

The Mulligan

Caltrans Capitol Golf Club

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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++	TBD	July 1, 2025
August 9, 2025	Mather	Craggs/Herritt/Buchanan/Vacura	July 29, 2025
September 13, 2025	Teal Bend++	TBD	September 2, 2025
September, 2025	Club Championship Begins	Randy Ronning	TBD
October 4, 2025	Castle Oaks (tentative)++	TBD	September 23, 2025
October, 2025	CT Fall Classic – Peach Tree CC	Tim Craggs	TBD
October 25, 2025	River Oaks 2P Scramble	TBD	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! Hopefully you have had the opportunity to keep your joints loose by hitting the links in January while the weather was dry! I am sending this Mulligan out a little late as I, along with Peter Vacura, were busy looking out over the ocean while working at the AT&T Pro-Am at Spyglass Hill and Pebble Beach last week. We had one short stretch of wet weather over the four days, but other than that it was awesome!

2025 is turning out to be a good year for attracting new members. Please help me and the rest of the Board in welcoming Carlos Jimenez, David Patrick and Kyri Washington to the Club! Carlos works for the Senate, David for the CHP, and Kyri is a friend of Scott Leonard. Thanks, Nick Allison and Scott for spreading the word!

While we are fortunate to continue to add new members, we are also cognizant that a few of our veterans have not been able to join us on the course recently. Jim Johnson, Jim Musillani, Joanna Dramer, Jack Dye, Paul Thatcher, Rick Ortiz and Tim Buchanan are all prioritizing their health, and the health of their loved ones, over being out on the course with us, and rightfully so. We all wish them and theirs our best and hope to see them soon!

CCGC Tournament Update

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

Bartley Cavanaugh had a great turnout for our first tournament of the new year on January 11th. Kudos to those who endured the winds and enjoyed great course conditions. The scores were high with only Suzan Sparky/Ace/Birthday Girl Sabado and Matt Auman registering the only red numbers turned in for the day (71's). Congrats to Suzan (who won the tie breaker), Nick Allison and Larry Orcutt for placing first in the flights. I did want to note that new Club members, Nick, Robert Domasky, and Luke Hagfors swept the first flight. They don't know it, but they are now on super-secret probation! 😊 Also, thanks to Winton Emmett for beta testing electronic scoring for our tournaments and the side skins game. He put a lot of work into it and it shows promise for future events.

Empire Ranch was originally slated for February 1st, but due to rain it has been rescheduled to February 15th. Winton Emmett is still running this one, along with a parallel opt-in skins game. Contact Winton if you want in on the action or can't make the new date.

Lincoln Hills, The Hills Course, is up next on March 8th. This is the third of four 2025 qualifiers for the State Tourney (see below). Randy Ronning is chairing this one. Entry can be found on the Club's website.

Caltrans 61st Invitational Golf Tournament (AKA State Tournament) has been inked for May 15 and 16, 2025 in Monterey. Monterey Pines and Laguna Seca will provide two distinct golf experiences, testing the skills of all aspects of our game. An awards banquet follows golf the second day at Laguna Seca. For those of you who are new to the Club, this tourney brings Caltrans 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. Details will be sent out soon, but in the meantime, mark the dates on your calendar!

NCGA Tournaments for 2025

The Club is promoting member participation in five NCGA Tournaments again this year: The Associate Club 4-Ball Championship; Senior Net; Associate Club Championship; Associate Club Senior 4-Ball Net Championship; and the Net Am. See below for entry deadlines, dates of play, fees, etc. Note the sign-ups for the 4-Ball Net and Senior Net are open, so don't get shut out if you want to participate. Events do fill up!

<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.

There are no CCGC qualifying tournaments for any of the NCGA tournaments. 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.

The above is subject to change by the Board of Directors and NCGA.

Rule of the Month

Can a caddie hold an umbrella over a player while the player is taking a stroke? Rule 10.2b(5) states a player must not make a stroke: while getting physical help from their caddie or any other person, or; with their caddie or any other person or object deliberately positioned to eliminate distractions or give protection from sunlight, rain, wind or other elements.

This Rule does not prohibit a player from taking their own actions to protect against the elements while making a stroke, such as by wearing protective clothing or holding an umbrella over their own head, or asking any other person who was not deliberately positioned by the player to remain in position or move out of the way (such as when a spectator is casting a shadow over the player's ball).

Penalty for Breach of Rule 10.2b: [General Penalty.](#)

Course Rater's Corner – by Rich Williams

The previous couple articles have talked about various obstacles that are considered in the course rating process. This article will discuss the next two obstacles: Crossing Obstacles and Lateral Obstacles.

As you would expect, crossing obstacles cross the line of play. They include penalty areas (or what we used to call hazards), out of bounds, and extreme rough. Extreme rough is an area that could be difficult to recover from, such as long rough, native area, or desert that is not marked as a penalty area. When rating crossing obstacles, it is assumed that a player will not attempt to cross unless they can carry the obstacle by at least ten yards. Otherwise, it is considered a forced lay-up, which makes the carry shorter on the next shot, and the crossing obstacle rating will be lower. As an example, for a scratch woman with a 160-yard carry, the crossing obstacle rating is 4. A bogey woman with a 160-yard carry will be forced to layup because she only carries the ball 130 yards (assuming it's a tee shot). Let's say the bogey woman lays up 20 yards short of the crossing obstacle and the crossing obstacle is 15 yards deep, meaning she needs to carry the ball 45 yards. That would equate to a crossing obstacle rating of 2. Crossing obstacles can be increased if the obstacle closely borders the green or if crossing obstacles are encountered two or more times on a hole. The crossing obstacle rating can be reduced if it is possible to play out of it sometimes, or if a poor shot would be expected to roll through it or bounce over it some of the time. Think about the creek across #9 at Mather. I'm sure most of us have bounced our second shot over it.

Lateral obstacles are similar to crossing obstacles except they run along, instead of across, the line of play. The main variables affecting the lateral obstacle rating are the length of shot and the distance from the center of the landing zone to the lateral obstacle. As an example, for a scratch man with a 185-yard shot to an area with a lateral hazard 18 yards to the right, the lateral obstacle rating is 4, but for the bogey man the rating is 6. The lateral obstacle rating can be increased if conditions (such as a cart path or sloping ground) increase the likelihood that a ball will end up in the obstacle. The lateral obstacle rating can be decreased if conditions (such as trees or a fence) decrease the likelihood that a ball will end up in the obstacle. The rating also increases if there are lateral obstacles on both sides of the landing zone (think #5 at Micke Grove). The rating can be reduced if the lateral obstacle is narrow (i.e. – you might be able to fly or bounce over it and play from the other side, or if it is possible to play out of the obstacle some of the time (#3 and #4 at Ancil Hoffman for all you slicers). And up to 2 points can be added if more than half of the green is surrounded by an obstacle that is less than 10 yards from the green surface (#17 at Bartley Cavanaugh).

Next time I'll finish off this series of course rating articles by talking about the last three obstacles, which are Trees, Green Surface, and Psychological.

Golf Trivia of the Month

What sets apart a PGA Tour Signature Event from a regular stop on the PGA Tour?

Golf Trivia of the Month Answer

PGA TOUR Signature Events are limited-field events offering increased purses (\$20M) and FedEx Cup points (700 to the winner). The fields are made up of the top performers from the previous season. There are eight Signature Events in 2025. The AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am became a Signature Event in 2024, hence the smaller number of, but more prominent, pros, fewer celebrities who only play on Thursday and Friday, and two courses, Spyglass and Pebble, instead of three (so long Monterey Peninsula Country Club!).

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The next Board meeting will be held in January. 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>.