

## Tournament Review—Whirlwind (Cattail)

Thirty-nine SGL golfers competed on pristine course conditions Saturday morning at Whirlwind's Cattail course. It was a bit tougher than the previous week, with the average gross at 92.9 and average net of 74.8. There was a three-way for low gross at 80 among Adam Labbe, Tom Hegna and Bo Montgomery, all playing out of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight. In fact, we saw the rare occurrence of Flight 2 scoring lower (84.9) than Flight 1 (85.3). Adam had the day's low net at 65.

It was a pretty much league average birdie day. There were 27, scored by 15 different players on 13 different holes. Adam had four, as did John Wilhelm.

The most difficult hole was a surprise—the short par-4 5<sup>th</sup>. It seems many more succumbed to the risk than achieved the reward, as it yielded no birdies and played at +1.53 strokes to par. The easiest was the par-3 6<sup>th</sup>, also a mild surprise given its pin position. The field averaged 3.64 on the hole.

Adam was throwing darts at the par-3s, as he had his name on at least three of the CTP signs and held on to two of them, #s 6 and 10. Bob Owen got it closest on the 15<sup>th</sup>. We did not have a winner on the 3rd hole, as an ineligible player entered their name on the card. Please be sure you're in the game.

The latter of his two CTPs was converted to a Deuce, earning Adam 6 Gross Skins and the lead in that category for the day. Lovell Robinson rode a pair of net eagles on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> to 9 Net Skins.

Adam also had another Deuce. Other 2s were posted by Lee Steelgrave, JR Blaszek, Bo Montgomery, Steve Neil and John Wilhelm.

The greens were the quickest we have seen in quite some time, as evidenced by Steve Oliva taking the Low Putts title with 29.

And, no surprise, Adam led the day's money list with \$143, earning credits in four of the six games.

Next Up: Talking Stick (O'-odham)

This Saturday, we visit the O'-odham (or, North) course at the Talking Stick resort, our first appearance there in just over two years. While essentially dead flat, the Coore and Crenshaw design is considered an architectural achievement in the minimalist school. You can read about it [here](#).



*Pick your path on the par-4 12<sup>th</sup>--the shorter left side with tight OB, or the friendlier tee shot on the right that leaves a wash carry with no room behind the green*

## **Sign Up for Ringers—One Week Away!**

Round 1 of Ringers, SGL's most popular competition, is Saturday, October 5. 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. You may still sign up for Ringers after it begins, but you must be registered in advance of October 5 for your Round 1 scores to count.

## **Deadline Nearing for AGA Club Team Championship Registration**

The deadline for the Arizona Golf Association's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Club Team Championship is this Friday, September 27. 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. Go here to register.

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

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