



MONTHLY DIVOT

March 2025

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Almansor Men's Golf Club – March 2025 Events		
Date	Event	Location
Wednesday March 5, 2025 @ 7:00	Tournament Sign-Up / General Meeting	American Legion, Alhambra
Sunday March 16, 2025	Equality Tournament	Alhambra GC

President's Report

Carlos Casanova

Hello AMGC Members,

I hope this message finds you well. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in the member survey last month. We had 38 responses, and we are using the feedback to keep improving our club. Remember, this is our club, and your voices matter.

We finished our 2nd year of the SGCA Team Play event. Your enthusiasm and sportsmanship made it a memorable event for all. Unfortunately, we did not advance to the playoff rounds. I am already working on a group of clubs for next year's event. To that point, I've partnered with Debell Men's Golf Club for a possibility of a two-week match play event against them this fall. More to come.

We had a great turnout for our Member-Member Tournament and it was great to see so many of you out there. Your continued support and involvement are what make our club so special.

As we look forward to more exciting events, here's a fun fact about golf and the month of March: Did you know that on March 25, 1934, Horton Smith won the inaugural Masters Tournament? This historic event took place before the azaleas bloomed at the as-yet-named Amen Corner, marking the beginning of what would become one of golf's most prestigious tournaments.

Thank you once again for your participation and dedication to our club. Let's continue to enjoy the game we love and make the most of our time on the course.

Fairways and Greens,
 Carlos Casanova; *President*
 Almansor Men's Golf Club

For any questions, suggestions, or to get involved, please don't hesitate to email me at bogeyparpar@aol.com

ALMANSOR MEN'S GOLF CLUB

ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

At OUR

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

7:00 PM

Alhambra American Legion Post No. 139

24 N. Stoneman Ave.

Alhambra, CA 91801

Sign up for the Equality Tournament

Sunday, March 16, 2025

50/50 Raffle & Member's Cash Drawing

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

This rules change will probably make Matt Fitzpatrick both happy and angry!



Craig Winter, USGA Senior Director, Rules of Golf and Amateur Status, wants to make things perfectly clear: Do not call this the Matt Fitzpatrick rule.

For one thing, [Model Local Rule G-9](#) has been in place since April 2019, a subtle clarification to the equipment rules after the USGA and R&A implemented its sweeping modernization of the Rules of Golf that January. More importantly, discussion between USGA and R&A officials on changing things even further had been ongoing since the beginning of 2024, turning the incident involving Fitzpatrick at the BMW Championship last August into an unfortunate coincidence.

That said, Fitzpatrick has gotten his wish—and so have others who questioned why MLR G-9 allowed for the replacement of clubs that were broken or significantly damaged but notably considered a crack in the clubhead or face to be an exception.

As of Jan. 1, 2025, in competitions where the MLR is in effect, visible cracks to the face and clubhead now also constitute “broken or the damage significant” enough to allow the club to be removed (providing it was not caused by player abuse).

Here’s the specific instances spelled out in [the new MLR](#) where replacements are allowed:

- The shaft is in pieces, or it is bent, dented, kinked or splintered.
- The clubhead is visibly cracked or substantially deformed (but when it is only scratched, chipped or has a minor dent).
- The clubhead is loose or no longer attached to the shaft or a part inside the clubhead is loose (such as when there is an audible rattle).
- The club face is visibly cracked or deformed (including when it has a chip or minor dent but not when it is only scratched).
- The grip or part of it is loose.

During the final round of BMW Championship, a PGA Tour FedEx Cup Playoff event held at Castle Pines G.C. outside Denver, Fitzpatrick noticed a crack in the face of his Titleist TSi3 driver on the eighth tee. Asked for a ruling to see if he could replace the club, PGA Tour rules officials denied him, using the exception on cracks previously written in MLG G-9 [as the reasoning](#).

Suffice it to say, [Fitzpatrick was not happy](#). “This is outrageous. It’s an absolute joke,” he said to the official who denied his request. He continued, “There’s an obvious crack there, that’s causing a defect of the ball flight. ... So, I’m going to have to use 3-wood the rest of the day?”

Fitzpatrick did just that, making bogey on the eighth hole and double bogey on the 10th en route to shooting a two-under 70 (his best score of the week), finishing T-28 in the event but failing to move up in the FedEx Cup standings to advance to Tour Championship. He continued to voice his displeasure [weeks later](#) about how things played out.

It was frustrating for USGA officials, too, knowing that they were working on changing the rule, with draft language written but not finalized and with no way to accelerate the process in time to help Fitzpatrick.

According to Winter, discussions about changing the language had progressed throughout the summer. “Really kind of coming out of the Olympics [two weeks before Fitzpatrick’s issue at the BMW],” Winter said. “We felt really good about the idea that that G-9 needed to be revised, allow cracks and let’s figure out if there’s anything else that we can do.” Indeed, Winter said they wished they could have helped more but “the draft wasn’t yet at a comfortable spot to go public.” Said Winter: “This isn’t the only time something like this has happened where we have in the background the next cycle and we already have some changes that we’re super comfortable with and unfortunately in the game of golf,

it's not just golfers like Matt, but it's also club golfers that run into situations like this as well.”

The new MLR also comes with one other subtle modification that was not previously accounted for. The new language specifies that “to ensure the progression of the set is maintained, the replacement club must fill the gap created when the player took the

broken or damaged club out of play.” In other words, you can't replace the broken driver with a wedge because you only have two holes remaining and that new club might come in handier than the driver.

So why the change in language? It's important to remember that when the MLR first came out, it was four months after the 2019 Rules of Golf update that prohibited changing out any of the 14 clubs a player had in his or her bag during a round for any reasons. Winter acknowledged that USGA and R&A officials has “some buyer's remorse” in not allowing replacements for accidentally breaks during a round. Creating the MLR provided a lifeline to players who, through no fault of their own, were suddenly without a driver by allowed for exceptions that tournament committees could account for, including the PGA Tour.

But why not include a crack in a club to warrant replacement? According to Winter, the part of the original reason for the exception for cracks stemmed from the fact that at the elite men's professional level, tour pros playing drivers with slight cracks was not an unusual thing as those drivers often offered a bit more distance. As Winter noted, using those drivers was perfectly within the Rules of Golf, although players who knowingly kept those clubs in their bags risked the potential that the crack might get worse and eventually cause the club to lose distance while still being playable enough to not be allowed to be replaced.

Meanwhile, the USGA and R&A continued to discuss the fairness of its 2019 rules and [decided in 2023 to essentially change their minds entirely](#), allowing in the Rules of Golf replacement of clubs. With that the MLR, rather than providing relief from a restrictive rule put a few more guard rails on a fairly relaxed standard regarding replacing clubs. As Winter notes, that falls in line with other Rules of Golf generally now operate, such as the ability for players to use distance measuring devices as explained in the overall Rules of Golf, but having model local rules that let pro tours restrict them for their competitions.

Long story short, the USGA and R&A believe they've got everything in place to allow for quick and clear rulings that limit the ambiguity of what is and isn't damage significant enough to warrant replacing a club. And as for Fitzpatrick, well we're guessing the Englishman will like settle for better late than never.

MOST IMPROVED GOLFERS FOR FEBRUARY 2025

Justin Poore	2.0-0.4
Nick Quintanilla	3.0-1.8
Rhandee Solis	28.5-25.6
Chris Crespin	14.2-12.8
Lee Pitts	6.8-6.1
Takeshi Ueda	12.9-11.8
Joey Evanilla	6.5-5.7

MOST ROUNDS POSTED FOR 2025

Danny Cruz-29
Travis Ward-24
Chris Crespin-17
Carlos Casanova-17
Justin Poore-17
Lee Pitts-15
John Jasso-15
Dan Evanilla-15

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 or 626-429-9911

Membership Report

Julian Romero

Hello AMGC Membership,

136 Total Membership - Up 2 from last month

- Regular members 126
- Associate members 8
- Junior members 2

The Club has 3 new members to Welcome this month:

- Heriberto (Eddie) Ornelas – Index 20.4
- Jose Sanchez – Index 2.6
- Mark Cheng – Index 14.8

The Club would also like to Welcome Back Bryan Dyson – Index 33.8

Membership reminders to all whose membership expires went out this week, 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 this site for more info: https://scga.formstack.com/forms/mutimember_rebate_copy

Membership Fees for 2025

- Regular Membership \$130
- Associate Membership \$110
- Junior Membership \$20

There are several ways you can renew.

- BEST METHOD: Online Renewal - membership.scga.org/start/join/?cid=389
- You can turn in your payment and application at the Proshop, make sure to include your GHIN #.
- You can pay Julian Romero on most Sunday's during our members Sunday rounds.
- You can also pay Julian Romero by use the pay option below (Please include your GHIN # with any payments)
 - Zelle: 626-315-5254

* You DO NOT need to complete a new application if there are no changes to your personal information

Tournament Report **Kyle Murao**

Thank you again for a very successful tournament. I want to point out that we had 0 no-shows for the day of the tournament. Love that! Lets keep the growth per tournament going!

The next tournament will be the Equality tournament being played on March 16. EVERYONE will be playing from the red tees. I truly believe this won't be as easy as some think. Thank you again Hector and Efrain for working the table.

The presidents cup and The Ham sign ups have begun. Keep in mind you MUST PAY before the start of the tournament or you will not be added to the field. I will also have a roster made for all players so you do not need to hunt for your opponents info. Trying to make this year the easiest it's ever been! If you were on the fence, try it!

As you have seen there are more payouts than previous tournaments. I have heard nothing but good things and am glad at least most people are accepting the changes.

Hope this encourages more people to go out there and win hundreds of dollars instead of ½ green fee for first place.

Bag tags are also only going to be available until the end of the tournament. That will be the last day then I will place the order. Don't know if we will do this again or move on to something else so if your thinking about one its only \$30 with customization included.

My company Nexbelt will be sponsoring this next tournament. Hope to have some fun stuff for the winners. Keep me in mind if you know anyone setting up a golf tournament or looking for corporate gifting events.




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Tournament Results

Kyle Murao

Tournament Payouts - *February*

"A" Flight								
(Gross)				(Net)				
Player	Score	Amount		Player	Score	Amount		
Casanova + Pitts	72	\$200		Pierre + Pierre	42	\$200		
Arguelles + Pina	73	\$150		Chavez + Solis	54	\$150		
Garcia + Ornelas	74	\$100		Murao + Murao	57	\$100		
*Denotes Card-Off				Osborne + Tadoloro	60	\$60		
"B" Flight								
(Gross)				(Net)				
Player	Score	Amount		Player	Score	Amount		
*Denotes Card-Off								
"C" Flight								
(Gross)				(Net)				
Player	Score	Amount		Player	Score	Amount		
*Denotes Card-Off								
"D" Flight								
(Gross)				(Net)				
Player	Score	Amount		Player	Score	Amount		
*Denotes Card-Off								
C.T.P.								
Hole #7	Name	Distance	Amount		Hole #8	Name	Distance	Amount
	Hector Ornelas	2' 4"	\$23			Matt Osborne	16' 3"	\$23
	Sergio Martinez	11'	\$14			Sergio Martinez	22'	\$11
	Eddie Garcia	16' 10"	\$9			Hector Ramirez	22'	\$11
Hole #11	Name	Distance	Amount		Hole #13	Name	Distance	Amount
	Carlos Pina	6'	\$23			Rolando Arguelles	9' 5"	\$23
	Carlos Casanova	6' 1"	\$14			Richard Valenzuela	16' 3"	\$14
	Rolando Arguelles	11' 8"	\$9			Larry Rosales	31' 6"	\$9
Hole #15	Name	Distance	Amount	 A.M.G.C.				
	Brandon Tadokoro	8' 9"	\$23					
	Hector Ramirez	10' 2"	\$14					
	Dave Buchicchio	10' 8"	\$9					
Skins								
(Gross)				(Net)				
Name	Hole (Score)	Amount		Name	Hole (Score)	Amount		
Barrientos + Llamas	10(3); 16(4)	\$61		Pierre + Pierre	3(1); 4(1); 7(0); 15(1)	\$148		
Arguelles + Pina	18(4)	\$31		Tadokoro + Osborne	17(2)	\$37		
Maciel Jr. + Martinez	14(4)	\$31		Murao + Murao	1(1)	\$37		
Osborne + Tadokoro	17 (3)	\$31						
Ramirez + Ruiz	15(2)	\$31						
Buchicchio + Buchicchio	5(3)	\$31						

2025 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) 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.
- 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
- Participate in Out of Town Tournaments
- Participate in SCGA Team Match Play

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

2025 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 = \$130) | <input type="checkbox"/> New | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Membership | (Annual Dues = \$110) | <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 2025 Calendar

All Meetings 7:00 - 9:00 PM

American Legion Post 139

24 N. Stoneman Ave. Alhambra

January			July		
8th	6:30 PM	Board Meeting	2nd	6:30 PM	Board Meeting
	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting		7:00 PM	Regular Meeting
19th		Monthly Tournament	20th		Monster Day
26th		Carl Fernandez Memorial - TOC			
February			August		
5th	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting	6th	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting
23rd		Member-Member	16, 17, 24th		Club Championship
March			September		
5th	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting	3rd	7:00 PM	Meeting Top Tracer Range
16th		Equality Tournament	21st		Shotgun Tournament
April			October		
2nd	6:30 PM	Board Meeting	1st	6:30 PM	Board Meeting
	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting		7:00 PM	Regular Meeting
13th		Monthly Tournament	19th		Monthly Tournament
May			November		
7th	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting	5th	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting
18th		Anaheim Hills (Away)	16th		Member-Guest
June			December		
4th	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting	3rd	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting
15th		Father's Day Shotgun	14th		2 Man Triple Crown
		Majors	20th		Award Luncheon

- Highlighted tournaments will weigh more when board selects POY (votes will be public)
- Member-Member (Feb.) 9hole – shamble, 9holes - alternate shot
- Equality (Mar.) Everyone will play from the red tees
- Anaheim Hills (May) \$100 away tournament including cart, Bushnell sponsored tournament
- Monster Day (July) The return of the black tees and pins will be in the hardest locations
- Club Championship (Aug.) re-group final day according to scores
- Member-Guest (Nov.) 2 brackets (Handicap - Callaway) 9hole- best ball, 9hole- scramble
- Triple Crown (Dec.) 6hole - best ball, 6hole – scramble, 6hole – alternate shot

I will not be here for our January tournament as I will be heading to the PGA Show in Orlando at 6AM. Wilson Golf has graciously sponsored this tournament. 1st Net in Flights A, B, C, and D will receive a dz. Wilson staff model golf balls. They are also sponsoring a hole in one contest. On hole 11 if anyone gets a hole in one they will receive a set of irons and wedges courtesy of Wilson Golf.

Thank you again and I hope to see all of you out there in 2025.

PLEASE EMAIL: kylemura@yahoo.com for any tournament entries or questions

