

## Tournament Review—Longbow, Playoff Round 3, Ringers Final

Forty-nine players took on fast and firm conditions at Longbow last Saturday in a three-in-one tournament. The conditions were evident in scoring, as we were about 2 strokes higher than the last two Longbow rounds. Field averages were 92.2 gross and 77.2 net. Bob Owen and the on-fire Elmer Schmidt shared medalist honors with 78s. Lori Neiderman and Prag Shah tied for low net at 64.

The hardest hole was again the around-the-water par-4 4<sup>th</sup>, playing at 1.71 strokes over par. The easiest was the par-3 7<sup>th</sup> at +0.67.

It was an average birdie day, as we posted a collective 30 from 22 different players on 13 holes. Dan Shumaker led the way with four.

Bob held off Elmer in a tiebreaker to take Flight 1 at 78/70. Dan Gallegos topped Flight 2 at 80/71. June Vutrano backed up a set of tees and took advantage of the extra strokes, winning Flight 3 with 94/74. Lori won a tiebreaker with Prag to grab Flight 4, shooting 94/64.

Skins were relatively plentiful, with no one winning more than one Gross or Net. Bo Montgomery and Frank Vutrano earned skins that counted in both games.

Ty Thursam got it closest-to-the-pin on the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole. Frank did so on the 7<sup>th</sup>, Prag on the 11<sup>th</sup> and Al Palange on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Frank and Prag converted theirs for Deuces, and Dan Shumaker, Bob, Elmer and Steve Oliva also made 2s.

Low Putts went to Rich Pilewicz with 27.

Frank won cash in four games and topped the day's money list with \$90.

### Final Jockeying in Playoff Seedings

There was more back-and-forth in the last preliminary for the Tony Albrecht Cup:

- Elmer's one-shot margin over Dan Gallegos was just enough to reclaim the #1 seed heading to the final
- Bob's playoff flight win allowed him to leap-frog four others and slide into the 4<sup>th</sup> spot
- Amy Arnold did what looked impossible three weeks ago and took over the #1 slot in Flight 2, winning a seed tiebreaker with Dave Dean. Ron Sweat also made a big move up to 4<sup>th</sup> in that flight.
- Lori's win got her one point past June Vutrano into the top spot for Flight 3.

You will recall that the points now reset and final round placements are worth more. Here are the totals heading into the final round. Those in the top 7 all have a chance to win 1<sup>st</sup> place and the associated \$450 prize. Anyone in the top 11 has an opportunity to finish in the money.

Here are the current seedings and reset points. To see how we got here and what placements are worth in the final round, click [here](#).

Flight 1		Flight 2		Flight 3	
Player	Points	Player	Points	Player	Points
Elmer Schmidt	100	Amy Arnold	100	Lori Neiderman	100
Dan Gallegos	90	Dave Dean	90	June Vutrano	90
Jeff Thursam	80	Val LeChuga	80	Rich Perry	80
Bob Owen	70	Ron Sweat	70	Richard Pilewicz	70
John Wilhelm	60	Ben Goodwin	60	Nandita Shah	60
Steve Neil	50	Jeff Coughran	50	Mike Tobin	50
Bo Montgomery	40	Michael Broudy	40	Gareth Broudy	40
Anthony Uribe	30	George Banach	30	Frank Vutrano	30
Steve Oliva	20	Joe Pilewicz	20	Prag Shah	20
Marc Caporrimo	10	Jared Nielsen	10	Adam Dizes	10
Tyler Thursam	10	Brian Dempster	10	Jeff Henriksen	10
Dan Shumaker	10	Derek Oldham	10	Joe Smouse	10
Adam Labbe	10	Jandy Johnson	10	Sandy Chadbourne	10
Jim Bieleniewicz	10	Zack Gieszler	10	Jeffery Evans	10
Gerry Owsianny	10	Al Palange	10	Robert Johnson	10

### Who Was Tony Albrecht?

Given most of our current league membership never met Tony Albrecht, the question arises as to who was this man whose name is on our Cup?

The short story is, he was the inventor of the playoff concept for the league. Back in 2007 when the PGA Tour announced the FedEx Cup, Tony authored a proposal for incorporating a similar playoff structure into our league. Believe it or not, it was more complicated than our current setup, as there were points earned throughout the year for participation in side games and winning said side games. Tony had joined the league in the early 2000s and was a Board member at the time of the playoff creation.



*Tony Albrecht in August 2006, sporting an early model SGL golf shirt*

Originally, it was just known as the SGL Cup. Tony unfortunately passed away from an aggressive cancer early in 2012 at the age of 47. At that point, the Board moved to name the trophy after him in perpetuity.

Ironically, Tony won the first SGL Cup in 2008. Somehow that karma hasn't worked out for your intrepid reporter since he put forth our current structure three years ago. Maybe this year. 😊

### Next Up—Las Sendas, Tony Albrecht Cup Finals

Las Sendas means “the pathways” in Spanish. Perhaps a more appropriate name for the course would be “El Camino al Olvido”, i.e., “the path to oblivion”. This is a great golf course, but it is as difficult a course as we will ever play, so there should be plenty of drama as the scores roll in and we see the final standings start to shift. Don’t get too down if you struggle early, because chances are everyone is.

This was originally set up as a shotgun in order to help facilitate a quick accounting of the results, but is now tee times due to COVID-19 distancing restrictions. We start at 7:00. Please stay hydrated, as it is expected to be beastly hot. We are working toward an arrangement with the restaurant and will update you later in the week.



*The par-3 5<sup>th</sup> at Las Sendas. If your putt is outside 6 inches, it has a big break due to that mountain. Be forewarned.*



*The risk-reward par-5 18<sup>th</sup>. A well-placed tee shot leaves an opportunity to get home in two, but so many options. Will the Albrecht Cup be decided here?*



## Ringers Champions Crowned

Last Saturday's round at Longbow finally put a ribbon on the 2019-20 Ringers competition. A combination of fast conditions and just the difficulty of shaving strokes in the fifth round limited movement in the final standings, but there was some drama in Flight 3, as Val LeChuga, Ron Sweat and George Banach all finished at 69 gross before tiebreakers sorted it all out.

Here are your winners and payouts. Congrats to all, and thanks to everyone who played.

Flight #1	Credits	Gross Winner	Gross Score	Net Winner	Net Score
1st Place	90.00	Daniel Shumaker	59	Bob Owen	56 *
2nd Place	50.00	Elmer Schmidt	65	Adam Labbe	57
3rd Place	30.00	Jeff Thursam	66	Gerry Owsianny	58
4th Place	17.00	Jim Bieleniewicz	67	Rick Schreiber	59

  

Flight #2	Credits	Gross Winner	Gross Score	Net Winner	Net Score
1st Place	90.00	John Wilhelm	67	Al Palange	51
2nd Place	50.00	Anthony Uribe	69 *	Amy Arnold	55
3rd Place	30.00	Mark Pfeffer	71 *	Joe Pilewicz	57
4th Place	17.00	Dave Dean	72 *	Derek Oldham	59

  

Flight #3	Credits	Gross Winner	Gross Score	Net Winner	Net Score
1st Place	85.00	Val LeChuga	69 *	Mike Tobin	52
2nd Place	46.00	Ron Sweat	69 *	Prag Shah	53
3rd Place	28.00	George Banach	69 *	June Vutrano	54
4th Place	16.00	Brian Dempster	76	Doug Swearingen	55 *

  

Flight #4	Credits	Gross Winner	Gross Score	Net Winner	Net Score
1st Place	85.00	Jeff Henriksen	74	Kevin Hudspeth	50
2nd Place	46.00	Richard Pilewicz	76	Nandita Shah	52
3rd Place	28.00	Oscar Delgado	77	Lori Neiderman	53
4th Place	16.00	Adam Dizes	78	Frank Vutrano	56 *

(\* won tie breaker)

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