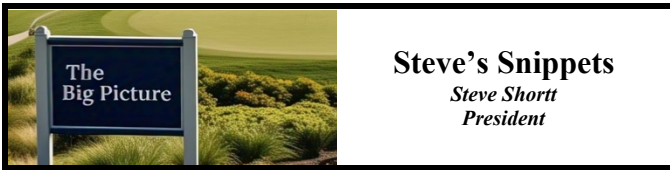


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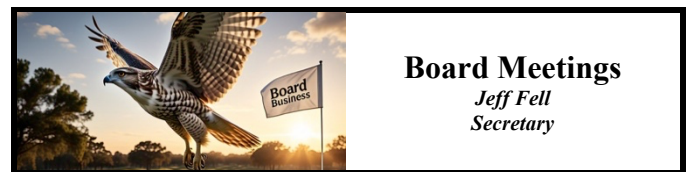
I wanted to start with a quick reminder that our annual membership meeting is scheduled for this Saturday, right after the 2-man better ball shotgun start tournament. This is one of the few opportunities we have to get together as a group and it's a great opportunity for everyone to meet and provide feedback into what you'd like to see the Board focus on in the coming year.

I also wanted to give everyone an update on a couple of the key goals for the association I shared in my last newsletter.

- **Growing the club.** Growing the club is critical for us to offer membership more tee time options and events, and I'm happy to share we're making excellent progress in this area. At the beginning of the year, we started with 76 active members in the association. Since then, we've added an additional 15 members for a total of 91 members.
- **Improving the social interaction.** Many members are looking for more social interaction within the club, and we've taken several steps in this area. (1) I've asked our Tournament Director, Erik Feldman, to actively mix up the groups this year to increase the interaction across the membership; (2) we're started a weekday 9 hole twilight golf series to provide additional events for members to take advantage of; and (3) we're adding membership meetings, like the annual meeting, to our shotgun start tournaments.
- **Drive for more shotguns.** Shotgun starts are a key component to providing more opportunities to socialize among members, and we're had several conversations with Cinnabar Hills leadership about how we can have more (we currently have 2 weekend shotgun starts scheduled for this year, May 3rd and July 26th). Unfortunately, it doesn't look like we'll be able to expand the number this year, however we're optimistic we can in 2026 through either

Cinnabar Hills or reciprocal arrangements with other golf clubs. Stay tuned.

Finally, I'd like to give special thanks to Adam Loran's team for working with CHMGA to make our golfing experience at Cinnabar Hills enjoyable. I'd also like to encourage membership to take advantage of the Cinnabar Hills restaurant, bar, and snack shack whenever you play at the course. Cinnabar Hills is only able to provide these high quality services if they are utilized and given our tournaments are a big part of their weekend business, we can strengthen our value to Cinnabar Hills by taking advantage of them. And remember, HAWK and HAWK+ members get 25% off, which includes their family for meals.



A quick reminder we'll be voting on a number of changes to the CHMGA Bylaws at the annual meeting this coming Saturday. The modified bylaws and a summary of the material changes proposed can be found on the CHMGA website at [CHMGA Bylaws](#). If you can't attend the meeting, you can still vote via email by sending your vote/feedback to info@chmga.club.

Some of the key decisions from the board's March/April meetings are summarized below:

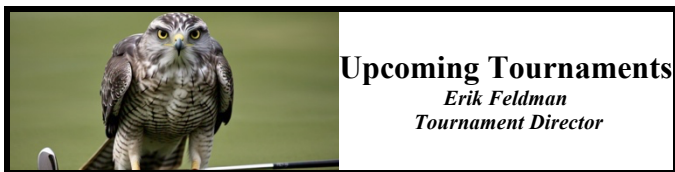
- **Tournament Fees.** The Board voted to change the tournament fees for the four Major tournaments from \$50 to \$25 based on membership feedback that \$50 was excessive.
- **Membership Discounts.** For the remainder of 2025, we decided to offer a discount of \$50 for new members (similar to last year) and a \$100 for returning members.
- **Tournament Director.** The Board voted to have Erik Feldman continue as Tournament Director for the remainder of 2025. Erik's doing an incredible job after taking on this role in February and we're all very appreciative of his work.

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- **Late Withdrawal Fee.** The Board decided to implement a \$25 cancellation fee for members withdrawing from a tournament within 72 hours of the tournament. Late cancellations cause a significant amount of additional work to manage each tournament and can result in wasted tee slots when they can't be filled with another member. The late withdrawal fee is intended to encourage members to notify Erik as soon as possible when they can't play in an event they've signed up for.
- **2025 Tournament Schedule.** The Board approved several changes to the tournament schedule and formats for the remainder of 2025. See the Upcoming Tournament section of the newsletter for more information.



Things are heating up with the spring/summer season fully underway and in addition to highlighting the upcoming tournaments I wanted to update everyone on several key items.

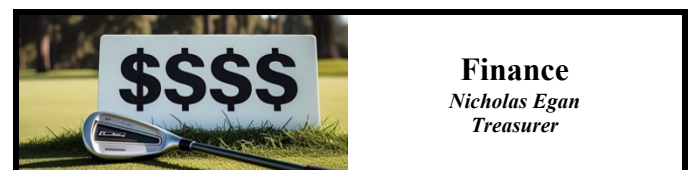
As with all tournament questions or issues, please contact me at: Cell phone (text or call): **650-269-9701** or email: erikfeldman1@gmail.com

- **Flighting Guidelines.** The Board approved a set of guidelines, and the rationale behind them, to be used to determine tee box and flight assignments for association tournaments. The guidelines include the policy for replacing players/teams at NCGA qualifiers who cannot attend the event. Please check out the guidelines on the CHMGA website at [Flighting Guidelines](#).
- **Tournament Side Bets on Indefinite Hold.** As all the gamblers in the club have noticed, the tournament side bets (i.e., skins game and parimutuel betting) have not been available recently. The primary reason is that a new coordinator for those activities has not been identified. If you are interested in managing the program, please contact any board member to put your name forward.

- **Philosophy on Tournament Foursomes.** To foster increased interactions between club members, attempts will be made to mix up the foursomes a bit more than in the past. While members will still be free to choose their teammate or partner, the makeup of foursomes will be left up to the Tournament Director. So don't be surprised if you are meeting new CHMGA members on the first tee in an upcoming tournament.
- **Pace of Play Improvements Still Needed.** The Cinnabar Hills pro shop has grown increasingly concerned with the pace of play in recent events. Our performance at the upcoming shotgun start event on May 3 will be closely scrutinized and will influence the ability of the club to get any shotgun start events in the future. Additional self-policing among players in a foursome will be expected, and mixing up foursomes may also be done to pair traditionally slower players with faster individuals. Stay tuned for a new pace of play policy that is being developed by the board.
- **Remaining 2025 Schedule Approved.** The remaining schedule of tournaments has been approved by the Board and is available on Golf Genius at [2025 Tournament Schedule](#). The schedule includes three more major events where the point awards are doubled:

- May 17: Individual Net (NCGA Qualifier, Major #2)
- June 21: Individual Gross (Major #3)
- July 26: 2-Man Total Net (Major #4)

Demand for the major events is sure to be high, so please sign up early.



CHMGA completed the annual audit specified in the bylaws for FY24. The audit showed normal business activity, with no remedial actions required. We would like to thank Michael Tovish and John

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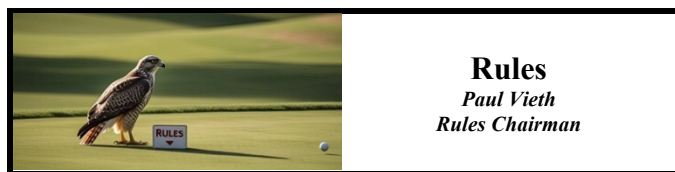
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Barrett for taking on this task. Given the challenges in conducting an annual audit, the Board is recommending (as part of the modified bylaws) the association move to bi-monthly disclosure of the finances to membership in lieu of an annual audit.

Below you'll find the association finances through March 31st. Beginning in May, the detailed results will be posted on the CHMGA website at [2025 Finance Report](#).

Item Description	Mar '25
Beginning Balance	\$16,145
Association Business	\$8,664
Tournament Escrow	\$981
2025 Season Points Winner Escrow	\$5,400
2025 Club Champion Escrow	\$1,100
Sub-Totals	
Association Business	(\$168)
Membership Fees	\$550
NCGA Tournament Payments	(\$700)
Other Expenses	(\$18)
Monthly Tournament Financials	\$225
Tournament Fees	\$2,375
Tournament Payouts	(\$2,150)
Ending Balance	\$16,202
Association Business	\$8,496
Tournament Escrow	\$1,206
2025 Season Points Escrow	\$5,400
2025 Club Champion Escrow	\$1,100



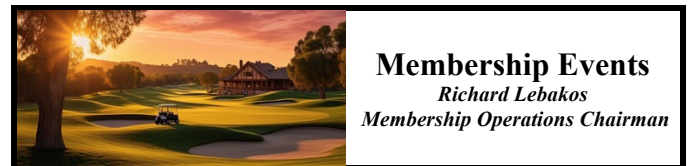
Rules
Paul Vieth
Rules Chairman

In the last two months, we've taken several steps to help members better understand and apply the [Rules of Golf](#) during tournaments. Additionally, we're investigating some educational sessions in conjunction with the NCGA which I'll share during the May 3rd annual meeting.

- **Tournament Rules Committee.** To assist members with how to apply the Rules of Golf during tournaments, the Board has created a tournament rules committee. In future

tournaments, the members of the committee will be paired with different foursomes each tournament and act as coaches within the foursome for correctly applying the Rules of Golf to in-play situations. Expect to hear more soon.

- **School of Rules.** We've added a new page to the CHMGA web site entitled [School of Rules](#). This page will be updated each tournament with a key golf rule for each tournament we'd like to share with membership, along with other educational information about the Rules of Golf.
- **Hard Card.** The Board created a 5"x7" laminated hard card detailing the local Cinnabar Hills/CHMGA rules applicable for all CHMGA events (unless otherwise specified in the day of tournament rules sheet). If you've not yet received a copy of the hard card, please contact me and we'll get one to you. You can also find and print a paper copy of the hard card (and subsequent revisions) at [CHMGA Hard Card](#).



Membership Events
Richard Lebakos
Membership Operations Chairman

There are several of membership events coming up in the next two months I'd like to share with everyone.

- A final reminder that our annual membership meeting will occur this coming Saturday, May 3rd, after the 2-man better ball tournament.
- Last month we introduced a weekday 9 hole twilight golf series for members and non-members. While the first event needed to be rescheduled from 4/29 to 5/27 due to insufficient membership sign-up, we're hopeful the 5/27 event will be better received. Look for additional information about the event in the coming weeks.
- Finally, please join me in welcoming the following new or returning members to CHMGA since our last newsletter: Drew Himes, Nikhil Kapur, Hasumukh Ranjan, Amitava Parial, Prasad Upadhyayula, Ajay Wadhwa, Sumeet Gagneja, Scott Carelli, Skipp Harvey, Andy Padilla, Mark McReynolds, Rick Zibell, and Steve Schulte