

Apologies

SGLers, your Communications Director would like to apologize for the lack of, uhh...communication (i.e., newsletters) over the last few weeks. An unprecedented volume of work in his real job (a good thing) has left very little time for anything else. By the way, if you need any help with customer analytics for your business....

Too many tournaments have gone by to recount them all, so we will focus on a few highlights and what is to come in the near future.

Another Great Ringers Season is Complete

April 17 saw the completion of another successful year of Ringers at Orange Tree, one of our most popular competition formats. There were some really good battles on that final day. Many of the positions in each flight were decided by tiebreakers. The volume of players in the event led to some nice payouts, with \$90 for first-place winners in gross and net.

Flight #1	Credits	Gross Winner	Gross Score	Net Winner	Net Score
1st Place	90.00	Ken Slagle	63	Amy Arnold	57
2nd Place	50.00	Bo Montgomery	64	Justin Szela	58
3rd Place	30.00	Derek Schwertley	65	Steve Oliva	62 *
4th Place	17.00	Tom Hegna	66	Elmer Schmidt	62

Flight #2	Credits	Gross Winner	Gross Score	Net Winner	Net Score
1st Place	90.00	Lee Steelgrave	67 *	Joe Pilewicz	57
2nd Place	50.00	John Wilhelm	67	Dave Dean	61
3rd Place	30.00	Bob Owen	70 *	Jim Bieleniewicz	63
4th Place	17.00	Michael Broudy	72 *	Louis Movitz	64

Flight #3	Credits	Gross Winner	Gross Score	Net Winner	Net Score
1st Place	90.00	Ron Sweat	69	Jandy Johnson	55
2nd Place	50.00	George Banach	72	Frank Vutrano	58 *
3rd Place	30.00	Val LeChuga	74	Mike Tobin	58
4th Place	17.00	Ben Goodwin	75 *	June Vutrano	60

Flight #4	Credits	Gross Winner	Gross Score	Net Winner	Net Score
1st Place	90.00	Robert Johnson	74	Kevin Hudspeth	54
2nd Place	50.00	Prag Shah	77	Nandita Shah	57
3rd Place	30.00	Jeff Henriksen	79 *	Lovell Robinson	59
4th Place	17.00	Richard Pilewicz	79	Joe Smouse	60 *

(* won tie breaker)

Yet Another Ace!

There was a time when the league went nearly eight years without emptying the Hole-in-One pot. Now, it seems we can barely go eight weeks without doing so.

The latest player to accomplish the feat is Jim Bieleniewicz, whose first shot of the day found the bottom of the cup on the 161-yard 5th hole (shotgun start) of the Mountain nine at Copper Canyon. It was the third ace in league play this season. Here's the story in Jim's words:

"I warmed up on the range with the 2 clubs I thought I would probably use, a 6 or 7 iron. Skulled and hit weak push fades on all of them. Not good. Stood on the 5th tee, 6 iron into the wind, first swing of the day, and my only thought was please don't shank this, anywhere on grass is fine. I flushed it with what was my normal ball flight, a slight draw, I heard it hit the green, then the pin, as did Bob Owen. We really couldn't see the ball go in given the angle. We got on the green, there were 2 balls on the green, one right of the flag (Bob) and 1 about 3 feet below and left of the flag. I thought that was my shot and that Lee missed the green left. Lee identified it as his ball, he walked over to hole, laughed and identified my ball in the hole. We all had a good laugh. First in my life and I've been playing for 55 years. Weird game it is."

Jim's player account is now \$535 richer. Congrats!

Next time you go to the payment page, be sure to kick in another \$5, because it probably won't be long until someone else cashes in.

Halfway Through the Tony Albrecht Cup Playoffs

Two events are in the books with still two more to go for the 2021 Tony Albrecht Cup playoffs. As usual, there are players making big moves up the points list. However, so far everyone who started at the top of that list in each flight is still holding onto their position. That would be Elmer Schmidt in Flight 1, Dave Dean in Flight 2, June Vutrano in Flight 3 and Rich Pilewicz in Flight 4.

- Bo Montgomery is closing the gap rapidly in Flight 1, having finished 2nd at Copper Canyon and 1st at Verrado (Founders).
- Dave actually extended his lead over 2nd place Joe Pilewicz after winning at Verrado, while Jared Nielsen has moved into the top five after 1st- and 3rd-place finishes over the two weeks. Dave has locked up the top spot for the points reset that comes after event #3.
- June needs only to show up and play this week to hold onto #1 in Flight 3 before the reset. The big mover in this Flight is Bryan Nelson, who has moved up to 5th from a starting position of 8th with 1st- and 3rd-place finishes so far.
- Flight 4 is the tightest race, with Rich reclaiming 1st place by 9 points over Adam Dizes after having yielded it in Week 1.

The next event has added importance as players jockey for position prior to the final. The way the structure works, you can still reach the championship from as low as 7th place entering the final day, and can reach a top-five money earning position from as low as 11th. Visit the SGL website for the current [standings](#).

Next Up—Lone Tree, TA Cup Round 3

This week's playoff round is at Lone Tree in Chandler. This is definitely a scoreable course for those looking to make a move up the standings. This one is a bright-and-early 6:30 shotgun start. Three spots are available at press time—act quickly!



The island-green 12th at Lone Tree. The landing area is bigger than it appears from the tee, but it's still probably not a good idea to go flag hunting here.

Summer Schedule

The summer schedule is now posted at the website and Course Coordinator June Vutrano has assembled an All-Star lineup of venues for the 15-event season. Some of the highlights include:

- A three-day excursion up north, with the middle event at the private Flagstaff Ranch course (July 9-11). Details to come about any special competitions for that.
- Both top-50 US We-Ko-Pa courses in back-to-back weeks (July 31 and August 7)
- Summer Series playoff rounds at Grayhawk-Talon (August 21) and Eagle Mountain (August 28)

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