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New changes this year

Thank you to all the new officers, committee members, and volunteers. We have some fun games and activities planned this year. Many of the member suggestions have already been implemented. Also, a big thank you to the past board for their hard work and efforts (Linda, Susan, and Mary T.).

Checkout the AHGG website to see a year in view of all the games planned for 2026. Shout out to Kathy Ishakawa for doing a fantastic job in keeping the website current.

<https://antelopehillsgolfgals.azgolf.org>

AHGG Executive Board holds meetings (as needed) to address issues and handle the on-going management of the club. Also, the first general meeting of the membership is tentatively scheduled for February 10th following nine holes of golf. If you have any input, questions, concerns, etc., please reach out to any board member. This is your league and we want to be responsive.

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We all love sunshine! Sandy is our Sunshine person and will serve as the leagues "feel good" person in that cards and well wishes will be sent to express the league's support of our members such as get-well cards, wedding cards, etc. Let Sandy know who may need some sunshine.



The Review



Start Times

In January our start time begins at 9:37 a.m. Check in with the Sweeps/starters by 9:00 a.m.

With the 9-hole combination 18-hole league we are unable to have shot-gun starts. We will continue with tee times. Plan to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your start time. If the starters are no longer there, you can see if your scorecard(s) are on the bulletin board. You can write your name on the current weekly tee sheet located in the white binder as checked in. For Chip-Ins or KP's put your money in the container(s) located in the drawers and mark paid on the tee sheets. Plastic containers are marked accordingly. Start times vary throughout the year and you will be notified via Golf Genius (GG) Weekly Sign-Up emails. *GG sign up emails will be issued weekly versus monthly per member input.*

Chip-Ins

We are implementing suggestions from members wanting to return to the weekly Chip-In pot. This is a \$1 buy in (optional participation) each week. The pot will roll over to the next week, etc., until someone wins. Winnings will be paid that day or by the following week. Chip-Ins are based on holes 1-9.

Hole-in-One

A Hole-In-One pot has been created effective January 1st. It is a \$3 buy in (optional participation) until someone wins the pot. At that time the pot would start over with another \$3 buy in. A Hole-in-One Sheet is located on the bulletin board. If you are interested in participating give your \$3 to Laurie. She will ensure your name is on the list and provide the funds to the Treasurer to maintain until someone wins. The Hole-in-One must occur during regular league play and qualifies for the fund provided the player has contributed to the fund. It must be witnessed by at least one other person. Based on holes 1-18. Payouts will be made that day or by the following week. You can't win if you don't pay! We wish you the best and hope everyone can enjoy this accomplishment at least once or more in their lifetime.

Closest to the Pin (KPs)

KPs will be implemented with a \$1 buy in (optional participation). This will be a monthly game. Your ball will need to end up on the green in your first shot to qualify for the KP. The person closest to the pin on the designated hole is the winner. Winnings will be paid that day or by the following week.

Payouts

Game day winnings will be paid monthly. We will follow the USGA rules on ties for game day payouts.



The Observer

Preferred Lies

Preferred Lies, AKA Winter Rules (lift, clean, and place) are currently in effect from December 1st to March 31st unless local rules or golf course states differently.

Winter rules allow a player to lift their ball in the fairway and place it in a different spot. You can place (not drop) the ball near your mark as long as it's not closer to the hole. Typically, you would place the ball back within a scorecard's length of the original position.

Drop Zones

There is a designated Drop Zone on the North Course on Hole 8. Review Local Rules for drop zone location. The Executive Board at their January meeting will discuss a Drop Zone on the South Course on Hole 5. If approved, local rules will be revised and members notified.

Rules of Golf

Everyone should learn the rules of golf. Adhering to the rules ensure protecting the field for all players. Virginia will work with the AGA to conduct a rules seminar for all members. We hope you can attend. This will be planned for the April timeframe.

Rules website: www.usga.org/rules