



MONTHLY DIVOT

August 2024

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Almanson Men's Golf Club – August 2024 Events

Date	Event	Location
Wednesday August 7, 2024 @ 7:00	Tournament Sign-Up / General Meeting	American Legion, Alhambra
Saturday/Sunday August 17-18, 25, 2024	Club Championship	Alhambra GC
Sunday August 25, 2024	Club Championship Finals / Individual Stroke play event	Alhambra GC

President's Report

Dan Cruz

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and playing lots of golf. This month will be exciting with our annual 3-day Club Championship, starting with the first and second rounds on Saturday, August 17th, and Sunday, August 18th. Finals will be played on Sunday, August 25th. We will also have our monthly tournament for players not participating in the Club Championship. The President's Cup and the Two-man team single-elimination event are coming to an end, please make sure you schedule your matches. The brackets are posted on the bulletin board in the breezeway so you can follow the matches. You can schedule your matches for play during the week or on Sunday during the Men's Club tee times. Members' contact information can be found on our website under roster.

Our monthly meeting is on Wednesday, August 7th at 7:00 PM at Alhambra American Legion Post 139. Come to the meeting sign -up for early tee time and get a discount on your entry fee. Also, have a chance at the 50/50 drawing, plus the member's present drawing which has rolled over to \$470. Hope to see you at the meeting.





2024 AMGC Annual Membership is
Open

Regular membership \$120.00
Associate membership \$100.00
Junior membership \$20.00

Due: DECEMBER 30th

Applications are available in Pro Shop; online at
amgc.org or Contact Carlos Casanova at
bogeyparpar@aol.com

ALMANSOR MEN'S GOLF CLUB

ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

At our Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, August 7, 2024
7:00 PM

Alhambra American Legion Post No. 139
24 N. Stoneman Ave.
Alhambra, CA 91801

Sign up for the 3-day Club Championship
1st Rd. Saturday, August 17th, 2nd Rd. Sunday,
August 18th, & Final Rd. Sunday, August 25th

**Individual Stroke Tournament on Sunday, August 25th for those not
participating in Club Championship.**

Contact Miguel Gonzalez at slimer39@gmail.com

Participate in 50/50 Raffle

Good Time to renew for 2024

If you only play your home course, is your handicap too low?



Are you a Home Course Golfer? Those players who know each blade of their home course so well that they can scrape it around for a respectable score even when they're not playing well. Home Course Golfers play the large majority of their rounds at their course and enter them all into GHIN to get an accurate USGA Handicap Index. But, a strange thing happens when Home Course Golfers head to a new course that they haven't seen before. One HCG who routinely shoots in the high 70s and low 80s on his home turf might struggle to break 90 anywhere else. He loses all of his net matches on away courses while his buddies joke amongst themselves that he's got a vanity index. [MORE: This is what people get wrong about handicaps](#)

Sam J., a [Golf Digest+ member](#), recently wrote to us, confessing that he is a frustrated HCG who regularly shoots in the low 70s around his home course in Connecticut, but anytime he plays another course, his scores balloon. Here's how he puts it:

"I'm a 5-handicap, but my game doesn't travel well. About 90 percent of my rounds are played at one course that I've played for decades. Every time I tee it up at my course, I'm hoping to shoot under par, but whenever I play a different course, I'm happy to break 80. Why doesn't the number of times you play a course weigh into the handicap calculation, to account for familiarity?" To help Sam, and the rest of us, figure out if it would be practical and helpful to include a "home course advantage" metric in calculating a Handicap Index, we took his question to the Handicap Team at the USGA.

(Editor's Note: This story is part of the new Golf Digest Community section, where we engage with Golf Digest+ members. We encourage all members to submit swing videos, great stories, questions or feedback on recent stories [here](#) for a chance to be included in a future edition.)

How common are HCGs? Can we just add a couple shots to someone's score on his or her home course, or subtract a few on an away course to account for this familiarity? Does Sam have a vanity index? The USGA, of course, has long studied the data and formula used to create a golfer's Handicap Index, and in 2020 helped launch the [World Handicap System](#) to unify the various handicapping systems used around the world into one cohesive system. Lee Rainwater, the USGA's director of handicapping education and outreach, responded to Sam's question and explained very interesting data. "Our research shows that golfers have a slightly better chance of shooting a good score at a course where they have a high familiarity versus a course they play less often," he says. So, many, if not most golfers, are HCGs (but not necessarily as extreme as Sam) who shoot slightly higher on away courses. But, as Rainwater continues, that is not the case for everyone. "A significant number of players post similar or better score differentials on away courses versus their home course," he adds.

[MORE: What would you shoot at the U.S. Open? New USGA tool settles a common debate](#)

The problem in accounting for this within the World Handicap System, however, is that it's tough to judge just how much of an HCG someone is compared to another player. If Sam shoots eight strokes higher, on average, on an away course of similar difficulty but another player averages only three strokes higher on away courses, how can you factor in this home course advantage equitably between them? "The tricky thing is that there are many variables at work here—the type of player, how often they play, the Course Rating and Slope Rating, the shots required to score at a given course, etc.," Rainwater says. As Rainwater alludes to, we've all played courses that require an especially high amount of local knowledge to get around, and we've all played straightforward courses where we can feel comfortable playing it blindly.

Putting a numerical value on the home course advantage at each course would be quite ambiguous and often inaccurate. Lastly, each golfer has certain courses that fit his or her game better than others. If you play a home course that plays to your strengths and hides your weaknesses, you're likely going to have a higher home course advantage than another golfer who finds that course exposes his or her weaknesses. All that is to say, how do you value a home course advantage when it differs from player to player?



Any questions about POSTING your rounds played or deleting mistakes made trying to POST your rounds or questions about the Rules of Golf, contact me at danielae@sbcglobal.net.

Membership Report

Carlos Casanova

152 Total Membership- 8 down from last month

- Regular members 135
- Associate members 5
- Junior members 4

The Club has 4 new members to Welcome this month:

- Please welcome Robert Cadwell to the club, his current index is 13.4

I will continue to send courtesy reminders to all whose membership expires in May or June. Please do not wait until the last minute. If your membership expires, you will not be able to post scores, nor participate in our monthly tournaments. See the AMGC Roster in the breezeway at Almanor to see the list of members. Remember, if you refer a friend to join AMGC, you will get a free entry into one of our monthly tournaments.

Also, if you are a member at multiple clubs, you can apply for a partial refund of your GHIN dues in 2024.

Visit: https://scga.formstack.com/forms/mutimember_rebate_copy for more information

Membership Fees for 2024

- Regular Membership \$120
- Associate Membership \$100
- Junior Membership \$20

There are several ways you can renew.

Turn in your payment and application at the Proshop, make sure to include your GHIN #.

Pay Dan Cruz or Carlos Casanova on most Sunday's during our members Sunday rounds.

You can also use any of the pay options below. Please include your GHIN # with any payments (please include an application if there are any changes to your personal information).

- o Venmo: @casanova-carlos
- o Zelle: 818-257-1980

Get Ready to Play
ALMANSOR MEN'S GOLF CLUB
2024 Club
Championship

Championship Flight – Gross only & Three Net Flights

1st round Saturday – August 17th

2nd round Sunday – August
18th

Finals – Sunday, August 25th

**Separate Individual Stroke Tournament
for players not participating in Club
Championship**


**Daily Side Games Optional
CTPs, Gross & Net Skins**

You can sign-up for participation in tournaments at our monthly meeting or if you need to contact me Miguel Gonzalez at slimer39@gmail.com

Please see the attached results from the past tournament.
Congratulations to those that placed.

Tournament Results

Miguel Gonzalez

Tournament Results - July 14th 2024							
"A" Flight							
(Gross)			(Net)				
Player	Score	Amount	Player	Score	Amount		
Lee Pitts	70	\$50	Justin Poore	68	\$50		
Sergio Martinez	76	\$45	Garren Cornelio	72	\$45		
Joey Evanilla	77	\$40	Ernie Ochoa	76	\$40		
			Matt Pastrana	77*	\$30		
"B" Flight							
(Gross)			(Net)				
Player	Score	Amount	Player	Score	Amount		
Miguel Gonzalez	71	\$50	Hector Ramirez	66	\$50		
Ricardo Hernandez	74	\$45	Frank Maciel	67	\$45		
Juan Llamas	75	\$40	Miguel Vasquez	70*	\$40		
			Rolando Arguelles	71*	\$30		
"C" Flight							
(Gross)			(Net)				
Player	Score	Amount	Player	Score	Amount		
Takeshi Ueda	80*	\$50	Raul Silva	66	\$50		
Adrian Barrientos	80	\$45	Greg Burdick	70*	\$45		
Larry Rosales	81*	\$40	Brandon Todokoro	70	\$40		
			Larry Chavez	73	\$30		
*Denotes Card-Off							
"D" Flight							
(Gross)			(Net)				
Player	Score	Amount	Player	Score	Amount		
Henry Romero	84	\$50	Efrain Ruiz	68*	\$50		
Alez Moreno	85	\$45	Matt Osborne	68	\$45		
Dan Evanilla	88*	\$40	Casey Cornelio	72	\$40		
			Andres Hernandez	73	\$30		
*Denotes Card-Off							
C.T.P.'s							
Hole #	Name	Distance	Amount	Hole #	Name	Distance	Amount
#7	Justin Poore	11'	\$33	#8	David Cheng	9'10"	\$33
	Hector Ramirez	15'8"	\$29		Joey Evanilla	10'4"	\$29
	Frank Maciel	20' 7"	\$10		Adrian Barrientos	11'9"	\$10
#11	Francisco Martinez	12'7"	\$33	#13	Justin Poore	4'5"	\$33
	Lee Pitts'	19'5"	\$29		Lee Pitts	11'11"	\$29
	Miguel Gonzalez	21'1"	\$10		Larry Rosales	17'11"	\$10
#15	Hector Ramirez	4'5"	\$33	 A.M.G.C.			
	Francisco Martinez	6'2"	\$29				
	Sergio Martinez	16'	\$10				
Skins							
(Gross)			(Net)				
Name	Hole	Amount	Name	Hole	Amount		
Justin Poore	3 (2)	\$135	Justin Poore	3 (2)	\$102		
Frank Maciel	6 (3)	\$135	Mahmoud Nasser	2 (3)	\$102		
Lee Pitts	2 (8)	\$135	Carlos Ochoa	2 (5)	\$102		
			Frank Maciel	2 (6)	\$102		

2024 Almansor Men's Golf Club

The Almansor Men's Golf Club was established in 1956

- SCGA membership and GHIN electronic handicap services
- Eligibility to compete in regional SCGA tournaments
- Participate in AMGC monthly tournaments (\$30 - \$25.00 if you sign up at Monthly meeting) held on Sunday of each month.
- Register for tournaments at monthly meetings, in Golf Shop, or via the club website at **www. AMGC.org**
- Participate in the three AMCG "Majors"
 - 3-Day Stroke Play Club Championship 2-day pre-qualifying in the Fall and 1-day final
 - Individual Match Play (President's Cup)
 - Two-man team play

- Generous tournament scrip prizes redeemable at the Alhambra Golf Shop
- Play Alhambra Golf Courses with 8 Preferred Starting Times reserved for AMGC members every Sunday.
- Participate in the "Skins" game every weekend
- Monthly Membership Meetings featuring Speakers first Thursday of each month
- Attend the Annual Awards Banquet featuring a sit-down dinner, awards program, and generous raffle prizes
- Attend SCGA Golf and Rules Clinic
- Participate in Out of Town Tournaments

-----Tear off-----

2024 AMGC Application For Membership

Fill in your name and check the box if all information is current and no changes are needed. **Please update any new information that has changed.**

PLEASE PRINT

Last Name First Name Initial

Email Address requested for monthly updates Spouse's First Name

Home Address

City State Zip Home Telephone Number

Business Affiliation Work Telephone Number

Current Member of (Golf Club) GHIN Number

All Almansor Men's Golf Club members agree to abide by the rules and bylaws of the Club, all Rules of Golf, and Golf Etiquette specified by the USGA.

Signature of Applicant Date

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|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Regular Membership | (Annual Dues = \$120) | <input type="checkbox"/> New | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Membership | (Annual Dues = \$100) | <input type="checkbox"/> New | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Membership Date of Birth _____ | (Annual Dues = \$20) | <input type="checkbox"/> New | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal |

Make Check Payable to **Almansor Men's Golf Club** Mail to: **AMGC P.O. Box 164, Alhambra, CA 91802**

For Club Use Only

Date: _____ Check #: _____ Amount: _____ Cash: _____

DUE: ASAP Prior to your Expiration Date

Almansor Men's Golf Club 2024 Calendar
All Meetings 7:00 - 9:00 PM
American Legion Post 139
24 N. Stoneman Ave. Alhambra

January			July		
3rd	6:00 PM	Board Meeting	3rd	6:30 PM	Board Meeting
	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting		7:00 PM	Regular Meeting
14th		Monthly Tournament	14th		Monthly Tournament
28th	7:00 AM	Carl Fernandez Memorial - TOC			
February			August		
7th	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting	7th	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting
11th		Monthly Tournament	17,18,25		Club Championship
March			September		
6th	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting	4th	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting
10th		Monthly Tournament	22nd		Monthly Tournament
April			October		
3rd	6:30 PM	Board Meeting	2nd	6:30 PM	Board Meeting
	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting		7:00 PM	Regular Meeting
14th		Monthly Tournament	6th		Away Tournament
May			November		
1st	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting	6th	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting
19th		Monthly Tournament	17th		Monthly Tournament
June			December		
5th	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting	4th	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting
16th		Father's Day Shotgun	7th		Award Banquet
			15th		2 Man Triple Crown