

Tournament Recap—Longbow

Forty-nine SGL golfers competed at Longbow last Saturday on a beautiful day for golf. The challenging course yielded an average gross of 90.8 and average net of 76.9. Tom Hegna shot a blistering 1-over 72 to take medalist honors, while the 69 low net was shared by four different players—Adam Dizes, Jeff Coughran, Nandita Shah and Kevin Hudspeth.

Birdies were relatively abundant. We posted 36 of them, made by 20 different players on 16 holes—all but the 2nd and 4th. Tom and Elmer Schmidt each had four. Bo Montgomery added an eagle on the par-5 18th, the league's twentieth this season. In comparison, there were only fourteen eagles in all of last year's regular season and we still have eight events to play.

The hardest hole, as it often is at Longbow was the par-4 4th, which we collectively played at 1.69 strokes over-par. Surprisingly, the easiest was the longest of the par-3s, #16, where we were +0.61.

Tom's 72 netted to 70 and earned him the win in Flight 1. Flight 2 went to Derek Oldham with 80/71. Adam won Flight 3 on a tiebreaker, shooting 88/69 and Nandita did the same in Flight 4 at 99/69. Bill McKiegan topped another large Callaway Flight with 79/71.

CTPs went to Stephen Park on the 3rd hole, Tom on the 7th, Calvin Brown on the 11th and Steve Tamparo on the 16th. Calvin turned his into a Deuce, as did Tom, and Tom added another on #3. Other 2s were scored by Rigoerto Alverado on the 7th, Michael Broudy on the 11th and Darnell Jones on the 16th.

A big factor in Tom's great round was his putting, as he claimed the Low Putts title with 25. Failing only to earn in Net Skins, Tom also topped the day's money list with \$157.

The round's skins are listed below.

Gross (\$21)			Net (\$13)		
Player	Hole	Result	Player	Hole	Result
Tom Hegna	3	Eagle	Nandita Shah	4	Par/net eagle
Bill McKiegan	5	Birdie	Kevin Hudspeth	5	Par/net eagle
Amy Arnold	10	Birdie	Joe Pilewicz	6	Birdie/net eagle
Darnell Jones	16	Birdie	Amy Arnold	10	Birdie/net eagle
Bo Montgomery	18	Eagle	Lovell Robinson	12	Par/net eagle
			Martin Henner	16	Par/net eagle
			Bo Montgomery	18	Eagle/net eagle

Next Up--Sundance

It's back out west this week as the league visits Sundance Golf Club in Buckeye for the first time since 2014. The Greg Nash-designed features a rolling terrain and multiple arroyos, with views of the White Tank mountains to the north and the Estrellas to the south.

This one is a 9:00 shotgun start and there is plenty of room to jump on board if you want to get out this weekend.



If you focus too much on the view of the White Tank Mountains, you will likely find one of the many bunkers on the par-4 14th hole at Sundance

The Race for Playoff Seeding

We have reached the three-quarters pole of the regular season, with eight events remaining prior to the start of the 2021 Tony Albrecht Cup Playoffs. In order to qualify for the playoffs, you must play at least 8 of the 35 regular-season tournaments. Given we have a whopping 81 players already eligible or on pace to be, we will very likely have a four-flight playoff format for the first time in league history.

Just as with the PGA Tour's FedEx Cup, your chances of winning the Albrecht Cup are greatly impacted and enhanced by your regular-season performance and how many points you accumulate heading into the four-round competition. Your total points are a combination of the flight position points you have picked up along the way (5 for a 1st place finish, 3 for 2nd, 2 for 3rd, etc.), the number of events you have played and your number of flight wins.

As it stands now, each playoff flight would have 20 or 21 players. The charts below show the current top 10 players in each flight, based on players who have competed in at least 6 events to-date. Keep in mind the handicap ranges that determine where these flights break are subject to change based on who and how many players become eligible.

Playoff Flight 1--Indexes from 1.6 to 9.0						
First	Last	Cup Points	Events Played	Flight Wins	Total Points	Index
Amy	Arnold	54	25	3	82	8.3
Steve	Hulka	51	20	6	77	5.5
Bo	Montgomery	45	19	4	68	5.9
Ken	Slagle	43	16	2	61	7.0
Tom	Hegna	33	14	2	49	5.9
Robert	Owen	32	15	2	49	8.5
Murray	Nelson	29	13	3	45	7.9
Derek	Schwertley	22	16	3	41	5.7
Stephen	Park	23	14	0	37	6.3
Trevor	Hillman	25	9	1	35	5.1

Playoff Flight 2--Indexes from 9.1 to 13.3						
First	Last	Cup Points	Events Played	Flight Wins	Total Points	Index
Elmer	Schmidt	67	22	5	94	9.8
Dave	Dean	55	27	3	85	9.5
Joseph	Pilewicz	59	19	3	81	10.3
Benjamin	Goodwin	38	22	4	64	11.1
John	Wilhelm	31	20	2	53	10.2
Val	LeChuga	32	17	2	51	13.1
Michael	Broudy	31	14	2	47	11.1
Lee	Steelgrave	18	15	1	34	10.2
Jared	Nielsen	15	12	2	29	9.7
Kyle	Mast	15	10	1	26	10.5
Steve	Tamparo	15	10	1	26	12.2

Playoff Flight 3--Indexes from 13.7 to 19.7						
First	Last	Cup Points	Events Played	Flight Wins	Total Points	Index
June	Vutrano	47	25	2	74	18.2
Al	Palange	41	20	3	64	14.6
Pragnesh	Shah	43	15	3	61	19.7
Jeffrey	Coughran	29	19	2	50	16.0
Bradley	Walker	30	12	3	45	16.5
Ron	Sweat	27	14	1	42	13.8
Bill	Novak	23	14	1	38	13.7
Bryan	Nelson	20	12	2	34	19.1
Jandy	Johnson	17	10	1	28	16.9
Mike	Tobin	14	10	1	25	18.2

Playoff Flight 4--Indexes from 19.7 to 42.1						
First	Last	Cup Points	Events Played	Flight Wins	Total Points	Index
Rich	Perry	42	25	3	70	23.7
Richard	Pilewicz	51	14	4	69	19.7
Adam	Dizes	42	24	3	69	21.7
Nandita	Shah	47	16	2	65	29.9
Kyle	Voda	33	8	3	44	27.2
Frank	Vutrano	25	18	0	43	20.1
Richard	Carroll	23	17	3	43	25.5
Kevin	Hudspeth	22	17	1	40	28.2
Robert	Johnson	22	10	1	33	21.6
Jeff	Henriksen	18	12	1	31	22.9

If you are looking to climb up these charts, or you need a few events to make yourself eligible, all remaining events currently have plenty of room to sign up.

As always, the playoff course lineup is a challenging one, starting with Copper Canyon on 5/1, followed by Verrado (Founders) on 5/8, Lone Tree on 5/15 and the final at Talking South (South) on 5/22.

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