

It's Ringers Week!

The coming Saturday marks the beginning of Ringers, our five-round competition where we take the best gross and net score over that span on each of a course's eighteen holes. This year, we are at [Longbow Golf Club](#) in Mesa, a challenging, Troon-managed layout with a good variety of holes.



Looking back across the 5th hole tee boxes reveals the trouble surrounding the 6th green

To date, we have 31 players signed up for Ringers. We usually end up around 50. The entry fee is \$25 and we typically pay the top three or four finishers in gross and net depending on the size of the field. Please note you can sign up after this week, but in order for Saturday's round to count in the competition, you must be signed up in advance of it.

Also note that if you are a current qualifier, i.e., you do not yet have a league handicap index, there will be nine events between this Saturday and Round 2 of Ringers on December 14, so plenty of time to make yourself eligible.

It is another shotgun start this week, this time at 7:30. And, as with all Ringers rounds, this one is worth double points in pursuit of the Tony Albrecht Cup.



Keep an eye out for this guy, spotted near the 2nd green on a May, 2017 SGL visit to Longbow. No rattle on that tail, but he's certainly only gotten bigger since.

Tournament Review—Talking Stick (O’odham)

A field of 39 SGL golfers took on the O’odham course at Talking Stick last Saturday. Despite no chance for warmup due to a too wet driving range and an over-seeded practice green, the field put up solid averages in both gross (90.6) and net (73.6). Newcomer Mikel Errasti led the way with a 74, while Michael Broudy had low net for the second time this month at 63.

We achieved our highest birdie rate of the young season, posting 34 of them. They were scored by 21 different players on 14 holes. Derek Oldham and J.R. Blaszek led the way with three each.

The most difficult hole was the one the scorecard said should be, i.e., the 417-yard, par-4 3rd. It played to an average of 1.72 strokes over par. The easiest was the officially 143 yards, but playing one tee box up at 118 yards par-3 8th, at just +0.54.

Sean Phillips was the Flight 1 winner with a gross of 75 and net 68. Michael’s net 63 was off a gross of 76 and earned him his second win of the season. Ryan Stephens shook off a 10 and an 8 on the way to shooting 86/68 for a Flight 3 victory. Lovell Robinson posted 104/70 to take Flight 4, and Sam Angart scored 79/72 to top a crowded 10-player Callaway field.

Mikel’s birdie on the 15th yielded 8 Gross Skins to win that category, while Jeff Thursam rode birdies on the 4th and 12th to pull down 10 Net Skins.

Adam Labbe, Terry Johnson and Anthony Uribe all became the first players to win CTPs in multiple tournaments this season with their shots on the 6th, 8th and 11th holes, respectively. Mikel claimed that prize on the 16th.

Mike Tobin had dos Deuces on the 6th and 8th holes, while Adam, Anthony, Bob Owen, Dan Gallegos, Elmer Schmidt, Adam Dizes and Chad Corwin also posted 2s.

Low Putts saw a tie at the top between Bob and Jeff, each with 29.

The battle for the top of the day’s money list was tight, with Jeff earning in four of six games to edge out Mikel, \$79 to \$75.

Schedule Notes

Some quick reminders about the upcoming schedule:

- We have [two trips to Prescott](#) over the next five weeks. The first is to Antelope Hills on 10/12, which has been an annual SLG pilgrimage since 2012. The second is to StoneRidge on 11/2, the club’s first trip to that venue since 2011. Both events are at about 70% of signup capacity right now, and both are [double points](#) opportunities.
- The two events at Ocotillo are part of a “mini-Ringers” competition. In this one, three trips to Ocotillo will result in playing each of the course’s three nines twice. Your 27-hole score will include your best among the two rounds on each of those holes.
- In addition to the Prescott rounds and Ringers, there are two other [double points](#) opportunities on the Fall schedule in the two events surrounding the New Year. The first is at Southern Dunes on 12/28 and the second at Wigwam-Heritage (aka, Red) on 1/4/2020.

There are lots of open spots for these events right now, but that won’t be true for long, so sign up now.

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