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# Visalia-Tulare MAGA Monthly Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

Christmas tournament is set for December 14, 2025 at Valley Oaks Golf Course.

## November Meeting Highlights

The main items discussed during the meeting were:

- **2026 Nominating Committee**

Nominating committee consist of Victoria Acosta, John Whaley, and Chris Zimmerman. They will provide list of nominees for the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sgt At Arms at the December 3rd meeting.

- **Scholarship Applications**

The V-T Chapter has set up a scholarship account and currently have approximately \$1500 in the account. The scholarship application is currently under review and should be ready for imple-

mentation in 2026 .

- **Junior Program**

The Chapter Junior program Chair (Lupe Mendoza Sr.) is looking into the possibility of setting up golf lesson clinics for the juniors.

- **L.A.B Putter Raffle**

The Chapter held it's raffle during the November 5, 2025 meeting. The winner of the raffle was Ben Rodriguez. The Chapter made a net profit of \$1473 which will be split 50/50 and go into the Scholarship and the Youth Program accounts

- **Change in membership**

V-T Chapter currently is on a calendar year membership cycle. The Chapter voted to change to a "Rolling Month Membership" cycle. This will make it easier to recruit and accept new Chapter members.

## USGA Rules of Golf

**Q:** I hit my 2nd shot to

what I believe is a water hazard. I announce that I'm hitting a provisional ball. After I hit the provisional I find my ball outside of the water hazard. What is the ruling?

**USGA Reply:** According to Rule 18.3a, a player is not allowed to play a provisional ball for a ball that is Known or Virtually Certain to be in a penalty area.

In playing another ball from where your second stroke was made, you actually played under Rule 18.1 (Stroke and Distance). The strokes made with both balls count in your score and you also get a one-stroke penalty under 18.1. You now lie four with the second ball.

Playing under 18.1 rendered your original ball out of play. It is a wrong ball and must not be played.

## Chapter Thanksgiving Tournament

The V-T Chapter had it's Thanksgiving tournament on November 30, 2025 at Valley Oaks Golf Course.

The winners were as follows:

### FIRST FLIGHT

Low Gross: Hector Olivares  
Low Net: Ben Rodriguez

### SECOND FLIGHT

Low Gross: Robert Velasquez  
Low Net: Dr. Adolf Nava

## TENTATIVE 2026 CC SCHEDULE

CHAPTER	DATE	LOCATION
Madera	February 15	TBD
Merced	March 15	TBD
Kings County	April 19	Lemoore Golf Course
Fresno	May 17	TBD
Western Regional	May 16-18	Paradise Valley
Porterville	June 14	RiverIsland
Visalia-Tulare	July 19	Valley Oaks
Central Council (CC)	August 9	TBD
State Tournament	September 7	TBD
CC Fun	October 18	TBD

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