

The Mulligan

Caltrans Capitol Golf Club

September 2024

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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 ++ Angel Park GC – Las Vegas	Tim Craggs	April 15th
May 17, 2024	State Tournament ++ Angel Park GC – Las Vegas	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	NOW!
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	September 23
November 9, 2024	Haggin Oaks – Arcade Creek	Randy Ronning	October 29th
December 7, 2024	Bing Maloney Bottle Tournament – 4-person team	Leonard, Arechavaleta and Hudson	Nov 26th

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

Message from the President

Hello all! I put this Mulligan together early because I will be traveling a lot during September. We are off to Denmark to witness the baptism of our friends' new grandson, and sneak in some Danish/Swedish golf where we can, then back here to trek to Monterey to work the Pure Insurance Senior/First Tee tournament at Pebble Beach! Too much fun for any one individual!

The rest of the golf year is promising to be exciting! With the regular monthly tournaments, wrapping up the Two-Person best ball championship, kicking off the Club Championship, the Caltrans Fall Classic, and finishing off the year with the Bottle Tourney in December, there should be something for everybody!!

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>.

On a personal note, I want to express my sincere gratitude and thanks to Tim Buchanan, who is retiring as a CCGC Board member after his term as Tournament Director runs out after September. Tim B. has been our Tournament Director for the past 2 years and over the past 25 years has also served as President, Vice President, and Handicap Chair. Tim's dedication to serving the Club, and investing his own personal time, blood, sweat, tears and bourbon, lots of bourbon, into his duties, is deeply appreciated by all of us. Thank you, Tim B.

Tournament Update

Mather was the setting on August 10th for the annual Picnic Tournament, without the picnic, and by all accounts, fun was had by all! TJ Roschen did a great job setting up and running the tournament, adding a couple new twists to the formats. The "one free toss" on the 18th was fun and proved to be the deciding factor. The Craggs/Herritt/Buchanan/Vacura team edged the Roschen/Means/Fien threesome by 0.3 strokes! RMF were happy as they don't have to run the tourney next year, and CHBV were overjoyed to have played some good team golf for once!!

The Two-Person Best Ball finals are set! In the semi-final matches, Randy Ronning and Tom Persons topped Chad Fien and Dave Means, with a putt-off being the tiebreaker, and will meet Winton Emmett and Ronnie Lesniak who outlasted Jose Perez and Josh Hudson, 2 and 1, in a birdie-fest! Go to our website for blow-by-blow details of all the matches to this point!!

Micke Grove 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. If you can't make the Micke Grove Tournament, you are still eligible to play in the Club Championship. Dave Means and defending CC Jose Perez are collaborating on this event.

Rancho Solano in Fairfield will be the subsequent regular monthly tournament to be held on October 5th. Tim B, our retiring CCGC Tournament Director, will be organizing this one. An entry form should be available soon!

Caltrans Fall Classic will be held at Peach Tree Country Club on October 7th. This event is similar in structure to the State Tournament, with both team and individual flight formats. Look for all the needed info in your email or on our website.

The NCGA Public Links qualifying was held at Haggin Oaks on August 7th and our own Winton Emmett, with a dramatic par save on #18, is moving on to the finals at Poppy Hills on September 4th and 5th! Way to go Winton!!

CCGC Board Elections

The nominations are in for the offices of the 2024/25 Caltrans Capitol Golf Club Board of Directors: President – Tim Craggs; Vice President/Secretary – Peter Vacura; Treasurer – Randy Ronning; Tournament Director – Rich Williams; Handicap Director – Dave Means; and Communications Director – Rick Ortiz. Informational forums were to be held, but the candidates could not come to an agreement on a neutral site or format. Our best advice to you is to listen to our conversations on the course and in the bar after our tournaments...that will give you a good idea who we are. Voting information will be hitting your email and can be found on our website.

Sandbagger of the Year Status

The cream is starting to rise to the top, but there is still lots of golf waiting to be played. Winton Emmett is the leader after Mather, holding off the push from Asa Mulvey and Dave Means. No points have been awarded for the 2PBB yet, and we still have 4 monthly tournaments along with the Club Championship still to be played. The current standings should go out concurrent with this Mulligan and can also be found on our website.

Golf Trivia of the Month

How much does the winning Presidents Cup team win?

Rule of the Month

During a recent Monday golf round, Ronnie hit his 3rd shot on #18 at Wildhawk into the hill in front of the green, and the ball proceeded to roll down toward the penalty area. The ball was found in the grass above the water line, but in the confines of the penalty area. Ronnie opted to play the ball as it lay. He asked if he could take practice swings in the hazard. I said no, you can ground your club but can't take swings hitting the ground. Ronnie, not wanting to risk a penalty and losing a chance for a precious Neptune skill point, followed my guidance. Once at the green, I asked Winton for his opinion of the rule. He disagreed with me, stating you could, if you didn't improve your lie. Well, the damage having been done, Ronnie double bogied, I felt bad and told them I would look it up later for future reference. I am here to tell you that I was wrong (don't tell me wife, because I tell her I am always right).

Rule 17.b. Player May Play Ball as It Lies in Penalty Area...

- *Play the ball as it lies without penalty, under the same Rules that apply to a ball in the [general area](#) (which means there are no special Rules limiting how a ball may be played from a [penalty area](#))...*

So, when playing a shot from a penalty area, you can remove any detached natural or artificial object (known as loose impediments and movable obstructions), ground your club behind the ball, or take practice swings that touch the ground. However, there are a few restrictions. You can't deem your ball unplayable or take relief from abnormal course conditions (such as a bridge or sprinkler control box) when your ball lies in a penalty area. If you need relief, you can play under the penalty area relief options discussed above. You also are not allowed to play provisional ball when you think your ball will be lost only in a penalty area. Sorry Ronnie!

Golf Trivia of the Month Answer

Technically, none. Players do not receive money for participation in the Presidents Cup. Instead, the PGA Tour pledges to contribute to charities which are nominated by the players, captains and assistant captains from both teams.

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The next Board meeting will be held in October.