

The Mulligan

Caltrans Capitol Golf Club

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2026 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>	<u>Entry Deadline</u>
January 10, 2026	Barley Cavanaugh +	Dave Means	December 30, 2025
February 7, 2026	Micke Grove+	Tim Craggs	January 27, 2026
March 7, 2026	Lincoln Hills - Orchard+	Randy Ronning	February 24, 2026
April 11, 2026	Ancil Hoffman+	Rick Ortiz	March 31, 2026
May 2, 2026 2PBB	Antelope Greens	Rich Williams	April 21, 2026
May 14, 2026	State Tournament ++ Sparks, NV – Redhawk Lakes	Tim Craggs	April 24, 2026
May 15, 2026	State Tournament ++ Sparks, NV – Redhawk Hills	Tim Craggs	April 24, 2026
June 6, 2026	Darkhorse ++	Randy Ronning	May 26, 2026
June 2026	CCGC 2-Person Best Ball Club Championship Begins	Ken McGuire/Larry Orcutt	June 10, 2026
July 11, 2026	Castle Oaks++	Dave Means	June30, 2026
August 8, 2026	Mather Team Mixed Format	Chris Roby	July 28, 2026
August 18, 2026	Club Championship Begins	Chris Roby	August 15, 2026
September 12, 2026	Timber Creek++	Dave Stafford	September 1, 2026
October 3, 2026	Rancho Solano++	Rick Ortiz	September 23, 2026
October 12, 2026	CT Fall Classic TBD	Tim Craggs	September 26, 2026
November 7, 2026	Haggin Oaks – Arcade Best 2 Balls of 4	Randy Ronning	October 27, 2026
December 5, 2026	Bing Maloney Bottle Tournament – 4-person team	Emmette/Lesniak/Hoole/Bacon	November 24, 2026

Schedule subject to change. + 2026 State Tournament Qualifier. ++ 2027 State Tournament Qualifier

Message from the President

Hello all! Peter Vacura and I are back from a week at The Beach. I have to say there are worst places to spend a few days than at Pebble Beach Golf Links and Spyglass Hill Golf Course. Watching the PGA Senior Pros and the First Tee Juniors light up the course...and sometimes get lit up in return, is such great fun. A great experience on so many levels. I'll be returning there to volunteer at the Taylormade Invitational in November, The AT&T in February, and the Men's US Open in June. I should get a second home there!

With Timber Creek in the books, the crowning of a new dynamic duo as 2-Person Best Ball Club Champions, the Club Championship finals match pending, and a new CCGC Tournament Director elected, we've had a busy month at the CCGC. There is plenty of golf excitement left to be had for the rest of the calendar year. So, let's go out and play some golf!

Paul Thatcher Memorial

In memory of Paul Thatcher, several CCGC members donated a total of \$825 to benefit one of Paul's favorite charities. The First Tee Program will be the recipient of your generosity, in accordance with the wishes of Paul and his family. Thank you to Mike Auman, Tim Buchanan, Bill Dougherty, Joanna Dramer, Chuck Eiferle, Dave Means, Ken McGuire, Tom & Maryann Persons, Randy & Lisa Ronning, Asa Mulvey, and Tim Craggs.

Paul was a long-standing member of the Caltrans Capitol Golf Club, as far back as when it was called the Headquarters Golf Club. Throughout the years, Paul participated in most club tournaments and was especially known for his presence at the annual State Tournament. He is in the history books as having carded one of the lowest 2-day Net scores ever. In 2006, Paul posted a 2-day score of 122 at the Central Coast sites of Glen Annie and Alisal.

Paul's name is engraved on the 2-Person Best Ball Club Championship Trophy, twice. The infamous 2-Person team of Paul and Paul (Paul Smith, of course) were a duo to be feared in that event. The "Paul's" won that championship in 1997 and 2004. Paul also earned the Club's Most Improved Golfer of the Year Award in 2006.

Paul's uncanny wit combined with his perfect timing of slipping in a pun was his trademark. Never was a pun squandered if Paul saw an opportunity to get a laugh. He was, and always will be, the King of the Puns to our golfing group who loved him.

Thanks for the memories, Paul.



Board of Directors Elections

The nominees for the 2026/27 Caltrans Capitol Golf Club Board of Directors were unanimously elected by those casting votes and will be seated immediately. I'd like to welcome Chris Roby as our new Tournament Director, replacing Rich Willimas. Thank you, Rich, for doing such a great job over the last couple of years. Chris joins the rest of the Motley Crew (wait, can we use that name?), whose goal is to make this Club enjoyable, competitive and inviting to all current and potential new Club members. As Tournament Director, Chris has a challenging task ahead of him. Setting up the tournaments for the 2027 calendar year, trying to balance course quality, playability, costs, and locations, is no easy task. If you have any suggestions on courses, tournament formats, etc., please let Chris or any Board member know.

CCGC Tournament Update

CCGC's Two-Person Best Ball champions have been crowned! TJ Roschen and Steve Pedrettii topped Dave Means and Chad Fien at Edgewood Tahoe of all places! I am not sure how legal it was to take the Championship match across State lines, but since Dave orchestrated it and footed the bill for the entire foursome, any rights to protest have been forfeited. Seriously though, that is taking this Club event to a new level, a bar that will be tough to beat next year. Congratulations to TJ and Steve, and great job by all who competed in this year's CCGC 2-Person Best Ball Championship! For all the details, visit the CCGC web page.

The CCGC Club Championship is nearing the finish line! Ronnie Lesniak and Christian Arechavaleta will square off in the final match. Christian has been on fire throughout the tournament and is seeking to become the youngest Club Champ ever (I'm guessing). But Ronnie always plays tough and will do his best to represent the veterans of the Club. Have fun guys! You can find the details of all the matches on the CCGC website.

Timber Creek hosted the CCGC on September 12th. The course proved challenging for most, with Mike Venturi posting the only red net number, a 69, to win the second flight. Luke Hagfors (73) and Asa Mulvey (76) took the first and third flights respectively. Oh, and Mike Auman scored a hole-in-one on # 6! The free post-round beers eased the pain anybody was feeling! Congratulations Mike, and thanks for the beer! Thanks, Dave Stafford, for running this one.



Caltrans Fall Classic will be held at Cherry Island on Monday, October 12th. The CCGC is sending two 8-person teams to take on the rest of Northern California. Good luck all!

Rancho Solano is next up on October 3rd. Contact Rick Ortiz to see if any slots are available.

Sandbagger of the Year Standings

Asa Mulvey jumped to a big lead atop of the Sandbagger standings with his performance at the Timber Creek tournament. Bill Dougherty is a length behind Asa, followed by Winton Emmett, Dave Means, and Tim Craggs. Of course, with lots of golf still to play, including the results of Club Championship, anything can happen! The more you play, the more points you earn!

Golf Trivia of the Month

What State was dropped from the 2027 PGA tournament schedule?

Rule of the Month

Your ball rests in what would otherwise be considered an unplayable lie, but any attempt to hit the ball as it lies would be with your feet on a cart path. Do you get a free drop?

This was a question from a Junior at the recent Pure Insurance tournament on the 18th at Pebble Beach. His ball was stuck in the bushes that separated the cart path from the adjacent residences (He was inbounds, as OB is the fence line behind the bushes). He argued that since he would be standing on the cart path to attempt to hit his ball, he should get a free drop. The rules official explained that since it was not reasonable for him to address and attempt to hit his ball, that the only option, short of taking a whack at the bushes, was to declare the ball as unplayable, and relief could be taken under a one stroke penalty. Note, this is my interpretation of what I heard while witnessing the event. No AI was used to verify accuracy. Discuss, discuss.

Golf Trivia of the Month Answer

Hawaii was dropped from the PGA Tour for the 2027 season, after a decades-long tradition of starting the year with a Hawaiian swing. The Sentry (Maui) and Sony Open (Oahu) were removed due to Tour schedule restructuring and logistical challenges, including high cost, drought issues in Maui, and avoiding competing with the NFL Playoff viewership. The 2027 PGA Tour opens January 18-24 in La Quinta, California

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The first Board meeting of the 2026-27 year will occur on October 3rd at Wildhawk after golf. 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>.