Tournament Review—Longbow, Ringers Round 1

Forty-eight SGL golfers took on the pre-overseed shaved fairways at Longbow last Saturday. The extra roll definitely helped with the scoring, as the field put up an average gross of 90.1 and average net of 72.4. For the second week in a row, a newcomer led the way as Robert Czaplewski posted the low gross of 74. And Brennan Murray established a new season low net for the league at 59.

Multiple forms of fowl were flying, as the first two eagles of the new SLG year were recorded. Al Palange made one on the par-5 15th and Val LeChuga did so on the par-5 18th. We collectively added a whopping 47 birdies to that. A full two-thirds of the field (32 players) had at least one, and only three holes—the 4th, 10th and 14th—failed to yield at least one. Dan Shumaker and Jeff Thursam led the way with four each

The most difficult hole was the "how much can I cut off?" par-4 4th, which played at 2.17 over-par. The easiest was the short, quirky par-4 8th, at just +0.48. Those represent the extremes of tough and easy for us so far this season.

Bob Owen was the week's Flight 1 winner, with a gross of 75 and net 65. Rick Schreiber came out on top in Flight 2 at 77/62. Bret Goers ruled Flight 3 with 85/68 and Brennan Murray earned an 8-shot victory in Flight 4 by shooting 84/59. For Bret and Brennan, it was their second wins in the young season. Sam Angart took home first place on a tie-breaker in a 4-player Callaway field, posting 76/72.

The high birdie volume made skins tough to come by, but Robert's on the par-4 9th earned him 7 Gross Skins. A birdie/net albatross on the par-3 11th gave Robert Johnson 7 Net Skins, and the rare 0 on his Ringers Net scorecard.

Four players claimed their first CTPs of the '19-'20 season—John Wilhelm on the 3rd hole, Elmer Schmidt on the 7th, Dave Dean on the 11th and Bret on the 16th.

John and Bret turned their CTPs into Deuces, but there were a bunch more. Frank Vutrano (also a net 0) scored one on the 2nd hole. June Vutrano, Mark Pfeffer and Mike Tobin also made them on the 7th. Brennan got one on 11, and Bret and Jeff Henriksen each made one on the 8th.

The greens were quick, but that didn't stop Bob Owen from using just 25 flatstick strokes to win Low Putts.

Bret's \$86 topped a list of 28 money winners.

The Ringers standings pretty much parallel the results for the day, as expected, with the exception that Brennan's outstanding round lowered his handicap to the point of bumping him up to Flight 3, making room for Doug Swearingen at the top of Flight 4. You can view <u>Ringers standings here</u>.

Just a reminder that you may eventually end up in a different Flight, as those are not frozen until handicaps are updated after the third Ringers round.

Next Up—Antelope Hills (North)

This week, we escape the doldrums of overseed season and head northwest to Prescott to play Antelope Hills' North course. This has become a staple on the SGL calendar, but for the first time in recent memory, it will not correspond with the Wings Out West Air Show at the adjacent Prescott Airport.

The course debuted in 1958 (just like your author 3) and has the mature trees to show for it. The shotgun start is at 9:00, and this one is worth Double Cup Points.



If you were practicing trying to focus on putting while being buzzed by a bumblebee-looking aircraft, you can relax...



...and focus your efforts instead on the Field Goal Hole. Split the uprights to hit the green on the par-3 16th

Schedule Notes

Some quick reminders about the upcoming schedule:

• In addition to this week, we have another Prescott journey on the horizon. We will play at StoneRidge on 11/2, the club's first trip to that venue since 2011. There is still room available and this one is also Double Points.

• 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.

• Besides the Prescott rounds and Ringers, there are two other <u>double points</u> 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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