

Tournament Recaps—Two Weeks Out West

We spent our last two weeks in the western half of the Valley, first at Verrado's Victory course and then at Wigwam (Red). Stat summaries are below. Here are some of the highlights:

- The field average gross of 85.9 at Wigwam was our lowest anywhere over the last three years, and featured eleven players shooting in the 70s.
- Even par seems to be the new threshold if you want to be league medalist. Tyler Thursam's even-par 72 at Verrado was his second such round in a month. Dan Shumaker went 1-under 71 at Wigwam.
- The net 63s posted by Ben Goodwin and Kevin Hudspeth at Wigwam were the league's lowest this year. Ben had low net and won Flight 3 in both events.
- These two events marked the 4th and 5th consecutive in which the field produced at least one eagle, by far the longest such stretch in recent years. The latest are Gary Moffitt on the par-5 18th at Verrado and Jeff Coughran on the par-5 4th at Wigwam.
- Tom Hegna earned CTPs in both events.

	Verrado (Victory)	Wigwam (Red)
Players	58	40
Field Avg Gross	89.9	85.9
Field Avg Net	77.1	72.7
Low Gross	Tyler Thursam (72)	Dan Shumaker (71)
Low Net	Ben Goodwin (70)	Ben Goodwin (63)
Eagles	Gary Moffitt (18th)	Jeff Coughran (4th)
Total Birdies / Players / Holes	38 / 22 / 13	31 / 17 / 15
Most Birdies	Tyler Thursam (4)	Dan Shumaker (6)
Hardest Hole	#8, par-5, +1.57	#18, par-5, +1.25
Easiest Hole	#18, par-5, +1.25	#4, par-5, +0.33
Flight 1 Winner	Tyler Thursam (72/72)	Steve Oliva (73/68)
Flight 2 Winner	Elmer Schmidt (80/76)	Steve Tamparo (76/67)
Flight 3 Winner	Ben Goodwin (83/70)	Ben Goodwin (76/63)
Flight 4 Winner	Betty Irish (100/74)	Kevin Hudspeth (89/63)
Callaway Winner	Calvin Brown (78/71)	Murray Nelson (77/72)
Gross Skins	Gary Moffitt (2)	Seven players (1)
Net Skins	Lovell Robinson (2)	Ben Goodwin (2)
Low Putts	Trevor Hillman (26)	Bob Owen (26)
CTPs	Al Palange, Murray Nelson, Tom Hegna, Calvin Brown	Rich Pilewicz, Derek Schwertley, Dan Shumaker, Tom Hegna
Deuces	Calvin Brown, Rich Perry, Gary Moffitt (E)	Bob Owen, Joe Pilewicz, Dan Shumaker, Kevin Hudspeth, Jeff Coughran (E)
Top Money Winner	Calvin Brown (\$150)	Ben Goodwin (\$64)

Next Up: Legacy

We head to the popular Legacy Golf Resort in Phoenix this weekend, with another enormous field on tap. This one is a shotgun start at 8:00.



It's just a wedge shot on the par-3 7th at Legacy, but be precise, as there are bunkers on all four corners of the green

Wigwam Warriors Update

The low scores at Wigwam led to some nice movement in the standings after Round 2 of Wigwam Warriors. Dave Dean maintained his lead, but Ben and Kevin's net 63s shot them up the list. Here are the current top 10. The final round is on the Gold course on January 2.

2021 Wigwam Warriors

11/29/2020

Round #2 - after 11/28/20 Event on the Red Course

Payout Schedule

1st Place -\$225.00

3rd Place -\$100.00

2nd Place -\$150.00

4th Place -\$ 50.00

Name	Round 1 Blue Course	Round 2 Red Course	Round 3 Gold Course	Net Scoring Average	Payout
Dave Dean	66	68		67.000	
Richard Pilewicz	67	68		67.500	
Benjamin Goodwin	75	63		69.000	
Steve Tamparo	72	67		69.500	
Stephen Oliva	73	68		70.500	
Kevin Hudspeth	78	63		70.500	
Val LeChuga	72	70		71.000	
Joseph Pilewicz	66	77		71.500	
Elmer Schmidt	69	74		71.500	
Adam Dizes	74	69		71.500	

SGL Mourns the Passing of Jeff Morrissey

It is with great sadness that we report on the death of SGL Lifetime Member Jeff Morrissey. While we were informed just this week, Jeff actually died back on August 2 of a massive heart attack while jogging.

Perhaps it's fitting that we remember Jeff this week as we prepare to play Legacy, for it was on this course on April 29, 2017 that Jeff accomplished one of the rarest feats in the history of golf.

Beginning on the par-4 12th, Jeff posted four deuces over a span of seven holes—an eagle on the 12th, a birdie on the par-3 15th, another birdie on the par-3 17th and an albatross on the finishing par-5 18th. If memory serves, the eagle on 12 was from about 180 yards and the double eagle on 18 from about 210. Research shows the eagle/double eagle combo in the same round has likely happened fewer than two dozen times in the history of the sport at any level.

Of course, because we are who we are as amateur golfers, that back nine also included two pars, a bogey, a double bogey and a triple bogey for a 1-under 34. ☐

RIP, Jeff.

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total		
Name	Par	4	4	4	3	4	5	3	5	4	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	3	5	71	Amount Won
Jeff Morrissey		4	5	4	3	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	2	7	5	2	6	2	2	74	\$91.00

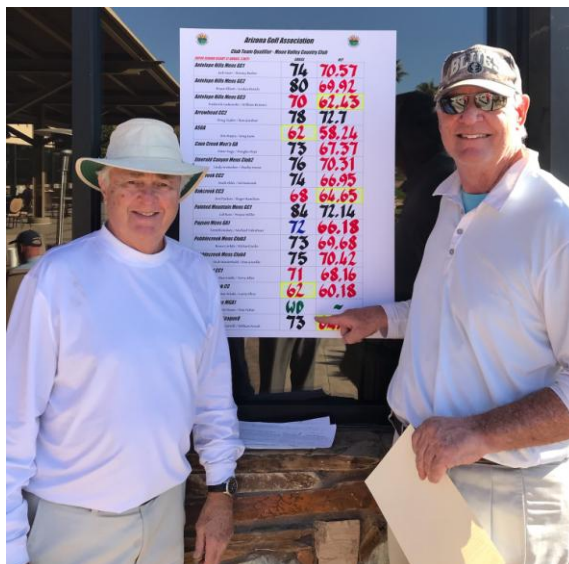
Carroll and Novak Represent at the AGA Club Team Championship

SGL sent a record nine teams to the AGA Club Team Championship Qualifiers this month, and one group has made it through to the final of the two-man scramble event. Bill Novak and Richard Carroll earned their spot as the 3rd place net team in the Super Senior Flight at Moon Valley CC with a score of 64.89. Bill and Richard will compete in the finals at Seville next Monday, December 7. Good luck, gentlemen!

We had one other near miss, as the team of Bo Montgomery and Shaun Wilson missed qualifying in the Hogan Flight at Wigwam (Red) by just 0.21 strokes.

Our other teams at Wigwam were Amy Arnold/Elmer Schmidt, Gary Moffitt/Brian Dempster and Frank and June Vutrano. At Moon Valley, we also had Dave Dean/Ken Slagle, Oscar Delgado/Rich Perry, Joe and Rich Pilewicz, and Gareth and Michael Broudy.

Thanks to all for representing the league.



Bill Novak and Richard Carroll point to their qualifying score at Moon Valley CC

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