

## Tournament Review—Troon North (Pinnacle)

The SGL 2018-19 got off to a hot start on Saturday at Troon North's Pinnacle course. Not because of scores, mind you, but because of a 2:00 PM start in 106° heat. Thirty-five players took on the challenge and played to an average gross of 98.8 and average net of 79.9. Jeff Thursam occupied a familiar spot at the top with the low gross at 76, while Anthony Uribe had the day's best net at 65.

Despite the high scores, the birdie rate was about average for our group. There were 19 of them, by 15 players on 12 different holes. Jeff, Anthony, Dan Shumaker and Marc Caporrimo each posted a pair.

The most difficult hole proved to be the dead-into-the-sun long par-4 3<sup>rd</sup>, playing at an average of 2.06 strokes over par. The back nine par-3s, #s 13 and 16, tied for the easiest at +1.06.

Jeff was the season's first Flight 1 winner, with a net 70 to go with his 76. Anthony crushed it in Flight 2, putting up 81/65 and winning by 11 strokes. Ben Goodwin topped Flight 3 at 88/71 and Matt Leonard won Flight 4 with 94/66. Jared Nielsen led a five-player Men's Callaway group at 89/73, and Stephanie Davis won the Women's Callaway.

Jeff's birdie on the 5<sup>th</sup>, plus three leftovers at the end gave him the most Gross Skins for the day with 8. Mike Tobin staved off his nuclear meltdown long enough to make par/net eagle on the 7<sup>th</sup>, picking up 7 Net Skins.

Closest to the Pins went to Zack Gieszler on the 6<sup>th</sup>, Jeff on the 8<sup>th</sup>, Anthony on the 13<sup>th</sup> and Bob Owen on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The latter three of those were converted to Deuces. Anthony added another on the 8<sup>th</sup>, and Steve Neil, Elmer Schmidt, John Garner, Lee Steelgrave and Mike Hultquist also posted 2s.

Steve Neil and George Banach each used just 27 putts to lead that category.

Jeff piled up \$100 to lead twenty-two money winners.

### Next Up: Raven Golf Club

This Saturday, we return to [Raven Golf Club](#), with its 6,000+ pine trees lining the fairways that will make you forget you're playing golf in the desert. This one is a 7:00 AM shotgun start, so should be at least 25 degrees cooler than last Saturday when we tee off. It will also be yet another joint event with the VGA. If you belong to both, you may compete in both.



*The colorful 1<sup>st</sup> tee box at Raven Golf Club in Phoenix*

Unfortunately, even though this linked video was shot at Raven, these golf carts will not be available this weekend.

[Bubba's hovercraft](#)

## Sign Up For Ringers

Round 1 of Ringers, SGL's most popular competition, is just three 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

## AGA Club Team Championship Registration Available

The Arizona Golf Association's 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## Membership Rewards

A reminder that for every new player that is brought in by an existing member and becomes a new member, both will receive \$25 credit.

New members must complete in 5 qualifying rounds and establish a SGL handicap index, sponsor's name must be declared prior to first qualifying round. Ask Dave for some SGL business cards that you can give to prospective members.

Also, a reminder there are multiple membership options. You can save some money by signing up for more than one year at a time. View the "[How It's Done](#)" section of the web site.

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