

Tournament Recap-Wigwam (Gold)

Fifty SGL golfers welcomed the new year last Saturday on Wigwam's Gold course. The course took it to us a bit, yielding an average gross of 93.7 and net 78.5. It didn't bother Jeff Thursam, though, as he posted a 1-over 73 to claim the day's medalist title. Elmer Schmidt and Joe Pilewicz tied for low net with 71.

Despite the higher-than-typical scores, it was an above average day for birdies. We made 41 of them, coming from 22 players on 15 holes. Newcomer Aaron Rauschenberger tied the league's season high with six in the midst of the unlikely achievement of shooting 74 with only four pars.

The toughest hole proved to be the par-5 10th, playing to an average of 1.83 strokes over par, while the easiest was the par-5 4th at just +0.66.

Elmer's net 71 was off a gross of 78 and earned him the Flight 1 victory. Joe claimed Flight 2 with 82/71. It was Jeff Coughran at the top of Flight 3, shooting 85/72. Rich made it a Pilewicz Bros double by topping Flight 4 at 94/75, and Aaron parlayed all those birdies into winning the Callaway Flight with 74/72.

Marc Caporrino got it closest to the hole on #3. The other CTPs went to Jeff Coughran on the 6th, Dave Dean on the 11th and Ken Slagle on the 16th. Only Ken's was converted to a Deuce, but six other players did write 2 on their cards, including Dave on the 6th hole, Charles Falcone and Jess Whiteaker also on the 6th, Amy Arnold and Elmer on the 11th, and Joe on the 16th.

Low Putts went to Scott Wentz with 26.

Joe's \$84 topped a list of 26 money winners.

Below are the details for the round's Skins.

Gross (\$26)			Net (\$15)		
Player	Hole	Result	Player	Hole	Result
Amy Arnold	11	Birdie	Derek Schwertley	2	Birdie/net eagle
Jeff Thursam	12	Birdie	Kevin Hudspeth	3	Par/net eagle
Aaron Rauschenberger	13	Birdie	Lovell Robinson	5	Par/net eagle
Jeff Coughran	15	Birdie	Amy Arnold	14	Birdie/net eagle
John Wilhelm	18	Birdie	Joe Pilewicz	15	Birdie/net eagle
			Ken Baca	17	Par/net eagle
			John Wilhelm	18	Birdie/net eagle

Dave Dean is Your 2021 Wigwam Warrior

Saturday was also the final round of Wigwam Warriors, the 54-hole, 3-course low net event that includes one round on each of Wigwam's three eighteens. Entering the day with just a one-shot lead, Dave Dean's net 74 was just enough to hold off Rich Pilewicz by two strokes. Dave's three round total net was 208 (69.33 average).

It was Dave's second year in a row to win the event, which earned him \$225. Rich's second place finish netted \$150. Elmer Schmidt and Joe Pilewicz moved up from an 8th place tie at the start of the day to a 3rd place tie, six strokes behind Dave. They split the 3rd and 4th place money and each walked away with \$75.

Thanks to all who participated in this event!

Next Up: Orange Tree and Ringers Round 3

This Saturday we are yet again at Orange Tree for the third round of the 2020-21 Ringers competition. We are currently sitting at 56 players in four flights, but it's not too late to get in. The entry fee is \$25. Follow the links for the current [gross](#) and [net](#) standings. Note that you may move up or down a flight if you're on the fringes in terms of your handicap index, but flights will be frozen after this round.

This week's round will feature tee times starting at 8:00 and could set another new SGL participation record, as we currently have 72 players lined up. The December trip involved split tee times and we should likely expect the same this time around.

2021 Individual Match Play Tournament on the Horizon

SGL's 2021 Individual Match Play Tournament is coming up quickly, with a targeted start date of January 23 at Aguila. (Note: we originally reported a start of 1/16 at Ocotillo, but recognized a capacity issue with that event already filled up.) If you have not tried this before, match play is a really fun way to compete. Each hole becomes its own contest, so you can quickly refocus on the task at hand rather than stew over the snowman you just posted on the last hole.

Our format this year will be the same as last. We will have a round-robin with groups four players in either four brackets (three matches) or six brackets (five matches). At the end of that, the winner in each group will move on to the single elimination finals. Below is how it looked after the round-robin portion last year. Jeff, Dave, Steve and Dan then went on the "Final Four". You will find the complete set of SGL Match Play Rules in an attachment to this email.

SMAILS BRACKET

Player	W	L	T
Jeff Coughran	3	0	0
Bo Montgomery	2	1	0
Amy Arnold	0	2	1
Rich Perry	0	2	1

SPACKLER BRACKET

Player	W	L	T
Dave Dean	3	0	0
Elmer Schmidt	2	1	0
Kris Saccuci	1	2	0
Mike Tobin	0	3	0

CZERVIK BRACKET

Player	W	L	T
Steve Neil	3	0	0
Val LeChuga	2	1	0
Adam Dizes	0	2	1
Ben Goodwin	0	2	1

NOONAN BRACKET

Player	W	L	T
Dan Gallegos	3	0	0
Joe Pilewicz	1	1	0
George Banach	1	2	0
June Vutrano	0	2	0

We need a minimum of sixteen players to get started, but will expand it to either 24 or 32 if interest is high enough. The one caveat to this is you must be available to play for several weeks in a row, with that number determined by how many players we have. The chart below shows how many weeks are involved and what the prize payouts are.

Players	Round Robin Brackets	Round Robin Weeks	Finals Weeks	Total Weeks	Total Purse	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
16	4	3	2	5	\$320	\$200	\$80	\$40
24	4	5	2	7	\$480	\$300	\$120	\$60
32	8	3	2	6	\$640	\$400	\$160	\$80

The entry fee is \$20 and you can sign up on the payment page of the web site as soon as the pay button is added. Until it is, feel free to respond to the newsletter email if you wish to indicate your interest to play.

Check the newly-posted Spring Schedule to see which courses are likely to be included, then sign up to join the fun!

Spring Schedule

As mentioned, the [Spring Schedule](#) is now up at the website as is the sign-up page. Course Coordinator June Vutrano has once again done an outstanding job of assembling the slate. Some of the highlights include:

- Four courses we haven't seen in a while in Aguila (last SGL visit in 2009), Tuscany Falls West course (2012, but we played East last year), Sundance (2014) and Palmbrook CC (2014)
- The 3rd, 4th and 5th rounds of Ringers at Orange Tree
- The always challenging Southern Dunes
- A Tony Albrecht Cup Playoff lineup featuring Copper Canyon, Verrado (Founders), Lone Tree and Talking Stick (Pipaash, aka South)

Sign up early, as our rapidly growing league is filling these events to capacity very quickly.

Handy Links:

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