

And Your 2021 Tony Albrecht Cup Winners Are...

...three first-timers and a two-time winner.

Starting in Flight 4, Rich Pilewicz began the day in 1st place and finished 5th in the day's round, which was enough to hold off the charge from Rich Perry and Richard Carroll (lots of riches in this flight). It was Rich's second Cup, having picked up his first in Flight 2 in 2018.

Flight 3 went to Prag Shah who started the day in 2nd place, but topped the flight in the final and surged past June Vutrano, a former winner. It was the second straight week of excellent golf from Prag, who also won at Lone Tree.

Your Flight 2 champion is John Wilhelm, who came from 3rd place at the outset to narrowly edge Dave Dean by 8 points. John finished first in the Flight on Saturday giving him the margin he needed as Dave finished fourth.

And Flight 1 went to Elmer Schmidt. Elmer was leading heading into last year's final, but ended up 2nd. This time around he left no doubt, as he won the flight for the day and in so doing became the first player since we went to this format in 2017 to achieve a perfect score of 200 points.

Congrats to all the Tony Albrecht Cup champions, each of whom has a player account that is now \$450 richer. Here is your complete list of the top five places in each flight. The number in parenthesis to the right of their name is their position at the start of the final round.

Place	Payout	Flight 1		Flight 2		Flight 3		Flight 4	
		Player	Points	Player	Points	Player	Points	Player	Points
1st	\$450	Elmer Schmidt (1)	200	John Wilhelm (3)	180	Prag Shah (2)	190	Rich Pilewicz (1)	164
2nd	\$250	Ken Slagle (4)	160	Dave Dean (1)	172	June Vutrano (1)	172	Rich Perry (4)	142
3rd	\$150	Amy Arnold (3)	144	Lee Steelgrave (7)	120	Al Palange (3)	144	Richard Carroll (5)	140
4th	\$100	Bo Montgomery (2)	110	Jared Nielsen (5)	116	Ben Goodwin (5)	140	Lisa McCartney (10)	110
5th	\$50	Bob Owen (6)	106	Michael Broudy (4)	110	Mike Marsolek (7)	130	Adam Dizes (2)	110

You can view the Award Ceremony and Dave's State of the League Address [here](#).

Stats Awards

For the second year now, the league has handed out year-end awards to leaders in some of our statistical categories. The awards are based on the 35-event regular season and players must have participated in at least 14 events to be eligible. This year's winners are:

- Low Gross Scoring Average—Tom Hegna (78.17)
- Low Net Scoring Average—Elmer Schmidt (74.22)
- Lowest Putting Average—Tom Hegna (30.667)
- Most CTPs—Amy Arnold (10)

Each player earned \$25 for their player account (or in Tom's case, \$50). Congrats to all.

Tournament Recaps—Lone Tree and Talking Stick

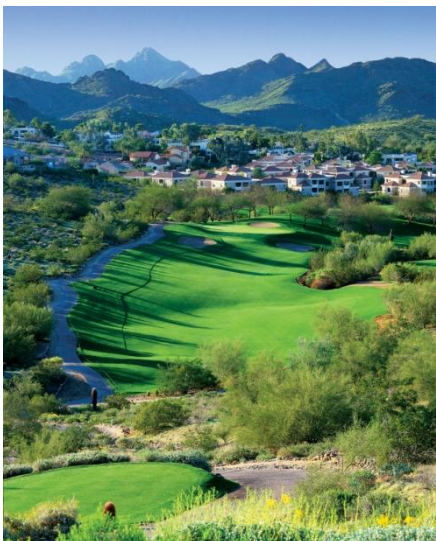
Here are the summaries of the final two playoff rounds. Highlights include:

- An eagle on the par-5 9th at Lone Tree by John Wilhelm
- Wins in both events for Prag Shah in Flight 3 and James Silva in the Callaway Flight
- Some outstanding putting efforts by Michael Broudy and Bryan Nelson at Lone Tree, and by Ben Goodwin at Talking Stick
- Lisa McCartney's insane net 59, the lowest this year by three strokes

	Lone Tree	Talking Stick (Piipaash)
Players	57	65
Field Avg Gross	87.0	92.6
Field Avg Net	72.1	76.5
Low Gross	Bo Montgomery (73)	Elmer Schmidt, Ken Slagle (75)
Low Net	Prag Shah (62)	Lisa McCartney (59)
Eagles	John Wilhelm (9th)	
Total Birdies / Players / Holes	43 / 31 / 15	38 / 29 / 17
Most Birdies	Al Palange (3)	James Silva (4)
Hardest Hole	#18, par-5, +1.32	#5, par-4, +1.82
Easiest Hole	#2, par-3, +0.40	#9, par-3, +0.66
Flight 1 Winner	Michael Broudy (76/67)	Elmer Schmidt (75/66)
Flight 2 Winner	Al Palange (81/66)	Derek Oldham (79/67)
Flight 3 Winner	Prag Shah (82/62)	Prag Shah (83/67)
Flight 4 Winner	Kimberly Hamm (90/66)	Lisa McCartney (102/59)
Callaway Winner	James Silva (76/70)	James Silva (76/71)
Gross Skins	Bryan Nelson (2)	Five players (1)
Net Skins	Five players (1)	Six players (1)
Low Putts	Bryan Nelson, Michael Broudy (24)	Ben Goodwin (25)
CTPs	Elmer Schmidt (2), Ken Slagle, Jim Bieleniewicz	Prag Shah, Rich Pilewicz, Amy Arnold, John Wilhelm
Deuces	12 players	11 players
Top Money Winner	Michael Broudy (\$111)	Prag Shah (\$106)

Next Up—Lookout Mountain

With the end of the playoffs meeting up with Memorial Day Weekend, SGL is taking the rare week off, but we return on June 5 with a rollercoaster ride at Lookout Mountain. The north Phoenix course is known for its huge elevation changes and big-breaking putts. This one is a 7:00 shotgun start.



Try not to be intimidated by the 100+-ft. drop on the 10th tee at Lookout Mountain. It's much wider than it looks at the bottom. And aim left if you want to finish in the middle.

Season in Review—Fun Stats

With the regular season and the Cup playoffs complete, time to take a look back at the year and focus on some superlatives and some occasionally useless but fun minutia, such as:

- **Lowest single round gross—68**, posted by both Sean Phillips and Kyle Rector at Raven on 9/19, and again by Kyle at Legacy on 12/5.
- **Lowest single round net—59**, Lisa McCartney, just last Saturday at Talking Stick
- **Highest single round gross—C'mon, now, you really didn't think we would go there...but, highest gross to be low gross for the day?** A three-way tie at 85 between Jim Bieleniewicz, Amy Arnold and Bo Montgomery way back in the first event of the year at Dove Mountain. That other number was 134, but the identity will remain secret.
- **Toughest course—Ocotillo (Blue/White)** with an average gross of 100.2 on January 16 when tee box repairs forced us to play from the tips
- **Easiest course—Wigwam (Red)**, which played to 85.9 on November 28
- **Hardest hole—The Tin Cup hole, White #9 at Ocotillo from the tips**, played to an average of 2.87 strokes over par. Next was the par-3 11th at Quarry Pines, purportedly the hole that caused the Dalai Lama to issue his famous “Gunga Galunga” quote.
- **Easiest hole—The short par-4 7th at Tuscany Falls (West)**, which yielded 15 birdies and averaged just +0.18
- **Year of the Eagle—The league put up 29 eagles this season on 21 different courses.** Prag Shah, Kevin Gadowski and Lee Steelgrave each posted two. Two others were on par-4s and, of course, three were aces, scored by Steve Hulka, Murray Nelson and Jim Bieleniewicz
- **League birdie rate—3.7%.** The highest for a single round was 6.4% at Aguila in February, where a field of 59 players produced 68 of them. Lowest was 1.2% at both Dove Mountain and Quarry Pines.
- **Most birdies in a single round—6**, done by Dan Shumaker at Wigwam (Red), Kyle Rector at Legacy and Aaron Rauschenberger at Wigwam (Gold)
- **Fewest putts in a single round—23**, by John Sharland at San Marcos and Bo Montgomery at Superstition Springs
- **Most Gross Skins in a single round—3**, by Murray Nelson at Coldwater, the week before he scored his ace
- **Most Flight wins—7**, Elmer Schmidt. Elmer also tied for the most second place finishes with 6. Kinda like Jack's history in majors.
- **Most Times Atop the Money List—4**, Amy Arnold
- **Most Money Won Without Making an Ace--\$173**, Murray Nelson, on the day he made his ace. Because he picked up a second CTP that day, won his flight, earned a Gross Skin and the zero-putt helped him into the Low Putts money.
- **Highest Score While Still Managing to Earn Some Money—122**, at Ocotillo (\$27) and Francisco Grande (\$9), both fueled by the maddening magic of the two-stroke Net Skin. A 121 picked up \$39 the same way at Orange Tree.

Now, let's set out to break all these records over the next twelve months!

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)

Jump on board now, as events are filling up quickly.

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