



The Flagstick

Ancil Hoffman
Golf Club
~
Carmichael, California
Summer 2015

President's Message Khalil Cox ~ AHGC President

Greetings Fellow Members!

I hope you are all getting out to the course to enjoy the excellent conditions. Tournament season is in full swing, and despite the drought the fairways and rough are in good shape. It's a great time to get out and play.

I want to update you on three things with respect to the money you have on the books in the pro shop for club tournament winnings. First, it has been the policy of the Board for the past few years to have unused book money come off of member accounts and into the Club's general account. By "unused," we mean any book money belonging to a former member who has not been a member for two membership periods and where the former member had not spent any book money during those periods. Essentially, what we do is look at all the book money around this time of year as most people who plan to renew their membership for 2015 have done so by now. If a former member who was not a member in 2014 did not sign up to be a member in 2015 and has not spent any book money since 2013, the money from their account will roll into the Club's pro shop account where it most likely will be spent on future tournament prizes like golf balls for closest to the pin contests and the like. The main reason for this policy is having "stale" book money becomes a bit of an accounting nightmare for course and pro shop management. Be advised that within a few weeks, the book money that fits the above criteria will be rolled in the Club account. If there are any questions or concerns regarding this policy, feel free to e-mail me.

Also, as Board Member Greg Hovious indicated at the last quarterly meeting, you may now use book money for food and beverages in the "Main Event." When you buy something, just tell the cashier you would like to use your book money for payment. Please make sure to tip staff as appropriate as tips will not automatically be deducted from your book money.

Third, in the past, the County has added 10% to all winnings dispersed as book money. This will no longer occur. Instead, the County intends to use the money it budgets on a yearly basis for this purpose to more generally benefit club members through things like tee prizes, food and beverages, other tournament day perks or possibly quarterly meeting subsidies. This will start to occur in the coming months.

One final thing worth mentioning is that the Club is in the final stages of making payment via PayPal a method of payment for tournament entry fees. We are working out the kinks at the moment and hope to get this on-line in the coming months. Nice to be out of the dark ages! Ha.

Finally, congratulations to Chris Johnson for his return to the winner's circle in the Club Championship this year. Chris edged out defending champ Jeff Johnson in a rematch of last year's final. Congrats to both!

All righty friends, that will do it for now. Hope you all are getting a chance to get out and play. Hit 'em straight.

~ Khalil Cox, AHGC President

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**Join Us At Our
AHGC Quarterly
Meeting & Free
Dinner On
July 22, 2015**

**Putting Championship
opens at 4:00!!!**

**ARE YOU RECEIVING
EMAILS FROM AHGC?
STAY IN THE LOOP!**
Club Secretary Rich Fleischer 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 Rich or Humphreys McGee at their contact info listed on Page 2.

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2015 AHGC TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES

2015 MIDWEEK SCHEDULE

July 23	Individual Stroke Play
August 20	Two-Person Best Ball/Member-Guest
September 10	Cha Cha Cha
October 15	Individual Stroke Play (Ancil Points Playoff)
November 12	Two-Person Best Ball/Chapman/ Scramble
December 17	Director's Choice (Formats are subject to change)

2015 WEEKEND SCHEDULE

July 11	Individual Stroke Play
August 15	Individual Stroke Play
September 13-14	President's Cup
October 24	Stableford (Ancil Cup Playoff)
November 14	Individual Stroke Play (Ancil Cup Playoff)
December 12	Individual Stroke Play (Ancil Cup Playoff)

There's still time to rack up points for the Ancil Cup Playoffs!!! See the AHGC Website for details.

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Midweek Tournament News

Harry Massingill

Midweek Tournament Chairman

Summer is here and the weather and golf is heating up! Hello Ancil Hoffman Golf Club Members! Summer is here, and the golf season is kicking into full gear!

I'm sure you've noticed the big turnouts we've been having for the Midweek Tournaments. Recent tournaments had 132, 136 and 148 players. To insure your entry and, more importantly, to get the tee time and playing partners you wish, you need to sign up early. I enter players into their desired times on a first come, first serve basis. Don't wait until a week or even two weeks before the day of the tournament because chances are, you won't get the tee time you desire (unless it's a late tee time, of course).

To help speed up play, we've implemented the "Hole #3 rule" where if a player's ball goes far right towards the pond on the 3rd hole and it cannot be found, the ball will be "deemed" to have gone into the water. There is a drop area for you to take relief with a one-stroke penalty next to the pond. There is no need to hit a provisional off the tee or to walk back to the tee box on hole #3 to re-hit. Also, when the tee box on #5 begins to back up and your group has reached the putting surface, please wave the group on the tee to hit up. Our tournaments are getting log-jammed in that section of the course, and if we can get our players through that section, I think it will really help with the pace of play.

Lastly, this is my last year as your Midweek Tournament Director. It's been a great experience and I've enjoyed being a part of this great club of ours and organizing the Midweek events for the members. To those interested in becoming the Midweek Tournament Director for 2016, please contact me so I can "show you the ropes" and get you comfortable with the computer software and systems we use. — Harry Massingill

Weekend Tournament News

Rob Viebrock

Weekend Tournament Chair

The Spring tourney season got well under way with the completion of the NCGA's 2-Man Best Ball along with the Zone Qualifier. Qualifiers of February's 2-Man Best Ball were teams of Rick Doerr/Greg Garcia who won the overall low tying the low flight A at 61, Gunther Dorfling/Eric Jarvis representing the low A flight at 61 and finally Alan Steed/Mike Ogan taking the top qualifying spot in the B flight at 68. Well done guys!!

Qualifiers of March's Zone Qualifier were Erik Smith/Rob Locke representing the A flight shooting 61-68 for 129 along with Donn Pintar/Terry Siler representing the B flight shooting 67-68 for 135. The 4-man group shot 268 over 2-days of golf at Carmel Valley Ranch and Poppy Hills, only 8 strokes off the lead. Good showing guys! Congratulations to all!!

The April Horse Race/Derby tournament has fast become a player favorite. Not only did we repeat a successful Derby in the morning shotgun — with Rick Price shooting net 65 to win — a very successful inaugural Horse Race ensued. Congratulations to the winners and all who participated and a special thanks to all those who helped: Rich Fleischer, Matt Gilchrist, Roger Siler, Chris Johnson, Larry Getz, Ivory Rubin and of course the Horse Race Master of Ceremonies, Greg Hovious. Thanks, as well, to the Empire staff in helping us make this memorable event take place.

Finally, congratulations to Jonathan Marrs, who took home the prize for AHGC's 50th Anniversary Tournament in May. Jonathan shot a very impressive net 64 to gather the special commemorative trophy. Way to go Jonathan! — Rob Viebrock

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MIDWEEK Individual Stroke Play

THURSDAY, July 23, 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) _____ Ancil Cup Points (\$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 Play

SATURDAY, August 15, 2015

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

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

MIDWEEK Two-Person Best Ball / Member-Guest (Guests Welcome)

THURSDAY, August 20, 2015

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

Name _____ GHIN _____ Phone #: _____

I will be playing 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)

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



Weekend Tournament Director Rob Viebrock (left) and Greg Hovious (right) present Jonathan Marrs with a trophy commemorating the low net score in AHGC's 50th Anniversary Tournament. Jonathan shot a very impressive net 64 to win by a comfortable margin. Congratulations Jonathan!

MIDWEEK Cha Cha Cha SUNDAY, September 10, 2014

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

Name _____ GHIN _____ Phone #: _____

I will 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)

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

President's Cup SATURDAY and SUNDAY, September 13-14, 2015

Entry Fee: \$30 per Player — Make checks payable to AHGC

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)

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

MIDWEEK Individual Stroke Play (Ancil Cup Playoff) THURSDAY, October 15, 2015

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

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

WEEKEND Stableford (Ancil Cup Playoff) SATURDAY, October 24, 2015

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

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)

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From The Treasurer Liz Ridinger

Let me start off by thanking Gary Younglove for all his support, assistance and sharp pencil in helping with my transition to Club Treasurer appear seamless.

Good News! Lots of tournaments and activities are on the books for 2015 and the first quarter has proven to be very successful. The participation in the tournaments, activities and quarterly meetings has met if not exceeded our expectations. **Thanks...to YOU!**

More Good News! Our membership has stabilized the last two years and we are now on the rise. The word is getting out about how great a golf course and Club we have here.

Thanks...to YOU!

I am proud to acknowledge 20 AHGC members who generously donated a total of \$370 to the NCGA Foundation this year. The Foundation provides deserving youth the opportunity to develop life skills and values through their Youth on Course program. For more information visit their website at www.ncgafoundation.org. This year's contributors are: James Auble, George Beach, Clifford Cox, General Davie, Sharon Day, Jim DeFerrari, Gary Fox, Peter Frederick, Julie Gaittens, Elias Gregg, Kristoffer Hall, Jan Hoffman, Chris Johnson, Laurence O'Connor, Rex Oser, David Peterson, John Quattrin, Matt Shelton, Les Strunk and Matt Thompson. Thanks to all who contributed! — Liz Ridinger



From the Handicapper Rob Dixon

The Facts on Posting Your Golf Scores

According to Jim Cowan, NCGA Director of Handicapping, "the single greatest cause of inflated handicaps might be the non-posting of scores".

Every golfer is responsible for posting their score as soon as practical. Every acceptable round of golf, whether match or stroke play, must be posted for peer review.

When you play in a tournament, it is your responsibility to know if you will post the score or if the tournament director will post. For all AHGC tournaments, the Handicap Committee posts the tournament scores.

"Peer review" is the ability of golfers to gain an understanding of a player's potential ability and to form a reasonable basis for supporting or disputing a score that has been posted.

Peer review goes beyond how you feel about the actions of a fellow competitor. You have a responsibility to protect the handicapping system. When in doubt, ask yourself: how would this matter be decided if it was voted on by all the members?

If you are aware of someone not posting scores, please consider reminding that person of their responsibility. When that fails, please inform the appropriate tournament or club official. For Ancil members, that's me.

If a member fails to consistently post all rounds as soon as practical then the Handicap Committee will post those scores for them with the addition of a "penalty score". A penalty score is a score posted by the Handicap Committee for a player who does not return a score or otherwise does not observe the spirit of the USGA Handicap System. A penalty score is equal to the best round within the member's scoring record.

The Handicap system works, but only when each golfer takes responsibility for their actions and acts to protect their fellow members. Please call or email me if you have a question about your handicap or how to handle a particular situation. — Rob Dixon

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From the Superintendent

Greg Bliek

Greetings Ancil Hoffman Golf Club Members

The warm and dry weather continues and with it comes benefits and challenges. It has been favorable in regards to early spring green-up which means the Bermuda Grass is also getting a head start, and skipping greens aeration led to a record number of rounds in March. But the need for water has also come early. The memories of last summer are still fresh and I'm sorry to say that this summer may not be much better. One positive to pull from last summer is that we have already gone through a large water use reduction and can build upon the experience.

Our plan to combat the challenges that come with water conservation is simple: Use products that help the water go further. We are going to be experimenting with many of the products available to the golf industry that either help the water penetrate the soil more easily or help the soil retain water. We will also be looking into products that will limit the growth of turf and reduce stress in drought conditions. This summer remains to be a big question mark when it comes to the type of conditions we will be able to provide but we will continue to try anything within our means.

The irrigation and drainage improvements we continue to work on make a big difference and those projects will continue.

I think most of you have seen our new (used) greens roller in action by now. It is proving to be a very helpful tool and I am having fun trying it in many different situations to study the benefits. I hope we can afford to purchase more of these tools in the future that make for a better course for you.

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

— Greg Bliek, Sacramento County Golf Superintendent

From The Programs Director

Brett Dodge

Just around the corner we have our most popular quarterly meeting of the year. On Wednesday, July 22, we'll be kicking off the Putting Championship and nomination of officers. Derek and the gang from the Main Event will be grilling for us again this year, and we'll have plenty of food and drink for all. Since it's typically warm this time of July, we'll have plenty of refreshments at the ready for your enjoyment. Festivities kick off at 4:00, when the putting green opens for play.

It typically takes around an even par round of 18 strokes to make the qualifying playoff. Greg Bliek does an awesome job setting up the course for us, double cutting the green and making it very fast. To speed rounds up this year, we'll be monitoring the scores of folks mid-round to be sure we can get everyone around in time. Top 16 players move on to head-to-head match play until we have a winner. Don't forget to invite your friends or potential members for this great time. Remember, to win the championship, you must be a member at Ancil.



Tom Watson buries a 40-footer for birdie on the 72nd hole of the 2015 U.S. Senior Open at Del Paso Country Club in Sacramento. (Photo by AHGC member who sat there for 7 1/2 hours)