

Tournament Review—Raven Golf Club

Forty-nine SGL golfers welcomed some cloud cover, a light breeze and even a few sprinkles and responded with very solid play Saturday morning at Raven Golf Club. The average gross was 88.5 and the average net an under-par 71.3. Scott Butler led the way with an even-par 72, while Michael Broudy put up the day's best net with 64.

One may expect a course named after fowl to yield a lot of birdies, and Raven did not disappoint. There were 42 of them, scored by 26 different players on 14 different holes. Scott led the way here too, with 4 tweeters.

The most difficult hole proved to be the bend-it-around-the-water par-4 8th, playing at an average of 1.33 strokes over par. Chances are if you struggled there, you got healthy on the next two, as the par-5 9th and par-4 10th tied for easiest at +0.61

Interestingly, despite that tie the 9th yielded nine birdies and the 10th just one. That one was part of two holes that led Scott to 11 Gross Skins. Mike Hultquist posted a birdie/net eagle on #1, and with no one claiming a net skin after the 10th, he added eight leftovers to total 9 Net Skins on the day.

This week's CTPs were claimed by Prag Shah on the 2nd, Alec Belton on the 7th, Ryan Stephens on the 11th and Terry Johnson on the 14th. Prag and Ryan converted theirs for Deuces, while Scott, Jeff Thursam, Dave Dean and Kevin Gadowski also had one each.

Ron Amstutz had an excellent day on the greens, needing just 24 putts to get around and win Low Putts.

Two weeks in and we already have the season's first multiple winner, as Matt Leonard took the Flight 4 title for the second week in a row with a gross of 91 and net 66. Elmer Schmidt won a three-way tiebreaker in Flight 1 by virtue of a birdie on the 17th, finishing at 76/68. Michael Broudy was best in Flight 2 with 78/64. Michael Hultquist topped Flight 3 with 84/66. Ben Hughes bested an 8-player Callaway field at 79/72.

Scott won money in three different games and topped the day's list of 27 money winners with \$92.

Next Up: Whirlwind (Cattail)

Week 3 finds us at Whirlwind Golf Club in Chandler, recent host of the Web.com Tour (now Korn Ferry Tour, the PGA's AAA circuit) Q School finals. We will play their [Cattail](#) course, with an 8:00 shotgun start. The league's last appearance here was in the penultimate round of the 2018 Tony Albrecht Cup Playoffs.



Short, but tricky—pick the right club to drop it over the ravine and between the bunkers to the wide and shallow green on Cattail's par-3 15th. And count on a big breaking putt no matter where you land.

Deadline Nearing for AGA Club Team Championship Registration

The Arizona Golf Association's 22nd Annual Club Team Championship is available for [sign-up](#). This is a flighted, handicapped 2-man scramble format. There are five qualifying venues to choose from in November, followed by the final event in December. SGL sent eight teams to this event last year, with four of them qualifying.

This year's qualifying sites are Lone Tree Golf Club, Arrowhead CC, Wigwam Red (Heritage), Saddlebrooke Ranch Golf Club (near Tucson) and Longbow Golf Club. This year's final is at Moon Valley CC, the site of Annika Sorenstam's historic 59 on the LPGA tour.

The registration deadline is fast approaching—Friday, September 27. The fee is \$135 per team. Just like last year, the league will cover the entry fee to the championship round for any teams that qualify.

To-date, the following SGL teams have signed up:

- Jeff Thursam and Tyler Thursam
- George Banach and Mike Tobin
- Marc Caporrimo and Jackie Byrd
- Elmer Schmidt and June Vutrano
- Oscar Delgado and Rich Perry

Sign Up for Ringers

Round 1 of Ringers, SGL's most popular competition, is just two weeks away. For those new to the league, in Ringers we play the same course five times over a period of months. Your best gross and net score on each of the eighteen holes over those rounds make up your final score for the contest. The event is flighted and typically pays out three spots in both gross and net.

This year we will play it at the challenging Longbow Golf Club in Mesa, with the first round on October 5. The entry fee is \$25, and you can sign up at the payment page on the web site.

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