

# ***The Mulligan***

## **Caltrans Capitol Golf Club**

### **March 2026**

<https://www.ctcapitolgolfclub.com>

#### **2026 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

<u><b>Date</b></u>	<u><b>Course</b></u>	<u><b>Chairperson</b></u>	<u><b>Entry Deadline</b></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 ++	Rick Ortiz	May 26, 2026
June 2026	CCGC 2-Person Best Ball Club Championship Begins	Ken McGuire/Larry Orcutt	June 5, 2026
July 11, 2026	Castle Oaks++	Dave Means	June30, 2026
August 8, 2026	Mather Team Mixed Format	Scott Leonard et. al.	July 28, 2026
August 18, 2026	Club Championship Begins	Chris Roby	August 15, 2026
September 12, 2026	Timber Creek++	TBD	September 1, 2026
October 3, 2026	Rancho Solano++	TBD	September 23, 2026
October 12, 2026	CT Fall Classic TBD	Tim Craggs	TBD
November 7, 2026	Haggin Oaks – Arcade	TBD	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

***If you want to be a Tournament Chair in 2026, please contact Rich Williams for the details. Remember, there's \$50 in it for you for your efforts!!***

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## ***Message from the President***

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Hello everybody!! I think Mother Nature gave us one last whoopin' and now spring has sprung! I know my grass is growing and plants are blooming, so I got my yard work complete, for now, so I have no more excuses but to get out and hit the golf courses full bore. Hope you are planning on doing the same! We have a great monthly lineup of tournaments in our lineup, with a variety of courses and formats, something for everybody!

In addition to our regular monthly tournaments, the final details have been set for the State Tournament in May. See below for the nitty gritty and block your calendar!

See you on the course!

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## ***CCGC Tournament Update***

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**Micke Grove Golf Links** hosted the February CCGC tournament on February 7<sup>th</sup>. The weather was awesome, the course was in great shape, and the company was superb! The scores showed the course was beatable but could also hand out some punishment. John Flores carded an amazing net 66 to take the 1st flight (he doesn't know yet that he's on super-secret probation), and Asa Mulvey had a net 70 to take the 2nd flight. Tim Craggs and Steve Pedretti were the only two other players in red figures with net 71's, taking 2<sup>nd</sup> in their respective flights. All had a great time! Sorry that some of you missed it!

**Lincoln Hills, Orchard** course will be the site of our March monthly tournament on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Randy Ronning will run this one. Rick Ortiz is running the side hustle skins. There may still be space available. Contact them if you want in!

**Ancil Hoffman Park** is the venue for our April tournament on April 11<sup>th</sup>. It is the final qualifier for the State Tournament! Rick Ortiz is back stateside and will run this tournament. The entry form should be out soon and will be posted on the website.

**Caltrans 62<sup>nd</sup> Invitational Golf Tournament** (AKA State Tournament) is set for May 14 and 15, 2026 in Sparks Nevada, at Redhawk Golf Resort. The Lakes and Hills courses will provide two distinct golf experiences, testing the skills of all aspects of our game. An awards banquet follows golf the second day. For those of you who are new to the Club, this tourney brings Caltrans affiliated clubs from across the state to compete in team and individual contests. It's a net stroke play format, and to participate you need only be a current or former Caltrans employee, or a member of a recognized Caltrans Golf Club, with a current GHIN index.

A Tournament Fact Sheet and current team qualifying status will be sent out concurrently with this Mulligan and can also be found on the CCGC website. Remember, if you don't qualify for Team 1 and we don't have enough for a second team, we will do our best to place you on a team that doesn't bring a full boat.

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## ***Golf Trivia of the Month***

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What is the oldest golf course in Ireland and when was it established? BTW, Happy Saint Patrick's Day!



## ***NCGA Tournaments for 2026***

Registration is now open for the NCGA Associate Club 4-Ball and Senior Net Championships, so don't get shut out if you want to participate. Events do fill up! Other upcoming NCGA events include the Associate Club Championship; Associate Club Senior 4-Ball Net Championship; and the Net Am. Poppy Ridge and Bayonet/Blackhorse have been added as Championship sites for some of the events, adding to the attraction in pursuit of a championship! There are so many more events in which you can participate, including the Weekend Net Tour and Women's One Day Series. Check them out at the NCGA tournament website. [Tournament Schedule, Registration, and Operations | NCGA](#). See below for entry deadlines, dates of play, fees, etc.

<b>Tournament:</b>	<b>AC 4-Ball Net</b>	<b>Senior Net</b>	<b>AC Champion</b>	<b>AC Senior 4-Ball</b>	<b>Net Am</b>
Opens	Jan 12	Jan 12	Apr 13	Apr 13	Jul 13
Closes	Mar 16	May 4	Jun 6	Jul 13	Aug 10
Qualifying	Apr 6-16	May 26-Jun 3	Jul 7-Aug 4	Jul 27-Aug 6	Sep 1-17
Championship	May 4-5	Jun 22-23	Aug 24-25	Aug 31-Sep 1	Oct 5-6
Cost	\$375/team	\$185/player	\$675/team	\$375/team	\$185/pl
Course	Poppy Hills	Poppy Ridge	Bayonet/Blkhrs	Poppy Hills	P. Ridge
Max Index	18.4/25.4*	No limit	18.4/25.4*	18.4/25.4*	54.0
Age	18+	M 55+; W 50+	18+	M 55+; W 50+	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; Net Am and other eligible events.

There are no CCGC qualifying tournaments for any of the NCGA tournaments. Any team or player who wants to participate must contact Rich Williams or another Club Officer. If more than one team wants to play, a suitable method of selecting which team plays will be used.

The above is subject to change. Please verify all dates and eligibility requirements for those events in which you want to participate.

## **Rule of the Month**

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This situation came up at the AT&T at Pebble beach a couple of weeks ago. The winds were strong, and the players golf balls were moving after being marked and replaced on the green. **Rule 9** covers multiple scenarios of were to play a ball after being moved by various means, and the penalties, if any, involved. For this Mulligan, let's focus on the ball being moved by natural forces.

**Rule 9.3 Ball Moved by Natural Forces:** If natural forces (such as wind or water) cause a player's ball at rest to move: There is no penalty, and the ball must be played from its new spot.

**Exception 1 – Ball on Putting Green Must Be Replaced If It Moves After Having Already Been Lifted and Replaced (see Rule 13.1d):** If the player's ball on the putting green moves after the player had already lifted and replaced the ball on the spot from which it moved: The ball must be replaced on its original spot (which if not known must be estimated) (see Rule 14.2). This is true no matter what caused it to move (including natural forces).

**Exception 2 – Ball at Rest Must Be Replaced If It Moves to Another Area of the Course or Out of Bounds After Being Dropped, Placed or Replaced:** If the player puts the original ball or another ball into play by dropping, placing or replacing it, and natural forces cause the ball at rest to move and come to rest in another area of the course or out of bounds, the ball must be replaced on its original spot (which if not known must be estimated) (see Rule 14.2). **But** for a ball on the putting green that was replaced, see Exception 1.

**Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Rule 9.3:** General Penalty under Rule 14.7a.

## **Golf Trivia of the Month Answer**

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**The Royal Curragh Golf Club**, established in 1852, is recognized by The Irish Golf Union as Ireland's oldest golf course, having been continuously played since its establishment in 1852.

## **BOARD MEMBERS**

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The next Board meeting might be held in March. 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>.