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Updated Tee Times: Please Review Before Your Next Round

- Tee times have changed: **May-September 8:00 a.m.**
- Plan to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your start time.

STATE MEDALLION

- [State Medallion Dates: May 12, June 23, July 21, & August 4](#). See Kelly Melton, AGA Representative with any questions. Dates are subject to change as all rounds will be played on the South Course.

2026 Women's State Medallion

The 2026 Women's State Medallion will be held January 29-31 at [Oakwood Country Club](#).

The 9-hole division will compete on January 29, followed by the 18-hole division on January 30-31.

AHGG will be sending a 9-hole team (Low Gross/Low Net) to the State Medallion to represent our league in 2027.



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.

The April winner was [Kathy Ishikawa](#). Congrats!

Chip-Ins

This is a \$1 buy in (optional participation) each week. There were no Chip-Ins for April. The pot is growing!

“[Birdies](#) today, eagles tomorrow!”

Members who got Birdies so far this year: [Kelly Melton](#), [Linda Tarlton](#), [Mary P. Beadle](#), [Madison Voisard](#), and [Karen Klabacha](#). Congrats to all!

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](#).

GOLF GENIUS - GGID

Use the GGID of “[ahgg2026](#)” to access Golf Genius (www.golfgenius.org) instead of your email and password. This can be used to log into the league portal to view game results, etc.

FUN FACTS



Feather Golf Balls

The first golf balls consisted of feathers that were housed in a leather pouch. Even PGA and LPGA golfers would struggle to optimize yardage with these balls.

Some golfers believe using a red tee will result in inaccurate shots. This may be because red is a color that some people associate with danger or warning.

Another common superstitious belief among golfers is never washing a ball if they are having a great game. It is believed that by washing the ball, the golfer is also washing off his/her luck away. To avoid changing their good luck, golfers just keep their ball as is.

Golf Etiquette

When another group is on the green as you approach it, remain **at least one shot away**. It is recommended to not hit your approach shot if it might land close to the green in any direction, near the cart path signs, or close to a greenside bunker. The sound or sight of a ball landing nearby can be distracting to players trying to sink their putt.

When another player is teeing off, your position should be out of their line of sight. Please don't stand directly behind the person teeing off. To show respect for the game and your fellow players, be still and silent.

The days of metal spikes on golf shoes are almost gone which cause indentations to the green. It is good etiquette not to step on the putting line of any player (the path a player's ball will use to travel to the cup). This is especially true when the greens are wet or very dry. This may cause indentations or marks that could deflect a putt. It's also a good practice to not walk on the through-line, which is the possible path a player might have back to the cup if a putt runs past the hole.

Record your scores on the next tee box, not by the green you just played. Clear the area as soon as possible so the group behind you can hit their approach shots. This helps with pace of play.

Working together will make the game more enjoyable for all!

5 STEPS TO READING PUTTING GREENS

1

Assess the green



2

Identify high and low areas



3

Analyze the slope



4

Choose the starting line



5

Picture the putt



TRAINING SEMINAR ON THE RULES OF GOLF

The AGA will provide a rules seminar to all members interested in attending at the Centennial Center on Tuesday, May 12th at 11:00 after 9-holes of golf. If you have a rules question, please contact Virginia.



In the Spotlight

AHGG plans to feature new members covering their golf journey, background, etc. in future newsletters (optional for new members). This will help members connect with each other.

We look forward to meeting, golfing, and getting to know each of you.

- Linda Charpentier
- Laura Kruschka
- Madison Voisard
- Deb Whiteford



We hope to have two more new members joining in the May/June timeframe!

We look forward to reconnecting and golfing with members who will be coming up to the area for the summer. See you on the course!

Also, if you haven't been able to golf with the group for a while, please know you are missed. We hope to see you soon!