



The Flagstick

Ancil Hoffman
Golf Club

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Summer 2016

President's Message

Greetings Fellow Members!

Hello Ancil Hoffman Golf Club members. Hope you have had a chance to get out to the course and enjoy some of the best conditions in recent memory. "El Niño" did us a big favor getting our course nice and green. The greens are excellent; fast and true.

The Board would like to give Gary Ong a big "congratulations" for winning the 2016 President's Cup. Nice Job Garry. Also, Greg Hovious, Mark Brown, Scott Davis and Lane Leach will be moving on to the Zone finals near the end of the year after they qualified from the Sacramento Zone Championship. Having participated in the Sacramento Zone two times, I know this is no small feat. Not sure when the last time an Ancil team moved on, if ever. Way to go fellas.



Over the last few months we have had a few issues with members reporting scoring problems to our tournament directors well after completion of the tournament. It is every golfer's responsibility to make sure the score entered on their scorecard is correct and that the tournament directors record the correct score on the tournament board. Under USGA rules, once the chair of the tournament leaves the course, scores are final. While our tournament directors usually want to get things right and have made adjustments to scores after the day of the tournament in an effort to do that, they do not have to. The bottom line is make sure all is correct before you leave the course.

As I said last quarter, participation in midweek tournaments seems to be at an all-time high, while participation in the weekend tournaments has dipped some. If you are one of the folks who plays in weekdays, but not weekends, I would appreciate some feedback as to why. My e-mail is yduhwake@yahoo.com. Is it the white tees? The price? Too hard to get out on the weekends for people with kids? We are always willing to try some new things to get participation a little higher on the weekends.

On the Board, we have two-to-four members leaving this year. If you are interested in being a Board member, please let me know. I will fill you in on the details and see if there is a good fit.

As always, 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. If you would like to be a sponsor, please contact Parliamentarian Rob Viebrock. Hope to see you at the upcoming events, including the quarterly meeting and annual putting contest in late July. Play well my friends.

Khalil Cox
President
Ancil Hoffman Golf Club

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2016 AHGC TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES

2016 MIDWEEK SCHEDULE (Formats Subject to Change)

July 21	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

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 three Midweek Tournaments in May and June 2016 had outstanding turnouts, with 132 players in the May 5 Two Person Scramble, 117 players in the May 26 Individual Stroke, and 130 players in the June 23 Individual Stroke. We continue the streak of all participants playing in less than 5 hours, which 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 14 separate flight winners, no repeats. The May 5 tournament flight winners were the teams of Ray Cheung/Brett Dodge, Neil Fairhurst/Joe Rodriguez, and Mike Ong/Rob Dixon. Highlighting the May 26 tournament was Steve Broderick winning the Wayne Parsell Senior Net Championship with a net 68 score (won in a card off over Bob Synhorst). The May 26 tournament flight winners were Bob Synhorst, Don Howell, Jeff Bradford, and Robert Reid. The June 23 tournament flight winners were Patrick Bakerjian, Gunther Dorfling, Richard Lange, and Robert Slockbower.

The June 23 tournament was also the NCGA Net Individual Stroke qualifier, with Gunther Dorfling, Richard Lange, Sean O'Dowd, Jeff Bradford, Eric Jarvis and Rich Fleischer advancing to regional qualifying in September. Ray Cheung is the alternate.

There were a few changes implemented for the Midweek Tournaments, including increasing the tournament fee to \$20, and creating a hole in one jackpot of \$1,500 when the hole in one fund exceeds that amount.

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. In addition, please note that there is a 48 hour cancellation policy that is in effect for all Midweek Tournaments

Doug Olson

Tournament Director

Weekend Tournament News

Matt Gilchrist

Weekend Tournament Chair

Ancil members,

Ancil Hoffman Weekend Tournaments continue to be well attended and we recently finished up a successful Derby and President's Cup! Congratulations Gary Ong on winning the two day President's Cup!

The next three months we will have the following events:

1. Club Championship Scratch Qualifying + Individual Stroke (all members) - July 9, 2016
2. Individual Stroke - August 13, 2016
3. Club Championship Gross and Net Match Play - August 27/28, 2016 and September 10/11, 2016

Looking forward to a fun and exciting finish to the second half of the season!

Hit 'em straight!

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From The Club Vice President

Pat Harold

NCGA 4-Ball Results

Jonathan Marrs and I just got back from the NCGA 4-Ball Net Championship in Monterey.

We did Ancil Hoffman proud, we finished 6th overall out of 54 teams. The first day was at Poppy Hills and it was difficult we shot a net 69 (par 71). The second day we shot a net 61 (par 72) at Del Monte. We had the second best score at Del Monte.

Overall winner was 123 with second at 126, two teams tied for third with 127. We finished best of all the Sacramento area teams.

Pat Harold
Vice President

From the Programs

Brett Dodge

Hi Everyone,

Just around the corner we have our most popular quarterly meeting of the year. On Wed, July 27th

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 its typically warm this time of July, we'll have plenty of refreshments at the ready for your enjoyment. Festivities kick off at 3:30 when the putting green opens for play. The 1st hole on the green will close around 5:45.

As a reminder, you get two passes around the course for \$5, or unlimited passes for \$10. It typically takes an even par round of 18 to make the qualifying playoff. Greg Bliet 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 into head to head match play until we have a winner. We'll be monitoring scores this year so if you have a qualifying score, you'll need to let others try to qualify.

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From The Handicapper

Rob Dixon

Why Your Handicap is Like Your Mother

Golf is a family game. The rules are like your dad. Boundaries, directions, punishment. But your handicap is like your mom. Why? Because your handicap wants you to do your best and live up to your potential.

Today we look at the intent and design of the handicap system. In the USGA Handicap Manual we read: "The purpose of the USGA Handicap System is to make the game of golf more enjoyable by enabling players of differing abilities to compete on an equitable basis." The system uses a player's best scores to reflect the player's potential ability. Not their average or typical score but their best potential score.

Folks seem to think they should be able to shoot their handicap most of the time and occasionally do better. The bar is actually a bit higher. According to the USGA, "A player who has a net score that is equal to the USGA Course Rating for the tees played 'has played to that player's handicap.' In general, this will occur about once every four or five rounds."

The math for our white tees and a 15 handicap go like this: $68.8 \text{ (rating)} + 15 \text{ (handicap)} = 84$. And usually this happens only once every four or five rounds. The USGA says that your average score is three strokes over your handicap.

We have all heard the fellow player comment on the good score of another player with "The odds of that happening are like winning the lottery!" Well, not really. There is an established table of odds for playing better than your handicap. Most of us have a career round in our past that really beat our handicap but we can't do that more than once in a great while. For a 15 handicap to shoot 5 under is easier than 1 in 100. Now, if that happens more than once in a brief period those odds go way up.

Ever feel like you are not the favorite child? Well mother handicap does play favorites. While each is held to their potential as we discussed, she does favor the lower handicap player.

"Bonus for Excellence" is the term used to describe the small percentage below perfect equity that is used to calculate a Handicap Index (96 percent). This means the lower handicap player has a slightly better chance of placing high or winning a handicap event. In addition, better players are more consistent than high handicappers and have a greater chance of matching their best rounds.

Leighton Calkins developed the first USGA Handicap System in 1905. He was a member of the USGA Executive Committee and a pioneer of handicapping golf. Calkins wrote about the slight bias of the system: "The reason is this: The object of handicapping is to put all players on the same level, and if an allowance of a certain number of strokes is to be made to the less skillful player because he cannot play as well, some allowance ought to be made to the more skillful player because he cannot improve as much."

And if all else fails "The Handicap Committee is authorized to modify or withdraw a Handicap Index of a player who does not return all acceptable scores, or does not otherwise observe the spirit of the USGA Handicap System." (from the manual)

And that is why your handicap is like your mother.

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!

Rob Dixon

Handicap Director

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Greg Hovious

Course Affairs

Zone Championship Results

Ancil 4 Ball Team Advances to NCGA Zone Championship!!

The AHGC Four Ball Team of Mark Brown, Scott Davis, Lane Leach and Greg Hovious won a wild four-team playoff between Haggin Oaks GC, Valley Hi, Ancil Hoffman GC and Mather GC—for one spot in the NCGA Zone Championship. Each of the teams finished with a two-day total of 258. After three playoff holes, Ancil Hoffman GC emerged the victor!! It was a total team effort in the Playoff with each player contributing birdies in the clutch.

The NCGA Zone Championship is slated for August 29-30 at Poppy Hills and Spyglass Hill.

The NCGA Medal's are believed to be the first won by AHGC players. If you know of others, please send a note to the Editor!

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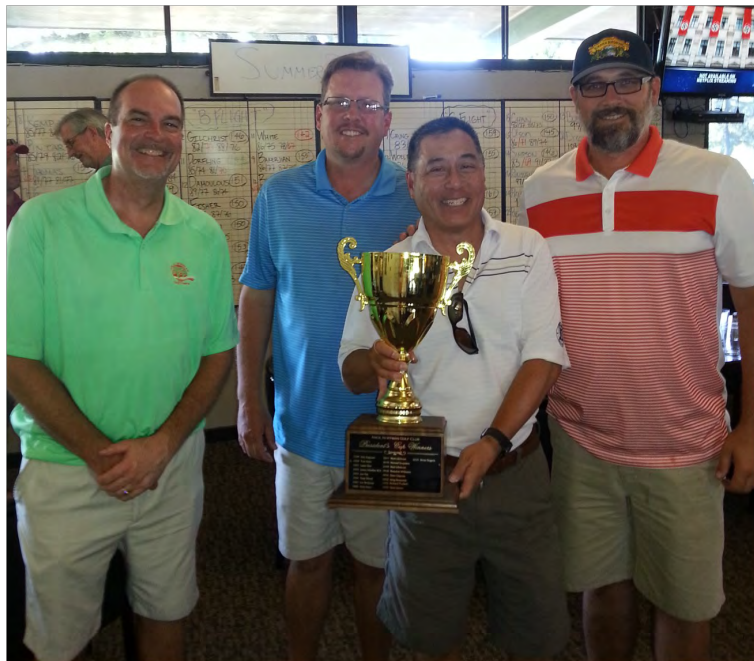


Scoring Table at the President's Cup

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"Hey Chris - the Keg is Tapped"



Gary Ong - President's Cup Champion