

Tournament Review—Wigwam (Red)

The new year brought a great day for golf and the first day for new tee box assignments for 43 SGL golfers at Wigwam's Red course. The overall performance matched the quality of the weather, as the average gross of 88.3 and average net of 71.5 were both 2nd-best of our season. The medalists were Steve Oliva and Gary Moffitt at 74, while Frank Vutrano posted a blistering net 59.

As would be expected with that kind of scoring, birdies were abundant. There were 36 of them, coming from 24 different players on fifteen of the eighteen holes. Gary lit it up with four of them.

The most difficult hole proved to be the long par-4 16th, playing to an average of +1.60 strokes over par. The wedge shot 12th became our new easiest hole of the year, at just +0.37.

Steve's 74 netted to 64 and gave him the Flight 1 win. Dave Dean was victorious in Flight 2 at 78/65. Charles Garner shot 83/63 to take Flight 3, and Frank's net 59 was off a gross of 94 in Flight 4. Joe Brazil's 76 was more than enough to win a single-player Callaway Flight.

For the first time this season, all four CTPs came out of Flight 1, with Steve grabbing it on the 2nd, Marc Caporrimo on the 5th, Gary on the 12th and Bo Montgomery on the 17th.

Dave posted dos Deuces (2nd and 5th), while Gary, Bo, John Garner, George Banach and Ken Slagle also cashed in.

On the first day of the new Skins format, each competition saw 4 Skins awarded for \$24 apiece. Congrats to Lori Neiderman for posting a net 1 on a par-5.

Gross			Net		
Player	Hole	Result	Player	Hole	Result
Dave Dean	2	Birdie	Ryan Stephens	1	Birdie/net eagle
Dan Shumaker	10	Birdie	Lori Neiderman	6	Birdie/net triple eagle*
Ken Slagle	11	Birdie	Ron Sweat	8	Birdie/net eagle
Bo Montgomery	17	Birdie	Lori Neiderman	12	Par/net eagle

* Or whatever it is you call 4 under par

On greens that were very quick and always seemed to break just before the hole, Steve Tamparo somehow used only 24 strokes to win Low Putts. That ties the league low for the year.

The top of the money board was crowded, but Dave eked out the title at \$77.

Wigwam Warriors Update

Saturday also included the first round of Wigwam Warriors. A record 32 players signed up for this year's iteration. Frank's 59 sits atop the leaderboard. You can view the complete [standings](#) at the web site.

Because of the higher number of entrants, we will be paying six places (\$275/\$200/\$150/\$100/\$50/\$25) vs. four as in year's past. The next round is on the Blue course on February 1.

Next Up—Lone Tree

This Saturday we head south to Chandler to play Lone Tree Golf Club. It is the league's first visit here since 2014. This one is tee times, with a rare 11:00 a.m. start.

The par-71 layout has some mild elevation changes and water on five holes. Watch for the monument to the namesake tree near the 9th tee box.



The island par-3 12th at Lone Tree. The green is bigger than it looks from the tee, but best just to aim for dead center and hope.

Ringers Note

Questions have arisen about the tee box arrangements for Ringers, since Longbow is a course that would provide different assignments under the new tee box guidelines. Special Events Coordinator Dan Gallegos reports that the final three rounds Ringers will be played with the same tee box set up as the first two.

Individual Match Play Coming

This year's Individual Match Play tournament will have a new format, modeled on the PGA Tour's Dell Technologies Match Play. The intent is to have four-player brackets in which a round-robin will take place, meaning each player will face off with all of those in their bracket, guaranteeing each entrant three matches. Bracket winners will then move on to a single-elimination phase. Our target is 16 players for this tournament.

The full rules and format will be released later this week, but a couple of things to note:

- Match play opponents will play from the same tees, meaning the base tee for the 8.5 to 20.0 handicap group. The exceptions are seniors and women, same as always.
- This does require a full commitment to play a minimum of three weeks in a row, and up to five if you are a bracket winner. This is especially important if you start out 0-2 in the round robin, as it would be unfair to the other players in your bracket if you failed to show for week 3.

WHS Now Up and Running at the AGA Site

The [AGA web site](#) is now available for posting scores. If you are not already familiar with this, just go to the site, log in, click "Post A Score" and fill in the necessary information. It does not yet appear to have all of the planned functionality, which includes hole-by-hole posting, but should soon.

For the time being, you will still need to post your own SGL rounds in addition to your non-league rounds. They are working on an app which will eventually allow Dave to enter all league scores with a single click, and we will alert you when that's ready.

In the meantime, there is a mobile app that does have the hole-by-hole functionality ready to go, which will take the guesswork out of what you are able to post as a max score on a given hole. Go to your app store and search on "USGA GHIN", then download GHIN Mobile.

What's Different About the New World Handicap System

While much of the math remains the same, there are some significant differences in the new world handicap system, which will be implemented in the United States on January 1 and elsewhere around the globe as the year progresses. Here are some of the things you need to know:

- Your index will now be based on the best eight of your last twenty scores, rather than the ten that is currently used
- The maximum score on a hole for handicap purposes will now be double bogey plus any handicap strokes for the hole, or net double bogey. Currently, the max is double bogey if your course handicap is 9 or below, 7 if course handicap is 10-19, 8 if 20-29 and 9 if 30+.
- o Example: You are playing a par-5 and you are getting 1 stroke for handicap purposes. The maximum score for your handicap is 8, i.e., par of 5 + double bogey + 1. If you are not getting a stroke on that hole, the max is double bogey, or 7.
- Abnormal course conditions will be factored in. This will be based on all scores turned in for a course on a given day, which are compared to norms for the course. For this reason, it is important to post your scores immediately after playing.
- o NOTE: The league will now do the posting for your scores in our events. You will still be responsible for posting rounds played outside the league.
- Your index will also become your league index, meaning you will no longer have a separate one for SGL. More details to follow in future newsletters on how this affects those who do not already have a GHIN number and index.

Starting the New Year Off Right

SGL Member Mike Tobin's 2020 golf year started with a bang as he recorded his first hole-in-one on New Year's Day at Robson Ranch in Eloy. The ace was posted on the 14th hole, which was playing about 170 yards to a back-left pin.

It could not be seen from the tee box and his foursome spent two or three minutes checking the bunker that wraps from the front all the way around the left side, then down the slopes behind the green and even into the rocks beyond. When someone finally checked the hole, the ball was found resting comfortably.

It did come in a Skins Game, but was nowhere near worth what an SGL hole-in-one would be.

HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	INT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	IN	TOT	HC	
Black	389	405	202	451	542	157	411	350	532	3439	412	382	546	398	169	359	519	214	407	3406	6845			
Pine	366	380	183	395	514	144	380	325	500	3187	373	349	512	373	159	328	485	203	369	3151	6338			
Pine/Rust Combo	330	353	159	344	489	144	355	325	500	2999	349	349	512	332	159	328	485	171	346	3031	6030			
Rust	330	353	159	344	489	111	355	285	462	2888	349	312	474	332	137	291	462	171	346	2874	5762			
Rust/Plum Combo	330	294	132	344	421	111	313	285	420	2650	298	312	420	278	137	291	406	134	346	2622	5272			
Plum	266	294	132	284	421	95	313	226	420	2451	298	265	420	278	113	251	406	134	293	2458	4909			
Plum/Silver	221	226	132	220	306	95	236	226	295	1957	200	180	305	220	113	251	340	134	235	1978	3935			
MIKE T		6	5	4	6	5	3	4	5	5	43	7	5	5	7	5	5	7	5	4	44	87	2	
-1 -1 -1																								
Tony		5	5	4	5	4	5	4	5	4	49	7	5	5	4	5	4	5	4	5	4	46	95	
Dave		5	7	4	5	10	5	6	4	8	54	6	8	8	6	3	5	6	4	7	53	107		
-1 -1 -1																								
MIKE B		6	7	5	6	7	6	5	5	52	8	5	7	6	7	6	7	6	7	6	59	111		
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Place of Play	13	27	38	51	108	117	131	144	202	210	14	28	46	58	107	120	137	146	200	210	42			
Par	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	5	36	4	4	5	4	3	4	5	3	4	36	72			

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