

Tournament Recap - Orange Tree, Ringers Round 3

Another large field of 66 SGL golfers sat through a one-hour frost delay before competing in the third round of Ringers last Saturday at Orange Tree. The course continues to play tougher than expected, this time with an average gross of 95.4--our second highest of the season--and an average net of 79.8. Tom Hegna pulled the daily double of both low gross and net with 74 and 70.

In contrast to the high scores, though, there were a lot of birdies and two eagles. The eagles came from Danny Price on the 10th hole, our first par-4 eagle of the '20-'21 season, and Tyler Thursam on the par-5 17th. Fifty-two birdies were scored by 32 different players on 17 of the holes. The only one that escaped us was the par-4 8th. More on that hole in a minute.

The toughest hole was and will likely continue to be the wide-open off the tee, but really tight on the approach par-4 18th, which this time played to an average of over double par (2.11). The easiest hole was and will likely continue to be the wide-open, short par-5 6th, which played at +0.68.

In close contention for toughest was the aforementioned 8th. The pin placement on the steeply sloping green was way down in front. You had to be below the hole, yet there was very little room to be below the hole and the ground in front of the green was wet. It was the perfect storm for a putting fiasco and that's exactly what happened. The hole saw 14 three-putts, 10 four-putts and an eight-putt! An average of 2.34 putts per player. Your intrepid reporter four-putted from inside 5 feet when the initial putt missed on the high side, but then rolled all the way to the bottom of the green. The second putt stopped a few inches short, but after a good 15 seconds of sitting, began to roll back right before the third putt was ready to be struck. Hopefully we won't see that pin again in Rounds 4 or 5.

Tom's 74/70 was, of course, the Flight 1 winning score. Flight 2 went to John Wilhelm with 83/75. Jandy Johnson topped Flight 3 with 89/71. Mario Ramirez took Flight 4 at 93/74 and Greg Hileman claimed the Callaway Flight at 83/71.

Your CTP winners for the week were Greg Hileman on the 4th hole, Adam Dizes on the 7th, Bo Montgomery on the 12th and Rick Schreiber on the 15th. Bo converted his to a Deuce, as did Greg, who also made one on #15. In addition, Grant Swan, Joe Pilewicz and Charles Falcone also made 2s. Danny's eagle was also a Deuce and Tyler's par-5 eagle also draws from the Deuce pot.

Here's guessing Tom did not 4-putt the 8th, as his 26 putts won that competition by three strokes.

Greg used his Flight win, CTP, a Gross Skin and the pair of Deuces to lead the day's money list with \$151.

Below are the details for the round's Skins.

Gross (\$27)			Net (\$39)		
Player	Hole	Result	Player	Hole	Result
Charles Falcone	7	Birdie	Mike Marsolek	4	Birdie/net eagle
Danny Price	10	Eagle	Marc Caporrimo	9	Birdie/net eagle
Bo Montgomery	12	Birdie	Al Palange	11	Birdie/net eagle
Greg Hileman	15	Birdie	Nandita Shah	18	Par/net eagle
Tyler Thursam	12	Eagle			
Justin Szela	18	Birdie			

Ringers Update

Saturday produced from fairly significant shifting in Ringers standings, perhaps none more impressive than Ken Slagle riding a five-birdie round to a comfortable lead in Flight 1. As of the end of this round, the Flights are now frozen for the remaining two rounds. Below are the current top 4 gross in each flight. You can view the full set of standings here ([gross/net](#)).

	Player	Score
Flight 1	Ken Slagle	64
	Amy Arnold	68
	Tom Hegna	68
	Justin Szela	69
Flight 2	Joe Pilewicz	72
	Lou Movitz	73
	Jim Bieleniewicz	74
	John Wilhelm	75
Flight 3	Ron Sweat	73
	Jandy Johnson	78
	Mike Tobin	78
	Jeff Coughran	78
Flight 4	Robert Johnson	79
	Prag Shah	84
	Rich Perry	85
	Adam Dizes	86

Next Up: Ocotillo

This Saturday we return to the Florida course in Arizona known as Ocotillo, to play its Blue and White nines. The course features water in play on 21 of its 27 holes, and the White nine is highlighted by its island green par-3 3rd and Tin Cup par-4 9th. Tee times start at 7:35 and, as of now, it looks like there will be no frost delay!



Just a sampling of the abundant water at Ocotillo Golf Club

Match Play Field Filled—Draw This Saturday at Blue 32

We very quickly filled up a field of 32 players for this year's Individual Match Play tournament. Matches will begin on January 23, i.e., next week at Aguila. The draw for the tournament will be live this year and will take place at the Blue 32 Sports Grill at 4845 S Arizona Ave (NE corner of Arizona Ave & Chandler Heights Rd) in Chandler at 3:00 PM this Saturday, following the round at Ocotillo. That's just a short trip from the course.

Special Events Coordinator Dan Gallegos will explain the format for this year's event and go over the rules. The restaurant is run by league member Mark Huttanus and he's excited to have us as guests.

One important note—if you're signed up for the Match Play event, please make sure you are signed up for at least the next three events (1/23 at Aguila, 1/30 at Tuscany Falls and 2/6 at Coldwater) as we work our way through the round robin event. If you're confident of winning your bracket, you may want to sign up for the next three, too. 😊

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