

# ***The Mulligan***

## **Caltrans Capitol Golf Club**

### **August 2024**

<https://www.ctcapitolgolfclub.com>

#### 2024 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>	<u>Entry Deadline</u>
January 13, 2024	Wildhorse, Davis +	Rich Williams	January 2nd
February 10, 2024	Turkey Creek+	Tim Buchanan	January 30th
March 9, 2024	Wildhawk+	Dave Means	February 27th
April 6, 2024	Plumas Lake+	Tim Buchanan	March 26th
May 4, 2024	Timber Creek	Peter Vacura	April 23rd
May 16, 2024	State Tournament ++ <a href="#">Angel Park GC – Las Vegas</a>	Tim Craggs	April 15th
May 17, 2024	State Tournament ++ <a href="#">Angel Park GC – Las Vegas</a>	Tim Craggs	April 15th
June 1, 2024	Paradise Valley++	Tim Craggs	May 21st
June, 2024	CCGC 2-Person Best Ball Club Championship Begins	S Leonard/J VanVoorhis	<b>NOW!</b>
July 13, 2024	Teal Bend ++	Rick Ortiz	July 2nd
August 10, 2024	Mather GC	Roschen/Means/Fien/Pedretti	July 30th
September 7, 2024	Micke Grove++	Dave Means	August 27th
September, 2024	Club Championship Begins	Jose Perez	September 1st
October 5, 2024	Rancho Solano++	Tim Buchanan	Sept 24th
October 7, 2024	CT Fall Classic – Peach Tree CC	Tim Craggs	TBD
November 9, 2024	Haggin Oaks – Arcade Creek	Randy Ronning	October 29th
December 7, 2024	Bing Maloney <a href="#">Bottle Tournament – 4-person team</a>	Leonard, Arechavaleta and Hudson	Nov 26th

Schedule subject to change. + 2024 State Tournament Qualifier. ++ 2025 State Tournament Qualifier

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

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Hello fellow CCGC Members! I made it back from a whirlwind trip with our friends from Denmark, covering 4 national parks, two state parks, three golf courses, and countless breweries and restaurants. We flew from Sac to Vegas (stopping there only long enough to go to Costco for snacks and booze, and In-n-Out for the Danes' mandatory fix, then drove to St George, Utah as our launching point to Zion NP, and squeezed in a round of golf. Our next stop was Bryce Canyon, then to Salt Lake City for touristy stuff and two rounds of golf. Storing the clubs securely for the rest of the trip, we motored to Jackson Hole for a night of some good old-fashioned fun at the Cowboy Bar, then off to Yellowstone to visit God's country, as if Zion and Bryce weren't totally awesome enough! Then the reverse trip back to Jackson Hole to fly out to Sacramento via Salt Lake. It was an amazing trip, but it sure was good to be back in my own bed for a good night's rest! I do need to get back to Jackson Hole, as I saw some good-looking golf courses there...better planning is needed next time! Hopefully you've been having as much fun as I have these past few weeks!

August is always a fun month, with the Mather Team scramble event, the Two Person Best Ball Championship coming to a head, and the pending launch of the Club Championship. As always, the best place to find this 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>. Please share with your family, friends and coworkers and encourage them to join the CCGC!! If you bring in a new member, we'll make it worth your effort with a \$20 credit!

## ***Tournament Update***

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**Teal Bend** was held on a warm July 13<sup>th</sup> morning. The course was playing its usual challenging self, with very few red numbers being posted. However, some stellar golf was played by Winton Emmett, whose scratch 75 was lower than most other's nets, Maryann Persons and Pam Venturi, whose nets 68, 71 and 68 respectively earned them first place in each of their flights. Great job!!

**Mather** is set for August 10th. This is a fun team event. As we go to press the teams are set, but if you want to join up, drop TJ Roschen a line and he can put you on a list to fill in for any cancellations. Don't miss it!!

**The Two-Person Best Ball** tournament is coming to a head!! The semi-final bracket is set. Chad Fien and Dave Means are poised to meet Randy Ronning and Tom Persons in the bottom bracket; while in the upper bracket, Winton Emmett and Ronnie Lesniak will take on Jose Perez and Josh Hudson. For the details of all the matches up to this point, go to our website!!

**Micke Grove** near Lodi will be our next regular monthly event on September 7th. Micke will also serve as the seeding tournament for the **Club Championship** which is scheduled to start in September. But don't worry, if you can't make the Micke Grove Tournament, you are still eligible to play in the Club Championship event. Dave Means and the defending Club Champ Jose Perez are collaborating on this event. Look for a sign-up sheet soon!

## Course Rater's Corner

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By Rich Williams

Continuing with the theme of adjusting courses to find their effective playing length, this article will talk about doglegs and layups (either forced or by choice). Hole length is measured along the centerline of each hole. However, doglegs and forced layups can increase the effective playing length of a hole, and doglegs can decrease the effective playing length of a hole.

Remember that a male scratch golfer hits his tee shot 230 yards in the air, with 20 yards of roll, for a total of 250 yards. The male bogey golfer hits his tee shot 180 yards in the air, with 20 yards of roll, for a total of 200 yards. A great example of how a dogleg affects the effective playing length of a hole is the 15th hole at Empire Ranch. This example was used in the NCGA course rater training that I attended. From the white tees, the male scratch golfer can cut the dogleg by hitting his tee shot over the bunkers on the left. This decreases the remaining distance to the hole and makes the third shot very short. The male bogey golfer cannot clear the bunkers with his tee shot. However, he can go over the bunkers on his second shot, effectively shortening the hole and making his third shot shorter. From the blue tees, the male scratch golfer cannot clear the bunkers on the left and is effectively required to play the full length of the hole. A dogleg can increase the length of a hole when a golfer is forced to hit less than driver because he would run out of fairway by following the layout of the hole, and it's not possible to cut the dogleg (For example, the 10th hole at Bing Maloney for a male scratch golfer).

An example of a forced layup is the 9th hole at Cherry Island. The male scratch golfer cannot carry the creek with his tee shot, but a full driver would reach the creek. He is forced to layup, effectively increasing the length of the hole because the remaining distance to the hole is longer than it otherwise would have been if he had been able to hit a full driver.

A layup by choice may occur when there is a significant obstacle or unpleasant landing zone situation that a player would like to avoid. The course rating staff at NCGA say the bogey golfer has the brain of a tree stump and will rarely make the smart play to avoid a bad situation. But the scratch golfer will layup in these situations. We don't adjust the effective length of the hole, but other adjustments might apply based on the attributes of the layup landing zone (fairway width, distance to penalty areas, bunkers, trees, etc.). It's hard to think of examples of a layup by choice, maybe because I'm closer to the bogey golfer than the scratch golfer. But one good example is the 13th hole at Mather. You could blast a driver down there and possibly end up with a 70-yard shot through the trees and over a bunker. Or you could hit a 5-iron and leave yourself an unobstructed 120-yard shot. Oddly enough, I used to lay up there years ago, but now I blast away. I think it's because they have removed some of the trees on the right, so a bad shot doesn't seem as bad as it used to seem.

It's also possible to have a situation where a layup is partially forced and partially by choice. But that gets complicated, and it's rare, and there is only so much space in the Mulligan.

Next time I'll talk about effective playing length adjustments for elevation changes, prevailing wind, and altitude.

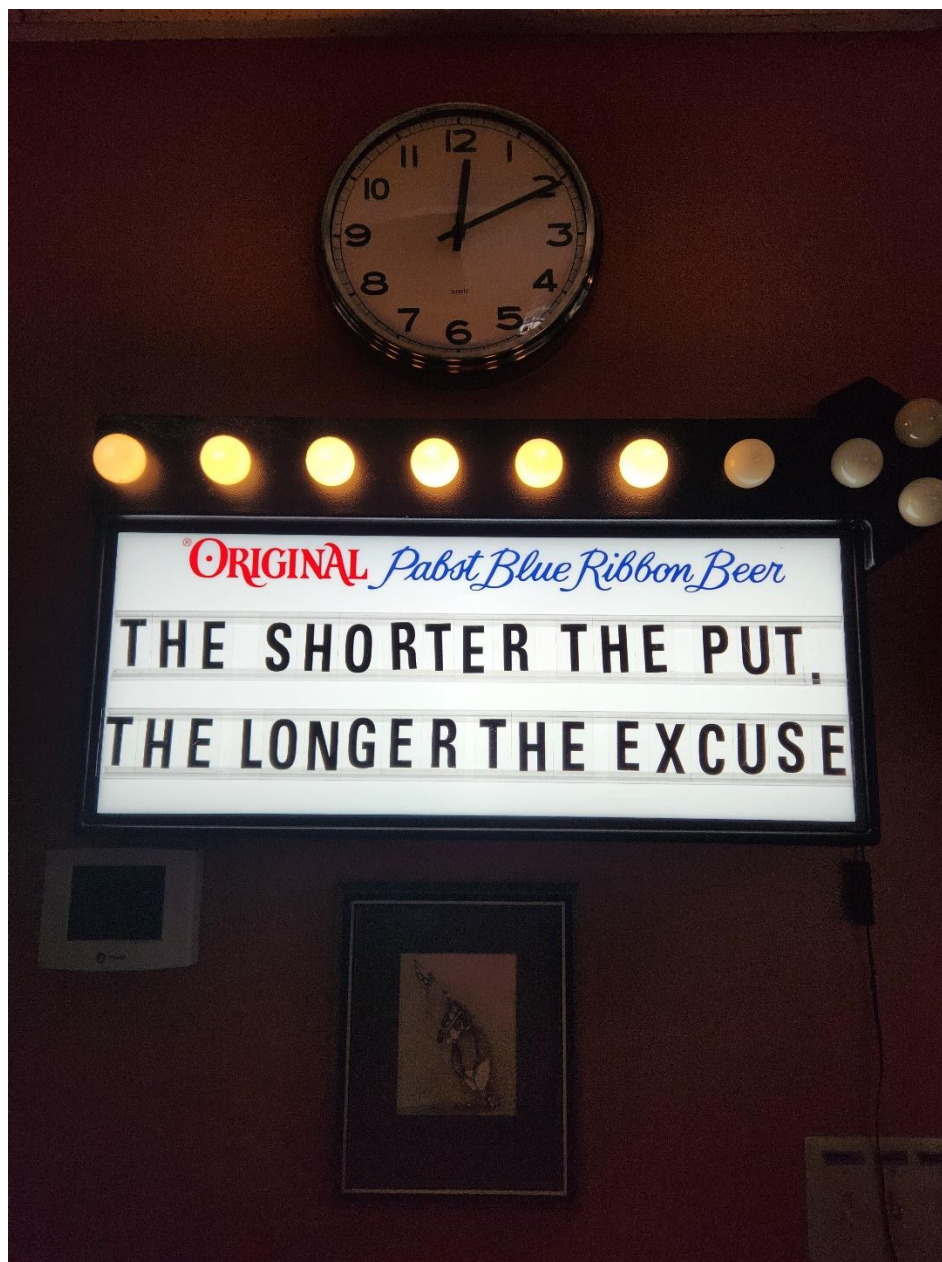
## ***Golf Trivia of the Month***

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In what year did golf first appear in the modern Olympics?

## ***Rule of the Month***

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

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Golf made its Olympic debut in the 1900 Paris Games, where both men's and women's events were held. The sport returned briefly for the 1904 St. Louis Games but then disappeared from the Olympics until its reinstatement in 2016. The long hiatus was due to a mix of lack of global interest and organizational challenges.

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The next Board meeting is scheduled for sometime this summer.