

19th Hole Golf Club Report

Carmichael Elks Golf Clubhouse



The Carmichael Elks Golf Club members met at the Lodge on Thursday, March 5th to discuss club business and upcoming events. **President Stan Morrison** started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed all in attendance. After asking for any visiting people to come forward, **Mr. Johnnie Mack** stood and explained he wanted to join the Golf Club after hearing good things from his long time friend and our member **Sandy Shongood**. **Mr. Mack** said he has been golfer for many years and recently moved from Roseville to Carmichael. **Johnnie Mack** was given a warm welcome with a hearty applause by all present. **President Morrison** then asked for a moment of silence for the recent passing of two of our Club members. A silent moment was given for our thoughts on retired member **Weldon Ward** who passed on February 6th and recent Club member **James Miller** who passed on February 19th. A Remembrance for these two special people follows below. **Vice President Kristi Ernst** reported the our annual Club Picnic to be held on September 12, 2026 and the Annual Awards Dinner to be held on December 5, 2026, both at the Lodge. Please take the time to mark these dates on your calendars. **Treasurer Jerry Trautman** gave his report and explained that the NCGA dues have been paid and members duly listed. **Handicap Chair John Simmons** reminded members that NCGA emails all members a monthly bulletin on golf items of interest, and if you scroll down the issue you will find a list of your own recent scores over the last few times you have played. **Tournament Chair Georgia Lipphardt** reported on the upcoming March tournaments: Ancil Hoffman on March 26, 2026, Mather Golf Course on 3/23/26 and Bartley Cavanaugh on 3/30/26. Results of those tournaments will be announced in the next newsletter. Ancil Hoffman Golf Course has reduced it's fees to \$55.00 for cart and range balls and \$35.00 walking. That is less than the fees list on the Tournament Schedule. The first start time at Ancil was also changed to 9:16am. **Tournament Chair Lipphardt** mentioned that two of our courses we are playing this year, **Ancil Hoffman and Wilhawk Golf Course** will be raising their fees in June or July from the fees listed on our Tournament Schedule. All members will be given the new rates as soon as they are available. **NCGA Representative Ray Ernst** noted that NCGA is holding four hour rules' clinics at Haggin Oaks that should be very helpful for members to consider signing up. **Handicap Chair John Simmons** offered an explanation on a recent rule clarified by NCGA on "Out of bound Hits." The rule offers a choice, either go back to where the shot started and hit the ball from there and get a 1 shot penalty or, in the interest of saving time, hit the ball from where it went out of bounds and get a 2 shot penalty. Standing in for **Director Guy Deaner** of the February Antelope Green tournament, **John Simmons** passed out the prizes to winners of that tournament. Those winners were featured in the last month's March newsletter.

Golf Club Members, please remember to bring a can or box to support the Lodge's Food Bank Drive. Every donation helps a lot! Just make sure the "soon-to-expire date" is someday off in future years! We appreciate what you can give.



Anyone interested or know of a Lodge member that is interested in playing golf? The Tournament Schedule is available on the Carmichael Elks Lodge web site at carmichaelelks2103.org. All of our tournaments are held on Mondays with occasional exceptions. Members can play as it fits their time and interest. Our members, both men and women, have a variety of skill levels with all members having a love of the game. Anyone interested in joining the Golf Club can contact our President Stan Morrison at (916) 770-5694 or attend one of our monthly meetings, which are normally held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Lodge. Our next meeting is set for April 2, 2026. Visitors are welcomed. Come check us out.

IN REMEMBRANCE - TWO SPECIAL PEOPLE



Gone from our sight, but not from our hearts. The need to remember is the calling you hear of someone close or someone missed years ago is now gone. We here at the Carmichael Elks Golf Club learned of the passing of one of our members who no longer plays with the Club but is close in our thoughts: At the age of 96, Weldon Ward passed away on February 6, 2026. Weldon is survived by three children, seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Weldon peacefully passed away surrounded by his family. Weldon was a good golfer and continued playing with friends after leaving the Golf Club. He made a nice number of Holes-in-One over the years including his last one at the age of 91. As a member he often attended our social events with his wife Emily, who passed in 2019. Besides golf, he enjoyed

music and played the banjo with the Sacramento Banjo Band for over 50 years. We were often treated to his banjo talents when he played at the our Golf Club picnic and the our 2016 Awards Dinner. We will remember Weldon as a good man and friend, who shared our love of the game of golf.



On February 20th, we learned that James Miller, a Golf Club member since 2019, left this world suddenly on February 19, 2026. James had heart surgery last year and was working on his healing when complications overcame him. James is survived by his wife Patricia, two children, Julie Garcia and David Edgar, and four grandchildren: Christopher Garcia and Zacharia Garcia, both serving Marines and Mahala Edgar and Mathew Edgar, both busy with educational studies, and a sister Sue Alexander. Jim loved the game and taught all four of his grandsons to play golf. He liked to play the forward tees as it "was more relaxing" which allowed him to have less pressure to make every shot perfect. As a player, he was practical, thoughtful and to the point. In a recent tournament, a fellow player Jim Warrick remembers complaining as they played a course with so many "trees, trees, trees, everywhere." Jim looked at him and said, "trees? What trees? You are aiming for the fairway, right?" With that Jim easily took tree worries out of one's mind. Jim was special, at 81 years of age he was easy going on the golf course, and with humor he enjoyed the day, the game and the people. He had a solid game, easy smooth shots down the middle and a killer on the green. Jim will be sorely missed, as we remember the good times and the laughter we shared.

