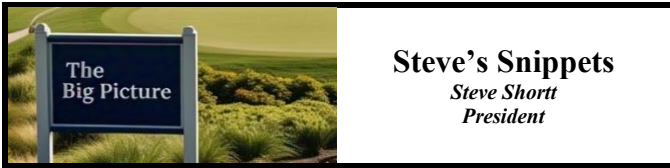


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me at [s.shortt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:s.shortt@sbcglobal.net) or 408-307-8718 as soon as possible (spots are filling up fast). I will send out more information to those who sign-up as we get closer to the date.

## Annual Member Survey

In July we'll be conducting our annual membership survey. The survey provides every member with an opportunity to share feedback, ideas, concerns, and suggestions regarding the club's direction, events, and overall member experience. It is one of the most important tools the Board uses when making decisions about how we run our tournaments for what we do in the next season.

It ensures that Board decisions are driven by member input rather than assumptions. By gathering and analyzing feedback, the Board can identify areas for improvement, prioritize initiatives that matter most to the membership, and continue building a club that reflects the interests of all members. The survey strengthens transparency, accountability, and communication between the Board and the membership.

## Almaden Golf & Country Club Outing – July 30

I wanted to let members know about a special outing I've been able to arrange at Almaden Golf & Country Club on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to CHMGA and Almaden Golf & Country Club member Mike Stahl, Almaden has agreed to host a mid-week (Thursday) shotgun start tournament for CHMGA members and their friends to play and experience the course.

While not an official CHMGA tournament/event (no Cinnabar Cup points will be awarded, nor will the tournament count as one of your six events toward Club or NET Championship eligibility), this event provides a unique opportunity for members to play an extraordinary private course not normally open for public play.

Tee-off will be at 1:00 pm (check-in and payment at the course at 11:30 am) and the cost is \$125 per member. If interested in participating, please contact

## Club and Net Championships

As we move past the midpoint of the season, I wanted to remind all members about the end of season Club and NET championship tournaments coming up in September. The Club Championship is a GROSS scoring, match play tournament, played from the Hawk tees, open to any member with a Tournament Index of 10 or less. The NET Championship is a NET scoring, match play tournament, played from the Quicksilver tees, that the top 16 finishers from the August 29<sup>th</sup> qualifier will compete in.

To compete for either Championship, members must have played in at least 6 member events during the 2026 season, so if you're looking to secure bragging rights for the next year and haven't yet played in 6 events, be sure to sign up for the upcoming events to be eligible.

## Cinnabar Cup Race

The Cinnabar Cup Race is proving to be very competitive this year, across all handicap levels, which I attribute to the changes we made to the ranking and point systems this year. If you haven't taken the time to look at the competitiveness analysis we've published on the website, I encourage you to do so at: [2026 Tournament Competitiveness](#).

## Appreciation for the Board and Cinnabar Hills Staff

Finally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the CHMGA Board and the outstanding team at Cinnabar Hills Golf Club.

The success and growth of our club would not be possible without the dedication and support of the professionals and staff who work behind the scenes every day. This includes the Pro Shop staff, Food and

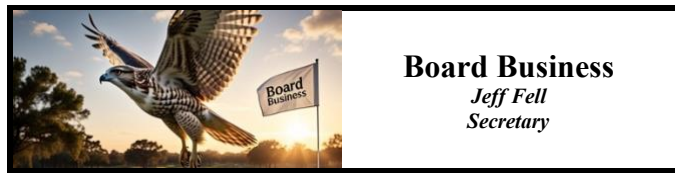
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Beverage team, Driving Range personnel, Maintenance team, and all others who contribute to creating an exceptional golfing experience for our members.

Their commitment, professionalism, and partnership have helped elevate the CHMGA to the level it enjoys today. On behalf of the membership, thank you for your continued support and for everything you do to make our club successful.



## Board Business

Jeff Fell  
Secretary

## 2027 Season Alignment

In 2027 we will be aligning our association activities (tournament schedule, Board of Directors terms, membership dues, association finances, etc) to match our official golf season which runs from November to October of each year. While the tournament season has always been from November to October, the other activities were calendar year based which has caused confusion for everyone.

The above change will affect several association business items:

- **Board of Directors Elections.** Starting with the 2027 season (which will start in November), all Board positions will run from November to October of each year. In September we will begin accepting nominations for the 2027 Board, with elections planned to occur the first week of October. More information will be sent out as we get closer to September.
- **Membership Dues.** Membership dues (including NCGA dues) will also be aligned to the November to October season schedule. New membership and renewals will be open for sign-ups starting in October. **NOTE:** This year only., members who signed up for 2026 season but don't renew for 2027, will be able to participate in association tournaments through the end of December 2026.

- **Membership Finances.** Association financial reporting to membership will move from our current calendar-based reporting to match our tournament season (Nov to Oct). **NOTE:** Our tax reporting as an association will remain calendar based.

If you have any questions about the above items, don't hesitate to reach out to any of the board members to discuss, or email us at: [info@chmga.club](mailto:info@chmga.club).



## Finance

Nicholas Egan  
Treasurer

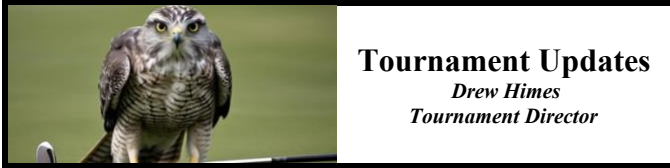
Below is a summary of the association finances through the end of May 2026. Detailed finances are on the CHMGA website at: [2026 Finance Report](#).

Item Description	May '26
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$12,613</b>
Association Business	\$10,416
Tournament Escrow	\$1,162
2025 Season Points Winner Escrow	\$1,035
<b>Sub-Totals</b>	
<b>Association Business</b>	<b>\$100</b>
Membership Fees	\$116
Other Expenses	(\$16)
<b>Monthly Tournament Financials</b>	<b>\$255</b>
Tournament Fees	\$3,075
Tournament Payouts	(\$2,820)
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$12,968</b>
Association Business	\$10,516
Tournament Escrow	\$1,417
2025 Season Points Escrow	\$1,035

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## Maximum GROSS Score - 9

In the interest of improving the association's Pace of Play, the Board has decided to implement a new policy for our tournaments, capping the **GROSS** score at a maximum of 9 on any hole. This will only apply in tournaments where an individual gross score is used as part of the members round (it wouldn't apply to scrambles for example).

The Notice to Player sheet provided for each tournament will specifically say if the policy is in effect for that tournament based on the format.

## Guests capped at 6 under par (NET)

We've had several exceptional scores in our Member/Guest events this year, whereby the guest shot an unusually low score compared to their GHIN index. This has raised concerns among our members about our policy allowing guests to play at 100% of their GHIN index. Upon reviewing the scores from all Member/Guest events, the Board has decided to continue to allow guests to play at 100% of their GHIN index **BUT** their NET score will be limited no more than 6 strokes under par. If a guest shoots better than 6 strokes under par, their scorecard will be adjusted after the tournament to reflect the above policy (typically by increasing their hole-by-hole score by 1 stroke, starting with hole 18 and moving backwards, until their NET total is no more than 6 under par).

The Notice to Player sheet provided for each tournament will specifically say how this policy will apply for each Member/Guest based on the format

## Upcoming Tournaments

Summer has officially arrived and we have a slate of great golf outings coming up in next month. Be sure

to sign-up early because you won't want to miss any of the ones below.

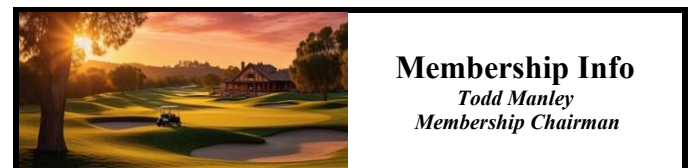
- July 12<sup>th</sup> (Sunday), The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly. A new format for this season featuring 6 holes of 2-Person Best Ball, followed by 6 holes of Alternate Shot and 6 holes of Aggregate NET. **NOTE:** This tournament is on a Sunday and **NOT** Saturday.
- July 25<sup>th</sup>, Individual Stroke Play (GROSS scoring). Our last Major of the year and a great chance to move up in the Cinnabar Cup Race.
- August 9<sup>th</sup> (Sunday), 2-Person Stableford (Member/Guest) at Black Horse. Our third away tournament, held at Bayonet & Black Horse in Seaside. **NOTE:** This tournament is on a Sunday and **NOT** Saturday.
- As always, you can find the complete 2026 tournament schedule on Golf Genius at: [2026 Tournament Schedule](#) (GGID: ch2026).

## Cinnabar Cup Race

With just five tournaments left in the season, the Cinnabar Cup Race is heating up. It's still anybody's game and at this point it looks like the race will come down to the final tournament of the season.

Chris Riland holds a mere 66 point lead over Steve Shortt, with last year's Cinnabar Cup Race winner Trent Gilfoil lurking in the background just 190 points back.

You can see where you stand and find the complete standings at: [Cinnabar Cup Race](#).



## NCGA Team Match Competition

Have you heard about the NCGA Team Match Program ([NCGA Team Match Program](#))? Are you interested in learning more and/or participating?

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While the current team match season is winding down, there is still one round left (on July 9th) and the Cinnabar Hills team (managed by CHMGA members Mike Tovish and Dev Patel) is looking for members who may want to play. For more information, contact Mike Tovish at: [michael.tovish@gmail.com](mailto:michael.tovish@gmail.com).

**NOTE:** Players must be members of the NCGA with Cinnabar Hills designated as their primary golf course to participate. The Cinnabar Hills team is managed by Mike and Dev separate from the CHMGA tournament program.

## **Membership Update**

Our membership has been holding steady at 81 people since our last update, but we're always looking to grow our ranks. Several weeks ago, an email was sent to gather interest from your guest who've participated in our member/guest events. If your guest enjoyed playing with our club and would love to learn more, please check your inbox for the note or send an email over to Todd Manley ([info@chmga.club](mailto:info@chmga.club)).

## **Promotions**

Our mid-year membership promotion is still available for friend/colleagues you have who may be interested in joining the club. It's a great value and offers them to try the club ahead of the 2027 season. If you have anyone who might be interested, let me know and I'll be happy to help them take advantage of it.