

Tournament Recap—Verrado (Founders)

Thirty-six SGL golfers spent part of their 4th of July weekend in league play at the Verrado (Founders) course on Saturday. The course provided its usual solid challenge as the average gross was 92.5 and net was 78.2. There was a tie at 75 for low gross between Steve Hulka and Jeff Thursam, while Martin Henner claimed the day's low net with 69.

Our second-highest birdie rate (5.7%) of the '20-'21 year produced a total of 36 of them, delivered by 20 different players on 14 holes. Edward Salanga and Ty Thursam each had four.

The hardest hole was the "don't hit that big rock wall" 8th, playing to an average of 1.80 strokes over par. The easiest was the par-3 6th at just 0.51 over.

Steve's 75 netted to 71 to give him the Flight 1 win. Dan Gallegos (that's Gal-Eh-Gose) topped Flight 2 at 82/71. Your Flight 3 winner was Justin Barton with 93/73, and Martin's net 69 was off a gross of 93 in Flight 4. Edward won the Callaway Flight with 76/72.

CTP's went to Jeff Thursam on the 3rd hole, Randy Ross on the 6th, Rich Pilewicz on the 14th and Amy Arnold on the 17th. Jeff and Rich turned theirs into Deuces. There were dos Deuces for Edward (6th and 17th), plus one each for Randy (14th), Ty (14th) and Dave Dean (17th).

Putting was apparently not easy, as Edward and Elmer Schmidt tied for Low Putts at 30—the first time in nearly six months that we haven't had at least one player in the 20s.

Edward earned in four different games and topped the day's list of twenty-four money winners with \$72.

Plenty of Skins were handed out on Saturday. The details are below.

Gross (\$8)			Net (\$8)		
Player	Hole	Result	Player	Hole	Result
Jeff Thursam	3	Birdie	Hiroko Kobayashi	4	Bogey/net birdie
Edward Salanga	4	Birdie	Randy Ross	5	Birdie/net eagle
Randy Ross	5	Birdie	Kimberly Hamm	8	Par/net eagle
Edward Salanga	6	Birdie	Lovell Robinson	9	Birdie/net eagle
Ty Thursam	9	Birdie	Ron Sweat	10	Birdie/net eagle
Elmer Schmidt	12	Birdie	Gene Brewer	13	Birdie/net eagle
Ty Thursam	16	Birdie	Rich Pilewicz	14	Birdie/net eagle
Steve Oliva	18	Birdie	Martin Henner	16	Par/net eagle
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Next Up—Northern Arizona Golf Extravaganza

The coming weekend features an SGL first, with a three-day excursion up north to Flagstaff and Williams. Day One (Friday) will be at Continental Country Club in Flagstaff (Hint: whatever break you're reading on the green, triple it.) This one is tee times beginning at 11:00.

Saturday offers the rare opportunity to play the private Flagstaff Ranch course (thanks Tom Hegna). That one is noon tee times. Then Sunday closes it out with a trip to Elephant Rocks in Williams, with 8:00 tee times.

Be sure to take your rain gear, as current forecasts show a 30-40% chance of thunderstorms both Friday and Saturday afternoons.



Tall pines and a beautiful mountain backdrop frame the tight par-5 4th hole at Flagstaff Ranch

Special Events Coordinator Dan Gallegos has put together an optional competition format for the trip. For each of the three rounds, there will be a two-player net Best Ball competition. The low net score on each hole for you and your playing partner will be accumulated into a total net for the round.

You can play just one day or all three. There is a \$20 per player entry fee, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be paid out each day, with 60% of the pot going to 1st, 30% to 2nd and 10% to 3rd.

Please contact Dan at dan.gallegos.ca@gmail.com if you are interested in being a part of this. You may either submit your team pairing or indicate that you would like to be matched up with someone.

Good luck!

A Few Spots Left for the Summer Schedule

This weekend will mark the halfway point of our 2021 Summer Season. There are a handful of spots still open for most of the remaining events, as shown below. Just a reminder—if the event appears full, you may still submit a signup. You can either be an alternate (we do have cancellations from time-to-time), or if it appears we are going to be beyond capacity, we can often secure a couple of extra foursomes.

Event Date	Course	Spots	Currently	Open
		Available	Filled	
17-Jul	SunRidge Canyon	36	35	1
24-Jul	TPC Scottsdale (Champions)	56	45	11
31-Jul	We-Ko-Pa (Cholla)	48	50	-2
7-Aug	We-Ko-Pa (Saguaro)	48	48	0
14-Aug	Verrado (Victory)	40	37	3
21-Aug	Grayhawk (Talon)	52	45	7
28-Aug	Eagle Mountain	52	43	9

Summer Series Playoffs

Posting All Scores

Your SGL membership comes with an official USGA handicap. A couple of quick reminders about posting scores for your GHIN handicap index:

1. The league will post the scores from your SGL rounds
2. You should be posting scores for all other rounds you play outside the league (unless those are a part of another league or association that is doing it for you), and those postings should be made immediately after you play. The reason for that is any adjustments the World Handicap System makes for playing conditions (weather, etc.) are dependent on collecting that day's scores in a timely fashion.

It's easy to post either at azgolf.org or you can download the USGA's free GHIN app from the Google Play Store. With the GHIN app, if you use the hole-by-hole entry feature it will take all the guesswork out of any adjustments you may need to make for blowup holes.

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