

Tournament Recaps—Palmbrook CC, Orange Tree, Grand Canyon University

We have been back and forth across The Valley the last three weeks with more large turnouts. Stats are in the table below. Here are a few highlights:

- The field of 69 players at Orange Tree is an SGL record, topping the second Ringers round total of 67 at Orange Tree back in December
- Kyle Voda's net 62 at Palmbrook CC is the lowest net in the league this year
- The combination of hardest (#18) and easiest (#6) holes at Orange Tree has been the same for all four Ringers rounds and the average strokes over par have been remarkably consistent
- There were three more eagles over the three weeks by Geoff Miller on Palmbrook's par-5 2nd, Sean Esway on Palmbrook's par-5 17th and Steve Oliva on GCU's par-5 10th. Those bring the league total for the year to an even two dozen.
- Randy Thomas scored back-to-back Flight 3 wins at Palmbrook and Orange Tree
- Amy Arnold claimed CTPs in all three of these rounds, has four in the last five weeks and is now the league leader with 10 on the year

| | Palmbrook Country Club | Orange Tree | Grand Canyon University |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Players | 57 | 69 | 46 |
| Field Avg Gross | 89.3 | 93.6 | 89.7 |
| Field Avg Net | 76.2 | 78.6 | 74.7 |
| Low Gross | Dan Shumaker (71) | Steve Oliva, Tom Hegna (76) | Stephen Park (73) |
| Low Net | Kyle Voda (62) | Robert Krass (66) | Richard Powers (66) |
| Eagles | Geoff Miller (2nd), Sean Esway (17th) | | Steve Oliva (10th) |
| Total Birdies / Players / Holes | 37 / 28 / 16 | 46 / 31 / 16 | 25 / 16 / 11 |
| Most Birdies | Dave Dean, Stephen Park, Dan Shumaker (3) | Amy Arnold (4) | Tom Hegna (4) |
| Hardest Hole | #12, par-4, +1.32 | #18, par-4, +1.78 | #1, par-4, +1.50 |
| Easiest Hole | #17, par-5, +0.47 | #6, par-5, +0.62 | #10, par-4, +0.46 |
| Flight 1 Winner | Steve Oliva (75/68) | Elmer Schmidt (78/70) | Stephen Park (73/68) |
| Flight 2 Winner | Michael Broudy (77/70) | Robert Krass (77/66) | Lee Steelgrave (77/68) |
| Flight 3 Winner | Randy Thomas (81/67) | Randy Thomas (85/68) | Richard Powers (83/66) |
| Flight 4 Winner | Kyle Voda (88/62) | Jeff Henriksen (93/71) | Gareth Broudy (88/69) |
| Callaway Winner | Sean Esway (85/71) | Stephen Hopanovich (102/73) | Orlando Laughter (76/72) |
| Gross Skins | Ten players (1) | Robert Krass (2) | Tom Hegna (2) |
| Net Skins | Eight players (1) | George Banach, Robert Johnson, Al Palange, Robert Krass, Paul Kelleher (1) | Hiroko Kobayashi, Gareth Broudy, Ken Baca, Jeff Henriksen, Joe Pilewicz (1) |
| Low Putts | Elmer Schmidt, Steve Oliva (28) | Ben Goodwin (27) | Lee Steelgrave (26) |
| CTPs | Jeff Henriksen, Amy Arnold, Chris Kabat, Joe Pilewicz | Lou Movitz, Scott Wentz, Amy Arnold, Jim Bieleniewicz | Mike Mooradian, Amy Arnold, Steve Oliva, Terry Donnelly |
| Deuces | Sean Esway, Geoff Miller, Chris Kabat, Dan Gallegos, Jeff Henriksen, Ted Robinson | Amy Arnold (2), Scott Wentz, Rick Schreiber, John Wilhelm, Jim Bieleniewicz, Ben Goodwin | Justin Szela, Michael Broudy, Stephen Park, Steve Oliva (2, E) |
| Top Money Winner | Jeff Henriksen (\$87) | Robert Krass (\$144) | Lee Steelgrave (\$81) |

Next Up—Ocotillo (White/Gold)

Ocotillo is this week's destination—our third visit of the season. And this one will complete two rounds on each of the three nines. This time it's the White and Gold combination. Tee times start at 6:45.

Ringers Update

The Orange Tree round was the fourth of the five 2020-21 Ringers rounds, and as we approach the final there are good races going on in every flight. The table below shows how things would shake out if the contest was over after four rounds. These are not the actual standings from a raw scoring standpoint. You can find those here for [gross](#) and [net](#). Because you can only win in one category, this represents how the four places for gross and net would currently fill in.

The fifth and final Ringers round at Orange Tree is set for April 17.

| | Player | Gross | Player | Net |
|----------|----------------------|-------|------------------|-----|
| Flight 1 | 1st Ken Slagle | 63 | Amy Arnold | 59 |
| | 2nd Bo Montgomery | 66 | Elmer Schmidt | 61 |
| | 3rd Tom Hegna | 66 | Justin Szela | 62 |
| | 4th Steve Oliva | 66 | Derek Schwertley | 66 |
| Flight 2 | 1st John Wilhelm | 69 | Joe Pilewicz | 60 |
| | 2nd Bob Owen | 70 | Dave Dean | 62 |
| | 3rd Jim Bieleniewicz | 72 | Rick Schreiber | 65 |
| | 4th Lou Movitz | 73 | Lee Steelgrave | 65 |
| Flight 3 | 1st Ron Sweat | 73 | Jandy Johnson | 58 |
| | 2nd George Banach | 74 | Mike Tobin | 60 |
| | 3rd Val LeChuga | 76 | Brad Walker | 61 |
| | 4th Ben Goodwin | 77 | Frank Vutrano | 62 |
| Flight 4 | 1st Robert Johnson | 76 | Kevin Hudspeth | 57 |
| | 2nd Prag Shah | 78 | Jeff Henriksen | 58 |
| | 3rd Adam Dizes | 82 | Rich Perry | 62 |
| | 4th Rich Pilewicz | 86 | Joe Smouse | 62 |

Three Weeks Until the Start of the Albrecht Cup Playoffs

We are down to three events before we begin our four-week march to the 2021 Tony Albrecht Cup. If you need to rack up some more Cup points for better positioning or if you need to get to eight events played to make yourself eligible, we do have capacity. As we go to press there are:

- 13 spots available at Ocotillo this weekend
- 17 at Orange Tree (but jump on these quickly, as they will fill up with Ringers players) on 4/17
- 2 spots at Southern Dunes on 4/24

Also, be sure to secure your spots for the playoffs. Current openings for those rounds include:

- 27 at Copper Canyon on 5/1
- 6 at Verrado (Founders) on 5/8
- 9 at Lone Tree on 5/15
- 24 at Talking Stick on 5/22

We will likely look at expanding the availability for those middle two rounds, but in the meantime, don't wait.

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