



# The Flagstick

Ancil Hoffman  
Golf Club  
~  
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## President's Message Khalil Cox ~ AHGC President

### Greetings Fellow Members!

Welcome to year 50 of the Ancil Hoffman Golf Club. My name is Khalil Cox and I will be serving as club President this year. Over my 10 years as a member of the best golf club in Sacramento, I have had the great fortune to meet many of you. I hope to meet many more in the coming months. I will be taking over for Greg Hovious who served as President the past three years. Greg did an outstanding job and has very large shoes to fill. I encourage all club members to give Greg a huge "thank you" when he returns from a shoulder injury in May.

Gary Younglove, longtime club treasurer, is also stepping down and also deserves thanks for all the hard work he put in over the years to make sure the budgets were balanced and assisting the Board in determining the best use of club funds. Big thanks Gary. Gary will be replaced by Elizabeth (Liz) Ridinger who last year served as club secretary / membership director. Rich Fleischer will take over for Liz. Welcome Rich.

A few things will be different this year in terms of club tournaments. First, we are changing the way we are calculating "Ancil Points." At the quarterly meeting, which took place in the "Main Event" on January 28th, club Vice President Pat Harrold gave a short presentation as to the changes. Second, we are going to flip-flop the club championship and the President's Cup so that the club championship will now be played in June and the President's Cup will be in September. It seems we have struggled a bit with course conditions and aerification schedules over the past few years during the two weekends of the club championship, so, this year, Weekend Tournament Director Rob Viebrock decided to move the club championship to a point in the year where conditions are usually optimum. With respect to the President's Cup, we have made it so it will occur the weekend after the Sacramento Golf Counsel's

State Fair Net and right before fall aerification.

A couple of fun opportunities are out there this year for club members. First, the County and Empire Golf are in preliminary discussions regarding a 50th anniversary tournament to be held at Ancil. Stay tuned for more information on that. Second, club members will be acting as marshals on the 11th hole at Del Paso CC during the U.S. Senior Open. Greg Hovious will be our contact for this exciting opportunity, so email him at [drcontract@comcast.net](mailto:drcontract@comcast.net) if you are interested in volunteering at this incredible event for Sacramento.

That about covers it for now. If you are like me, once the weather warms up a little, once the grass starts growing and once we start seeing all those great tournaments from Torrey Pines, Riviera and Pebble Beach on T.V., it becomes times to start working on your game again. Hope everybody hits them straight this year, enjoys the company of friends, and has a great time on our beautiful course.



Khalil Cox  
President  
Ancil Hoffman Golf Club

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The Board of Directors wants to make sure everybody is getting the email notices that AHGC regularly sends out regarding tournaments, upcoming events and other important news. These emails go out frequently, so if you haven't received an email from us in the last month or so, tell Board Member Humphreys McGee at: [humpmcgee@gmail.com](mailto:humpmcgee@gmail.com).

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## 2015 AHGC TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES

### 2015 MIDWEEK SCHEDULE

March 5	Individual Stroke
April 9	Two-Person Best Ball/Senior NCGA 4-Ball Qualifier
May 7	Two-Person Scramble
May 28	Individual Stroke/Wayne Parsell Senior Net
June 18	Individual Stroke/NCGA Net Qualifier
July 23	Individual Stroke
August 20	Best Ball/Member-Guest
September 10	Cha Cha Cha
October 15	Individual Stroke/Ancil Cup Playoff
November 12	Two-Person Best Ball-Chapman-Scramble
December 17	Director's Choice

### 2015 WEEKEND SCHEDULE

March 14	Best Ball/NCGA Zone Qualifier
April 18	Individual Stroke/Ancil Derby
May 16	Individual Stroke/Club Championship Qualifier
June 6-7, 13-14	Club Championship/Individual Stroke (June 14)
July 11	Individual Stroke
August 15	Individual Stroke
September 12-13	President's Cup
October 24	Stableford/Ancil Cup Playoff
November 14	Individual Stroke/Ancil Cup Playoff
December 12	Individual Stroke/Ancil Cup Playoff

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## Midweek Tournament News

**Harry Massingill**  
Midweek Tournament Chairman

Happy New Year to everyone! We are looking forward to the 2015 golf season and all it has to offer! We have a few changes this year to the Midweek Tournament Schedule

The Wayne Parsell Senior Net Championship Tournament has been moved from November to May 28<sup>th</sup>. Our only midweek "major" tournament deserves to be played in prime conditions and there's no better time than late May for our golf course. Congratulations to Gerry Steyn for winning the 2014 Wayne Parsell Championship. It's Gerry's third time winning the Wayne Parsell and I'm sure he'll be playing hard for his 4<sup>th</sup> title in May.

The Member / Guest tournament in August will be a two person better ball format rather than individual stroke. We will also be providing lunch for members and their guests. Please try to think of a person you know outside of the club with a current NCGA handicap that you'd like to invite. We need to bring in new members to our club to maintain our high level of competition and tournament prize money so please, please **bring a guest to this upcoming event.** More details to follow so stay tuned!

There are also some exciting changes to the Ancil Points Playoff system that should make for a close, turbulent and exciting finish at the end of the year. I'll leave the explanation of how the Ancil Points Playoff system works to Patrick Harrold who has taken over as our Ancil Points Director.

Thank you to all the members of Ancil Hoffman Golf Club who have shared their input and recommendations on how to better run the midweek tournaments. I value the information that you share, and it helps me running these tournaments for you.

I look forward to seeing you at the course!

## Weekend Tournament News

**Rob Viebrock**  
Weekend Tournament Chair

Congratulations go out to the 2014 Overall Ancil Points winner, Dave Spiller! Congratulations to flight leaders, yours truly, Brett Dodge and Harry Massingill! It's been a pleasure initiating and running the points competition over the last two years. However, I felt it a good idea to let someone else run the points who would be able to come up with fresh ideas and make it even more interesting. After a number of discussions, it seemed a natural for Pat Harrold to take over as the "Ancil Points Coordinator." I wish to thank Pat for volunteering to handle this competition. If you have questions or comments regarding the points, please ask Pat.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Weekend tourney held on January 17, 2015 had an overall great turn out. We decided to mix it up a bit, as we had dry weather which allowed us to play summer rules. While we knew we would have a few groans, overall players were very much in favor of the decision.

Special mention goes out to our March 14<sup>th</sup> Tournament Sponsor, ***Infiniti Consulting!*** In addition, special mention and a great thanks goes out to ***Matt Gilchrist*** for pulling in our first-ever tournament sponsorship for Ancil Hoffman! All monies raised through sponsorships benefit the players, as per the wishes of Infiniti Consulting.

Regarding the upcoming NCGA Qualifiers, a quick reminder, for parties to qualify, both partners must have played in two Ancil Hoffman Golf Club events within the past 12 months that represent postable rounds. Scrambles or non-postable skins events do not count.

Very soon, in order to facilitate easier ways for players to handle payments to tournaments, we will be initiating "Pay Pal" as an option for players to deal with costs associated with the tourneys. Stay tuned.....

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## WEEKEND Two-Person Best Ball / NCGA Zone Qualifier SATURDAY, March 14, 2015

Entry Fee: \$25 per Player or \$30 per Player if Qualifying for the NCGA Zone Competition — Make checks payable to AHGC

Name \_\_\_\_\_ GHIN \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

I request to play with my partner \_\_\_\_\_ at an  Early  Mid  Late tee time.

I will participate in:  net skins (\$5)  gross skins (\$5)  Ancil Cup Points (\$5)  hole-in-one insurance (\$1)

Are you qualifying for the NCGA Zone Competition (\$30 per player)?  yes  no

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

## MIDWEEK Two-Person Best Ball / NCGA Senior Four-Ball Qualifier THURSDAY, April 9, 2015

Entry Fee: \$15 per Player / \$20 per player if Qualifying for the NCGA Competition — Entries Close 10 Days Previous To Event

Name \_\_\_\_\_ GHIN \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

I request to play with \_\_\_\_\_ at an Early  Mid  Late  tee time.

I will participate in:  net skins (\$5)  gross skins (\$5)  Ancil Cup Points (\$5)  hole-in-one insurance (\$1)  NCGA Qualifier

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

## MIDWEEK Individual Stroke / Wayne Parsell Senior Net Championship THURSDAY, May 28, 2015

Entry Fee: \$15 per Player — Make checks payable to AHGC — Entries Close 10 Days Previous To Event

Name \_\_\_\_\_ GHIN \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

I request to play with \_\_\_\_\_ at an Early  Mid  Late  tee time.

I will participate in:  net skins (\$5)  gross skins (\$5)  hole-in-one insurance (\$1)  Senior Net Championship (Age 55+)

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



*Wayne Parsell fires the ceremonial first tee shot at the 2013 AHGC Senior Net Championship, which is named in Wayne's honor. Wayne was a longtime member and past president of AHGC. He passed away on January 4 at the age of 94. Wayne will be greatly missed by all at AHGC.*

## WEEKEND Individual Stroke Play / Ancil Derby SATURDAY, April 18, 2015

Entry Fee: \$20 per Player — Make checks payable to AHGC — Entries Close 6 Days Before Event

Name \_\_\_\_\_ GHIN \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

I request to play with \_\_\_\_\_ at an Early \_\_\_\_\_ Mid \_\_\_\_\_ Late \_\_\_\_\_ tee time.

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

## MIDWEEK Two-Person Scramble THURSDAY, May 7, 2015

Entry Fee: \$15 per Player — Make checks payable to AHGC — Entries Close 10 Days Previous To Event

Name \_\_\_\_\_ GHIN \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

I request to play with my partner \_\_\_\_\_ at an Early \_\_\_\_\_ Mid \_\_\_\_\_ Late \_\_\_\_\_ tee time.

I will participate in: \_\_\_ net skins (\$5) \_\_\_ gross skins (\$5) \_\_\_ hole-in-one insurance (\$1)

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

## WEEKEND Individual Stroke / Club Championship Scratch Qualifier SATURDAY, May 16, 2015

Entry Fee: \$20 per Player PLUS additional \$15 to Qualify — Make checks payable to AHGC — Entries Close 6 Days Before Event

Name \_\_\_\_\_ GHIN \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

I request to play with \_\_\_\_\_ at an Early \_\_\_\_\_ Mid \_\_\_\_\_ Late \_\_\_\_\_ tee time.

I will participate in: \_\_\_ net skins (\$5) \_\_\_ gross skins (\$5) \_\_\_ hole-in-one insurance (\$1) \_\_\_ scratch qualifier (\$15)

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

## Club Championship SATURDAY-SUNDAY, June 6-7, 13-14

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ GHIN \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

I request to play with \_\_\_\_\_ on June 6 at an

Early \_\_\_\_\_ Mid \_\_\_\_\_ Late \_\_\_\_\_ tee time.

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

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## From The Outgoing Treasurer Gary Younglove

### MONEY MATTERS

2014 was my 7<sup>th</sup> and last year I served as your Treasurer, but it's time to move on. I'm looking forward to spending more time with my grandkids and less time on my computer.

The club began 2014 with a bank account surplus of \$3,095 and ended with a \$2,119 surplus. We had an income of \$47,328.98 and expenses totaling \$48,305.14. The details can be found in the accompanying 2014 Budget Report.

Here are some other notable numbers during 2014 and my 7 year tenure as Treasure:

<b>2</b>	Hole-in Ones made in 2014 during AHGC events (Bob Pruitt and Joe Rodriguez). Bob and Joe each received a \$200 credit in the Pro Shop (\$100 from the club and a matching \$100 from the Pro Shop).
<b>7</b>	AHGC members who qualified for an NCGA event during a 2014 Midweek or Weekend Tournament, advanced through the regional qualifier, and then played in the finals (Brett Dodge, Scott Sullivan, Dennis Pedersen, Marty Dileo, Terry Siler, Don Landsittel, and Tom Novi).
<b>\$520</b>	Amount of donations made by 28 AHGC members in 2014 to the NCGA Foundation (Youth on Course).
<b>1,820</b>	Approximate number of meals (plus 35 kegs of beer) served at Quarterly Meetings during the past 7 years. The food and drinks are free to members attending the meetings.
<b>\$6,360</b>	Amount paid to the Pro Shop over the past 7 years for Quarterly Meetings raffle prizes.
<b>\$175,160</b>	Amount paid to the NCGA for membership dues during the past 7 years.
<b>\$49,447</b>	Amount spent on drink tickets for Midweek and Weekend Tournaments during the past 7 years.
<b>\$340,254</b>	Amount paid to the Pro Shop for Midweek and Weekend Tournament prize awards over the past 7 years. The Pro Shop (per Sac County contract) adds 10% to that amount.

Liz Ridinger will be our club's Treasurer for 2015 (and hopefully beyond). She has served the past 2 years as our club's Membership Chairperson/Secretary. Liz is an auditor for the California Board of Equalization and is extremely well qualified to record, maintain, monitor and report our club's finances.

## From the Handicapper Rob Dixon

### Don't Confuse Your Score With Your Handicap

True story :

I ended up with a 12 on hole # 2 in a recent tournament. Did it without a single penalty stroke. However, my score was -2 and my adjusted gross score (AGS) was 8. Here's why:

If you are playing in a tournament you "return," or report to the committee, the gross score on the hole — in this case a 12. We were playing a Stableford, so a double-bogey or worse was scored as - 2. For handicap purposes I can take no more than an 8 because I was a 20 handicap that day.

So how did I get a 12? Missed the putt for 11.

When you play in a tournament you are responsible for reporting your gross score by hole. The committee (and usually that is the tournament chairman) is responsible for adding up your score and making any conversions or decisions — for example, if the format is Stableford, or best ball, or Cha-Cha-Cha. The committee is also responsible for determining what score will be posted for handicapping purposes. When you hole out the process is pretty straightforward. You report what you shoot and the committee takes it from there. If this is a casual round all you need to do is determine your AGS, and that is what you post for handicapping purposes.

But what happens if you don't hole out? Or you don't play the hole? Let's deal with the most common situations: (a) You tee off but lose interest and pick up; (b) Your buddy loses interest and concedes the hole;

(c) You don't play the hole at all

We should all know that we can not post a score on any hole that exceeds what our handicap allows for Equitable Stroke Control or ESC. So the first one is easy. You hole out and write down your score but adjust with ESC as needed for posting. But just automatically taking the ESC when you don't hole out is not quite right.

Let's take a look at Section 4 of the USGA Handicapping Manual:

"The game of golf is based on the premise that a player will play as well as the player can play. [E]ach player is required to record a hole score for a hole not finished, not played, or not played under The Rules of Golf, and to reduce any hole score when it is higher than the maximum number allowed under ESC."

If you tee off but do not hole out, either because you pick up or the hole is conceded to you, post the score you most likely would have taken but not more than allowed by ESC. What does 'most likely' mean?

Well, according to the Manual:

"**The most likely score** consists of the number of strokes already taken plus, in the player's best judgment, the number of strokes the player would take to complete the hole from that position more than half the time."

Example: On a par-3 your tee shot hits the green about 15' from the pin and your buddy lands in a greenside bunker. Your buddy's first swing in the bunker moves a lot of sand but not the ball. His second shot airmails the green and goes out of bounds. He concedes the hole.

Here is what you post. Your buddy is four in the bunker after the OB. Most likely he will get out and two putt for a 7. You would most likely two putt for a 3. So you write down a "x-3" and he writes down a "x-7."

Here is how you deal with a hole you do not play or is not played under the rules of golf. In this case you would post par for the hole plus the number of handicap strokes you are entitled. Hence the name 'par plus'.

Example #1: You close out your opponent in match play 2 and 1. The last hole is a par-5 and is the number 12 handicap hole. Being a 16 handicap you post par for the hole plus your handicap stroke for a x-6.

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# THE FLAGSTICK WINTER 2015

## From the Superintendent

**Greg Blied**

### Greetings Ancil Hoffman Golf Club Members

The leaves stayed on the trees a little longer than usual this December thanks to the warmer temperatures. As usual we had plenty of work to do in cleaning up leaves and Amber balls. We also had a few trees to clean up that came down on the course and in the park.

The warmer weather along with rain did help the Ryegrass stand for the winter and we have good coverage right now except where post storm traffic had a negative impact. Now that the greens have had time to dry out they are fast and firm as well as the rest of the course.

I still plan to experiment with some simple drainage in bunkers to see what kind of result we get. It can't get any worse. At this point when it rains the water will pool in most of the bunkers for a few days until we have time to pump it out.

We continue to add drainage in the fairways which will help in the winter and summer. You may have seen some new trenches we dug on the course. We re-trenched an irrigation line on #8 fairway to improve spacing and pressure from 125 yards and in. We also improved an irrigation line at the beginning of #15 fairway. The existing line had 13 sprinklers on it and we split it into three separate lines.

Thanks for your support as we continue to improve anything we can within our reach.

— Greg Blied

## From The Handicapper

**Rob Dixon (continued from Page 6)**

Example # 2: Playing in a casual round you decide to skip a hole to get in front of a slower group. You post 'par plus' just like in the previous example.

Example # 3: Playing in a Cha-Cha-Cha you lie 5 just off the green. Fortunately your teammates have the hole covered with a birdie and a par. You pick up and report x-8.

In short: If you tee off but don't hole out, post the most likely score but not more than ESC. If you don't play the hole or don't play by the rules post 'par plus'. And no special adjustment for 'winter rules'.

It is important to remember that what you post for your handicap is separate from the game you are playing. There is your score for the hole. How that score affects the game you are playing. And finally what you post for your handicap.

And now you know how to handle that 12.

For more info on adjusting scores go to: <http://www.usga.org/Rule-Books/Handicap-System-Manual/Rule-04/>



At the Club's quarterly meeting in January, El Presidente Emeritus G. Hovious (left) and current AHGC President Khalil Cox (right) present Gary Younglove a token of the Club's great appreciation for Gary's seven years of steadfast service as Club Treasurer. Gary was an extremely reliable, thorough and attentive keeper of the Club's finances, serving alongside 24 other members on the Board of Directors over that time. Gary will continue to compete in lots of tournaments, but his knowledge of the Club's accounts will be missed. Next time you see Gary at the course, be sure to thank him for a job very well done.

Gerry Steyn (right) accepts the trophy for winning the 2014 Wayne Parsell Senior Net Championship. Congratulating Gerry are Club President Khalil Cox (left) and Midweek Tournament Director Harry Massingill. Gerry shot net 66 to take home the crown. Congratulations Gerry!

