



Mather – May 13, 2023

What a difference a week makes!! Temperatures for our Carmichael Golf Club (CGC) event at Mather on May 13, 2023, ended up being 30 degrees warmer than the previous week at Ancil Hoffman. This Mather event was rescheduled from April 22 due to Mather having to delay their Spring aeration of their greens due to the extended wet Winter. The greens were still a bit bumpy on the Wednesday prior to this event – but the warmer weather must have been the needed ingredient, as the greens were rolling well by Saturday.

In recent years, Mather has done a lot of work to make the course more playable – quite a bit of drainage work to help recover more quickly from wet periods, and a number of tee set modifications to soften many of the lengthy holes. At times it feels like they may have gone too far with the shorter tee sets (a few holes could use a mid tee set from where they were to where they are now) – but it's also nice to not be constantly beat up by the golf course, hitting longer clubs all day long.

After 2 high scoring average rounds to start our 2023 CGC season, the gentler set up saw the average score drop by 8 strokes for this event (differences in course rating and slope compared to Teal Bend and Ancil Hoffman would have suggested a possible 3-4 stroke improvement). The warmer weather on our older bones, and a couple of more golf rounds under our belts, likely also helped.

Nine (9) of the 25 players shot a net score better than par 72 (with another player at net par 72). Four (4) players shot scores of net 80 or higher. Highlight of the day was Jerry Fat, with 3 birdies, shooting a gross score of 1 under par 71 (bettering his age)!!

The Flight winners on this day were as follows:

1st: Bruce Hoffman, net 65 (by 2 strokes over Jerry Fat)

2nd: Diane Hoffman, net 69 (by 1 stroke over Mike Agrippino, Stella Garin, & Mike Neff)

3rd: Sylvia Cisneros, net 69 (by 1 stroke over Lora Wade)