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# Swinging into New Times

**Tee times have changed effective March - 9:15 a.m. Tee times for April have been confirmed for 8:30 a.m. Tee times for May have been requested for 8:00 a.m.**

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.

## UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS (REVISED)

- State Medallion Dates: April 28<sup>th</sup>, May 12<sup>th</sup>, June 30<sup>th</sup>, & August 4<sup>th</sup>. See Kelly Melton, AGA Representative with any questions. Dates are subject to change as all rounds will be played on the South Course.
- Eclectic - September 8, 15<sup>th</sup>, & 22 - 3 rounds.
- Club Champion - October 6 & 13<sup>th</sup> - 2 rounds.
- The 2-Person Better Ball will not be held this year but will be planned for next year with one round.



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## WEBSITE

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

<https://antelopehillsgolfinggals.azgolf.org>

Revised Constitution & Bylaws effective 03/17/2026 will be posted to the website.

"I'm par with the fun, if not the score."  
- Anonymous

Lift, clean, and place ends March 31<sup>st</sup>.

## 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. [The January winner was Janie and the February winner was Lexa.](#) Congrats!

## Chip-Ins

This is a \$1 buy in (optional participation) each week. [Winners since Jan are: Margo, Sandy, Judy, Sharon \(2\), Kelly H. \(2\), Diane, Luanne, Susan, & Julia.](#) Congratulations to all!

["Birdies](#) today, eagles tomorrow –  
the golfer's life"

[Winners since January - Congrats to Mary P. Beadle \(3\), Kelly M. \(2\), Kathy I., Linda T., & Julia on getting a birdie.](#)

# The Observer

## Tip of the Month

### How to Find your Perfect Stance Width



Key Element	Correct Position
Feet	Shoulder-width apart
Knees	Slightly bent
Hips/Back	Tilt from hips, flat back
Shoulders	Relaxed, not slouched
Clubface	Square to target line

## Out of Bounds (OB) or Lost Ball

New AHGG Local Rule to increase pace of play - Alternatively, to stroke-and-distance relief, for **two** penalty strokes, estimate the spot where your ball is lost or went OB and find the nearest fairway edge no nearer the hole than the estimated spot. For purposes of this Local Rule, "fairway" means any area of grass in the *general area* that is cut to fairway height or less. Drop a ball in the fairway within two club-lengths of that fairway edge, or anywhere between there and the spot where your ball is lost or went OB. This means the relief is comparable to what could have been achieved if the player had taken stroke-and-distance relief. This Local Rule cannot be used for an unplayable ball, or for a ball that is known or virtually certain to be in a penalty area. If a provisional ball is played and neither the original ball nor the provisional ball can be found, then the Local Rule may be applied for the provisional ball that cannot be found. **Effective March 17, 2026.**

## Rules of Golf

FYI - there is a free app available from the USGA that lists the rules of golf, the clarifications and other helpful things regarding the rules of golf. The app has a number of videos that describe typical situations and how to address them. The app is titled "USGA Rules of Golf" and it is available for iOS and Android. Think about downloading the app and using it when you get into situations you are not clear on. For rules questions, contact Virginia. Rules website: [www.usga.org/rules](http://www.usga.org/rules)



## Rules Question

Do you get free relief if standing on a gopher mound. The initial thought was yes you get relief if your ball is on a gopher mound (or hole), if it interferes with your intended swing path or if you are standing on a mound (or hole). Would you get relief for a stance-only?

### Rule 16 - Relief from Abnormal Course Conditions (Including Immovable Obstructions), Dangerous Animal Condition, Embedded Ball

The rule addresses when and how to take relief from abnormal course conditions that are not treated as part of the challenge of playing the course. Free relief is generally allowed except in a penalty area.

Rule 16.1 (a) covers the meaning of interference and it states:

(1) **Meaning of Interference by Abnormal Course Condition**. Interference exists when any one of these is true:

- The player's ball touches or is in or on an abnormal course condition,
- An abnormal course condition physically interferes with the player's area of intended stance or area of intended swing, or
- Only when the ball is on the putting green, an abnormal course condition on or off the putting green intervenes on the line of play.

If the abnormal course condition is close enough to distract the player but does not meet any of these requirements, there is no interference under this Rule.