Tournament Review—Grayhawk (Raptor)

Forty-five SGL golfers descended upon the Grayhawk Raptor course on Saturday, most of whom were competing in Round 1 of the Summer Series playoffs. The track provided a worthy playoff challenge, producing field averages of 95.8 gross and 80.6 net. For the second week in a row, Bo Montgomery was the medalist with 78. Brad Walker posted the low net at 69.

The course was stingy in regard to birdies, as there were just 21 coming from 16 players on just 11 holes. It did yield an eagle, though, as Kevin Gadowski achieved that feat on the par-5 finishing hole.

The toughest hole was the par-4 9th, playing at an even double-bogey average. The easiest was the par-5 7th with an average of +0.50 strokes over par.

Bo was your Flight 1 winner, as his 78 netted to 71. Lee Steelgrave topped Flight 2 with 82/17. Brad led Flight 3 at 88/69, while Frank Vutrano won Flight 4 with 93/72. Justin Szela captured a seven-player Callaway Flight, shooting 80/72.

The day's CTPs were earned by Steve Oliva on the 5th hole, Rick Schreiber on #8, Dave Dean on the 13th and Steve Neil on the 16th.

Rick converted his to a Deuce and Matt Leonard and Bret Goers also recorded 2s.

Low Putts went to Gerry Owsianny with 30.

A special shout out to Matt, who topped the money list with \$78 on a day he shot 112. Demonstrating impeccable timing interspersed with disaster, he posted two birdies and earned two Gross Skins and three Net Skins. His scorecard contained every number between 2 and 12, except for 11. An excellent job of shaking off bad holes and soldiering on to win dough.

This week's Skins winners are shown below.

Gross (\$13)			Net (\$11)		
Player	Hole	Result	Player	Hole	Result
Jared Gaynor	1	Birdie	Matt Leonard	2	Par/net birdie
Justin Szela	4	Birdie	Matt Leonard	5	Birdie/net eagle
Matt Leonard	5	Birdie	Kyle Voda	6	Par/net eagle
Rick Schreiber	8	Birdie	Matt Leonard	10	Birdie/net eagle
Matt Leonard	10	Birdie	Bo Montgomery	11	Birdie/net eagle
Bo Montgomery	11	Birdie	Kyle Voda	13	Par/net eagle
Bret Goers	16	Birdie	Jeff Brunton	15	Birdie/net eagle
Kevin Gadowski	18	Eagle	Hiroko Kobayashi	16	Birdie/net eagle
			Kevin Gadowski	18	Eagle/net albatross

Playoff Movement

In the three-flight playoff format, we saw quite a bit of movement in the standings.

- Bo Montgomery's win moved him from 6th place prior to the event into 1st, with 126 points. Steve Oliva went from 5th to 2nd and it nipping on his heels at 119 points.
- Lee Steelgrave won Playoff Flight 2, which moved him up to 2nd. Val LeChuga finished 2nd on the day, which moved him 3rd to 1st overall.
- In Playoff Flight 3, Frank Vutrano's 2nd place finish on the day was enough to move him to the top, while Brad Walker's win took him from 12th all the way to 3rd, behind Rich Perry.

All three flights are still up for grabs, with 6 to 8 possible winners in each flight. For the full standings, click here.

Next Up: Grayhawk (Talon)—Summer Series Playoff Final

We're right back at Grayhawk this week, this time on the Talon course. Tee times will again start at 6:30. Check the Facebook page on Friday for pairings. Good luck to all playoff participants!



Will the island-green par-3 17th be a deciding factor in the Summer Series Playoffs?

Fall Schedule Posted

With the Summer Series wrapping up, the Fall schedule has been posted at the website. It looks to be perhaps our most geographically diverse slate in years. Some of the highlights:

- An opening weekend two-day event in Tucson, first at Dove Mountain on Saturday, then nearby Quarry Pines on Sunday. Those dates are September 5-6.
- Another two-day weekend in Prescott, with the Antelope Hills South course on Saturday and StoneRidge on Sunday, 10/10-11.
- A trip to the beautiful Los Caballeros course in Wickenburg on 10/3.
- The first three rounds of the popular Ringers format, this year at Orange Tree (11/14, 12/12 and 1/9).
- All three rounds of Wigwam Warriors (Blue course, 9/26; Red, 11/28; Gold, 1/2)

Sign-ups are available now. You can see the full schedule here.

SGL Board Meeting This Weekend

The SGL Board will have one of its semiannual meetings following the conclusion of play on August 29 at Grayhawk. As a member of the league, you have the right to address the board about any issue of your choosing for up to five minutes prior to the start of the meeting. If you would like to do so, please email Dave Dean at dave@saturdaygolfleague.com and let him know what you would like to discuss.

AGA Club Team Championship

The AGA has announced the details for its 23rd Annual Club Team Championship, a flighted two-man scramble. SGL has been well represented in this event in recent years, with multiple teams entered and several reaching the finals.

The event has qualifying rounds in November at Dove Mountain (11/11), Wigwam Red (11/12), Arrowhead CC (11/16), Longbow (11/20) and Moon Valley CC (11/30). Teams that make it through will play in the championship at Seville Golf & Country Club on December 7.

The entry fee is \$135 (form here) and the deadline is Friday, September 25. Should your team make it to the finals, SGL will cover the entry fee for that event.

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