

The Mulligan

Caltrans Capitol Golf Club

April 2025

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2025 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>	<u>Entry Deadline</u>
January 11, 2025	Barley Cavanaugh +	Tim Craggs	December 31, 2024
February 15, 2025	Empire Ranch+	Winton Emmett	February 4, 2025
March 8, 2025	Lincoln Hills+	Randy Ronning	February 25, 2025
April 5, 2025	Reserve at Spanos Park+	Peter Vacura	March 25, 2025
May 3, 2025	Apple Mountain 2PBB	Rich Williams	April 22, 2025
May 15, 2025	State Tournament ++ Monterey – Course TBD	Tim Craggs	April 22, 2025
May 16, 2025	State Tournament ++ Monterey – Course TBD	Tim Craggs	April 22 2025
June 7, 2025	Wildhawk ++	Ronnie Lesniak	May 27, 2025
June, 2025	CCGC 2-Person Best Ball Club Championship Begins	Emmett/Lesniak	TBD
July 12, 2025	Turkey Creek++	Tim Buchanan	July 1, 2025
August 9, 2025	Mather Team Mixed Format	Craggs/Herritt/Buchanan/Vacura	July 29, 2025
September 13, 2025	Teal Bend++	Rick Ortiz	September 2, 2025
September, 2025	Club Championship Begins	Randy Ronning	TBD
October 4, 2025	Alta Sierra++	TBD	September 23, 2025
October, 2025	CT Fall Classic – Peach Tree CC	Tim Craggs	TBD
October 25, 2025	River Oaks 2P Scramble	Dave Means	October 14, 2025
November 8, 2025	Haggin Oaks - McKenzie	TBD	October 28, 2025
December 6, 2025	Bing Maloney Bottle Tournament – 4-person team	Gillette/Caroll/Alexander/Hernandez	November 25, 2025

Schedule subject to change. + 2025 State Tournament Qualifier. ++ 2026 State Tournament Qualifier

***Want to Chair a tournament? Contact Rich Williams.
Chair credit has been increased to \$50!***

Message from the President

Hello all! I hope you haven't been wasting a lot of time watching NCAA Basketball March Madness. I mean, once UC Davis didn't make the bracket, why watch? Time could be better spent hitting the links! There is a lot of golf on the horizon, with our monthly tournaments, the State Tournament, and NCGA events, so get out there and play some golf!!

CCGC Tournament Update

We are still looking for volunteers to chair a couple of tournaments throughout the year. Chairs receive a \$50 Club Credit for their efforts. Contact Rich Williams if interested.

Lincoln Hills, The Hills Course, was the site of our monthly tournament on March 8th. This was the third of four 2025 qualifiers for the State Tourney (see below). We caught a break in the weather and the course was in pretty good shape. Despite the favorable conditions, low scores were hard to come by. Luke Hagfors had the only red number, his 69 taking the first flight easily. Lisa Ronning and Dave Means each had a net 73, with Lisa winning the tiebreaker for the second flight, and John Hoole won the tiebreaker with Steve Pedretti, his net 72 good enough to take the third flight. Good job all!!

The Reserve at Spanos Park is slated for April 5 and will serve as the final qualifying event for the 2025 State Tournament. The Reserve is a challenging track, and we haven't played there in a while, so don't miss the fun! Peter Vacura is running this one. Entries closed last week, but there might be a slot or two still open. Contact Peter to see if there is room if you want to play.

Apple Mountain is slated for May 3. It's a two-person best ball event, thank goodness, as I don't know anybody who has come away from that course unscathed! It would be a great tune-up to the State Tourney. Rich Williams is running this one. Look for the sign-up sheet to come out soon.

Caltrans 61st Invitational Golf Tournament (AKA State Tournament) is set for May 15 and 16, 2025 in Monterey. Details have been shared in a separate email, including the "fact sheet" with everything you will need to know regarding the tournament, the entry form, and the current qualifying standings. This info can also be found on our website. As of now we have a "YUUUUUP!" from about a dozen of you, with others still on the fence. Operations, Bridge, and Districts 5,6 and 7 have all indicated they are sending a full 10-person team plus. I'm still beating the bushes for other District participants. If you know of anybody that wants to participate, and they are a Caltrans Club member or a current or former Caltrans employee, and they have a current GHIN index, they are eligible. Send them my way, they will be welcomed with open arms! An indication if you are in or out would be appreciated!!

Sandbagger Standings

The first quarterly report on the 2025 Sandbagger Standings shows newcomers Nick Allison and Luke Hagfors topping the list along with John Hoole, with numerous others right on their heels. The Club's Sandbagger of the Year award is presented to the golfer with the most points generated during the year while participating in monthly Club tournaments and other tournaments such as the State, Fall Classic, and NCGA events. The more you play, and the better you perform relative to other participants, the more points you earn. There is still lots of golf left in the year!

NCGA Tournaments for 2025

The sign-ups for the 4-Ball Net have closed, but the Senior Net is open, and the Associate Club Championship and Associate Club Senior 4-Ball open this month, so don't get shut out.

<u>Tournament:</u>	<u>AC 4-Ball Net</u>	<u>Senior Net</u>	<u>AC Champion</u>	<u>AC Senior 4-Ball</u>	<u>Net Am</u>
Opens	Jan 13	Jan 13	Apr 14	Apr 14	Jul 14
Closes	Mar 17	Apr 29	Jul 1	Jul 28	Aug 20
Qualifying	Apr 8-15	May 21-26	Jul 24-29	Aug 20-26	Sep 11-16
Championship	May 5-6	Jun 23-24	Aug 14-15	Sep 8-9	Oct 6-7
Cost	\$350/team	\$185/player	\$655/team	\$350/team	\$185/pl
Course	Poppy Hills	Poppy Hills	Poppy/Spyglass	Poppy Hills	Poppy
Max Index	18.4/25.4*	No limit	18.4/25.4*	18.4/25.4*	54.0
Age	18+	55+	18+	55+	18+

*Any index may play, but it will be reduced to 18.4/25.4 for Men/Women as shown above.

A Club Official must sign up players for the Associate Club events. Individuals must sign up for the Senior Net and Net Am.

Any team or player who wants to participate must indicate their interest to Rich Williams or other Club Officer. If more than one team wants to play, a suitable method of selecting which team plays will be used.

Players/Teams must pay the entry fee in its entirety. If a player/team qualifies for the Championship rounds in Monterey, they will be partially reimbursed by the Club. The Club has a \$300 budget for the NCGA tournaments. It will be divided equally between qualifying players, with a maximum of \$75 per individual, per event.

Rule of the Month

During a recent Monday round, it was asked within our foursome whether you can replace a damaged ball (scraped by a cart path) during the play of a hole. The answer was, "You can do whatever you want, its Monday!". But the consensus was, under the rules of golf, that yes, you can. Curiosity got the best of me, and I looked it up later that day...

Rule 4.2c (2) When Another Ball May Be Substituted. The player may substitute another ball only if it can be clearly seen that the original ball is cut or cracked and this damage happened during the hole being played – **but** not if it is only scratched or scraped or its paint is only damaged or discolored.

Nothing in this Rule prohibits a player from substituting another ball under any other Rule, or changing balls between two holes.

Golf Trivia of the Month

Arnold Palmer and which other player share the honor of posting the highest final-round score to win the Masters?

Common Sense Rule of Thumb of the Month – Bonus Edition

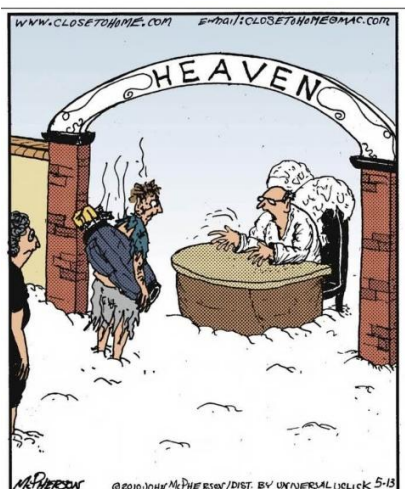
During a recent Monday round at Wildhawk, only one fearsome foursome of Craggs, Emmett, Mulvey and Vacura decided to play, as there was pending weather coming our way. The first 12 holes were played in awesome weather, but the clouds were becoming increasingly darker and thicker, and the wind was picking up. Halfway through the 13th hole, the clouds opened up and started dumping. We finished the 13th and teed off on the 14th, just knowing that this would be short-lived. As we were working our way to our drives on the 14th fairway, there was thunder and lightning in the distance. But then, there was a simultaneous crack and flash of lightning right above our heads. That was enough for this boy. I picked up my ball and yelled at Winton that I was out of there! I put my head down and started toward the clubhouse, pushing my cart and moving as fast as I could, just hoping not to meet my demise, as did the Bishop on Caddyshack. I had to dodge flooded cart paths, and maneuver around ponding in the rough and fairways. There were rivers running across the greens, a dumping of hail created a blanket of white everywhere, and there were constant lightning strikes in the immediate vicinity. I eventually made it back to the clubhouse, a little wet, but safe. I looked up and the rest of my foursome was nowhere to be seen. I thought that maybe they took another route, but no...

The rain did let up, as we figured it might. I texted the group, and I finally got a response about 20 minutes later...they were finishing their round! I would have left, but I knew that I had won about 6 skins, so I wanted to collect! They finally finished and came into the clubhouse. I learned that they had all huddled under a big, tall tree in Asa's cart, and let the weather pass. They had to contend with the rivers and hail and puddles left by the storm, but they finished!

So, what does the PGA say in the event of lightning strikes while you are out on the course?

Seek Shelter Immediately. If you are caught on the course and there is no shelter nearby, consider the following tips:

- Do not stand under tall trees or sit in a golf cart. Do not stand under a lone tree.
- You must get away from your cart and away from your golf clubs quickly.
- Stay away from water.
- If stranded in the open, go to a low place such as a ravine or valley, or the lowest spot you can find.



"We sent you THREE warning lightning bolts to get off the course, but you kept playing! We finally just got fed up and nailed you."

Golf Trivia of the Month Answer

Trevor Immelman shot a 75 in the final round in 2008 to match the score of Palmer in 1962.

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The next Board meeting will be held in April or May. As always, the best place to find info and anything else you want to know about the Club and our events can be found on our CCGC website at <https://www.ctcapitolgolfclub.com>.