

Tournament Recap—Superstition Springs

An intimate gathering of 38 SGL golfers showed up to play Superstition Springs last Saturday. The course provided a fairly stiff challenge, as the average gross was 93.0 and average net 78.3. Bob Owen was the day's medalist at 79 and the only player to break 80. Low net was achieved by Michael Mooradian with 70.

It was an average day for birdies. There were 26 in total, scored by 18 players on 14 different holes. Al Palange and Dan Gallegos each had three of them. Lee Steelgrave added an eagle on the twisting, water-guarded par-5 17th. The hardest hole was said 17th, playing to an average of 2.08 strokes over par, while the easiest was the par-3 3rd at +0.63.

Bob's 79 yielded a net 73 and a Flight 1 win. Tim Miller led the way in Flight 2 with 84/73. June Vutrano topped Flight 3 with 93/75, while Michael took Flight 4 at 92/70. Charles Mitchell won our smallest Callaway Flight in quite a while with a score of 88/74.

CTPs were claimed by Charles on hole #3, Bryan Nelson on #7, Bob on the 12th and Chip Dapello on the 15th. Bryan and Chip turned theirs into 2s, while other Deuces were scored by June, Steve Oliva and Amy Arnold on the 3rd hole, Michael Broudy on the 7th, John Wilhelm on the 12th and Bo Montgomery on the 15th. Lee's eagle also draws from that pot.

Bo tied an SGL season low with 23 putts to win in that category.

Bob's \$64 topped a list of 22 money winners.

The round's skins are listed below.

Gross (\$16)			Net (\$13)		
Player	Hole	Result	Player	Hole	Result
Steve Hulka	5	Eagle	Lisa McCartney	9	Bogey/net eagle
Bo Montgomery	6	Birdie	Dave Dean	10	Birdie/net birdie
Dave Dean	10	Birdie	Lisa McCartney	12	Par/net eagle
John Wilhelm	12	Birdie	Al Palange	13	Birdie/net eagle
Al Palange	13	Birdie	Chip Dapello	15	Birdie/net eagle
Lee Steelgrave	17	Eagle	Lee Steelgrave	17	Eagle/net albatross
			Martin Henner	18	Par/net eagle

Match Play Champs Crowned

Saturday also included the finals of the 2021 SGL Singles Match Play tournament. This year's winners are Dave Dean in the lower handicap group and Bryan Nelson in the higher handicap group.

Dave played against Steve Hulka and was getting three strokes. He went down one right away on the first hole, but then won three straight to take a 2-up lead after four. Dave had a pair of two-hole winning streaks on the 6th and 7th, then the 9th and 10th to take a commanding 5-up lead through ten. Steve cut it to four on the 11th, then the match stayed there through the 14th. Dave then won the 15th hole to close it out with a 5-and-3 victory and \$200 in winnings. Steve earned \$80 for his runner-up finish in the group.

Hole			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
HDCP			13	7	11	15	17	1	5	9	3	12	14	13	16	8	4	10	2	6
Semi-Final	Player HDCP	Player 1 Strokes	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Dave Dean (Player 1)	6		6	4	3	4	4	5	4	5	4	3	6	3	5	4	4	4	8	5
Steve Hulka (Player 2)	3		5	5	5	5	3	5	5	5	5	4	4	3	5	4	5	4	5	5
Player 1 Match			-1	0	1	2	1	2	3	3	4	5	4	4	4	4	5	0	0	0

The higher handicap matchup was Bryan vs. Ron Sweat, with Bryan getting six strokes. This one was a back-and-forth battle from start to finish. Ron grabbed a 2-up lead through four, but Bryan won the next two holes to even it up. From there through the 16th hole, the match was either all square or 1-up in favor of Bryan. Both players struggled on the difficult 17th hole, but when Bryan won it, he closed out the match 2-and-1. Bryan earns \$200 and Ron, \$80.

The third-place match in the higher handicap group went to Al Palange by a 3-and-1 margin over Ben Goodwin. Al won the first four holes, but after Ben won the 5th, the lead was either 3 or 2 all the way until the 17th hole. Al wins \$40 for his effort.

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HDCP			13	7	11	15	17	1	5	9	3	12	14	13	16	8	4	10	2	6
Semi-Final	Player HDCP	Player 1 Strokes	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Bryan Nelson (Player 1)	17		6	4	5	6	4	6	2	6	5	6	9	4	7	5	3	5	7	5
Ron Sweat (Player 2)	11		5	6	4	4	6	6	3	5	7	6	6	8	6	5	3	5	8	7
Player 1 Match			-1	0	-1	-2	-1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	0

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HDCP			13	7	11	15	17	1	5	9	3	12	14	13	16	8	4	10	2	6
Semi-Final	Player HDCP	Player 1 Strokes	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Al Palange (Player 1)	12		4	3	3	5	7	6	5	5	5	7	7	4	3	5	5	6	4	4
Ben Goodwin (Player 2)	8		5	5	4	6	6	5	4	6	5	6	5	4	7	5	4	4	6	6
Player 1 Match			1	2	3	4	3	3	2	3	4	3	2	2	3	3	3	2	3	0

The third-place match in the lower handicap group between Justin Szela and Trevor Hillman did not take place.

Congrats to the winners and thanks to all 32 players who made this a great event!

Next Up--Longbow

This Saturday, the league returns to Longbow in Mesa. It is our first visit there this season, but last year we saw plenty of it as it was the host to our 2019-20 Ringers event. This one is tee times starting at 7:30. We do have 12 spots available as we go to press if you want to jump in.



Even if you land your tee ball in the right place, the narrow green guarded by water and the left and sand on the right makes #4 at Longbow a tough hole.

The Chase for Stats Awards

Many of you may not be aware that at the end of season luncheon following the final round of the Tony Albrecht Cup, we hand out awards for the year's leaders in selected statistical categories. The awards are \$25 each. The categories are Low Gross Scoring Average, High Gross Scoring Average, Low Putts Average and Most CTPs. In order to be eligible for the first three, you must play in 40% of the regular season's events, in this case 14 events through Southern Dunes on April 24.

We are now over two-thirds of the way through the season, so let's see how those races are shaping up based on participation in at least 11 events to-date.

Gross Scoring Average		
Player	Events	Avg.
Tom Hegna	13	78.92
Ken Slagle	15	79.73
Steve Hulka	19	80.42
Derek Schwertley	16	81.19
Elmer Schmidt	21	81.38

Net Scoring Average		
Player	Events	Avg.
Elmer Schmidt	21	73.71
Bill Novak	13	74.15
Ken Slagle	15	74.27
Tom Hegna	13	74.92
Bob Owen	14	75.07

Average Putts		
Player	Events	Avg.
Bob Owen	14	30.357
Michael Broudy	13	30.692
Tom Hegna	13	30.923
Lee Steelgrave	15	31.333
Dave Dean	26	31.731

CTPs		
Player	Events	#
Bo Montgomery	18	8
Ken Slagle	15	7
Elmer Schmidt	21	6
Amy Arnold	24	6
Murray Nelson	13	5
Steve Hulka	19	5

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