



Tee Times Newsletter

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President's Message

Joe Gouveia

To the gentlemen of the Antelope Hills Men's Golf Club:

In one way, I am happy to announce that this will be my final Tee Times Newsletter. In another way, I am kind of sad. After fifteen years on the Board of Directors, it is time for new leadership.

During those fifteen years, including the last seven years as President, I believe I have written more than seventy Tee Times Newsletters and never repeated a newsletter. Everyone was original.

Over those past fifteen years, I have seen and participated in many changes in our club—from the time we nearly ran out of money to where we are financially stable today. I have met many of our members and some of their wives through our annual Christmas Fund-Raising Party. Unfortunately, we lost a few members over the years as well.

Because of this club, I have made quite a few good friends whom I am happy to be associated with.

For everyone's information, my last day as President will be December 14, 2026. The new officers for our club will be elected at our November Board meeting.

Christmas Fund-Raising Party

Speaking of Christmas, our fund-raising party is scheduled for December 10, 2026, beginning at 5:00 PM.

The High Mountain Chordsmen will provide entertainment. They performed for us last year and are quite entertaining.

The food is always top-notch and will include chicken, salmon, and prime rib with sides. We will also have a silent auction.

If you have anything you would like to donate for the auction, please let me know.

Watch for the coming flyer.

Monday-Wednesday Play

George Skirm 2026 AHMGC Fourth Quarter Newsletter

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Fourth-quarter play begins with later shotgun starts: 8:30 AM in October, 9:00 AM in November, and 9:30 AM in December. Review the schedule and sign up early so you are ready for each event.

Monday and Wednesday game sign-up sheets are posted in the clubhouse men's room—one week in advance for Monday games and two weeks in advance for Wednesday games. The club game entry fee is \$10. The wall calendar and club website list each game, course, shotgun start time, and the directors to contact if you must cancel. Members are reminded that if they signed up but cannot make that days game, to call the Desk monitors whose phone numbers are listed on the website calendar left hand side.

Tournament registration is available online through AHMGC2.org. Fourth-quarter events include the AHMGC Tournament of Champions on October 14; a TOC 2027 qualifying event at Antelope Hills on November 11; and an away tournament at Palmbrook in Sun City on December 19. Tournament of Champions participants must have qualified by winning their flight in a 2025–2026 Special Event or Ryder Cup; the qualifier list is posted in the men's room and on the AHMGC website. Course details, costs, driving directions, and start times will be posted on the wall and website. Tournament fees must be paid one week in advance by Zelle or check payable to AHMGC; checks may be submitted at the check-in desk or placed in the club box in the men's room, and Zelle instructions are available on the AHMGC website.

To play with specific members in Special Events, designate one person to register the entire group online and identify each participant's planned payment method, such as Zelle or check. Members who register individually will be paired with other players by the event coordinator.

Each player must sign all game cards to be part of the game. If you record an "X" you cannot receive a Medal Prize for the event, except for Match vs Par, Medal Play and Stableford. Remember if the game includes SKINS and Closest to the Pin, while you may not win a Medal prize, you are still eligible for winning a SKIN or CTP!

Ever heard the following golf terms? A Barkie or an Arnie's?

A "Barkie" happens when a golfer makes par on a hole after hitting a tree with one of his shots.

An "Arnie's" happens when a golfer makes a par on a hole without ever being in the fairway.

Membership

Bill O'Hara

We have 276 new members that joined in 2026 YTD.

The Board of Directors set the current membership cap of 276 at the July board meeting. The cap number is always under review and subject to change. We currently have three potential members on the membership waiting list.

As always, if you have a friend or neighbor that may be interested in joining the club or has questions, please give them my contact information below.

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Handicaps and Rules

Mark Ernst

Out of Bounds and Penalty Areas

Since we have many new members, which is a good thing, there appears to be some confusion regarding course of action when encountering Out of Bounds (OB) and Penalty Areas (defined by red and/or yellow stakes or painted lines).

Out of Bounds

The USGA Rules of Golf explains how a Model Local Rule can be adopted for balls hit out of bounds (Local Rule E-5). HOWEVER, AHMGC has not enacted this local rule. So dropping a ball you have recovered from out of bounds and putting it into play with a 2 stroke penalty is not allowed. We will continue to play in accordance with USGA Rule 18. Under Rule 18, when your golf ball goes out of bounds, you must take stroke-and-distance relief by adding one penalty stroke and playing a ball from where you made the previous stroke (re-teeing if it was your tee shot). If your tee shot went out of bounds, you will re-tee another ball and you will be hitting your third shot. Highly recommended to play a provisional ball if you believe your shot went out-of-bounds but are not certain. Make sure to announce your intentions to your playing partners.

Penalty Areas

If you believe your previous shot went into or was heading towards a penalty area, you are not permitted to play a provisional ball. Doing so is to be interpreted as abandoning your previous shot and playing another ball from the exact spot with a one stroke penalty. If a ball enters a penalty area (defined by yellow or red stakes/lines), you have 3 options. Play the ball as it lies within the penalty area, take a penalty drop out of the penalty area, or declare the ball to be unplayable and return to the area of the previous stroke and proceed under stroke and distance penalty. Playing a provisional ball is not an option. Even if you cannot find your ball and there is great certainty that the ball is lost inside a penalty area, you are to proceed with one of the 3 options above. It's important to track your ball at all times, especially if it may be heading towards a penalty area. Accurately estimating where your ball entered a penalty area is required for taking a lateral or back on the line penalty drop.