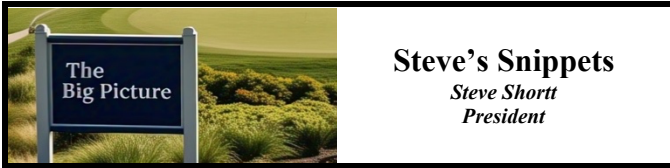


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It's hard to believe that fall is right around the corner and the 2025 season is almost over. However, the most exciting part of the season is coming up next with our Match Play tournaments in September and the Cinnabar Cup in October.

Annual Membership Survey

First things first though, I wanted to thank everyone who completed the Annual Membership Survey we sent out in July. Your feedback is critical to helping the Board make decisions to improve the club for everyone. You can find a summary the survey results at: [2025 Annual Membership Survey Summary](#).

One of the key questions we asked in the survey was how well you felt the club was meeting your expectations. I was happy to see that roughly 75% of the members responding felt the club was meeting or exceeding their expectations. Being an eternal optimist, I'd love to get this number closer to 100% and we'll use the feedback from the survey to try to address the issues raised by those who feel the club is falling short.

Also, over 80% of the members responding said they would like to see us expand the tournament schedule to include some "away" events. Given this, we're looking to add 4 "away" tournaments to the 2026 schedule (one per quarter). These will be included in the schedule when it released in mid-September.

Oh, and before I forget, below are the five lucky winners of the random drawing we did for members who replied to the survey. These members will have a \$25 pro-shop credit added to their Cinnabar Hills pro-shop account

- Eric Zibell, Michael Tovish, Todd Manley, Steve Schulte, and Roger Kirton

Tournament Director

As I communicated earlier this month, Erik Feldman has decided to step down as Tournament Director. I want to take a moment to thank Erik again for all his hard work this year. He's been a key member of the board and helped us make progress in many areas. In Erik's absence, the remaining board members will cover his responsibilities until a new Tournament Director is elected in November. Jeff Fell, who currently serves as Secretary, will act as the focal point for all tournament related activities and communications in the meantime.

Club and NET Championships.

I'm very excited about this year's Match Play tournaments, especially the expanded Club Championship and new NET Championship. I can't wait to see who prevails in both championships and am looking forward to having my picture taken with the winners (sorry potential winners...not optional)!



Below are the key decisions from the July and August board meetings.

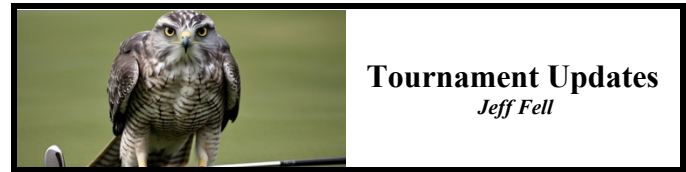
- **2026 Tournament Schedule.** The Board reviewed the preliminary tournament dates for the 2026 season. The season will include 19 tournaments at Cinnabar Hills, 4 "away" events, the Match Play tournaments, and the Cinnabar Cup. The tournament schedule will be published in late September.
- **Club and NET Championship schedule.** The Board approved expanding the NET Championship to 16 players, to align with the Club Championship, and the final dates for each round of the Match Play tournament. See the section tournament updates elsewhere in the newsletter for the complete Match Play schedule.
- **Match Play Payouts.** An updated payout schedule for the Match Play tournaments was

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reviewed and approved, 5-0 in August. The new schedule takes into account the expanded field of the Club Championship and the introduction of the NET Championship, increasing the purse for the those participating.



Tournament Updates

Jeff Fell

Before getting into our upcoming tournaments, I wanted to congratulate the top 22 finishers in the season long Cinnabar Cup Points Race. It was an incredibly close race this year that came down to the wire with Trent Gilfoil holding off both Gary Berg and Dan Sexton to take first place. In addition to the prize money, the top 22 finishers will compete in the “Ryder Cup” styled Cinnabar Cup (to be held in October), with Trent and Gary acting as team captains. More to come as we get closer to the tournament.

I also want to congratulate the top 16 finishers from the Aug 23rd NET Championship Qualifier. Below, you’ll find the final Match Play brackets for both the Club Championship and NET Championship tournaments, as well as all Match Play flights on the club website at [Match Play Brackets](#).



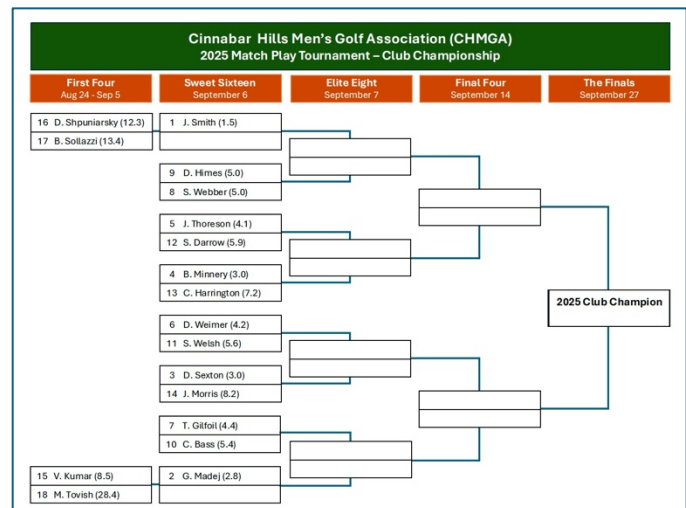
Finance

Nicholas Egan
Treasurer

The association finances continue to track well against our planned expenses. Summarized below are the association finances through the end of August.

Item Description	Aug '25
Beginning Balance	\$13,926
Association Business	\$5,167
Tournament Escrow	\$2,259
2025 Season Points Winner Escrow	\$5,400
2025 Club Champion Escrow	\$1,100
Sub-Totals	
Association Business	(\$423)
Membership Fees	\$25
NCGA Membership Payments	(\$46)
NCGA Tournament Payments	(\$370)
Other Expenses	(\$32)
Monthly Tournament Financials	\$65
Tournament Fees	\$2,150
Tournament Payouts	(\$2,085)
Season Points Winner Escrow	(\$4,365)
Season Points Winner Payouts	(\$4,365)
Ending Balance	\$9,203
Association Business	\$4,744
Tournament Escrow	\$2,324
2025 Season Points Escrow	\$1,035
2025 Club Champion Escrow	\$1,100

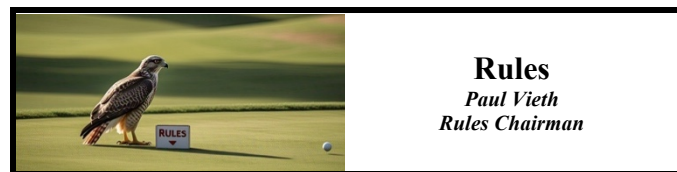
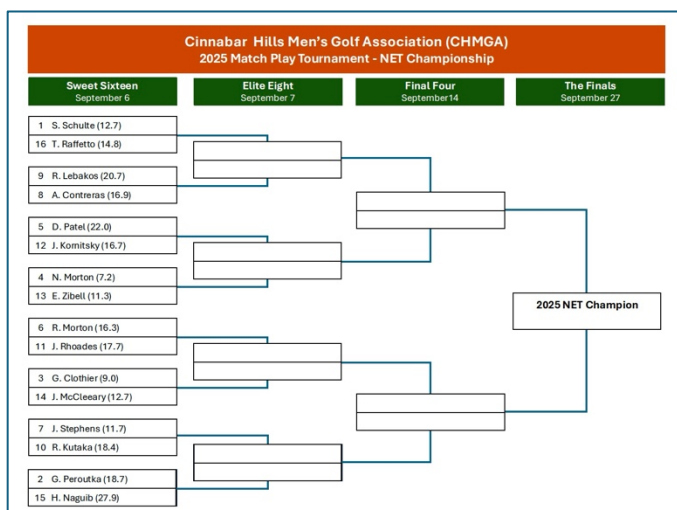
You can find the detailed financial results for every month of 2025 on the CHMGA website at [2025 Finance Report](#).



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We've had several new members join the club that may never have played Match Play. You can find an overview of Match Play and the USGA rules that govern it at the following website: [USGA Match Play](#). Some key points about Match Play:

- Match play is a form of play where a player plays directly against an opponent in a head-to-head match.
- A player wins a hole by completing it in the fewest number of strokes, and they win a match when they are winning by more holes than remain to be played.
- A player may concede a stroke, a hole, or even the match to the other player, but the player and opponent cannot agree to concede holes to shorten a match.
- A concession is final and cannot be declined or withdrawn.
- When asked for the number of strokes taken or giving that information without being asked, the player must give the right number of strokes taken.
- A player must tell the opponent about a penalty as soon as reasonably possible.
- During a round, the players in a match may agree how to decide a rules issue, and the agreed outcome is conclusive even if it turns out to have been wrong under the rule, so long as they did not agree to ignore a rule or penalty they knew applied.

For our upcoming Match Play tournament, the Player's Handbook will include more detail about several of the Match Play rules mentioned above, in addition to the penalties associated with breaching those rules.

Match Play Schedule

The Match Play tournament will consist of several "tournaments within a tournament": 1) the Club Championship, 2) the NET Championship, and 3) two flights of Match Play for those members not playing in either of the above.

The schedule for the Match Play tournament is as follows:

- Sept 6th: Sweet Sixteen for Club and NET Championships. Round 1 for other flights
- Sept 7th: Elite Eight for Club and NET Championships. Round 2 for other flights
- Sept 14th: Final Four for Club and NET Championships
- Sept 27th: The Finals for all flights.

Note: We will be holding an additional tournament on Sept 27th (format TBD) for those members not participating in Match Play finals. Registration will open for this tournament on Sept 7th.

Cinnabar Cup Schedule

- Oct 18th: Day 1 of the Cinnabar Cup
- Oct 25th: Day 2 of the Cinnabar Cup

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Membership Events

Richard Lebakos
Membership Operations Chairman

Roger Kirton/Warran Nagatani Advance

Congratulations to Roger Kirton and Warran Nagatani for advancing to the Senior Four-Ball NET NCGA Championships to be played at Poppy Hills September 8th and 9th. Roger and Warren fired a round of 65 at the Coyote Creek qualifier to tie for third place and advance.

Welcome New Members

We had two new members join us in July and August, Dan Cunningham and Jamie Pio. Dan has already been out on the course with us, playing in the Best 2 of 4 ball tournament and will be joining us in the Match Play tournament as well. Jamie will be joining us for the Match Play tournament in September. Be sure to reach out and introduce yourself when you see them.

Member Sponsored Golf Outings

Member sponsored golf outings are tournaments or get togethers organized by CHMGA members that are not official CHMGA tournaments, but are open to members to participate in. To sign-up to play in one of these events, contact the member listed below:

- **September 24th**, Poppy Ridge Golf Course in Livermore. Contact Ketki Mathuri via text at 510-909-9024.

Note: The November 8th event, previously planned for Bayonet Golf course, has been moved to Dec 13th and will now be our first “away” CHMGA sponsored tournament in 2026.