

April 2026 Back Nine Bulletin



Objective of the Back Nine Bulletin – ASCC Monthly Newsletter

To keep Alta Sierra Country Club members and guests informed, engaged, and connected by delivering timely updates on membership news, Board activity, course maintenance, pro shop highlights, dining offerings, youth programs, and the many happenings that bring our community to life. Each edition aims to foster transparency, celebrate our vibrant club culture, and strengthen the sense of belonging shared by longtime members and first-time visitors alike.

Alta Sierra Country Club Announcement

Board of Directors Annual Meeting Updates and Recognitions

The current Board of Directors provided updates from their committees—**Finance, Facilities, Greens, and Membership & Marketing**—highlighting accomplishments from the past year and outlining ongoing initiatives.

A special moment was dedicated to recognizing **Past President Jack Kennedy**, who served three years in the role, and **Vice President Charlie Ewing** for their leadership and dedication. The Board also praised the outstanding work of **Course Superintendent Jeff Hill** and his crew, along with all employees who contribute daily to the success and welcoming atmosphere of the club.

Additionally, the Board reported on the **financial benefits of the recently installed solar panels**, noting the positive impact on long-term operating costs and the club's sustainability efforts.

Exciting Ownership News from the Annual Board Meeting

One of the most anticipated moments of the Annual Board Meeting was the introduction of Alta Sierra Country Club's incoming owners, arriving this June: **Robby and Samantha Murcia** and **Nick and Ali Campbell**. A full room of members gathered to meet the new ownership team, who delivered a thoughtful and well-articulated overview of their vision for the club's future.

The group outlined a **1–3 year strategic plan** focused on enhancing the golf course and grounds, elevating the dining and social experience, developing a pickleball facility, updating the club's facilities, and implementing a broader conceptual plan aimed at improving both the beauty and day-to-day operations of the club.

More detailed information will be shared in upcoming newsletters, but the energy in the room was unmistakable—members left feeling **impressed, optimistic, and encouraged** by the direction and commitment expressed by the new owners.

Pro Shop Updates

Friendly & Community Focused

Welcome Back to Spring Golf

We enjoy being part of your round, from the first tee to the final putt. Stop by the Pro Shop for gear, guidance, and great conversation as you get back into the rhythm of spring golf. With the season in full swing, our updated hours and daily schedules are here to help you make the most of every visit.

Pro Shop Spring Hours: 6:45am–6:00pm

First Tee Time: 7:00am

Last Cart Issued: 5:15pm

Range Hours: 6:45am–6:00pm Range

Mondays: Last balls sold at 3:30pm, range closes at 4:00pm

Course Maintenance Notice – April 6–8

⚠️ **The golf course will be CLOSED April 6–8 for aeration.** This scheduled work is crucial for improving turf health, playability, and overall course conditions heading into the season.

🏌️ **The driving range will reopen on April 8.** We appreciate your patience while we complete this important work.

Please join us in welcoming our newest Alta Sierra Pro Shop team member, Cade Coughran!



Cade grew up right here on Alioto Street in the Alta Sierra Country Club community and previously worked in Outside Services from 2015–2018. After leaving Alta Sierra, he joined the United States Coast Guard, proudly serving our country for six years—two years in Alexandria, VA as an Honor Guard, and four years in San Diego as a Logistics Specialist.

Now back home, Cade will be attending Sacramento State this Fall. He shared that he really began taking golf seriously while stationed in San Diego and wishes he had started sooner. We're thrilled to have him back where it all began.

Welcome home, Cade!

Men's Club Quarterly Meeting — Summary

Next Meeting: May 9th- Quarterly Meeting #2 following GRS #3: 2-Man Championship (NCGA Senior 4-Ball Net)

🏌️ **Alta Sierra Men's Association — GSR #2 Tournament Results** 🏌️

2-Man, Best Ball Tournament Results

Thank you to everyone who came out and competed in the 2-Man Best Ball Tournament. We had a strong turnout and some outstanding play across the board.

 **Tournament Results**

Blue/White Tee-Combo Flight

1st Place: Brad Stewart & Brian Hixson *Qualify for North Valley Zone @ Poppy Hills & Del Monte GC — July 6–7*

2nd Place: Brad Spangler & Jessie Prout *Qualify for North Valley Zone @ Poppy Hills & Del Monte GC — July 6–7*

3rd Place (Tie):

Laffins / Smith Cochran / Painter

A sudden-death playoff on Hole #1 is required. Lowest **net** ball wins; ties push to the next hole. *Winner qualifies for 4-Ball Net @ Haggin Oaks on April 22 (must be available May 18–19 if advancing).*

White Tee Flight

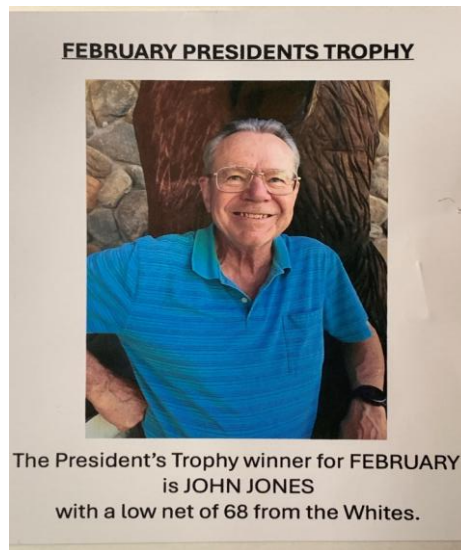
1st Place: Ewing & Ebbage *Qualify for High Fives from the Men’s Club*

Net Skins

| Blue/White Tee-Combo Flight Skins | White Flight Skins |
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| Stewart / Hixson (3 skins): Eagle on 2, Eagle on 10, Eagle on 14 | Ostrander / Pearce (1): Birdie on 13 |
| Prout / Spangler (2 skins): Birdie on 4, Eagle on 5 | Barnes / Gobby (1): Birdie on 1 |
| Painter / Cochran (1 skin): Birdie on 13 | Vold / Clement (1): Eagle on 14 |
| Laffins / Big Cat (1 skin): Eagle on 16 | Howland / Stokes (1): Eagle on 2 |
| Singer / Weyrick (1 skin): Eagle on 3 | Ewing / Ebbage (1): Birdie on 6 |
| Ewald / Clifford (1 skin): Eagle on 6 | |
| Morgan / Sidebottom (1 skin): Birdie on 7 | |

 **Closest to the Pin (CTPs)**

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| Hole #3 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Combos: Scott Singer – 4'3"• Whites: Cliff Ostrander – 5'1" | Hole #7 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Combos: Scott Singer – 4½"• Whites: <i>No distance recorded</i> |
| Hole #12 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Combos: Troy Sidebottom – 15'9"• Whites: Jim Pearce – 6'5" | Hole #15 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Combos: Dean Painter – 8'8"• Whites: Steve Ebbage – 15'10" |



Roger Cravy is the March winner with a Low Net 66 from the Whites. Congrats, Roger!

The next Trophy week is **April 20th - 25th**.

  **Upcoming Tournaments & Events — Men's Association 2026 Tournament Schedule**

April • Apr 20th–25th — President's Trophy, Week #4

May • May 9 — GRS #3: 2-Man Championship (**NCGA Senior 4-Ball Net**) + **Quarterly Meeting #2**

May 17–23 — President's Trophy, Week #5

June • Jun 21–27 — President's Trophy, Week #6 • Jun 26–28 — GRS #4: Men's Invitational (Fri/Sat/Sun)

July • Jul 10–11 — GRS #5: Men’s Club Championship (Fri/Sat) • Jul 19–25 — President’s Trophy, Week #7

August • Aug 15–16 — Men’s Challenge Cup + Lunch + **Quarterly Meeting #3** • Aug 23–29 — President’s Trophy, Week #8

September • Sep 20–26 — President’s Trophy, Week #9

October • Oct 18–24 — President’s Trophy, Week #10

November • Nov 14 — GRS #6: Folds of Honor (Military Recognition Day) + Lunch + **Quarterly Meeting #4** • Nov 15–21 — President’s Trophy, Week #11

December • Dec 6–12 — President’s Trophy, Week #12 • Dec 19 — President’s Trophy Championship

All Tournaments Check-in: 8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start: 9:00 a.m. **More Information:** Contact Justin Morgan — (530) 2631084

Stay in the Loop with Women’s Golf!

Stay connected with the latest in women’s golf at Alta Sierra! Explore the **Women’s Club News** sections in the ASCC newsletter for event highlights, results, and updates.

ASCC Restaurant & Bar Highlights

Unwind at Timbers Bar & Grill—where good food, great views, and even better company come together.

 **For current hours and our full menu, visit the [Menu Page](#) or call 530-273-2868.**

Please Note: To ensure the best experience, be aware that operating hours may occasionally shift due to private events. We recommend giving us a quick call—especially on weekends—to confirm the clubhouse will remain open until the standard 6 PM closing time.

Spring Hours Update:

The kitchen stays open later on **Fridays and Saturdays until TBD**

No breakfast service on Mondays

Upcoming Events at Timbers Bar & Grill

- **Wednesday, April 1st, 2026 – Karaoke Night** | 6pm-9pm “Sing, sing aloud, sing out strong” Limited menu available during the event.
 - **Wednesday, April 8th, 2026, Trivia Night** starts at 6:30 pm. Food served from 5-7 pm.
 - **Wednesday, April 15th, 2026 – Bingo Night Dinner at 6pm**, Bingo at 7pm (Reservations required – book early!)
 - **Wednesday, April 22nd, 2026, Trivia Night** starts at 6:30 pm. Food served from 5-7 pm.
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 **Course News & Grounds Report**

*Comments from the “**Top of the Hill**” — Our Alta Sierra Country Club Grounds Superintendent, Jeff Hill*

Spring Aerification is underway and plays a crucial role in keeping our greens healthy. By relieving soil compaction and improving air and water flow to the roots, it supports stronger turf, reduces thatch, and leads to smoother, more consistent putting surfaces. Spring is the ideal time because the turf is actively growing and recovers quickly.

Process highlights:

- Greens are mowed and prepared
- Core aeration removes small soil plugs
- Cores are collected for future use
- Sand topdressing fills holes and smooths the surface
- Greens are brushed or rolled
- Light fertilizer and irrigation support recovery

The greens may look disrupted briefly, but the long-term- benefits are well worth it.

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| Turf & Greens | Fairways, rough, & surrounds have been aerified. |
| Trees & Vegetation | Oleanders behind 13 green trimmed and cleared of blackberries |

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| Irrigation | NID water now supplying both irrigation ponds. |
| Wildlife & Pest Control | Gopher abatement continues, with ~70 trapped so far this year. |
| Bunkers | Bunker sand is raked daily. |
| Player Experience | Pin locations rotate on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. |

 **Fairway Findings**

2026 Golf Rules – Quick Reference Sheet

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| Penalties | Accidentally Moving the Ball Penalty reduced from two strokes to one when the movement is unintentional. |
| Relief Options | Pitch Mark Relief Free Relief allowed from any unrepaired pitch mark, not just the player's own and Preferred Lies Relief area standardized to a scorecard length instead of a full club length. |
| Course Boundaries | Internal Out-of-Bounds Now applies only to shots played from the teeing area. Fairway shots crossing internal OB are no longer penalized. |
| Equipment Rules | Damaged Clubs Players may repair or replace damaged clubs during the round. |
| Technology Use | Distance-Measuring Devices Allowed in lower circuits and senior events. Not permitted on the main PGA Tour. |

 **Clubhouse Fitness**

If you are interested in improving your balance, strength, and flexibility, Clubhouse Fitness offers several excellent classes.

Two of these classes, Golden Years Fitness and Tai Chi, are specifically tailored for seniors. Classes are free for Clubhouse Fitness members, with a \$10 drop-in fee for all others.

Classes are conducted in the upstairs exercise studio, just steps away from the ASCC, and no reservation is required. Additionally, the first class is free for all ASCC members.

Class Schedule

- Monday 5:30 p.m.: Mat Pilates, Tuesday 10:00 a.m.: Golden Years Fitness
- Tuesday 5:30 p.m.: Yoga, Wednesday 10:00 a.m.: Tai Chi
- Thursday 10:00 a.m.: Golden Years Fitness, Saturday 10:00 a.m.: Yoga

If you have any questions regarding classes or membership, please contact David at 530-446-1221.

Pickleball Corner

Pickleball continues to be the fastest growing sport in America, with participation soaring to 24.3 million players in 2025—an incredible 171% increase in just three years.

Great news for our ASCC pickleball community: at the recent Annual Board of Directors meeting, the incoming owners emphasized in their strategic plan the importance of updating and improving our pickleball courts. Their commitment to enhancing this rapidly growing amenity was warmly received and adds to the excitement surrounding the club's future.

Poolside Time

Alta Sierra Pool Membership Signups Pool membership registration opens **April 24th at 9:00am.**

The pool typically opens the **first weekend of May**, weather permitting.

Respectfully submitted by Scott Singer, ASCC Member **“Every day, a little bit better, HEY”**