



The Flagstick

**Ancil Hoffman
Golf Club**
~
Carmichael, California
Holidays 2015

President's Message **Khalil Cox ~ AHGC President**

Greetings Fellow Members!

As we wind down 2015, I hope you all get a chance to get out and play in our last few tournaments, and best of luck to those of you who are all still alive in the "Ancil Cup" points race. The course has rebounded nicely from fall aerification. As long as "El Niño" holds off a little while longer, conditions should be great. In fact, conditions have been great most of the year despite the fourth year of drought. Greg Blik and his staff continue to do an outstanding job.

We have a few changes coming in 2016. Matt Gilchrist will return as Weekend Tournament Director, replacing Rob Viebrock. If you see Rob around the course give him a big "thank you" for running the Saturday tournaments for three years. As most of you know, running our tournaments requires a great deal of effort with next to no compensation. Rob brought great enthusiasm to the Saturday tournaments as well as several new ideas. If you enjoy "Ancil Points," the May "Ancil Derby" and "horserace," let Rob know as those were all essentially his ideas. For those of you who have been members of the club for five or more years, you know Rob is leaving the weekend tournaments in good hands with Matt as Matt returns for his second term as weekend tournament director. Club Vice-President Pat Harrold will be assisting Matt as well.



Doug Olson will be taking over the midweek tournaments for Harry Massingill. Harry really stepped up for the club two years ago when he took over the midweeks. He had almost no experience running our tournaments when he took over, but he learned fast and has done an exceptional job. Big thanks to Harry. Hope he keeps leaving us free tees on the first and tenth tees on tournament days. Let's all give Doug a hand in making his transition into the midweek tournament director position as smooth as possible.

Wanted to give a big shout out to the Thursday Team Match team this year captained by Rick Wiley. They won two playoff matches and barely lost their third match 17-19. Pretty sure this is the farthest an Ancil team has ever made it. For those of you who have played for Ancil in the team matches, you know it has always been difficult for us to compete, and one of the reasons, I suspect, has to do with the integrity Ancil members have when it comes to our handicaps.

Speaking of handicaps, as other clubs around Sacramento struggle with "sandbagging," I am proud that the vast majority of our members believe that winning a tournament without integrity is hollow and are generally pretty happy to see other members / friends have good days. Every time I walk into the restaurant after playing in a tournament and look at the scoreboard, I am genuinely happy for those members who "figured it out" that day. Of course our tournament score handicapping system makes handicap manipulation difficult, but we all know it can still be done. I think the greatest benefit we receive from our tournament score handicapping system is that those inclined toward the evil of handicap manipulation will at least twice about joining our club and competing in our tournaments.

That puts a lid on 2015. Please join the Ancil Hoffman Golf Club on Facebook for information about the Club, tournaments and golf in general. I am rehabbing a shoulder injury at the moment, so I am anxious to get out and see you all next year when I hope we will have a nice lush course from all of the winter rain. Until then, play well and keep it in the short grass!

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*The unseasonably warm
weather in early fall sent
the course's deer seeking
shade.*

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2016 AHGC TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES

2016 MIDWEEK SCHEDULE (Formats Subject to Change)

January 14	Individual Stroke Play
February 11	Stableford
March 3	Individual Stroke Play
April 7	Two-Person Best-Ball / Senior NCGA 4-Ball Qualifier
May 5	Two-Person Scramble
May 22	Individual Stroke Play / Wayne Parsell Senior Net
June 23	Individual Stroke Play / NCGA Net Qualifier
July 14	Individual Stroke Play
August 11	Individual Stroke Play — Member/Guest
September 1	Cha Cha Cha
October 13	Individual Stroke Play / Ancil Cup Points Playoff
November 17	Two-Person Best-Ball / Chapman / Scramble
December 15	Director's Choice

2016 WEEKEND SCHEDULE

January 30	Individual Stroke Play
February 20	Two-Person Best Ball & NCGA Four-Ball Qualifier
March 12-13	Two-Person Best Ball & NCGA Zone Qualifier
April 16	Individual Stroke Play
May 21	Individual Stroke Play
June 11-12	President's Cup
July 9	Individual Stroke Play & Club Championship Qualifier
August 13	Individual Stroke Play
August 27-28	Club Championships: Gross and Net Rounds
September 10-11	Club Championships: Gross and Net Semifinals & Finals
October 22	Individual Stroke Play / Ancil Cup Playoff
November 12	Individual Stroke Play / Ancil Cup Playoff
December 10	Cha Cha Cha / Ancil Cup Playoffs

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Midweek Tournament News

Harry Massingill

Midweek Tournament Chairman

Hello Ancil Hoffman Golf Club Members!

We had some huge turnouts this year for our Midweek Tournaments. It looks like we averaged over 120 players per midweek tournament in 2015. In the spring we had three months in a row with 130+ players, with one tournament having 148 participants. That's amazing! The weather was very kind to us in 2015, with the three winter tournaments being played in low 70-degree weather and no real "roaster" days in the summer. The golf gods were kind to us this year!

We are adding a new format for the December tournament, going from our usual "Skins" game to "3 Clubs and a Putter." I have never participated in a 3 clubs and a putter format and I'm looking forward to it!

As many of you know, I'm no longer going to be Midweek Tournament Director beginning in 2016. It's been a great experience, and I've enjoyed the good times we've had on the course and in the Main Event after the tournaments. Doug Olson will be replacing me, and I'm sure he'll do a great job as the new Midweek Tournament Director. Please help Doug out by signing up early for the tournaments and being clear on who you want to play with in your group on tournament day. — Harry Massingill

Weekend Tournament News

Rob Viebrock

Weekend Tournament Chair

Fall is here and the course seems to be in good condition as it heals from the summer heat and California's on-going drought. As in years past, we'll be utilizing Ancil Hoffman's famed "Leaf Rule" when necessary. Weather permitting, and as long as the course stays fairly dry, I will try to have us play the ball down as much as possible, excepting those newly seeded areas we mark as ground under repair.

Congratulations go out to winners of our 2015 Club Championship held in June, along with the winners in the President's Cup held in September:

Club Championship Winners: Chris Johnson - Club Champion, Chuck Honeycutt – President's Flight, Tony Newman – Vice President's Flight, Rick Doerr – Treasurer's Flight.

President's Cup Winners: Brian Rogers – Overall Winner, Rich Fleischer – A Flight, Jim Scheller – B Flight, Matt Gilchrist – C Flight, Rob Dixon – D Flight. [Click here for overall results](#)

The Ancil Points competition, now in its third year, continues to expand with new players under a modified format from previous years. — i.e., No Fighting!! This has definitely added to the excitement as you're competing against an entire field, just like the pros! If you haven't yet participated in this competition but have some interest, you can check out the rules and current standings along with past standings at ancilhoffman.com under the "2015 Ancil Points Cup" entry. It is a lot of fun and costs a nominal amount to play.

There are a couple of new items to introduce. In the very near future, the Club will institute on-line payments for tourneys, memberships, etc. through "Venmo." It is an app you can easily download to your phone and best of all, it's free!! As long as you use a debit card, transactions will cost you nothing. Fees will apply if you use a credit card, however. We will blast out more specifics on this, the closer we get to our launch. The second item, as most have already seen, is our "signup list" for tourneys. There is nothing extra required on your part. It allows you to see who has signed up for a tourney (including yourself) along with participation levels for side competitions. Check it out. It's listed on the AHGC website as "Sign-Up Sheet" for each upcoming tournament.

Lastly, I just want to say, as my tenure for your weekend tournament director draws to a close this year, it has been a pleasure serving everyone in this capacity. Even though these tourneys are quite a bit of work, it truly has been a lot of fun! Thanks to all for your continued support!! Also, I wish to welcome our incoming weekend tourney director, Matt Gilchrist! He will be a great addition to the Board and comes with a great deal of experience.

Thanks to all and see you out on the course!

Rob Viebrock, Weekend Tournament Director

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Two-Person Best-Ball & NCGA Four-Ball Qualifier

Saturday, February 20, 2016

Entry Fee: \$20 per player/\$30 per player on teams attempting to qualify

Make checks payable to AHGC Entries Close 6 Days Prior To Event

Name _____ GHIN _____ Phone #: _____

I request to partner with _____ at a(n) 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: Weekend TC, 6700 Tarshes Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608 or drop in the locked box in the Pro Shop

Individual Stroke Play

Saturday, January 30, 2016

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

Individual Stroke Play

Saturday, April 16, 2016

Entry Fee: \$20 per Player / Make checks payable to AHGC Entries Close 10 Days Previous To Event

Name _____ GHIN _____ Phone #: _____

I request to play with _____ at a(n) 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

Two-Person Better Ball & NCGA Four-Ball Qualifier

Saturday & Sunday, March 12-13, 2016

Entry Fee: \$20 per player/\$30 per player on teams attempting to qualify

Make checks payable to AHGC Entries Close 6 Days Prior To Event

Name _____ GHIN _____ Phone #: _____

I request to partner with _____ at a(n) 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: Weekend TC, 6700 Tarshes Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608 or drop in the locked box in the Pro Shop

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Individual Stroke Play

Thursday, January 14, 2016

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

Stableford

Thursday, February 11, 2016

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

Individual Stroke Play

Thursday, March 3, 2016

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

Two-Person Best-Ball / Senior NCGA Four-Ball Qualifier

Thursday, April 7, 2016

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

Name _____ GHIN _____ Phone #: _____

I request to partner 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)

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From The Club Secretary Rich Fleischer

2016 Membership Process

The Ancil Hoffman Golf Club has decided to go green for membership applications. Members (and new members) can now register on-line. Just go to www.ancilhoffman.com and near the top of the page there is a link that says “[New Members and Renewals - Click Here to Get Started](#)”. Click on that link, then follow the instructions for either a renewing member or new member and click on the appropriate link. The application will pop-up on your computer. Fill it out, then hit the next button, then “submit” your applications when completed. Membership fees are the same as last year, \$79 for a renewal membership and \$89 for a new membership.

We do not have an on-line payment system in place yet so members and new members must send their check to:

AHGC
ATTN: Secretary
P. O. Box 2064
Carmichael, CA 95609

If you prefer, you may drop a check in the AHGC black box by the register in the Pro Shop. **Make sure you have your name and GHIN somewhere on the check (or on a separate piece of paper) so we can identify it's yours.** Once we have your check we will approve your application.

Some of you might not like using a computer for this, so we will still have applications available for you to fill out and return to the address listed in the paragraph above. Get the applications in now because the rates will increase \$10 after January 10, 2016.

From the Handicapper Rob Dixon

Your Handicap Don't Know Par

If asked, "Did you shoot your number?" you might be tempted to deduct your handicap from your score and compare it to par. But is that really your number? In golf you may be surprised to know it has little to do with par.

Your Target Score or "playing to your number" is based on how well you did compared to the rating of the course from the tees you played. The handicap system is built around the concept of Course Rating (CR). The Course Rating is equivalent to the better half average of scratch golfer's scores under normal playing conditions. When you are given handicap strokes, you receive the number of strokes necessary to play to the level of a scratch golfer.

Your Target Score (TS) is easy to determine. Just add your Course Handicap to the rating. So, if Jack is a 13 from the blues and the Course Rating from the blues is 71.3 then his TS is $13 + 71.3 = 84$. And if Bob is a 17 from the whites his TS is $17 + 68.8 = 86$.

Target Scores and Playing From Different Tees

What if you are playing someone from a different set of tees? It seems like common sense that we would need to make some adjustment other than our Course Handicap. As with most things in golf, the answer has been provided for us. We turn to Section 3-5 in the USGA Handicap Manual.

You see, a player's Course Handicap is based on the number of strokes needed to compete with other golfers from that specific set of tees. If we throw different tees in the mix - which have different Course Ratings - we need to account for this by making a second adjustment. This is where your Target Score comes in. All we need to do is adjust our Course Handicap by adding the difference in rating to the player on the higher rated tees.

So let's use a scratch player example to start. We have Bill and Roger. Both carry a Handicap Index of 0.0. If Bill plays the blues and Roger plays the whites, here is how you adjust the score. Bill gets additional strokes over Roger based on the difference of the rating. So Bill gets $71.3 - 68.8 = 2.5$ or 3 strokes over Roger.

Now here is an example at Ancil with a foursome:

Jack is a 13 from the blues and Bob is 17 from the whites. Janet is 4 from the blacks while Kristine is 14 from the blacks. Here is how it works out:

Player	CH	Adjustment	Shots Off
Janet	4	+3=7	0
Jack	13	+3=16	9
Kristine	14	+3=17	10
Bob	17	+0=17	10

Summary:

- Playing to your handicap means shooting your Target Score.
- When a difference in USGA Course Rating exists among competitors, their benchmark has changed and the difference must be accounted for in order for the competition to be equitable.
- Not applying Section 3-5 of "The USGA Handicap System" would be waiving a Rule of Golf, and the committee in charge of a competition does not have the authority to waive a Rule of Golf.

So now you know why your handicap doesn't know par. As always, play it down and post **all** your scores. Get the NCGA/GHIN app for your smartphone - it gives you all the tools to manage your handicap PLUS it calculates the tee adjustment automatically.

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From the Superintendent

Greg Bliek

Aeration of greens, tees, approaches, and fairways was completed in record time this year, and I am happy with how everything went. Greens healed quickly, and the rest of the course is beginning to fill back in. We will continue to seed and mulch the thinner areas in fairways to speed the healing process. The recent rain storms should help.

Number 14 green is growing in very well, rooting deep and gaining in density. Mowing height is almost all the way down to our standard. Opening is set for early spring. Now if I can just keep the wildlife from hanging out there...

We will be automating the pond fountains in the big pond on #1/#10. We will install a wire across #1 fairway to an electric valve so it can come on for set amounts of time and fill/aerate the pond with the Aero-jet water. There will be at least four fountains that will be fed with much more pressure than before. It will be more aesthetically pleasing and functional.

The cement pond on #3/#4 is now dry and cleaned out. There are many places where the cement has failed to hold water, and it needs significant repair. I still have not decided on a plan of action, and it will remain dry until I do.

We have repair to do on the bridge from the beginning of #7 fairway to the other side of the creek.

Leaf season will be in full swing within the couple few weeks, especially now that we have had some colder temperatures and storms. Most of our attention will be diverted to leaf clean-up for the remainder of November on into January. It's a big job and we will do our best to keep up. Thanks for playing Ancil Hoffman! — Greg Bliek



From The Programs Director

Brett Dodge

The January 2016 Quarterly Meeting will be held Wednesday, January 20, 2016 in the Main Event restaurant located at Ancil Hoffman Golf Course. Sign in and raffle ticket sales begin at 5:00 p.m. The free dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and you are welcome to bring a guest.

Pursuant to the AHGC by-laws, the principal item on the agenda will be a complete report from the AHGC Board on the 2015 golf season. All AHGC Board members will be present and prepared to answer any questions concerning last year's golf season, the Ancil Cup, and the upcoming 2016 season.

