

Tournament Review—Longbow, Ringers Round 2

After having contested Round 1 of Ringers on a shaved and browned-out Longbow Golf Club in October, 41 SGL golfers were welcomed with all green this time around, as Longbow is one of the rare Valley courses that also overseeds its rough. Green turned out to be about two strokes tougher than brown, as the field averaged 92.1 gross this time vs. 90.1 in October. The average net was 73.2.

Gerry Owsianny put up the day's low gross at 77, while Randy Ross, Alan Nicholas and Lori Neiderman all tied for the low net at 64. Those numbers produced your four flight winners—Gerry in Flight 1 (77/67), Randy in Flight 2 (81/64), Alan in Flight 3 (84/64) and Lori in Flight 4 (102/64). Ken Slagle won the Callaway Flight for the second time in as many tries with 80/72.

It was a strong day for birdies, as we posted 27 of them by 19 different players on 16 of the holes. The only holes without a birdie were the 12th and 14th. Gerry led the way with three.

Our hardest hole in this round was the tight, sand-and-water guarded 6th, playing at 1.76 strokes over par. The easiest (and likely to be so in every Ringers round) was the short par-4 8th, at +0.63.

Alan claimed a CTP for the second week in a row, this time on the 3rd hole. The others went to Mark Pfeffer on the 7th, Gerry on the 11th and Steve Neil on the 16th. All four of those were converted to Deuces, and Bob Owen (3rd) and Rick Schreiber (16th) also shared in that pot.

Eight different players scored Gross Skins in this round, but Steve's birdie on the 17th, his second in a row, earned him the biggest chunk with 6. Prag Shah's birdie on the 18th rewarded him with 8 Net Skins.

Dan Shumaker won the Low Putts competition with 27.

We had a rare tie atop the money list, as Gerry and Steve both netted \$85.

Ringers Roundup

On the PGA Tour they refer to Saturday, or the 3rd round, as "Moving Day". In Ringers, Moving Day is Round 2, where players have the greatest opportunity to clean up their messes from the opening round.

Round 2 of 2019-20 certainly lived up to that billing as nineteen of the thirty who were playing for the second time chopped at least 10 strokes off of their gross, and twenty did so off of their net. The biggest movers by flight were:

| Flight | Player | Round 1 | Strokes | End Round | Round 1 | Strokes | End Round |
|--------|-----------------|---------|------------|-----------|---------|------------|-----------|
| | | Gross | Eliminated | 2 Gross | Net | Eliminated | 2 Net |
| 1 | Adam Labbe | 95 | 18 | 77 | 82 | 16 | 66 |
| | Dan Shumaker | 84 | 13 | 71 | 77 | 13 | 64 |
| 2 | George Banach | 95 | 17 | 78 | 84 | 20 | 64 |
| | Brian Dempster | 91 | 11 | 80 | 76 | 12 | 64 |
| 3 | Mike Tobin | 98 | 21 | 77 | 77 | 21 | 56 |
| | Al Palange | 97 | 17 | 80 | 74 | 17 | 57 |
| 4 | Rich Perry | 111 | 20 | 91 | 85 | 22 | 63 |
| | Jeff Henriksen | 93 | 18 | 75 | 71 | 18 | 53 |
| | Lovell Robinson | 114 | 18 | 96 | 80 | 20 | 60 |

Mike Tobin's 21-stroke improvement vaulted him from 9th place in gross all the way to 1st in Flight 3. Bob Owen and Rick Schreiber maintained both their leads and their margins from Round 1 in Flights 1 and 2. There was quite a bit of shifting in Flights 3 and 4 due to a combination of performance, flight movement and a number of players not competing in the second round. The complete standings can be found [here](#).

| Flight | Player | Gross | Player | Net |
|----------|-------------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Bob Owen | 69 | Bob Owen | 59 |
| | Dan Shumaker | 71 | Gerry Owsianny | 62 |
| | Gerry Owsianny | 72* | Elmer Schmidt | 63 |
| 2 | Rick Schreiber | 74 | Rick Schreiber | 59 |
| | Mark Pfeffer | 76 | Bret Goers | 61* |
| | Dave Dean | 77 | Mark Pfeffer | 61 |
| 3 | Mike Tobin | 77 | Doug Swearingen | 55 |
| | Joe Pilewicz | 79* | Mike Tobin | 56* |
| | Patrick Tacderan | 79 | Patrick Tacderan | 56 |
| 4 | Jeff Henriksen | 75 | Jeff Henriksen | 53 |
| | Ted Robinson | 87 | Frank Vutrano | 59 |
| | Rich Perry | 91* | Lovell Robinson | 60* |

*** Tied for position, but currently owns tiebreaker**

This is an odd year for Ringers for a couple of reasons. One is how stretched out it is, as the next round will not be until April. Another is the advent of the new World Handicap System. Because your Flight placement is not frozen until after the 3rd round, both of those factors may have a big influence on where players end up. We already experienced a fair amount of shifting from Round 1 to Round 2, as nine players either moved up or down one Flight.

Next Up—Ocotillo

This coming Saturday features a return to Ocotillo Golf Resort in Chandler, a frequent SGL stop. In this round, we will be playing their Gold and Blue nines, which means their will be water on “only” 16 of the 18 holes. It’s tee times for this one, beginning at 7:30. Check Facebook on Friday to figure out your approximate start time.



A common view at Ocotillo—a water carry into the green. This one is at #9 Blue, Saturday's finishing hole.

Thursams Capture AGA Club Team Championship Crown

A big shout out to Jeff and Tyler Thursam, who won the Hogan Flight at the finals of the AGA Club Team Championship at Moon Valley Country Club on December 9. The duo posted a score of 64 in the two-man scramble format to take a two-shot victory in the gross portion of the competition. They also finished 1st on the net side, just in case they needed that.

Way to represent SGL, gentlemen!

|  2019 CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP  | | |
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| HOSTED BY MOON VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB | | |
| HOGAN FLIGHT | GROSS | NET |
| 9/80 Golf Club3 Kurt Wampach/Patrick Archer | 73 | 69.51 |
| Arizona Sunset GA1 Cecil Morris/Richard Windsor | 68 | 63.72 |
| Arrowhead CC3 Dan Best/Russ Attanasio | 71 | 67.14 |
| Foothills Golf Club Barry Agard/Ryan Beeney | 66 | 62.25 |
| MAGA Tucson Robert Bryant/Stacey DeKraker | 66 | 62.27 |
| North Scottsdale Men's GA2 Joe Brazil/Gerard Bradley | 73 | 68.92 |
| Papago Men's GA4 Dale Redger/Chuy Lara | 77 | 73.51 |
| Prescott Golf Club MC Steve Brzys/Logan Chilton | 66 | 62.24 |
| Saturday Golf League3 Jeff Thursam/Tyler Thursam | 64 | 60.45 |

Important Announcement Regarding Handicaps

Effective January 1, 2020, SGL will be joining the new [World Handicap System](#). This will require all members to join this system through the AGA and will affect league dues. For more detail, please visit [our website](#), where Dave has posted an announcement on the homepage.

Don't wait until the last minute to make this change. **We are making good progress here, with approximately 85 members signed up.** You can earn up to \$20 in membership rebates if done before 1/1/20. You may complete your signup [on this page at the AGA website](#).

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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. 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 score's 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.

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