 Golf Course Directory edition of [NCGA Golf](#). **Renew your membership and recruit a friend to help our membership grow!**

From the Superintendent

Greg Blied

Greetings Ancil Hoffman Golf Club Members

This was a tough summer, and I am glad it is in the rearview mirror. I feel good about our efforts to drastically reduce water consumption. Thank you to those of you who supported our decision to be responsible. I hope the rest of the local golf industry will regard water as a precious resource and follow our lead. This experience produced a few new ideas for next year, and I'm hoping for better results.

We have completed aeration on fairways, tees, collars, approaches, and any little areas close by that needed it. All these areas have also been seeded and fertilized. The seed is germinating on the tees and fairways and growing fast. Soon to follow will be collars and approaches. The Bermuda is really on the move and looking great. The early start will pay off heading in to winter.

The greens were aerated on October 27 and 28.

In the fall we will continue with our usual project list including: leaf clean up, relocating sprinkler heads, adding drainage, pruning, and cart path edging. I also have an idea for some bunker drainage that may get us through until we can renovate them so you may see us working in the bunkers digging some big holes.

Please thank my crew for their hard work when you see them! Johnny, Jay, Kent, Rudy, Richard, Austin, Richy, and Kerry get more accomplished than a crew twice the size.

Remember to fix your ball marks and fill or replace your divots!

— Greg Blied

From The Programs Director, Brett Dodge



At the Club's quarterly meeting on October 22, Weekend Tournament Director Rob Viebrock (far left) presented Jeff Johnson (2nd from left) and Dave Jepma trophies for their Club Championship and President's Cup victories. The members enjoyed excellent food, as usual, while Game 2 of the World Series played overhead. AHGC President Greg Hovious (far right) was swollen with pride.

2015 Midweek and Weekend Tournament Schedules

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Midweek Tournaments

- January 8 — Individual Stroke Play
- February 12 — Stableford
- March 5 — Individual Stroke Play
- April 9 — Two-Person Best Ball / Senior NCGA Four-Ball Qualifier
- May 7 — Two-Person Scramble
- May 28 — Individual Stroke Play / Wayne Parsell Senior Net Championship
- June 18 — Individual Stroke Play / NCGA Net Qualifier
- July 23 — Two-Person Best Ball
- August 20 — Individual Stroke Play / Member-Guest
- September 10 — Cha Cha Cha
- October 15 — Individual Stroke Playoff / Ancil Cup Playoff
- November 12 — Two-Person Best Ball-Chapman-Scramble
- December 17 — Director's Choice

Weekend Tournaments

- January 17 — Individual Stroke Play
- February 21 — Two-Person Best Ball / NCGA Four-Ball Qualifier
- March 14 — Two-Person Best Ball / NCGA Zone Qualifier
- April 18 — Ancil Derby
- May 16 — Individual Stroke Play / Club Championship Qualifier
- June 6-7, 13-14 — Club Championship / Individual Stroke Play (June 14)
- July 11 — Individual Stroke Play
- August 15 — Individual Stroke Play
- September 26-27 — President's Cup
- October 24 — Stableford / Ancil Cup Playoff
- November 21 — Cha Cha Cha / Ancil Cup Playoff
- December 12 — Individual Stroke Play / Ancil Cup Championship