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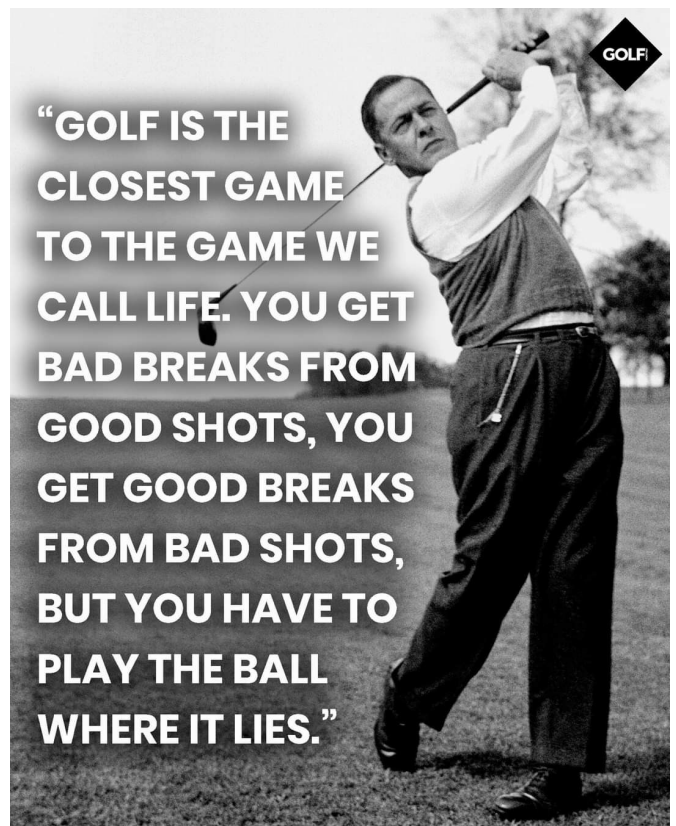
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## From the President—Richard Fleischer

Greetings Ancil Hoffman Golf Club!!!!

FYI, I have sent an email to Mother Nature requesting to lay-off the Wind and Rain. Unfortunately, I got an “Out of Office” response. Go figure...

We had our first Quarterly Meeting in January with approximately 100 attendees. Thank you Larry Lucero, Gerry Steyn, Patrick Harrold, and Kevin McCarl for being good sports for our first Kangaroo Court. I truly felt bad for fining Kevin over something that happened four years ago, so I have decided to make him fine exempt for 60 days. Good, now I don't feel so bad...

We are entering our busy Tournament Season with NCGA Qualifier Tournament(s), Wednesday (Humpday) Tournament(s), Putting Championship, and Club Championship Qualifier the next three (3) months. Our first qualifier is February 24<sup>th</sup>, and the results will probably be posted after you read this letter. Great Job to (insert name here to whoever won) and good luck in the next stage!!!

We are currently around 577 Members as of this writing and on pace for 620 Members. Membership is our main source of Revenue for Club Operations that allows us to do Quarterly Dinners/Meetings, fund certain Tournaments, pay for Club Operations and Overhead. Tell your friends to join. It's the best \$100 they will ever spend.

We will have two (2) new Golf Events planned for 2024 and are almost ready to finalize and place on the calendar:

1. **Corn-hole Tournament:** the plan on this is to have 16 two-man Teams (32 players) and have a single elimination Corn-hole Tournament on the patio right after the finish of the May Club Championship Tournament. Start practicing and stay tuned for more information.
2. **Away Tournament:** We will be having an Away Tournament this year at Teal Bend Golf Course on September 24<sup>th</sup> with tee times starting at 7 am. This date is strategic as we believe Ancil will punch about 2 weeks prior. Golf, Cart, and Range balls will be included.

There will probably be one or two more “Special Events” added to the calendar this year, but they have not been finalized yet. Stay tuned...

Reminder to all Ancil Hoffman Members who play in AHGC Tournaments: You must-hole out every putt to complete the hole. Remember, no putt has a probability of 100%. I have missed hundreds of putts within 12 inches (gimmies). We all must play by the same rules, and it is the responsibility of all players to enforce these rules. There are no gimmies in our Tournaments.

If you have a question or comments regarding the Ancil Hoffman Golf Club, please feel to email me at [President@ancilhoffman.com](mailto:President@ancilhoffman.com).

Hit them straight, far, and not too often,

Richard Fleischer

President

Ancil Hoffman Golf Club

## **From the WTD—Patrick Harrold**

Weekend Tournament Director  
Patrick Harrold

Welcome to a new year in 2024, I am the new Weekend Tournament Director, and we have a few changes in store. Mainly, I am scheduling out the tournaments so that high profile events finish in August or September to avoid having to play them after the course aeration.

First, the Club Championship will be just like it has been except you will now have 3 weeks to complete your match, by doing so we can then have the finals for all flight in mid to late August. Just as in previous years there will be a little wiggle room to accommodate vacations. In May we will have the scratch level qualifier for the club championship, immediately after that tournament I will produce the pairings for all flights and publish to the website with clear indications on all the deadlines to finish matches.

Second, the season long Ancil Points competition will be shortened this year to have the final playoffs in the first week of September (just before the aeration of the course). Then the new season will start in October and wrap around to the following September, just like they do in the PGA for the FedEx competition. There will also be two midweek playoffs, combo tees (August 8<sup>th</sup> and September 5<sup>th</sup>). There will be two weekend playoffs, blue tees (August 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday and September 7<sup>th</sup>). In September both playoffs will be separated by two days, in a way creating a Super Week for the finishing of the Ancil Points 2024 season. Then in October we will start the wrap around season 2025.

I am excited to see how these changes pan out and I do believe it will prove to be a benefit for all players.

### 2024 Weekend Schedule

1/27	Saturday	Individual Stroke
2/24	Saturday	NCGA 4-Ball Qualifier Regional (2-ball)
3/16&17	Sat & Sun	NCGA 4-Ball Zone Qualifier (Two 2-ball teams)
4/20	Saturday	Individual Stroke
5/18	Saturday	Individual Stroke (Club Champ. Scratch Qualifier)
6/8&9	Sat & Sun	Presidents Cup (Individual Stroke across two days)
7/20	Saturday	Individual Stroke
8/18	Sunday	Individual Stroke Shotgun & Horse Race After
9/7	Saturday	Individual Stroke (Ancil Points Final)
10/26	Saturday	Director's Choice
11/16	Saturday	Director's Choice
12/14	Saturday	Director's Choice

Director's Choice will be something like Cha Cha Cha, Stableford, 2-Ball, etc.

I look forward to see everyone out there and enjoying the competition

## From Course Affairs—Brett Dodge

Hi All,

As I transition to the Course Affairs position, I wanted to take a quick moment to acknowledge all the help I've received over the past two years. I never thought when I took over for Pat H in 2022 that we'd have to survive a pandemic and potential closure (albeit temporary), or we'd churn thru 3 superintendents, or any of the various other curveballs and challenges that naturally occur at the course. None of this gets done without the help of the Board of Directors. I especially want to acknowledge Rich Fleischer who will do a great job succeeding me as President, and Bob H. who has worked on several projects as Treasurer. Additionally, our Tournament Directors do a largely thankless job for the hours they put in and for the value they provide the membership. Matt G. and Doug O. deserve our thanks.

I think these last two years were generally a productive time at Ancil as we had successes moving towards cashless tournament entries; we expanded our tournaments in number and variety; we created a Ring of Honor for notable Ancil members (thanks Doug); we were able to enjoy our Ancil Teams play, as well as the *many* individuals that represented our course in NCGA competitions. Unfortunately with the good we also had some bad. The Course was in the worst condition I can recall last year, but has rebounded spectacularly with Kurtis' guidance. These past two years we also lost some great playing partners: Chuck, Scottie Bie, Bryan W, and most recently Kevin C. are all greatly missed. I'm sure they are making a spectacular foursome up above!

Finally, per our Board rules, I've moved over to Course Affairs where Jay McQuoid did a great job over the past several years. As the Club's official representative, I'm tasked with providing input to Course Co and Sacramento County about the course from our perspective and also with relaying relevant information to our Members. Asa and Kurtis are very open to constructive input since they want the course looking and playing as nice as we do. I'm looking forward to the new challenge and want to say thanks for your input (good and bad), and for the new friends I made along the way. Keep it in the short grass.

Brett D.  
IPP and Course Affairs Rep.



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## **A Letter from Kurtis Welford**

### **Back to Basics.**

Since I started at Ancil this has been my theme. This is one of our priorities this year. It's been a lot of hard work getting the course back to where it is today. Getting back to following Best Management Practices (BMP's) is our highest priority. It takes a lot of time to teach and show employees and golfers how important they are. The best way to stress the importance of BMP's is through results. You will see the course become aesthetic, more playable though better conditions and easier for us to maintain.

Many of the things that you will see us do are all standard golf course maintenance operations. We will be focusing on a few things like mowing frequencies, adjusting our heights of cut (HOC). These two things are highly critical for good playable turf.

We will be starting a verticut and sand topdressing program in March. We will be doing it every 2-3 weeks. It must be done to have good greens. We want firm faster greens.

### **Trees**

Like what I discussed during the last quarterly meeting, our tree plan has multiple phases. The 1<sup>st</sup> phase and most important is trimming and thinning the canopy. For the health of the golf course and the tree canopy the trees must be limbed up and canopies thinned out. Doing this will benefit the trees by having less catastrophic failures. Just like doing preventative maintenance. For our irrigation to work properly all low hanging branches must be pruned up. This also helps with playability and just driving around the course. The 2<sup>nd</sup> phase is removing dangerous trees. These trees to be removed all have major structural damage. We identify these trees as we are going around and trimming and inspecting the trees. When we identify a specific tree, we always consult with multiple arborists and the County of Sacramento.

### **Bunkers**

We are progressing with filling the bunkers with sand. The speck is 4-6 inches. Many of the existing bunkers had zero sand left in them. It is a brutal, backbreaking task. So far, we have used 275 tons of sand. As we install the new sand it will be fluffy until the sand packs in. That takes time. But now the bunkers will be more consistent and perform like a sand bunker.

The only way we are going to get Ancil back to where it needs to be is through hard work and following BMP's. If you have questions, please send me an email or ask me out on the course. I'm always available.



This was posted on Sunday,  
February 18th, 2024.

All,

I have some sad news to report. Long-time Club member and everyone's friend, Kevin Cassidy passed away on Friday, February 16. I don't know the details other than he was playing Cameron Park Country Club and collapsed on the course.

Kevin really helped the club grow and succeed in his role as CourseCo Tournament Director for the Ancil Hoffman Golf Club. He was a huge sports fan, especially for the Philly Teams (Phillies, Warriors, then 76ers) and was a great Athlete himself as he played NCAA Basketball at the University of Georgia. He also had a love of music and told me numerous times, with pride, of his attending Bruce Springsteen concerts often hitchhiking hours away to various locations in New Jersey to see "The Boss".

For those playing next Saturday in the Ancil Tournament, we will have Ribbons you can pin to your hat as a Memorial to "The Professor". He is survived by his partner Diane. Please include her in your prayers.

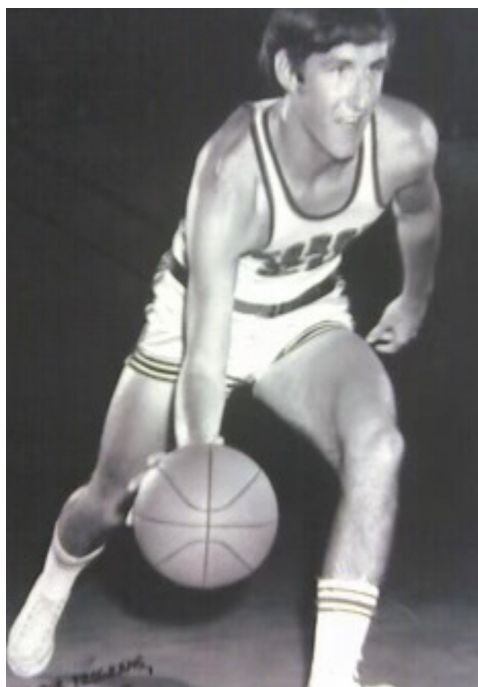
Godspeed Kevin,  
and God Bless,  
Rich Fleischer

The following pages contain the interview of Kevin Cassidy that was written by Rich Fleischer in May of 2021.



At his retirement in 2021

# Kevin Cassidy Interview



## #20 in your Programs. #1 in your Hearts—Kevin Cassidy

Kevin Cassidy is counting down the days until retirement. By the time you read this its probably 10 days away so I thought I would catch him for the special Flagstick Interview. As with my numerous conversations with Kevin you learn a great deal and this interview is no exception. Enjoy!

**Rich:** Where were you born?

**Kevin:** The City of Brotherly Love, Rising Sun Ave, St. Williams Parish

**Rich:** Siblings? How many? Where do you fit in?

**Kevin:** 4 brothers, 1 sister, I am the eldest.

**Rich:** What sports did you play growing up?

**Kevin:** soccer, baseball, volleyball, basketball

**Rich:** Was basketball your favorite sport?

**Kevin:** Once I realized I was pretty good, somewhere around 12-13 years of age.

**Rich:** What position did you play?

**Kevin:** Point guard, the brothers loved me cause I could dish the rock where it suited them best.

**Rich:** Were you a Warrior fan while they were in Philly?

**Kevin:** Yes indeed. The Warriors were in Philly until 1962 when I was nine, Tom Gola was my great hero when I was very young because he was an All-American at LaSalle College, which is where my Father attended school.

**Rich:** You went to Georgia, right? Did you have an opportunity to stay local? Would you have preferred another college?

**Kevin:** I did have opportunities to play local, but no full scholarship offers. I really wanted to go to LaSalle or Villanova in the City but the economics were not going to work. I got invited to a Pennsylvania High School All-Star showcase well after my Senior season had completed, a UGA recruiter saw me there and fortunately, I played very well. As the oldest of six kids, I understood immediately the financial impact of taking the full scholarship. It was a relatively easy decision given our family circumstances.

**Rich:** Who was the best player you ever played against?

**Kevin:** The best guys I played against were usually in summer leagues and camps. Bob Lanier (St. Bonaventure days), Dave Bing (Piston's days), Guy Rodgers, Campy Russell (Michigan), Billy Melchionni, Andre McCarter (UCLA), Bill Bradley (as a Knick), Earl Monroe (as a Bullet, he was Black Jesus back then before he became "The Pearl"). Summer camp night games under the lights were legendary. As were many nights in the Sonny Hill Philly Summer Pro League. Best player I played against in college was in a pre-season game versus David Thompson of North Carolina State.

**Rich:** Any good stories to share?

**Kevin:** Hanging out with college & NBA players at night after camp or summer league games was the absolute best. I didn't have contact lenses so I was playing with my glasses on all the time. At one of my yearly Dave Bing/Howie Landa Summer Camp trips, Campy Russell nicknamed me "Professor Skinny" because of my total lack of girth & the aforementioned glasses. Just being accepted by my heroes and invited into the circle was worth every minute. Made me practice & work harder because I wanted to get chosen to play in those games.

**Rich:** When did you know the NBA was not in the cards?

**Kevin:** When David Thompson scored 44 points over my head. I was reading his shoe size on the bottom of his sneakers as he went by. You couldn't dunk in those days because it was outlawed by the NCAA, Thompson would out-quick you then just float up near the rim (44" vertical leap) & lightly deposit the ball into the basket. Had a couple of pro try-outs in the old ABA, just didn't work out though.

**Rich:** When did you get interested in golf?

**Kevin:** I caddied for \$\$ a local Club in the summers in high school (when I wasn't hoopin'). Got me the train money I needed to travel to b-ball games at night. I did not play much golf in those days, I was really only there to make \$\$\$. My father loved the game though, he was responsible for my indoctrination to the game I would come to love.

**Rich:** How did you get in with Tower ?

**Kevin:** After college I went to work in Athens, GA for one of the alumni who had a small chain of record stores called Underground Records, all in college towns in the South. I always loved that experience. After moving to California I needed to make money so I went to work for a family chain of bar & grills in the East Bay, making good money but never really happy. I had a few friends that worked for Tower Records, they introduced me to the culture & after some thought I decided to take a 35% pay cut and go to work at their Concord store, I knew I would be happier. And I wouldn't have to work until 3 AM, and everything that went along with it. That decision turned into a miraculous 20-year run for me.

**Rich:** Did you play music growing up?

**Kevin:** Piano. I was taught by nuns though, so the song selection was limited, as a strategy. I can still play a mean "Ave Maria".



**Rich:** What was it like working for Russell Solomon?

**Kevin:** The ultimate privilege, the man was a genius in so many regards. Everything I know about fine art I learned from Russ, his eye for art & his ability to communicate about it was captivating. We shared a love of jazz & he was constantly providing historical & musical touchpoints for me. I was profoundly fortunate to have had that opportunity & to call him & his wife Patty friends. Late night, post-dinner hangs at Russ' home were akin to hanging out after games with my basketball heroes. That feeling was truly priceless.

**Rich:** Did you have any opportunities to see concerts?

**Kevin:** Just hundreds, it was a wonderful perk of the business.

**Rich:** What were your favorites? Did any in particular stand-out?

**Kevin:** So, so many...

\*Prince in Oakland on the LoveSexy Tour.

\*Steel Mill (Springsteen's early band) at the old Upstage in Asbury Park, NJ (April 1971). This was the 1st time I saw Bruce Springsteen perform live. Mesmerizing. I became a lifelong fan beginning that night.

\*Miles Davis- Masonic Hall SF 1988.

\*Rolling Stones Steel Wheels Tour- backstage both pre & post-show, SF & LA.

\*Talking Heads at the Hammersmith in NYC, late 80's.

\*Neville Brothers at Tipitina's in New Orleans circa '94-'95

\*SXSW Festival in Austin, TX- John Hiatt, The Mavericks, T-Bone Burnett

\*Monterey Jazz- Sonny Rollins, Chick Corea, McCoy Tyner, Bobby Hutcherson/ Wayne Shorter/Herbie Hancock

\*And, of course, Summer Jam at Watkins Glen July 1973 (Grateful Dead, Allman Brothers & The Band).

I was very, very fortunate. And I remain forever grateful to a long list of lovely people who provided the opportunities.

**Rich:** What are your plans for retirement?

**Kevin:** Spend more time with Diane, likely a little travel, focus better on my own golf game.

**Lightning Round.** First thing that comes to mind:

**Rich:** Eagles or Phillies?

**Kevin:** Phillies. Connie Mack Stadium was in our neighborhood when I was young.

**Rich:** Chamberlain or Russell?

**Kevin:** C'mon. Wilt, of course.

**Rich:** Richie Allen or Mike Schmidt?

**Kevin:** I loved me some Richie Allen. He was must-see TV before that saying even existed.

**Rich:** Favorite hole at Ancil Hoffman?

**Kevin:** #12

**Rich:** Captain America or Batman?

**Kevin:** Catwoman

**Rich:** If you were on a desert Island and could only bring one record/CD what would it be?

**Kevin:** John Coltrane- A Love Supreme Or Bruce Springsteen the E St. Band- The Wild, the Innocent & the E St. Shuffle. I'd have to flip a coin.

**Rich:** Joan Jett or Patti Labelle?

**Kevin:** Philadelphia's own Pattie LaBelle

**Rich:** Favorite wedge?

**Kevin:** Love my Callaway Jaws 60 degree.

**Rich:** Match Play or Stroke play?

**Kevin:** Match play

**Rich:** Dream foursome?

**Kevin:** Golf World: My Dad, Calvin Peete, Lee Trevino Music World: Bobby Hutcherson, Branford Marsalis, Robby Krieger

**Rich:** As you retire into the sunset what will be your fondest memories of Ancil Hoffman?

**Kevin:** Fondest memories of Ancil include walking the course both days on weekends as part of the Dew sweepers' with Scott Bie & Jimmy Curran. Great fun, great company.

I am also pleased beyond speech at how our Twilight Leagues and Junior Golf Academy have grown so much over the years.

Our Ladies Twilight League this year has 80 members. Very gratifying.

I knew his name and I have seen him around the course, but it wasn't until recently that I had the privilege to actually meet Kevin. He complimented me on my first article and it was a delight to chat with him. After talking with Kevin for 7 minutes, it felt like I had known him for 7 years. I have talked with people around the club and everyone has expressed how much they admired him and how much that he will be missed. I am sure that he feels exactly the same way about every one of us all.

# Kevin Cassidy Obituary

Kevin Thomas Cassidy

May 17, 1953 - February 16, 2024

Carmichael, California - It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Kevin Cassidy on Friday, February 16, 2024. He was 70 years old at the time of his death.



Kevin was born May 17, 1953, in Levittown, Pennsylvania. He was the oldest of six children born to his parents, Tom and Tess Cassidy. He grew up and attended school in the Philadelphia area. After graduating from Pennsbury H.S. in 1971, Kevin attended the University of Georgia on a 4-year basketball scholarship. An injury in 1972 ended his basketball hopes, but he continued his studies in Journalism before leaving in 1975.

Kevin was lucky to find careers in the two fields he loved most: Music and Golf. His love of music led him to a 20-year career with Tower Records. Starting in 1986 as a store clerk at the Walnut Creek Tower store, he was promoted through the ranks to Executive VP of Operations, Marketing and Digital Sales in 2002. He left Tower Records in 2006 shortly before its liquidation.

The moment Kevin began working at Ancil Hoffman Golf Course, he knew he was home. He loved that his place of employment was a golf course. He loved working with everyone there, from golf course staff members to tournament folks he came to know, to golf buddies he played with on the course. They were

all friends. Over the course of 17 years, he was instrumental in increasing social media presence for the golf course. He significantly increased outside tournament business and brought Friday Night Patio Music events to the course. He built his Ladies Twilight League from 8 players in 2010 to over 70 by 2021. He also helped create and market the AH Junior Golf Academy. Kevin left his position as Marketing, Tournaments and Events Director in 2021 when he retired.

Kevin had a larger-than-life presence. He came from a large loving family, but his friendships, many who he considered family also, were the focus of his life. His family, friends, and 'golf buddies,' were his first and only priority. He was always available for a text, a call, or a chat about music, golf, life in general. He inspired those around him and made them better.

Kevin was predeceased by his parents Tom and Tess Cassidy, his brother Dennis, and his sister Pat. He is survived by his partner Diane. He is also survived by his brother Michael and sister-in-law Nicole, his brother Tom, his brother Jeffrey, his brother-in-law Bo Meyersieck, and six nephews.

If you would like to honor Kevin, take someone close for coffee, lunch, or dinner. Play 18 at your favorite course. Raise a glass and smile. Remember the good times. Don't cry because he's gone, smile because you had the opportunity to be part of his life.

A memorial service will be held on March 23rd at 1:00 p.m. at the Event Center at Milagro. Address is 5038 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael.

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# **Pace of Play**

Anyone that has played at Ancil knows that the Pace of Play can be very fast, if there is no one ahead of you. Most of the time though, it can take a while to get around the course, especially during the later tee times of a tournament. There are things that we all can do to help reduce the minutes it takes to play per hole, which would shorten the time to play a round. Improving Pace of Play has been, and will continue to be, a topic of discussion. If we all do our part, we can all enjoy a round at Ancil while finishing in a decent length of time.

Here are some “best practices” to promote Pace of Play:

- 1- Play ready golf and keep up with the group in front of you. Mark your ball and lift and clean your ball when you arrive at the putting green so you will be ready to replace it when it is your turn to play. Read your putts before it is your turn so you will be ready when it is your turn to putt. Start this process as you approach the green. Putt out short ones, when possible. You do not have to wait until it is your turn to figure out your yardage from the fairway to the green.
- 2- If walking, park and/or place your equipment on the side of the green where you will exit to go to the next tee. If riding, place your equipment between the hole and your cart.
- 3- If your group falls behind, when the first or even first two in the group to putt out, go to the next tee box and hit. Continue this process until you have caught up.
- 4- Write down scores, clean clubs, etc., on the next hole to clear the green immediately.

The following excerpts are taken from the USGA:

## **—Definition of "Out of Position"**

- a) Reaches a par-3 that is clear of play and all players in the match ahead have played from the teeing area of the next hole.
- b) Reaches a par-4 that becomes clear of play before any player plays a stroke from the teeing area.
- c) Reaches a par-5 after any player in the match ahead has made a stroke on the putting green.

—In addition, Rule 6.4 expressly allows playing out of turn in match play by agreement, and for stroke play, affirmatively allows and encourages players to play out of turn in a safe and responsible way to save time or for convenience (also known as “ready golf”).

## Pace of Play continued

—**New Rule:** Rule 5.6 encourages prompt pace of play by recommending that:

- Players should recognize that their pace of play affects others and they should play promptly throughout the round (such as by preparing in advance for each stroke and moving promptly between strokes and in going to the next tee),
- A player should make a stroke in no more than 40 seconds (and usually in less time) after the player is able to play without interference or distraction, and
- Committees should adopt a Pace of Play Policy (rather than only say they may do so).

—By giving players affirmative guidance, support and encouragement on prompt play, these Rule changes help in:

Setting expectations for both beginners and experienced players on what types of behavior are considered prompt play, including the maximum amount of time it should normally take to make a stroke, and

Encouraging players to play faster by confirming that it is proper to play out of turn in stroke play when it is safe and responsible to do so (that is, to play “ready golf”).

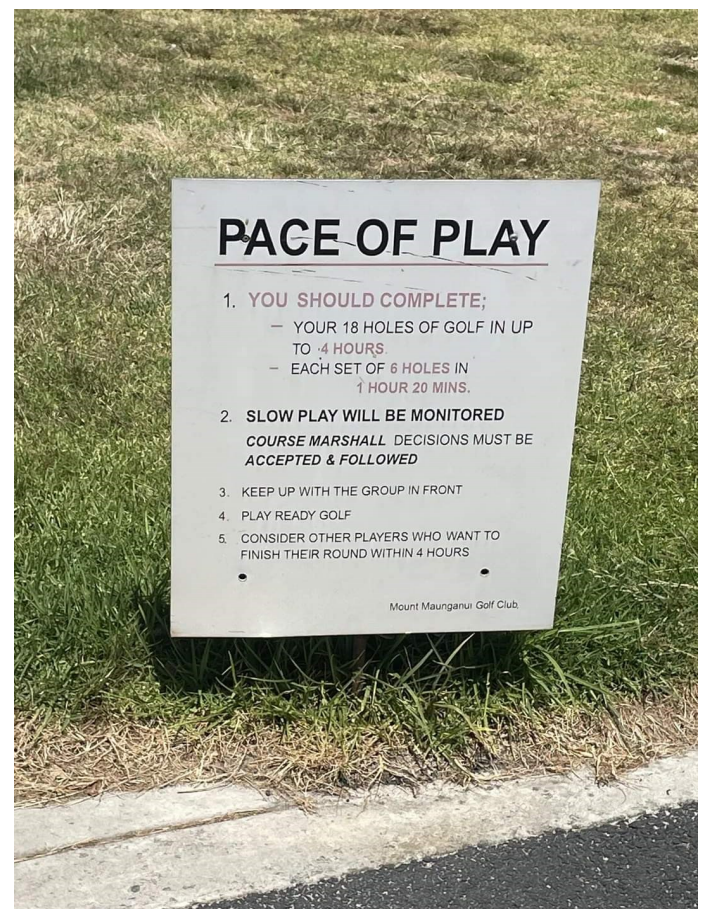
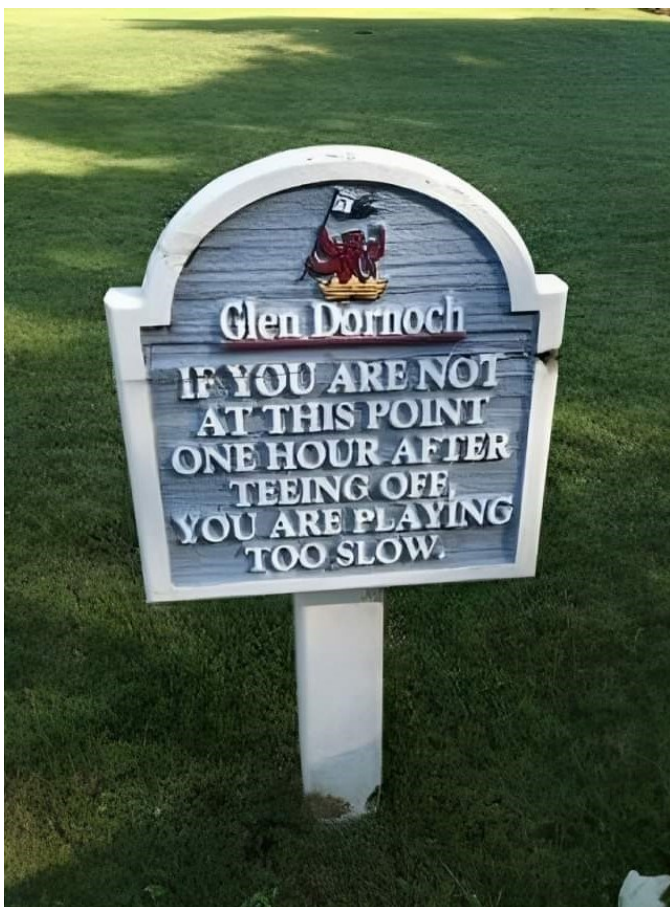
Enforcing pace of play continues to be primarily up to each Committee, as there are limits to what the Rules themselves can do to insist that players play promptly.

These changes enable Committees to point to specific expectations set by the Rules when using their authority to enforce prompt play and encourage every Committee to adopt a pace of play policy so that all players on the course, whatever the type or level of play, know what is expected of them.

It's tough to stand around and wait before every shot. With a little effort and awareness, we all can do our part to move the rounds along in a little less time. I hope that these tips, suggestions and excerpts will be put to good use out on the course.

## *Pace of Play Signs From Other Courses*

These are examples of Pace of Play signs from other courses. I would rather not see permanent signs like these at Ancil, except maybe one of them. Playing from the appropriate tee box is not always done by all of us.





# **JENNIFER FRIEDBERG INTERVIEW**

For this edition of The Flagstick, I am interviewing Jennifer (Jen) Friedberg. Jen has been working at The Main Event Bar & Grill for quite some time. We all know and love her! Jen always has a smile for us and makes us all feel special. Let's get to know a little bit about Jen!

Moose: Where were you born? I won't ask what year! Do you have any siblings? Where do you fit in?

Jen: I was born in a little dirt road town called Glenwood in Volusia County, Florida. I think the population was under 2000 people and we lived on the church property where my dad was the pastor. When I was two, we moved to Colorado Springs so I don't remember living there but would go back in the summers to visit my grandparents, so I do have fond memories of the tiny town.

I am the baby of 3 kids, my sister is seven years older than me, and my brother is five years older.

Moose: Did you have any pets growing up and do you have any now?

Jen: Growing up I had a number of dogs over the years and currently I have a well-dressed tuxedo cat named Prada.

Moose: Do you have any crazy stories from your youth? Favorite childhood memory?

Jen: As for a crazy story, when I was about 6 or 7 living in Colorado Springs, I was on a rock-climbing trip with my dad and siblings and other members of my dad's church. He is an accomplished climber and would often lead trips at the Garden of the Gods. As it often does in that area the weather took a drastic turn and we were suddenly in a lightning storm. My sister, brother and I all ran into a cave to take refuge when a bolt of lightning hit the side of the cave. We experienced something called ground shock where you aren't hit, but feel the indirect hit vibrate through your body. My dad looked around for us, saw our not-so-great hiding place and came running. A woman on the trip with us outside of the cave dropped to the ground and, seeing we appeared ok my dad ran to her...felt she had a pulse...and then quickly continued to us. (the woman gained consciousness soon after and was totally fine) We were fine but definitely shook up!

As for a favorite childhood memory I would have to say summer camp. I went for a week every year and year-round continued a pen pal friendship with my fellow campers. We had the best time together, but it was super special to me to write to all my friends, some of whom I wrote to for about ten years!

Moose: When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

Jen: When I was little, I wanted to be an actress!

Moose: Did you play any instruments growing up? Do you play any now?



Jen: Growing up I dabbled a little with both the piano and guitar. I no longer play either but could probably remember a few guitar tunes if I sat down with one. My specialty was folk music, ha-ha. Like "Blowing in the wind" or "Leaving on a jet plane"

Moose: What hobbies did you do while growing up? Do you still do any of them?

Jen: So, one of my hobbies was roller skating/roller blading. I still love it and own my own pair of custom skates! I also loved to write poetry and sing with my mom who is a fantastic musician. Today my biggest hobbies are going to the movies with my son... marvel movies are our favorite, but we will go watch just about anything. We love the movie theatre experience...the popcorn and snacks and even the previews! I'm just happy that at fifteen he's still willing and even happy to go with me. But reading is my number one hobby these days. In fact, I'm on my seventh book so far for 2024. Espionage and political thrillers are my favorite along with anything in the mystery genre. My favorite author is Vince Flynn. He wrote the Mitch Rapp series and for any of you who haven't read Mitch Rapp DO IT!

Moose: This pair of custom roller skates, please elaborate. How often do you go skating now? Do you dress up in a theme for the skating rink like you do at Ancil? Like for 50's or 70's day, or dress as your favorite superhero day/Disney character? Does your family go with you? What tricks can you perform while skating?

Jen: So I have two pairs of skates. One is a pair from a company called Foxy Skates which are regular skates in beautiful Tiffany blue. The custom skates I have are from a company called Medusa skates. Basically, you send in any pair of shoes, and they send them back with roller skates attached. I used the old school Adidas original superstars, also known by their nickname "shell toes" and made famous by the 80's hip hop band RUN DMC. They are white with green stripes and work great as skates, albeit with absolutely no ankle support. I used to skate 4 or 5 times a week, and when I was a kid, I basically lived in my skates. I was all over the neighborhood, at the rink, even inside my house. Then I didn't skate for a long long time. I just didn't have the time or had lost interest. A few years ago, I picked my hobby back up and have been skating a few times a month, weather permitting. I don't usually go to rinks anymore... they have terrible operating hours, and it can be hard to avoid all the little kids falling in front of you. Mostly I'm out in the neighborhood or at a place like Maidu Park in Roseville where they have a great path for walking, biking or of course skating! I don't dress up but love the idea of that, so I definitely think you just sparked a great idea there for me. As you know, I love a theme! My husband does occasionally rollerblades with me, he was a hockey player so he would prefer to be on the ice but typically it's just me. My son says "hard pass" ha-ha. I wouldn't say I can do any tricks... but I can certainly hold my own!

Moose: After high school, what did you do?

Jen: After high school I worked full time in various retail jobs and after a couple years I moved from the bay area to Sacramento with my then boyfriend for the cost of living.

Moose: What was your first job?

Jen: When I was fifteen, I started my first job at REI in the ski department. I worked there for about a year.

Moose: When did you move to Sacramento?

Jen: I moved to Sacramento from Sunnyvale in 2002.

Moose: How long have you worked at Ancil Hoffman?

Jen: This coming April I will have worked at Ancil Hoffman for TWENTY YEARS!!

Moose: Wow! Congratulations and Happy 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

What is your favorite part of your job? What is your fondest memory of Ancil?

Jen: My favorite part of the job has been building friendships with so many wonderful people and in a way becoming part of their family, and them mine. The people I've known the longest in my life are from Ancil and I hold so many of you near and dear to my heart. Some of you, I just know (and love!) you. Some of you have shared your families with me like the Locke family and the Little family and the Hoogendykes. The Lenzi family I have gotten to know and served over the years Four generations of their family.

George Sr. just recently passed and will always hold a special place in my heart. Just the other day his great granddaughter, Olivia, who is three, came to visit me. She loves to come behind the bar and help me out, putting in food orders and ringing people up and it is memories like these that are so fond to me. Perhaps my most fond memory though is my first summer working at Ancil on the beverage cart. On slower days, in the evening, right in that golden hour looking across the golf course and all its beauty to feel a rush of serenity come over me. I'm sure many of you know the feeling but to be able to have that feeling while you are at work is pretty darn cool.

Moose: How did you and your husband meet? Do you have any kids?

Jen: I met my husband in 2011 through a mutual friend. It was the best thing that ever happened to me! I have a fifteen-year-old son, Jameson, who is the coolest kid. Smart, handsome and super funny.

Moose: When did you take up baking? When did you start bringing them to the course?

Jen: I took up baking when I met my husband .... that's how I locked him down! I'm not sure when I started bringing treats to the golf course, but it's one of my favorite ways to show the Wiley group how much I appreciate them.

Moose: What is your favorite thing to bake? ...make?

Jen: My favorite thing to bake is banana bread and it is definitely a crowd favorite!

Moose: What is your favorite holiday? What makes it so special?

Jen: My favorite holiday by far is Christmas. I absolutely love decorating for Christmas and my entire home transforms into a winter wonderland. I love

the lights, the trees, the music, the goodies, and I love giving my son traditions he can pass on to his own family one day.

Moose: Where have you traveled? What is your Disneyland trip count? What makes it so special to you?

Jen: I have traveled to many different states, especially along the east coast where I had family. I go to Southern Cali many times a year and I have been to Mexico and Ireland. I've been to Maui (my favorite) I think about twelve times. Disneyland I only first visited about nine years ago but in that time have probably gone eleven or twelve times. I love it so much because it brings to life so many wonderful parts of my childhood and my son and I have the best time there together. What can I say, it's the "Happiest Place on Earth"!

Moose: Do you have any "That was Crazy" stories, from the course and/or your personal life?

Jen: Over the years I have seen some serious flooding on the course but one time, years ago I saw the worst. The beloved Kevin Cassidy and I were checking the place out and saw a couple kids on the 8th fairway literally skimboarding! That was one crazy storm.

Moose: If you could have dinner with anyone, alive or passed, who would it/they be?

Jen: If I could have dinner with anyone in the world it would be the late and great Janis Joplin.

Moose: What is your favorite type of music? Do you like going to concerts?

Jen: I LOVE music...all kinds of music but classic rock is my favorite. I don't always like going to concerts because of the crowds but I will make an exception for certain bands and singers. Most recently I have seen Jack Johnson and Ziggy Marley and my next concert on the list is Sublime with Rome.

Moose: If you could travel to any year in a time machine, what year would you choose and why?

Jen: This is not an easy question for me to answer. There are so many years I would choose and all of them are based around music. 1957 to see Sam Cooke and Aretha Franklin. 1970 to catch the last performances of Janis Joplin, The Doors and Jimi Hendrix - specifically his concert on Haleakala in Maui two months before his death. And of course, 1993 to catch the Live in New York Nirvana concert.

Moose: For what in life do you feel most grateful?

Jen: My husband and son. I would be no one without them.

Moose: What is the best piece of advice you've been given?

Jen: Well, this piece of advice is more of a saying to live by, and I use it all the time. I remind myself of it daily and try to pass this tidbit I've learned to everyone I can. "Say what you mean...but don't say it mean."

Moose: Say the first thing that comes to mind. What is your favorite color?

Jen: Green

Moose: Spring or Fall?

Jen: Fall

Moose: Early bird or night owl?

Jen: Early bird

Star Trek or Star Wars?

Jen: Star Wars

Moose: Favorite character from that series?

Jen: Grogu aka baby Yoda

Moose: DC or MCU?

Jen: MCU

Moose: Favorite character from that series?

Jen: Wanda Maximoff

Moose: Favorite movie?

Jen: I have no idea! There's too many to choose. How about my favorite trilogy? The hunger games

Moose: Favorite Actor?

Jen: Leonardo DiCaprio

Moose: Favorite Author?

Jen: Vince Flynn

Moose: Plane, train or automobile for traveling?

Jen: Automobile

Moose: If you could travel to anywhere in the world, with unlimited expenses, where would you go?

Jen: Maui! I've never felt more at peace or more at home in my life. You can smell the flowers in the air, the people are so relaxed and the Aloha life speaks to my soul!

Thank you, Jen! This was an enlightening interview. Like most of us, I remember when Jen started at Ancil. Jen has always been sweet, kind and generous (especially with her baked goods). Make sure to say "Hello" to Jen next time that you visit Ancil and Congratulate her for her outstanding 20 years!



# Hole In One

A Hole In One is a very special moment for any golfer. It is a very rare feat that is achieved by very few. Some have multiple, some have one, some have only seen one go in (me), some have only heard the stories, and some have only benefitted from the celebratory drink. No matter who you are, every time you go to tee up a ball on a par 3, there is a chance of making history.

I was working as the Tuesday afternoon Starter recently, when the Player Assistant informed me that someone had made a Hole In One on hole #5. It was a slow afternoon and there were not many golfers at the course. I waited until this gentleman finished his round and I was able to hear his story. His name is William (Jeff) Eoff. Jeff was playing from the white tee boxes.

This particular day, hole #5 was playing 147 yards with a red flag. Jeff hit a Titleist Pro V1 with his 5 hybrid. He pushed it right towards the sand trap. He thought that it was just another miss of the green and walked towards his pushcart. Suddenly, the couple that he was paired with started yelling that his ball had gone in the hole. It had bounced left off the berm on the greenside of the right bunker, took the slope of the green and rolled into the hole. When Jeff got to the green, he looked into the cup and there was his ball. A Hole In One!

Jeff had a smile on his face the entire time that I talked with him. His miraculous shot happened hours earlier, but he was still walking on air.

Congratulations Jeff on your memorable Hole In One!

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# 2024 THURSDAY TOURNAMENT RESULTS

## January 11th Results

Flights "A" Net	Player	Net Score
1	Teddy Manley	68
2	Burke Adrian	70
3	Doug Grandy	72
4	Lance Bishop	73
4	Mike Makiej	73
4	Mike Olcese	73
7	Tony Potter	74
7	Sam Lawson	74
"B" Net	Player	N. S.
1	Steve Grippi*	72*
2	Rob Hall	72
2	Jim White	72
2	Ray Mendez	72
5	Eric Byers	73
5	Ray Cheung	73
5	Lane Leach	73
5	Rob Locke	73
	*won cardoff	
"C" Net	Player	N. S.
1	Mike Stone	72
2	Paul Hegji	74
2	John Ronkowski	74
4	Doug Olson	75
4	Kent Craney	75
4	Khalil Cox	75
4	Jeff Eichman	75
"D" Net	Player	N. S.
1	Gerry Steyn	62
2	Ray McDowell	74
2	John Mendez	74
4	Ken Newman	75
5	Mo Hadano	76
5	Jim Kozlowski	76

Steve Grippi wins the cardoff!

Gerry Steyn shoots a Net 10 Under to start the year strong!

## February 8th Results

Flights "A" Net	Player	Net Score
1	Erik Smith	69
2	Nick Jones	71
2	Tony Potter	71
2	Lance Bishop	71
2	Mike Olcese	71
6	Tim Marbach	73
6	Mark Sicner	73
6	Mike Makiej	73
6	Mike Watari	73
6	David Tseng	73
"B" Net	Player	N. S.
1	Bruce Bui	63
2	Bill Richardson	67
3	Roger Jerez	70
4	Mark Brown	71
4	David Billingsley	71
4	Scott Keller	71
"C" Net	Player	N. S.
1	Ian Johnson	65
2	John Giusti	66
3	Nick Vigil	69
4	Peter Nguyen	70
5	Doug Olson	73
5	Mike Gerbec	73
"D" Net	Player	N. S.
1	Jeff Thurman	65
2	Lenin Del Castillo	70
3	Rian Manley	71
4	Jim Kozlowski	72
5	Dwan Wilson	74

Bruce Bui goes low with a Net 63!

"A" Flight pays out to 10 players!

# 2024 WEEKEND TOURNAMENT RESULTS

January 27th Results

Flight A	PLAYER	Gross
	Okasaki, Keith	69
Flight A	Player	Net
1	Robbins, Drew	70
T2	Bilyeu, Matthew	71
T2	Peters, Ty	71
T3	Watanabe, Taylor	72
T3	Engman, Eric	72
T3	Wallace, Dave	72
Flight B	Player	Net
1	Gilchrist, Matt	69
2	White, James	70
3	Cheung, Ray	71
T4	Frizzi, AJ	72
T4	Leach, Lane	72
T4	Shamp, Jay	72
T4	Lawson, Sam	72
T4	Thompson, Kevin	72
Flight C	Player	Net
1	Biondi, Steve	69
2	Hovious, Greg	72
T3	Marvelli, David	73
T3	Fox, Ian	73
T3	Henderson, John	73
T6	Schrudder, Greg	74
T6	Ogihara, Mark	74
Flight D	Player	Net
T1	Salmonsens, Carl *	68
T1	Woelfle, Joe	68
3	Steyn, Gerry	70
T4	Craney, Kent	73
T4	Piper, Bill	73
T6	Hull, Kevin	74
T6	Smith, EC	74
T6	Giusti, John	74
* Won Cardoff		

Me from the tee box:

"That's a tiny fairway!  
I'll never hit that!"



Next shot:

"I've got a pretty nice  
gap here!"



Keith Okasaki shoots a Gross 3 under par!

Carl Salmonsens wins the cardoff!

**Individual Stroke**  
**NCGA 4-Ball Qualifier**  
**February 24, 2024**

<b>Flight A - Net</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Score to Net</b>
1	Aldridge, Chris + Harrold, Patrick	63
2	Watari, Danny + Estacio, Alvin	64
3	Okasaki, Keith + Robbins, Drew	65
T4	Engman, Eric + Ronkowski, John	66
T4	Jones, Nick + Eubank, Justin	66
6	Smith, Erik + Olcese, Michael	67
T7	Gilchrist, Matt + Leach, Lane	68
T7	Driffill, Ryan + Mcfaul, Sean	68
T7	Makiej, Mike + Keller, Scott	68
T7	Viebrock, Rob + White, James	68
T7	Wohlford, Brian + Estrada, Alvaro	68
<b>Flight B - Net</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Score to Net</b>
1	Campanelli, Dominic + Jeffery, Larry	66
T2	Hall, Rob + Tchamba, Gaetano	67
T2	Anderson, Brandon + DeVault, Jarrett	67
T2	Jarvis, Eric + Scholer, Craig	67
T2	Linehan, Sean + Cole, Brett	67
T2	Nazry, Larry + Gonzalez, Ruben	67
T7	Grandy, Doug + Murphy, Terry	68
T7	Luong, Pierxe + Cun, Patty	68
T9	Fleischer, Richard + Schrudder, Greg	69
T9	Cruz Jr, Daniel + Del Castillo, Lenin	69
<b>Qualifiers</b>	<b>Players</b>	<b>Score to Net</b>
Low Overall	Aldridge, Chris + Patrick Harrold	63
Low A Flight	Ronkowski, John + Engman, Eric *	66
Low B Flight	Watari, Danny + Estacio, Alvin	64

\* Won the Card Off

Congratulations to all of the qualifiers! Good luck and  
play well while representing the Ancil Hoffman Golf Club!



# ANCIL HOFFMAN CONCERT SERIES

The 2024 concert season is underway. Friday nights are usually when they are scheduled. However, sometimes shows will be on different days of the week.

In the summer months, the bands perform out on the patio. It is a great place to listen to some live music. There's plenty of seating to enjoy the nice weather and take in the beautiful scenery all around. There's also usually a vender or two pouring something different to try.

Purchasing a ticket will get you a reserved seat on the patio. As we all know, enjoying a cold beverage and an appetizer out there is always a great time. It is made just that much more special with some live music. Often you will see blankets spread out on the grass next to the patio with everyone taking in the music.

During the colder days, the concerts are performed indoors. It's nice and warm, and it's a cool spot to catch a show.

Purchasing a ticket will get you a reserved seat. Larger groups can be accommodated, but it's still fun with just you and the significant other. The seats at the bar are first come first serve.

I have been to several concerts at this venue, indoors and outdoors. It is always a memorable way to spend a Friday evening.



Enjoying some great music on Jan. 5th.  
Which also happened to be ASA's Birthday!



Everyone is having a good time. Even Ian is smiling!



Fire pits are placed outside for a different experience.



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