



THE FLAGSTICK

2025 Spring

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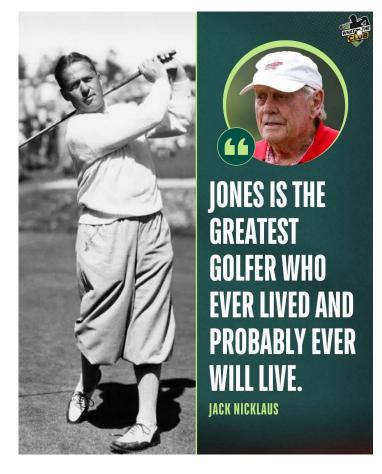
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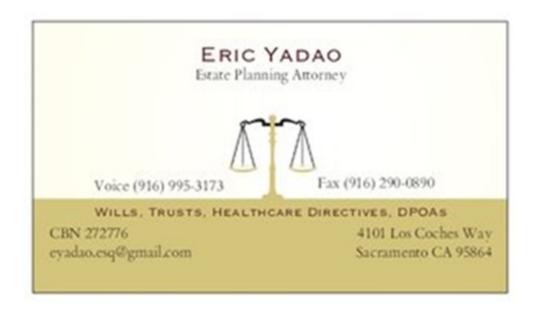
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From the President—Richard Fleischer

"We must use time as a tool, not as a couch" - John F. Kennedy

Greetings Ancil Hoffman Golf Club!!!

We are entering Spring, and I am optimistic about where we are as a Club and where we are headed. As the Headline suggests, I will write quickly:

Our 2025 Budget has been published. Since we had a surplus in 2024, we will pay out some extra Green Stamps for Prize Money. This year, we are also going to offer a Tee Prize for the players who participate in the Wayne Parsell and President Cup. Stay tuned....

Sponsors needed. Last year Joe Pagluica of Pool Time Pool & Spa's made a generous donation to support our Putting Championship Event (Thank you Joe!!!!!) and helped make it a successful event. We would like to have Sponsors for a few other events; Horse Race and Skills Competition come to mind. Money would be used for additional Prize Money and refreshments (okay, I really mean Beer). It is a great way to get exposure for your company and increase the prestige of the Ancil Hoffman Golf Club. Contact Steve Hatalla at pro-grams@ancilhoffman.com for more information.

The new Ancil Hoffman logo is here and we have the shirts to prove it. The design provided by Patrick O'Shea looks great on a Blue, White, and Gray back-drop. Dustin Habe is doing the embroidery, and we hope to start taking orders for the shirt at the April Quarterly. More to follow...

Note: Urgent!!! Speaking of the April Quarterly the date is April 16. It is a two-for-one; Quarterly Meeting and Putting Championship. Will Keith Okasaki defend his title? As always, this is an annual "Highlight" and all Golf Club Members are eligible (and encouraged) to play. Sign-up page on the Website will be uploaded soon so be on the look-out.

Note: Very Urgent!!! We depend on Technology to run our business. We are noticing that some emails from "noreply@golfgenius.com" are getting suppressed, meaning they are not getting through to the end-user. Please review the following page that will hopefully fix this issue.

Note: Just as Urgent as the Urgency listed above!!!: Since 1966 we have had "The Box" in the Pro Shop that receives Membership applications and Checks for Tournaments. The Box has been moved and is secured to the wall next to the Leaderboard in the **Main Event**.

Our Sand Bottles from the donor who wishes to remain anonymous, have been distributed. The Sand Can is on the first tee. Fill up before you go out and again when you make the turn. Repair your divot(s) and one other... I see Ray "Ray" Cheung is leading the **Ancil Points** over some stout competition; Robbie Viebrock, Bob Hutchinson, and Roger "I never win anything" Siler are 2nd-4th and among the chasers. Nice shooting guys!!! For those who think its too late to sign-up and play, **It's Not**. You just need to play in four (4) tournaments before the August / September Playoffs. Just like the PGA Fed Ex Cup, it's all about playing well in the last four (4) playoff events to win money \$\$\$.

Frequently Asked Questions or FAQ's. We have a created a new link at the top of our website that Members can use as a resource to address questions they might have. This is especially helpful for Members who want to know all the "How To's" of how to navigate the web-site and take advantage of the many benefits we offer. Also, if you want to share a FAQ that might be helpful to the Membership, please email to me at President@ancilhoffman.com.

We posted several information pieces on Tournaments that are happening at Ancil Hoffman Golf Course that are not Club Events; however, you may want to participate in them as a Player, Spectator, or Volunteer. Looks like fun.

Moose has done a great job with his reporting skills so I cannot wait to read what is in this Flagstick. I am sure it will be **EPIC!!!!**

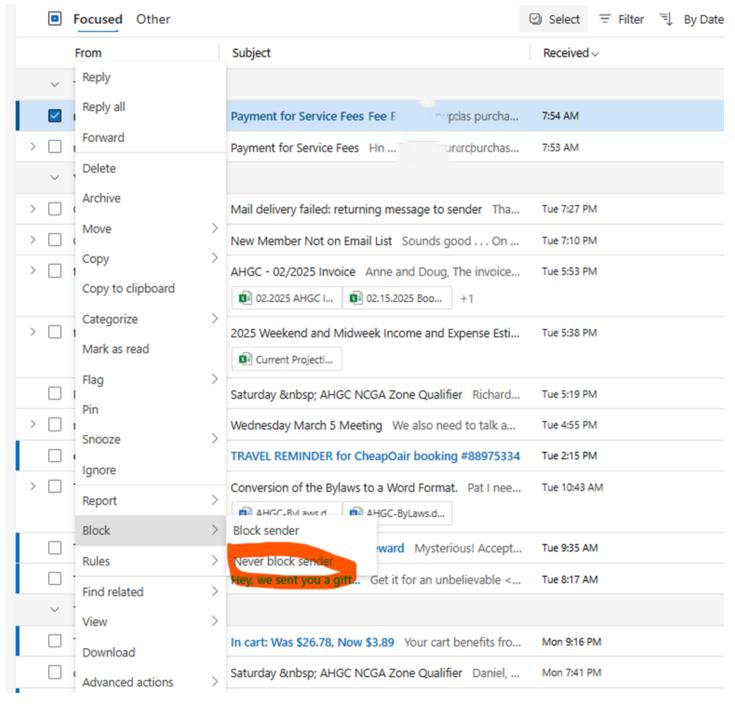
Hit them Long, Straight, and not too often, Richard Fleischer President, Ancil Hoffman Golf Club

Email Suppression Issue

The Ancil Hoffman Golf Club depends on Technology to improve our efficiency and Member experience. We use Golf genius as our Email Service and the email would appear as noreply@golfgenius.com. We have noticed that many of the emails we're sending to Members are getting "Suppressed" meaning they are not being delivered.

This appears to happen because the Internet Service Provider (ISP) is blocking the email because it looks like SPAM. The best way to correct this issue is to locate the "noreply@golfgenius.com" email in your Inbox Folder or in Junk Folder. Right click on the email and scroll down to "Block" and select (left-click). If you are given a choice, select "Never Block Sender" as depicted in the Diagram below. After right clicking, there may also be an option that says, "Not Spam". Left click on that. Either way, future emails from GG should appear in your inbox.

If you are still not getting Club emails, reach out to technology@ancilhoffman.com



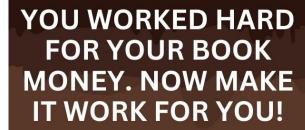


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From the Treasurer—Bob Hutchison

2025 Budget Report

As the Treasurer for a third year, I am pleased to report that our membership trends for the first quarter of 2024 are consistent with last year's and we're projecting an end-of-year membership total of around 620 members. Ancil Hoffman Golf Club continues to offer great value with low fees and numerous tournaments. Please encourage friends, family, and colleagues to join our club!

As always, this year's budget focuses on the allocation of membership dues and spending them, judiciously. Most expenses remain unchanged, except for increased fees set by the NCGA. One key change is separating Midweek (Thursday) and Humpday (Wednesday) tournaments in the budget, as they are independent events. Additionally, we've increased payouts for these weekday tournaments to boost their profile and participation.

Another change is with the Putting Contest, Skills Competition, and Horse Race are now categorized as Special Events, rather than their previous classifications. These **FUN** events aim to enhance the club's visibility and increase participation.

The budget for this year includes additional funds for a "Tee prize" from the President to the members. This year's Tee prize is particularly special and features our newly created logo.

Imagine playing golf in the 15th century? No bev cart. No swing vids. Just like "Yo Osiris come paint a picture of me and the boys on this green real quick."



Standing on a tee box that has a 240 yard carry to the fairway





AHGC 2025 Budget

Income

		2025	Budget
Membership Dues		\$56,000.00	
	AHGC Dues - (New Members)		\$6,200.00
	AHGC Dues - (Renewals)		\$48,800.00
Club Events		\$3,300	
	Quarterly Club Meetings (Income):Putting Contest		\$500
	Weekend Events:Club Championship		\$2,800
MidWeek Events:	Midweek Events:NCGA Senior 4Ball Qualify Registration (May)	\$500	
Special Events:	Horse Race Lunch Buy-In	\$1,200	
Weekend Events:		\$1,600	
	Weekend Events:NCGA 4 Ball Net Qualifier (Feb)		\$800
	Weekend Events:NCGA 4 Man (1xTeam) Qualifier (Mar)		\$800
Sponsorship and other		\$265	
2024 Budget Surplu	s Carryover	\$1,000	
	Total Projected Income:	\$63,865	

Expenses		
	2025 B	Budget
AHGC MidWeek Team Play (Registration Fees)	\$400	
AHGC Scratch Team Play (Registration Fees)	\$500	
AHGC Weekend Team Play (Registration Fees)	\$400	
Director Compensation: Director Stipends	\$5,000	
Midweek (Thursday) Tournament Additional Expenses:	\$1,650	
Winter Series Championship		\$350
Two-Person Best Ball Championship		\$400
Two-Person Match Play Championship		\$900
Humpday (Wednesday) Tournament Events:		
Midweek Events: NCGA Senior Qualify Registration		\$900
Senior Two-Person Best Ball Championship		\$400
Wayne Parsell Senior Net Championship		\$400
NCGA Dues	\$28,382	
Operational Overhead		
Operational Overhead: Awards	\$2,000	
Operational Overhead: Board Administration - Meetings	\$1,000	
Operational Overhead: Gifts & Donations	<i>\$0</i>	
Operational Overhead: IT Services	\$400	
Operational Overhead:IT Hardware or Software (ms office + other)		\$100
Operational Overhead:IT Services:Network Solutions		\$100
Operational Overhead:IT Services:Web Netfirms		\$200
Operational Overhead: P.O. Box		
Operational Overhead: Postage	\$0	
Operational Overhead: Printing	\$150	
Operational Overhead: Service Fee	<i>\$0</i>	

	Operational Overhead:Subscriptions (Quicken)	<i>\$75</i>	
	Operational Overhead:Taxes	<i>\$0</i>	
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Special Events:		\$3,700	
	Putting Championship (Payout)		\$500
	Horse Race and Barbeque		\$3,200.00
	Skills Competition		\$0.00
Quarterly Club Meetings (Expenses)		\$10,500	
	Quarterly Club Meetings (Expenses):Quarterly Meetings F&B		\$10,500
Weekend Events		\$6,260	
	Weekend Events:Club Championship		\$4,500.00
	Weekend Events:NCGA 4 Ball Net Qualifier Registration (Feb)		\$960.00
	Weekend Events:NCGA 4 Man (1xTeam) Qualifier Registration (Mar)		\$800.00
	Total Expenses:	\$63,367	

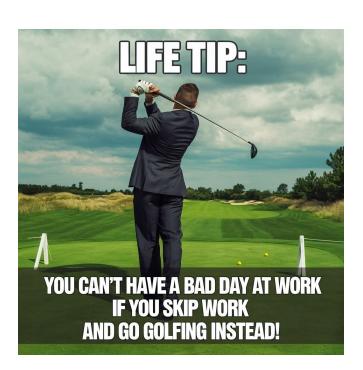
Income less Expenses: \$498



Waking up early for work



Waking up early for golf



From Course Affairs—Brett Dodge

Hi All,

Sacramento County and the Parks and Rec Department are going to start a long overdue project that will affect our golf. Beginning in March or early April, the road into Ancil as well as the parking lots will be repaved! You may have noticed the trees in the main parking lot were taken down. This was done in preparation of the repaving (new trees will be planted that are more suitable for these areas).

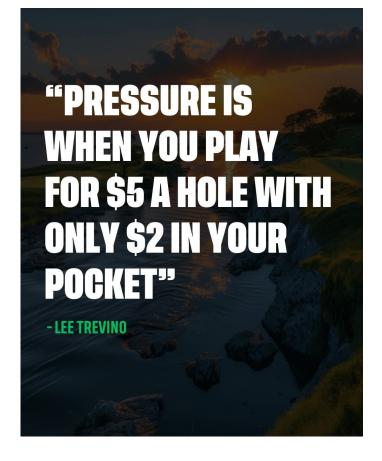
Since the paving process is fluid, be aware that there may be tournament days (or regular golf days for you regulars) when there is some congestion entering the park. Since the road will not be closed, longer entrance times are unavoidable and you should plan ahead. Most likely it will be completed one day when you arrive to play--with no inconvenience, but since we don't know when the contractor's exact start/end times are, it's best to be prepared. I'd recommend checking the top of the website for updates as we'll keep you updated on their progress and any potential hindrance to your travel.

That's it, keep it in the short grass!

Brett Dodge Course Affairs



"Remember I said I wanted you to stop golfing so you could spend more time at home? Well if you don't mind, I'd like you to go back to golfing."



A Letter from Kurtis Wolford

From the Course Spring 2025

Spring is here rather quickly and for the golf maintenance side of the course that means its go time.... The golf season is here. It's been a very cold and wet winter. It seemed that is was either very cold or it was rainy. I can't remember a winter that was that cold. Frost delays were getting old.

Through the fall and winter, we made several improvements around the course. Some golfers will never really see or is not that exciting. On the maintenance side are big improvements. Irrigation improvements. The biggest gains we made this winter are on irrigation. We are trying to maximize the hydraulic efficiency of this 60-year-old park irrigation system. Some stations run multiple valves that run up to 15 heads. When you have that many heads turned on in one location the pressure is let's just say it is inadequate. We have separated many of those multi valve stations areas to maximize pressure. As an added benefit doing this also greatly reduces water hammer. This reduces how many broken pipes we have. Any irrigation improvement that we can make to maximize how efficiently we can move water is very important for us. This also applies to the irrigation in the park and game fields. Since all of the park and golf share the same pumps and control system, I have to program it to maximize efficiencies irrigating a lot of acreage.

On the agronomic side let's chat about a few things. The 1st being greens. Our old greens need help. They need drainage. Golf greens produce a certain percentage of organic matter each year. It is called thatch. It's a byproduct of how turf grows. As thatch degrades if accumulates as organic matter in greens. In a sand-based soil that is designed to drain, organic matter will limit how the soil drains. When we verticut, areify, sand topdress these agronomic processes are meant to help manage organic matter. The problem is that we are behind on managing organic matter. Year after year of only aerifying greens 1x per year for numerous years has put us in a position where the percentage of organic matter in the greens has clogged up the soil. To make the math easy each year the greens produce around 10% organic matter. A standard aerification removes 4%. Verticuting removes 1% through the season. Topdressing 1%. So you can see if we do not aerify 2x we are not removing enough organic matter to maximize drainage. Any time we can poke holes in the greens or inject sand into greens like what we did this week it's a win. We must get cleaner sand into the greens to maximize drainage. If we don't do this the greens will hold to much water and stay too wet in the hot summer. That's bad news for turf grass roots. They are very susceptible to fungus and other diseases. Golf Greens need well drained soil. Golf Greens are not easy to manage, especially if organic matter is not managed. Most courses opt to skip these processes due to the revenue implications aerification has on the tee sheet. It's a business decision. That decision management has decided and weigh the long range implications.

Some of the other things we are doing around the course are tree trimming. This is too important for Ancil. We have come a long way in managing the tree canopy. It's getting better through these storms we have had far fewer tree failures because they are being maintained. The removal of structurally dangerous trees is very important. As trees were planted on the course over the years many were planted in the wrong areas. Examples of this are numerous around the course. Trees planted right next to the infrastructure (water mainlines, Cart paths), Trees planted too close to each other, (overcrowding). It's our job to sometimes take corrective actions and make necessary tree removals where they should have never been planted to fix these problems.

We are excited to see how our winter projects will help improve summer conditions this year. We are really hoping for a mild summer..... not a repeat of last year's summer.

Hope to see you out on the course and if you ever have any questions shoot me an email.

Kurtis

PS Campus Commons is opening May 1st. It's a 9-hole Par 3 course and is really a special place. No other course is California is like it. We will be needing volunteers for several jobs. If interested give me an email, please. kwolford@golfancilhoffman.com

Zack Solomon's Interview

The interview for this edition of the Flagstick is Zach Solomon. You have probably seen Zach in the Pro shop while checking in. Zach is always friendly and accommodating. Zach's knowledge and love for the game is evident when answering any questions or giving guidance on clubs, equipment, apparel, and the game of golf itself. Personally, I just bought a new set of irons and Zach was a tremendous help in getting exactly what I wanted. Let's get to know a little more about Zach.

Moose: Where were you born? Do you have any siblings? Where do you fit in?

Zach: I was born in Carmichael, CA at Mercy San Juan Hospital. I have one brother, his name is Justin who is 3 years older than me.

Moose: Did you have any pets growing up and do you have any now?

Zach: I never had any pets growing up nor do I have any now. I always wanted a dog growing up but my dad never wanted the mess a dog brings. He didn't think my brother or I would take care of it when we were young (he was probably right). I keep thinking I will get a dog now that I am older, but I would hate having to leave it at home all day while I am at the course.

Moose: When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

Zach: I wanted to be a professional athlete (like most kids).

Moose: Did you play any instruments growing up? Do you play any now?

Zach: I briefly played the piano but that didn't last very long.

Moose: What is your favorite type of music? Do you like going to concerts?

Zach: I am into all types of music except for country and I love going to concerts.

Moose: What hobbies did you do while growing up? Do you still do any of them?

Zach: I was a video game fiend growing up and still do a bit of gaming now. Also, I collected basketball cards and got into the Pokemon phase for a little bit. I was big into Ping-Pong growing up with my bro also. We had a lot of battles!

Moose: Did you play sports growing up? If so, what was your favorite?

Zach: I played a lot of sports growing up. Golf of course, basketball, football, soccer (outdoor and indoor),

tennis, and skiing. Skiing was probably my favorite and still is.

Moose: After high school, what did you do?

Zach: I had a great summer before starting college.

Moose: What college did you attend?

Zach: I actually started college at the University of Arizona, but I quickly realized that was not the place for me. I came back to Sacramento and started at American River College to get my AA.

Moose: Did you play any sports there?

Zach: After the first year at ARC, I decided to try out for the team and started in the #1 position. I finished that season 3rd place overall in the division for my scoring average. Once I gained my AA degree and lower core classes, I transferred to Sac State and graduated in 2015.









Moose: What was your first job?

Zach: My first real job was at Whitney Oaks Golf Course. I worked for a year for my father before that in his medical surgery center keeping supplies up to date and making sure the equipment was clean and sterile. I watched him perform various surgeries as well (that was fun).

Moose: How long have you been in the golf industry? Zach: I have been in the golf industry about 15 years now.

Moose: When did you get interested in playing golf?

Zach: I was interested very early when my parents walked me around Ancil Hoffman Park growing up and watched the players out on the course. They bought me plastic clubs when I was 4 and have been swinging ever since.

Moose: When did you first play a round at Ancil Hoffman?

Zach: My dad took me out when I was 5 years old when I played my first round at Ancil. He always tells this story. When I was 6 or 7, he took me to Ancil and we got paired with some older gentlemen. When they saw that they were paired with a little kid, they all rolled their eyes. They all teed off and sprayed their tee shots left and right. I get up and stripe one about 200 yards down the middle of the fairway. Needless to say, I beat them all over nine holes.

Moose: What is your lowest score at Ancil Hoffman? Lowest score anywhere?

Zach: The lowest is 65 at Ancil and that is my lowest anywhere. I still think that my 66 at Spyglass is my personal best round because it included a hole in one and it was in a tournament.

Moose: What was the first tournament anywhere that you participated in? First tournament that you won? Zach: The first tournament I played in was the Memorial Amateur and the first tournament I won was the Sac County Amateur.

Moose: Do you have any "That was Crazy" stories, from the course and/or your personal life? Zach: My "that was crazy story" was when my brother and I were playing a round in Palm Desert. The players in front of us tried to pick a fight with us because we asked them to pick up their pace as the day was ending and we wanted to finish the round. They did not appreciate that and one of the guys ripped his shirt off and punched me in the face. He ended up getting arrested.

Moose: How long have you been playing on the Ancil Hoffman Scratch League Team? Zach: I think I have been playing on the team for 4 years.

Moose: For what in life do you feel most grateful?

Zach: I am most grateful for my parents! They have provided me so much, as well as supporting me every step of the way.

Moose: What future plans do you have for working at Ancil Hoffman?

Zach: I plan to work towards my Class A PGA Professional status. We have started doing demo days on Saturdays on the AHGC range. Anyone can come out and hit the clubs that we are demonstrating.

Zach, thank you very much for sharing your story with all of us. Good luck in obtaining your Class A status and your future endeavors. We will see you around at Ancil Hoffman.

Second Annual Gift of Life Fiji Charity Golf Tournament

Saturday, May 31, 2025

Hi Everyone,

This golf tournament is put on by my wife's family to support cardiac care for Fijian children. We actually visited the hospital last year and they do amazing work for kids who would otherwise not have any care options.

Appreciate the help spreading the word.

Ray Mendez





Become a Gift of Life Fiji Tournament Sponsor





Dear Prospective Sponsor,

On behalf of The Human Values 4 Kids Foundation, we are excited to extend an invitation to you to become a sponsor for the second annual *Gift of Life Fiji Charity Golf Tournament*. This special event aims to raise awareness and support for the Children's Hospital Fiji, which is dedicated to providing free, life-saving heart surgeries for children born with congenital heart disease in the Fiji Islands and surrounding South Pacific Islands. In 2025, we're coming together to help build a world-class catheterization lab at the Children's Hospital in Fiji.

To date, the Children's Hospital Fiji has performed 351 free life-saving heart surgeries and conducted 23,013 free heart screenings, making a profound impact on the lives of countless children and their families. The need remains great, and with your support, we can continue to bring hope and healing to even more children in need. You can learn more about our cause here: https://www.hv4k.org/qolf.

Sponsorship Opportunities:

By partnering with us as a sponsor, you or your company will gain exceptional visibility and/or brand recognition among a targeted and engaged audience. The sponsorship levels are described below:

	Presidential - \$25,000+	Ambassador - \$10,000+	Platinum - \$5,000+
	Name/logo on all print and social media marketing material 16 free tournament registrations Golf cart signage Hole sponsor signage on Hole #1 Listing as Presidential sponsor on sponsor banner Reserved seating at awards banquet and special recognition	 Name/logo on all print and social media marketing material 12 free tournament registrations Driving range signage Hole #17 Golf Cannon signage Listing as Ambassador sponsor on sponsor banner Reserved seating at awards banquet and special recognition 	 Name/logo on all print and social media marketing material 8 free tournament registrations Beverage cart signage Hole sponsor signage Listing as Platinum sponsor on sponsor banner Reserved seating at awards banquet and special recognition
	Gold - \$2,500+	Silver - \$1,000+	Bronze - \$500+
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General / Non-Player Sponsorships:

We also have general non-player sponsorships, which come with the following benefits:

- Name/logo on all printed and social media marketing material
- Invitation to awards banquet lunch \$250+ = 2 invites
- · If donations are at the higher sponsorship levels, the same perks apply except for the free tournament registrations.

Note: All General and Non-Player sponsorships must be made by Thursday, April 24, 2025 to receive all of the sponsor benefits.

Event Details:

Scan to Register

Date: Saturday, May 31, 2025

Location: Haggin Oaks Golf Complex

Time: 6:30am to 2:30pm (Tee Time is 8:00am)

Registration Link: https://www.hv4k.org/event-details/2025golf



Become a Sponsor:

We would be honored to have your support and partnership in this important initiative. As The Human Values 4 Kids Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity, your sponsorship contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Therefore, this not only supports a worthy cause, but also offers you valuable tax benefits. To become a sponsor, please use the sponsorship donation link below or scan the QR code to go to the sponsor donation page.

Sponsor Donation Link: https://www.hv4k.org/2025-golf-tournament

Scan to Donate



Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of children who need our help. Together, we can provide the 'gift of life' and create a brighter future for the children of Fiji and the South Pacific Islands.

Vinesh Nambiar, President The Human Values 4 Kids Foundation

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2025 MEMORIAL AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

May 24,25, and 26, 2025
Ancil Hoffman Golf Course, Carmichael, California

Call for Volunteers

Committees and Brief Descriptions

FORECADDIE: (Saturday-Monday) am check-in Front nine and 9 am check-in Back Nine - **18 Volunteers Needed**

A forecaddie is one whom the Committee employs to indicate to players the position of balls during play. He is an outside agency. This is a standing and/or walking position. You will be located at different holes on the course.

STANDARD BEARER: (Monday only) 7am Check-in

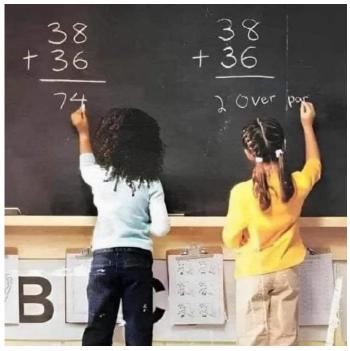
A standard bearer's job is to walk along with a group of contestants and display their scores in the gallery. This is considered a "physical" position, as you will carry a sign for an entire round of golf (approximately 5 hours). You should be in good physical health.

END OF ROUND SCORER: Saturday Sunday Monday A scorer's table will be set up for contestants to turn in their daily round scorecard. You should be proficient in basic math. This position is vital to ensure the proper posting of scores. You will be needed by 11:00 am each day.

□ **MEDIA and PHOTO:** The event needs someone to contact media and take video and camera stills. Equipment provided.

Should you need further information please contact Fred Browning at (813) 340-7666 or email at promopi@aol.com. Forward a completed scanned application and email, please. We thank you for your support.





28th Memorial Amateur Championship



May 24,26,27 2025

Ancil Hoffman Golf Course, Carmichael, California

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Email to: promopi@aol.com

NAME:				
ADDRESS:		CITY:		
STATE:	ZIP CODE:	DAYTIME AND EVENING PHONE:		
EMERGENCY CO	ONTACT PHONE:	DATE OF BIRTH:	GENDER:	
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Have you had any	experience with golf tour	naments? YES- NO, If YES, what event(s)?		
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The Iconic Story of Augusta National

By Cyrus Kahoro



Augusta National Golf Club is a monument to golf's timeless allure and rich tradition, strategically nestled in the rolling hills of Augusta, Georgia. Every April, the world-renowned club hosts <u>The Masters Tournament</u>, establishing its spot at the pinnacle of professional golf and serving as a beacon of history, beauty, and exclusivity. We unearth the iconic story of Augusta National, one of vision, innovation, and a relentless pursuit of perfection.

Founding Visionaries

Golf legend Bobby Jones is the backbone of Augusta National. He birthed the revolutionary concept in the early 1930s, shortly after retiring from competitive golf, having completed the Grand Slam in 1930. Jones was a man of immense talent and vision, remembered as the most successful amateur golfer ever to compete nationally and internationally. He envisioned creating a golf course to challenge the world's best golfers while embodying the game's strategic ideals and aesthetic.

The real spark flashed when Jones encountered a kindred spirit in Clifford Roberts, a sharp-witted financier passionate about golf. Their souls connected instantly, and they began seeking the perfect location for their dream course. The pair's relentless search landed them in Augusta, Georgia, where a 365-acre Fruitland Nursery caught their attention, strategically situated on a vast parcel of land characterized by rolling terrain, vibrant azaleas, and towering pines.

Course Design

Having found the perfect location, Jones and Roberts onboarded renowned golf course architect Alister MacKenzie to bring their vision to life. At this time, MacKenzie was famous for creating the perfect blend of challenging and enjoyable courses, and he got to work alongside Jones to design Augusta National. Every partnership thrives on shared vision and commitment, and the duo's mutual passion for strategic complexity and natural beauty helped shape the course to blend seamlessly with its environment.

Once the conceptualization phase was complete, the construction of Augusta National began in 1931, taking two years to materialize in 1933. MacKenzie's historic design emphasized wide fairways, strategic bunkering, and dramatic elevation changes, with each hole crafted to put a player's skill, mental fortitude, and creativity to the test. Sadly, MacKenzie passed away before Augusta National's official opening, but his legacy forever

The Birth of The Masters Tournament

lives on in the course's timeless design.

1934 was a historic year, as Jones and Roberts launched The Augusta National Invitation Tournament, later renaming it The Masters. The tournament took a different path from other events of the day, introducing unique traditions that later became the hallmarks of The Masters. Roberts' astuteness birthed a pristine presentation, from the iconic green jackets awarded to champions starting in 1949 to the immaculate course condition. As expected, The Masters swiftly gained recognition and prestige, attracting the world's best golf talent. The tournament is home to many of golf's greatest moments, from Gene Sarazen's famous Shot Heard 'Round the World in 1935 to Tiger Woods' record-breaking victory in 1997.

Traditions and Legacy

Augusta National is a haven for rich tradition, with the dogwoods and blooming azaleas signaling the arrival of spring and serving as the perfect curtain raiser for The Masters. Another famed spot at Augusta is the Amen Corner, named by sportswriter Herbert

Warren Wind, which refers to the fabled stretch of holes 11, 12, and 13. As the name suggests, a lot of drama unfolds here, epitomizing the course's blend of beauty and peril. Augusta's exclusivity contributes to its legacy and mystique, with membership offered by invitation only. Known members include influential figures in business, politics, and sports, such as Warren Buffet and Bill Gates. After many years of criticism, the club invited its first female members in 2012 in an attempt to modernize, including Condoleeza Rice.

Innovations and Preservation

Over the years, Augusta National has continuously evolved to keep up with modern golf while preserving its heritage. The management has implemented significant course changes to ensure the course remains competitive for today's powerful players, such as enhancing greens and lengthening certain holes. The club also leverages cutting-edge technology, such as precision irrigation systems and advanced turf management, to maintain the course's pristine conditions.

Additionally, Augusta National has contributed immensely to golf's overall growth. Its co-ownership of The Masters broadcasts enhances the tournament's viewing experience by ensuring minimal commercial interruptions. The club promotes the game's future with creative initiatives like the Augusta National Women's Amateur and the Drive, Chip, and Putt Championship.

Cultural Impact

Augusta National's impact surpasses the confines of golf, serving as a symbol of excellence and rich tradition. The Masters creates unforgettable moments resonating beyond the sport, inspiring generations of players and fans. The club continues to shape golf's narrative, from the emotional triumphs of legends like Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus to the rise of new icons like Jon Rahm and Rory McIlroy.

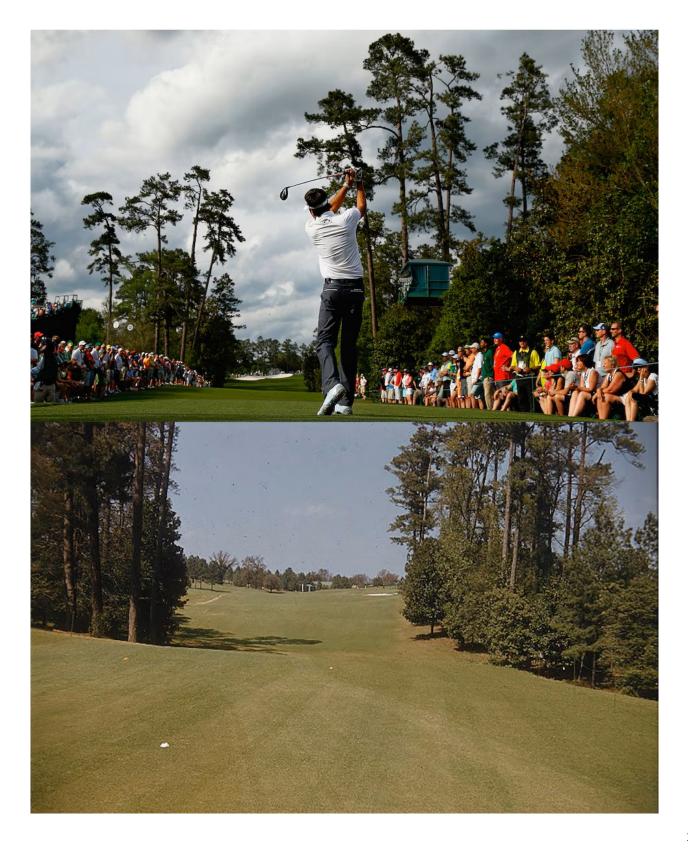
Augusta's reach and influence extend beyond the fairways. The Masters rakes in millions in tourism revenue annually, substantially impacting the economy of Augusta, Georgia. The club's philanthropic efforts also underscore its commitment to community development, including local infrastructure and education investments.

Parting Shot

Augusta National Golf Club is proof of the alluring vision of golf legend Bobby Jones and financier Clifford Roberts. The club's spectacular blend of rich history, innovative design, and natural beauty makes it one of the most iconic venues in sports. The Masters celebrates golf's finest traditions, captivating millions of fans worldwide each spring.



The evolution of Augusta National, as seen through these rare 1950s photos By Derek Duncan



For golfers, April is a trigger. It conjures visions of pink blooming azaleas, white dogwood blossoms, blue-mirrored water and wild sculptures of slick green grass. April, in other words, is Augusta National. If this is the vision of Augusta National we share now, it's important to note it wasn't always quite this way. The course, since it was created, has been in a state of perpetual flux.

When we have the chance to look at photos of the original holes Alister Mackenzie built in the early 1930s, it's easy to be shocked at how different it was from the current Augusta National. More subtle but no less important are the alterations it made since the 1950s, when the course, and the Masters Tournament, became closer to what we now know them to be.

In the 1930s, a turf researcher named O.J. Noer began traveling widely, taking photographs primarily of experimental grass plots and fertilizer application reactions, but also of golf courses. The following slides of Augusta National were taken by Noer during Masters Week, 1955.



Note: All photos are courtesy of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District and Michigan State University Turfgrass Information Center

The placement and orientation of the course's fairway bunkers, as a reaction to improvements in technology and to where the players were driving the ball, mark some of the most notable changes through the years (in preparation for the 2019 Masters, for instance, the bunkers on the inside corner of the fifth hole were deepened and pushed farther down the fairway).



The fairway bunker on the par-5 second hole, as seen above, was originally placed in the center of the fairway to force decisions off the tee. Over the years it has gradually shifted to the right, and now is more of an aiming point for today's players, a target to work the ball off of.



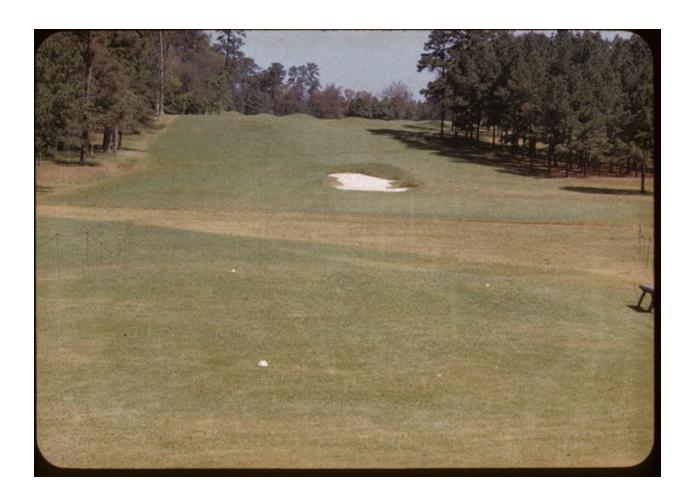
The second-most notable difference, and no less critical, is how drastically the bunker profiles have changed. The course's brilliant white flashed sand faces didn't exist in 1955. What we have come to identify as a bunker style intrinsic to the Augusta National character came about gradually, originating from flatter floors and thick sod toplines.

The current seventh hole, which today features some of the most obvious and extravagant bunkering on the course, was far less emphatic in Sam Snead's day (this green was created by Perry Maxwell in the late 1930s—the original seventh as envisioned by Mackenzie had no bunkers).





The par-5 eighth hole has undergone significant alterations. Much like the second hole, it too presented its fairway bunker as a central hazard, forcing players to choose a side. Two years after the following photo was taken, the club enlarged the bunker but moved it to the right edge of the fairway, making it a much simpler driving hole, thereby creating more opportunities for players to reach the green in two.



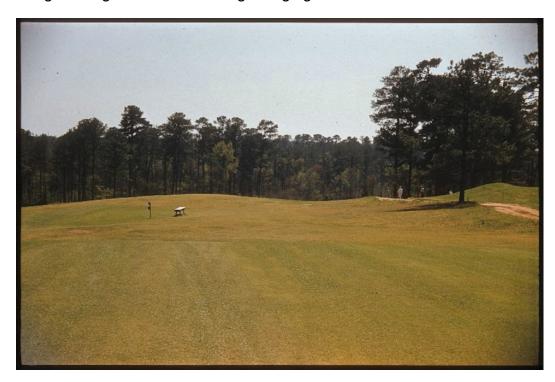
The green at the eighth appears similar in the following photo as it does now. But in 1956, at the direction of Clifford Roberts, the distinctive mounds were removed to increase spectator sightlines. What was left behind was a low, flat and awkwardly exposed putting surface out of character with the course's complex green formations.

Though Bobby Jones disliked it, the hole remained in this state until the mid-1970s when Byron Nelson (along with consulting architect Joe Finger) was asked to help recreate the surrounding mounds from memory. The club presumably did not have access to this slide.



Over the years Augusta National has continued to add length by shifting and building new tees. Perhaps the most significant odyssey has been the tee complex at the par-4 11th. They were initially located above and behind the 10th green, then were moved above and to the green's right. That created a rather sharp dogleg, and tournament players either hit irons off the tee or, occasionally, hit big slices that could travel down close to the green.

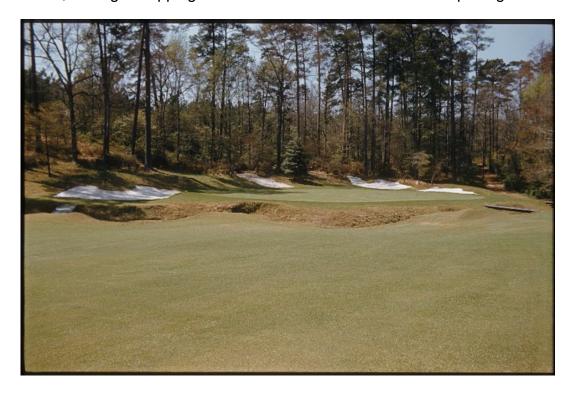
In 1950 the club shifted the tournament tee into the woods well to the left of and below the tenth green, straightening and lengthening the hole considerably, with room to extend almost indefinitely. This 1955 photo, however, appears as if it was taken from the old tee above and to the right of the tenth, indicating the degree of the left-to-right dogleg.







The green setting at the famous par-5 13th has been altered over the years as well. The bunkers to the rear of the green were remodeled prior to the 1955 Masters. In the early 1980s Jack Nicklaus would tinker more, adding a chipping swale between the bunkers and the putting surface.



The final essential amendment the club has made to the course is the addition of trees in select areas. The most notable have been several rows of pines to the right of the 11th, pines pinching the landing zone on the 17th, and a cluster of pines impinging into the driving area on the left side of the par-5 15th. Previously players could gun for the green over the fronting pond from almost any position in the wide fairway. Now, the trees block a clear shot from drives pulled slightly left.



Similarly, on the par-4 17th, once drives got past the now deceased Eisenhower Tree, the fairway was wide open, and players could use the width to select the best angle to approach the green depending on the hole location and conditions.



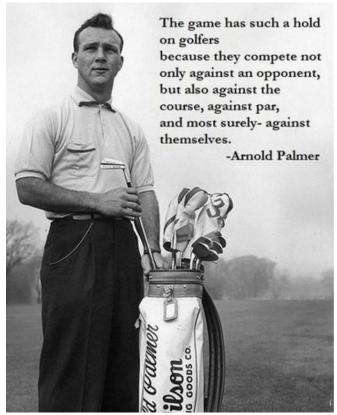
Trees always surrounded the tee at the 18th, but as the tee has migrated back further, creating a chute-like tee shot, they've increasingly come into play and accentuated the need to shape the drive left-to-right.





All golf courses morph and change throughout their lifetimes, but Augusta National has always Been unique in its drive to match its conditioning and architecture to the changing demands of the Masters Tournament. Someday in the future we'll look on today's Augusta National and marvel at how differently it played and appeared.







Since golf is healthy, the obvious correlation is that golfers live longer. And they do! By helping prevent chronic diseases, increasing life expectancy, and improving mental health, **golf can add up to 5 years to a golfer's life** according to a new study by researchers at Scotland's University of Edinburgh who reviewed 5,000 studies on the benefits and potential drawbacks of the sport.

It was reported that golf can help prevent more than 30+ chronic diseases such as stroke, heart disease and different types of cancer. Also, the physical aspects of golf help with muscle retention and balance which diminish with age.

Additionally, it was reported that the lowest death rates were found in players with the lowest handicap. The report claimed that *maintaining a low handicap involves playing a lot, so this supports the idea that it is largely the game itself that is good for the health.*

And don't forget about the brain (no pun intended). Improved blood flow and additional brain power used in shot-making and strategy help fight anxiety, depression and dementia.

Another article from the European Institute of Golf Course Architects asserts golf's combination of fresh air, walking, social life and competition release endorphins, the natural mood-enhancing chemicals in your brain, which make you happy and relaxed which translates into longevity.

So what do you think – more golf this year???

Tournament Results 1-9-2025

"A" Net	Player	Score
1	Mike Makiej*	70*
2	Anthony Zamora	70
3	Ray Cheung	71
3	Mark Sicner	71
5	Mike Watari	72
5	Scott Sullivan	72
5	George Walters	72
5	Richard Gutierrez	72
	*won tiebreaker	12
"B" Net	Player	Score
1		67
	Larry Sifuentes	-
3	Roger Siler Chuck Calkin	69 71
4		71
4	Rich Rashed Rick Pratt	72
	Paul Friedrich	
4	Lane Leach	72 72
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4	Robert Schultz	72
"C" Net	Player	Score
1	Paul Petifer	70
2	Moose Reeder	71
3	Mike Stone	72
4	Gene Spreitzer	74
5	Anthony Simpson	75
5	Mark Coffey	75
5	Daniel Cruz	75
5	Mike Dobrin	75
"D" Net	Player	Score
1	Marco Palilla	66
2	Ryan Doyle	69
2	Mike Gerbec	69
4	Scott Kenney	74
4	Mike Fitzgibbon	74
4	Doug Olander	74
Gross Skins	Player	Score
	Steve Grippi	4 on #2
	Sean Suggs	3 on #8
	Richard Gutierrez	2 on #9
	Kyle Swan	3 on #15
Net Skins	Player	Score
	Steve Grippi	Net 3 on #2
	Moose Reeder	Net 1 on #5
	Manny Sequeira	Net 3 on #7
	Scott Kenney	Net 2 on #8
	Terry Murphy	Net 2 on #13

Individual Stroke

25-Jan-25 *** Any ties were decided by the standard USGA Card Off Method ***

USGA Card Off Method ***			
Flight A - Net	Player	Net Score	
Low Gross	Okasaki, Keith	70 (Gross)	
1st	Wong, Mason	68	
2nd	Hamilton, Andy	68	
3rd	Wallace, David	70	
4th	Eng, Brandon	70	
5th	Dadey, Mike	70	
6th	Smith, Erik	72	
7th	Nelson, Kevin	72	
Flight B - Net	Player	Net Score	
Low Gross	Viebrock, Robert	72 (Gross)	
1st	Manley, Teddy	70	
2nd	Goodman, Jerry	70	
3rd	Marrs, Jonathan	71	
4th	O'Connor, Greg	71	
5th	Wallin, Rod	71	
6th	Fat, Jerry	72	
7th	Hodge, David	72	
Flight C - Net	Player	Net Score	
Low Gross	Friedrich, Paul	85 (Gross)	
1st	Cruz, Daniel	71	
2nd	Burgos, Cromwel	72	
3rd	Reeder, Moose	73	
4th	Mendez, Ray	74	
5th	Halvorsen, Rosa	74	
6th	Schrudder, Greg	74	
6th	Leitis, Ike	75	
Flight D - Net	Player	Net Score	
Low Gross	Lim, Danny	81 (Gross)	
1st	St.Jean, Tim	69	
2nd	Meyer, Douglas	69	
3rd	Sahs, Stephen	69	
4th	Whalen, Thomas	70	
5th	Simpson, Anthony	71	
6th	Chan, Phillip	71	
7th	Snell, Roger	73	
Gross Skins	Player	Hole	
	Burgos, Cromwel	Birdie on 9	
	Marrs, Jonathan	Birdie on 17	
	Nelson, Kevin	Birdie on 12	
Net Skins	Player	Hole	
	Halvorsen, Rosa	Eagle on 8	
	Halvorsen, Rosa	Eagle on 18	
	Friedrich, Paul	Eagle on 11	
	Cruz, Daniel	Eagle on 5	
	Murphy, Terry	Eagle on 16	
	Whalen, Thomas	Eagle on 3^3	

Tournament Results 2-15-2025 All Ties Determined Using the USGA Card Off Standard

	NCGA 4-Ball Qualifiers	Net Score
Overall	Sullivan, Scott + Castilone, Jim	61
A Flight	Sicner, Mark + Grippi, Steve	65
B Flight	Ewen, Kirk + Warner, Paul	65
"A" Net	Players	Net Score
1st	Castilone, Jim + Sullivan, Scott	61
2nd	Grippi, Steve + Sicner, Mark	65
3rd	Alexander, William + Schmidt, Dustin	65
4th	Engman, Eric + Ronkowski, John	65
5th	Hewitt, Brian + Hotell, Michael	66
6th	Dadey, Mike + Jarvis, Eric	66
7th	Friedrich, Paul + Zamora, Anthony	66
"B" Net	Players	Net Score
1st	Garcia, Nora + Gonzalez, Ruben	62
2nd	Ewen, Kirk + Warner, Paul	65
3rd	Dodge, Brett + Schrudder, Greg	66
4th	Campanelli, Dominic + Panico, Carl	66
5th	Bauser, Thomas + Nazry, Larry	66
6th	Kitay, Robert + Tchamba, Gaetano	66
7th	Chan, Phillip + Castano, Julio	66
Gross Skins	Player	Score
	Sullivan, Scott	Birdie on 3
	Fleming, Joseph	Eagle on 18
Net Skins	Player	Score
	Gonzalez, Ruben	Eagle on 10
	Kitay, Robert	Eagle on 2
	Fleming, Joseph	Eagle on 18

Tournament Skins Results 2-20-2025

Gross Skins	Player	Score
	Anthony Zamora	3 on #15
	Teddy Manley	2 on #17
	Teddy Manley	3 on #18
Net Skins	Player	Score
	Randy Cacy	Net 2 on #1
	Joe Fleming	Net 2 on #6
	Dave Jepma	Net 1 on #9
	Ryan Doyle	Net 1 on #14
	Ryan Doyle	Net 2 on #16

Tournament Results 2-20-2025

"A" Net	Player	Score
1	Teddy Manley	69
2	Ray Cheung	70
3	Jerry Goodman	71
4	Andrew Woodruff	72
4	Lance Bishop	72
4	Mike Makiej	72
7	Dan Quasius	73
7	Rob Viebrock	73
7	Richard Gutierrez	73
"B" Net	Player	Score
1	Donn Pintar	71
2	Mark Brown	72
3	Steve Grippi	73
4	Lane Leach	74
4	Roger Welborn	74
4	Kris Duff	74
4	Sean Suggs	74
8	Quinn Monsma	75
"C" Net	Player	Score
1	Rosa Halvorsen*	69*
2	John Stevens	69
3	Kent Craney	72
3	Randy Cacy	72
5	Christian Osuna	73
6	John Ronkowski	74
7	Tony Garafola	75
7	Paul Petifer	75
7	Richard Drawbert	75
7	Rob Bivens	75
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"D" Net	Player	Score
1	Ryan Doyle	68
2	Ken Newman	71
3	Steve Sahs	72
4	Lenin Del Castillo	72
4	Mo Hadano	75
6	Marco Palilla	76
6	Tom Ray	76
6	Mike Gerbec	76
6	Jim Kozlowski	76
6	Dave Jepma	76

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