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Tee times may change starting in March.

We are working with the Pro Shop for earlier tee times in March - stay tuned. Plan to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your start time. Start times vary throughout the year and you will be notified via Golf Genius (GG) Weekly Invite emails. Also, look for earlier tee times in the summer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Pink Ball - February 10th (ABC Format)
- [General Meeting - March 17th after 9-holes golf.](#)
- We hope you are enjoying "Play with your own Partner." The next game will be played on April 14th.
- A new fun game Beaches, Trees, and Ponds will be played on April 21st.
- State Medallion dates are being revised to remove conflicts with NAWGA tournaments. They will be posted on the revised calendar of games next week. See Kelly M., AGA Representative with any questions. Dates are subject to change as all rounds will be played on the South Course.
- Upcoming Tournament Games

2 Person Better Ball (find a partner) - July 14th - one round.

Eclectic - September 8, 15th, & 22 - 3 rounds.

Club Champion - October 6 & 13th - 2 rounds.



The Review



Closest to the Pin (KPs)

KPs are held once a month with a \$1 buy in (optional participation). 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. January's winner is [Janie Scarborough](#). Congrats!

Chip-Ins

This is a \$1 buy in (optional participation) each week. [Winners to date are: Sandy Dunn, Judy Puntenney, Kelly Hong, Sharon Carlin, & Margo Bower](#). Congrats!

State Medallion

Shout out to the following members who represented AHGG in January - Way to Go!

- Mary Beadle - 18-Hole Low Gross
- Linda Amsbry - 18-Hole Low Net
- Kathy Ishikawa - 9-hole Low Gross
- Margo Bower - 9-Hole Low Net

GGID

A GGID has been created. You can enter "[ahgg2026](#)" instead of your email and password at [golfgenius.org](#).

WEBSITE

Checkout the AHGG website to see what's happening each month.

<https://antelopehillsgolfinggals.azgolf.org>

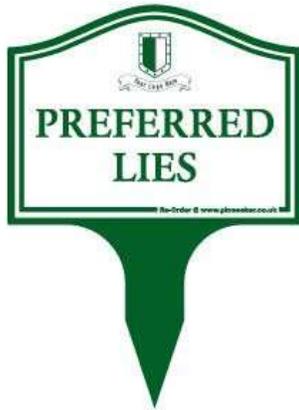
The password to access the Member Roster is [golfinggals918](#). A big thanks to Kathy for keeping the website updated!

SUNSHINE

Sandy is doing a great job. Thank you!

The Observer

Preferred Lies



This rule is often used in winter or wet conditions to ensure fair play and protect the course. Refer to Local Rules on Preferred Lies (Lift, Clean, and Place). There may be other adverse conditions when this rule will be applied at different times of the year other than December 1 - March 31st. You will be notified prior to play when Preferred Lies may be used.

Examples of adverse conditions when this rule may be applied is if the golf course is super dry from a very bad drought, bare patches in the fairway only, or when it rains a lot.

Drop Zones

A Drop Zone on the South Course, Hole 5 was implemented effective January 5th. The drop zone is immediately to the right of the cart path after you cross the ditch in the general area by the red stake. Drop your ball within two club lengths from the red stake in the general area no closer to the hole. This would be a one stroke penalty. Refer to Local Rules on your options if your ball ends up in a penalty area (ditch) defined by red stakes after your tee shot.

Rules of Golf

Everyone should learn the rules of golf. Adhering to the rules ensure protecting the field for all players. Following the rules provides an equitable playing field for all members. Our goal is to work with the AGA to hold a rules seminar for all members. More information to follow. We hope you can attend. Questions, contact Virginia.

Rules website: www.usga.org/rules



Hole-in-One

The reason the Hole-in-One fund was established was to be a fun and exciting way to add an extra layer of competition and enjoyment to the league. It can also serve as a way to reward and celebrate the rarest of achievements among players. We hope it fosters a sense of camaraderie among members. It is \$3 (optional participation). If you want to participate contact Laurie.

Minimum Number of Holes Played for a Score to be Acceptable

Per the rules of Handicapping (January 2024), for an 18-hole score to be acceptable for handicap purposes, a minimum of 10 holes must be played. For a 9-hole score to be acceptable for handicap purposes, all 9 holes must be played. If a player has not played at least 9 holes, the score is not acceptable for handicap purposes. Questions, contact Suzy Miller, Handicap Chair.

BIRDIES

Birdies so far this year are [Linda Tarelton & Kelly Melton](#). Congrats! For everyone getting a Birdie through the end of November, look for a surprise at the Annual Christmas/Awards luncheon.

