



The Flagstick

**Ancil Hoffman
Golf Club**
~
Carmichael, California
Spring 2016

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

Greetings Fellow Members!

Hello Ancil Hoffman Golf Club members. As I write this in the middle of March, "El Niño" is hitting the Sacramento area hard with much needed rain. This should make for excellent course conditions by Masters time. As most of you already know, course maintenance staff does not plan to aerate the greens this spring, so as soon as the rain clears and the course dries out a little, we should be treated to optimal conditions. If you see Course Superintendent Greg Blik around the course, be sure to give him big thanks.

Participation in our tournaments, especially the midweeks, is at what appears to be an all-time high. Doug Olson has had his hands full, but has done an excellent job in his first two tournaments. Considering the high level of participation in our tournaments, we need to be careful with respect to pace of play. The players at the front of our tournaments need to be extra careful to keep up with the group in front of them so that we make sure that the inevitable increase in round time from our first group to our last is as limited as possible. If you request an early tee-time, be prepared to keep up. Both tournament directors have discretion to deny early tee times to members who have demonstrated they will not keep up.



Also, with expanded participation comes expanded time commitments required by our tournament directors. I encourage everyone to try to make our T.D.s' lives a little bit easier by signing up earlier for tournaments, canceling no less than 48 hours in advance, being aware of tournament rules and paying tournament fees promptly.

With respect to our membership, for the first time in a long time, our membership numbers are up. This is most likely due at least in part to continually improving economic factors and the fact that we have finally bounced back from the bottom caused by a glut of golfing options in the area. I also like to think that those in the area who take golf seriously make their way to our club because of our members' dedication to the game and the Club's commitment to fair competition. Our membership levels are never going to be where they were when I first joined the club in the early 2000s due to competition from private clubs that have gone public like Morgan Creek and the establishment of Empire Ranch as one of the larger clubs in the Sacramento area. But, we are in a pretty good place right now and hope to expand more in the near future. Whenever, I play with or meet other players that share our love for the game, I am always proud to recommend that they at least take a look at what our club has to offer and see if it is for them. I hope you all feel the same.

That will do it for now. Again, I would like to invite everybody to "like" the Ancil Hoffman Golf Club on Facebook. Also, please support those who sponsor our club. A list of sponsors can be found at www.ancilhoffman.com. Hope to see you at the April events, including the quarterly meeting on April 27 and the away event at Auburn Valley Country Club on April 21.

Khalil Cox
President
Ancil Hoffman Golf Club

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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

Doug Olson

Midweek Tournament Chairman

Hello Ancil Hoffman Golf Club Members!

The first four Midweek Tournaments in 2016 have had outstanding turnouts, with 123 players in January, 126 players in February, 152 players in March, and 140 players in April. The March tournament was especially historic, with a record high number (even with cutting off registration 9 days prior to the tournament). Moreover, all 152 players showed up, and all played in less than 5 hours. In the April tournament, all players completed their rounds in less than 5 hours again. It should prove that if everyone works together, then pace of play can be a manageable issue.

There was a great balance in competition, as there were 16 separate flight winners, no repeats. The January flight winners were Vern Kemp, Rick Wiley, Bob Separovich, and Don Landsittel. The February flight winners were Brandon Williams, Jim Roeder, Bruce Blackman, and Ralph Seymour. The March flight winners were Francisco Lobaco, Paul Petifer, Mark Schwan, and Jim Auble. Special recognition to Mark Schwan, who scored a net 61 in the March tournament. The April flight winners were the teams of Al Dalupan/Mike Dobrin and Rob Dixon/William Higgins.

The April tournament was also the NCGA Net Senior Best Ball qualifier, with the teams of Al Dalupan/Mike Dobrin, Doug Olson/Anthony Simpson, and Andy Clark/Donn Pintar advancing to regional qualifying in August. The Rick Wiley/Vern Kemp team is the alternate.

There was also a great balance in prize money awarded. 89 players earned money from the four tournaments. Vern Kemp, Jose Rodriguez, and Anthony Simpson were awarded in all four tournaments.

I want to thank all participants for making the Midweek Tournaments run smoothly. Please remember to enter on-line early, as typically the tournaments become full and registration ends 7-10 days beforehand.

Doug Olson

Tournament Director

Weekend Tournament News

Matt Gilchrist

Weekend Tournament Chair

Welcome to the 2016 AHGC Weekend Tournament Season!

We've got three events in the books and tournament participation has been stellar so far, please keep up the enthusiasm and be sure to let me know if there is anything else I can do to help keep the tournaments a success.

Coming up in May, we will be returning to the "Derby" again and it will provide another fun "side bet" for our members or their family members for that matter! If you're not familiar with how this work events, Rich Fleischer will be publishing the rules on the website in the very near future. In addition, I'm going to experiment with the May event and allow players to select their desired tees upon sign up. That's right, it's going to be a mixed tee event, so if you've always wanted to play the white tees during a weekend tournament, here's your chance! The USGA handicap policy allows for mixed tee use, so I'll be sure to calculate handicaps accordingly. You'll also be required to declare in advance so that people wishing to bet on you know which tees you'll be playing.

Right on the heels of the "Derby" we will be returning the President's Cup to June. We experimented last year by flip flopping this event and the Club Championships, unfortunately, our attendance was at a historic low, so we've elected to go back to June and see if we can drive participation back up again to expected levels. For those not familiar with this event, it is 2 days of individual stroke play and is considered an Ancil "major" which also comes with the largest purse of the year. Since this event is a major, there will be a 3 hole playoff for tie breaking purposes.

Many thanks go out to Matt Jones, Pat Harold, and John Mars for their volunteer hours and allowing me to leave the course at a decent time! No more 12 hour days thank goodness!

Hit 'em straight, keep up the pace, and have fun. The last being the most important part, this is a public golf club intended for recreational purposes after all! Many of us could have it a heck of a lot worse than to be able to come out a beautiful golf course once or twice a month to try our hand at competitive golf.

See you around the course,

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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)

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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

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 Vice President
Pat Harold**

2016 Ancil Points Update

Well, here we are in a new competition or the top 20 Net players in the club.

Congratulations to Brian Rogers winning the 2015 Ancil Points, holding on and surviving late surges by Ray Cheung and James Harmon.

This year's competition is starting strong and already has 86 players who have played at least 1 round in Ancil Points.

The early leader is Eric Jarvis with a win at the end of January and closely followed by Doug Olson with a win in February. It is not too late to play in Ancil Points, only your top 8 Club Tournament scores through September (not including scrambles or Club Championship) are used and then the playoffs start in October, that is where the real fun starts.

Pat Harold
Vice President
Ancil Points Chairperson

**From the Programs
Brett Dodge**

On Wednesday, April 27th, the Club will host its Spring Quarterly Meeting.

Derek and the gang at the Main Event will be serving up dinner, which is free with your membership. Don't forget that guests are welcome for dinner and drinks (beer). As usual, we'll have plenty of refreshments at the ready for your enjoyment -- beer from the keg is also free! Come enjoy the weather on the patio.

Thanks, and we look forward to seeing you at the Main Event!

Brett Dodge
AHGC Program Director

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From The Handicapper
Rob Dixon

Frequently Asked Questions About Your Handicap

With a new year and new members now is a good time to review some of the frequently asked questions and conundrums about handicaps and tournament golf at AHGC.

Q: I posted the wrong score! Help!

A: If you incorrectly post a score or have any troubles with your GHIN please call or email me. It is easy to fix. It is not necessary to contact the NCGA. If you do, they will politely ask you to contact your club handicapper.

Q: How do I contact the Handicapper?

A: To contact me, or any board member, check the AHGC website at ancilhoffman.com under 'Board of Directors'.

Q: What scores should we post?

A: 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.

Q: How serious is this score posting business?

A: Every acceptable round of golf must be posted for peer review. 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.

Q: How do I play in tournaments?

A: Ancil Hoffman has great members and great tournaments. There are two tournaments a month. All the tournament news and information is on our website: ancilhoffman.com. You can check out the tournament schedule and sign-up for tournaments. And afterwards the tournament results are posted on the website.

Q: Do you post our tournament scores?

A: The Handicap Committee posts all AHGC tournament scores.

Q: How did I get this handicap for the tournament?

A: First off, the tournament director (TD) is the final authority in all tournament matters. The TD establishes your handicap for a tournament based on the lower of your Tournament Index (TI) or your GHIN Index. However, the final decision is up to the TD. When in doubt ask the TD.

Q: What is the Tournament Index?

A: Our club maintains a separate index composed solely of scores posted in club tournaments. The club uses the lower of your GHIN Index or AHGC Tournament Index (TI) to set your handicap for club tournaments. This protects the tournament field from the occasional disparity in a player's tournament and non-tournament play. A report, showing your TI and tournament scores, is available on the club website. Plus there is a TI FAQ with more details.

Q: Any advice for new members?

A: Yes! Play in our great tournaments. Ancil has two tournaments a month. You can be paired with your friends or the tournament directors will be glad to pair you with like players. You will have fun and make new friends.

Please call or email me if you have a question about your handicap or how to handle a particular situation. See you at the next tournament!

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From The Marketing Manager
Kevin Cassiday

Thanks for the opportunity to communicate with the AHGC community via The Flagstick.

My role for Empire Golf at Ancil includes Tournament & Event Sales & Marketing, as well as handling all the marketing efforts via our website, social media & other viral marketing. In addition, I manage 3 Twilight 9-hole fun groups in 10 week cycles throughout the year. Many AHGC members are involved in much of what I do around here, I appreciate the input & participation.

As we head into the middle of Spring, we are entering busy season for third party tournaments, so you will see lots of activity over the next 8 weeks or so around the property. All told over the course of a year Ancil manages over 200 events of all types & sizes, mostly golf-oriented, at our facilities. That calculation is based on an event size of a 24 person minimum, although we do over twenty 100+ person events (not including AHGC events). My sincere thanks to those of you who've provided me with potential client leads & opportunities in the past.

Currently we are embarking on a change with our online booking engine, the intent of the project being to provide the best available prices & tee sheet real estate only through our website. Lowest prices on the web, never any booking fees & always the best available tee times are the three driving forces of this project. In addition, this will allow us to be more targeted as it applies to providing offers which suit our customers. This project is quite fluid at the moment, please look for additional upcoming information on our website & via our email blasts.

Lastly, you're all aware of the new patio seating on the Main Event Bar & Grill by this point. In March we had our first Friday Patio Hang which included live music as well as food & drink specials. In April we have two scheduled events: 4/22 will feature local singer-songwriter Steve Menconi & 4/29 will feature the group who kicked us off in March, The Sultans of Swing, a great "cover" band. These events will begin at 4 PM & run through 7 PM with the full kitchen remaining open throughout until 7. We will do a least one of these each month, the date in May will be the 27th.

*Thanks very much,
Kevin*

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