Tournament Review—Grayhawk (Talon), Summer Series Playoff Round One

Fifty-two SGL golfers showed up on a hot August morning at Grayhawk's Talon course, many of whom were competing in Round 1 of the two-week Summer Series playoffs. The course provided a stiff test, with the average gross sitting at 93.4 and the average net 78.1. Steve Park pulled off the rare double of low gross (74) and low net (68).

Despite the high average gross, birdies were aplenty, as we posted 41 of them from 26 different players on 15 holes. Steve and Brian Fischer led the way with four each. The hardest hole was the long par-4 10th, playing at an average of +1.71, while the shortest of the threes, #5, was the easiest at +0.63.

Steve was your obvious Flight 1 winner. In Flight 2, it was Kyle Mast with 81/net 70. Flight 3 went to Jeff Coughran at 88/72. Martin Henner finished atop Flight 4 shooting 97/72 and Brian won the Callaway Flight with 80/71.

The CTPs went to Wayne Fox on the 5th, Ken Slagle on #8, Martin on #11 and Chris Kabat on the island 17th.

A bunch of the birdies were Deuces. There was Bob Owen, Chip Dapello and Adam Dizes on the 5th; Ken, Steve Hulka and Lovell Robinson on the 8th; Martin, Brian, Bo Montgomery, Gene Brewer and Anthony Uribe on the 11th; and Adam again, and Chris on the 17th.

Chris also claimed Low Putts with 27, on the way to leading the money list with \$152.

Skins were hard to come by. The list is below. In what's becoming the norm, this week there were no crossovers between Gross and Net. And Lovell's deuce on #8 was a net 0. Finally, one more piece of useless trivia—all the Net Skins happened on the front nine and all the Gross on the back.

Gross (\$42)			Net (\$32)		
Player	Hole	Result	Player	Hole	Result
Kyle Mast	12	Birdie	Gary Swanner	2	Birdie/net eagle
Bob Owen	15	Birdie	Mike Marsolek	4	Birdie/net eagle
Chris Kabat	17	Birdie	Chip Dapello	5	Birdie/net eagle
			Lovell Robinson	8	Birdie/net albatross

Grayhawk Playoff Impact

There was some definite shuffling in the standings after this round. In Flight 1, Amy Arnold's second place finish and Steve Park's win both vaulted them over Dan Gallegos who sits in third. There are seven golfers with an excellent chance here and three more who could sneak in with a win this Saturday at Eagle Mountain.

Jeff Coughran moved a little farther in front of the 2nd Flight, while Chris moved in behind with 100 points on the day and Mike Marsolek slid into third. Plenty of contenders here, too.

The Flight 3 standings look pretty much how they did at the start, with Martin on top followed by Hiroko Kobayashi and Kimberly Hamm. But the title there remains open to any of eight different golfers.

For a complete rundown, look here.

Next Up—Eagle Mountain, Summer Series Playoff Final

Our Summer Series playoff final will take place this Saturday at Eagle Mountain in Fountain Hills. The Scott Miller-designed and Troon-managed course features many elevation changes as it winds through natural box canyons and lush desert valleys. Tee times begin at 7:06.



The dramatic downhill 18th at Eagle Mountain. Nine bunkers offering to help keep you out of the water.

SGL to Implement New Sign Up and Cancellation Policies

The rapid increase in player counts and the high demand for Saturday play over the last few months has created issues with cancellations. Not only is the late flow of players in and out of each week's events difficult to manage, but it also affects our reputation with the courses when we must request changes that sometimes end up proving unnecessary. As such, we have had to revise our sign-up policy and add some restrictions. These new guidelines will take effect on September 1, 2021.

• To guarantee a playing spot you must sign up and be placed on the official SGL Roster for each event on the website: <u>Signup</u> to Play / <u>Signup to Play Status</u>

• Players must be signed up and paid in full (or have money in their Player account) by 11:59 PM on the Wednesday prior to the event to be listed on the weekend's pairing sheet.

· All entries and payments are time stamped and will be listed on the official roster on a first-come first-served basis.

• Please check the official roster (Signup to Play Status) page of the website often to confirm your entry(s).

• Event invitations from the Golf Genius Program that offer Playing or Not Playing will no longer be sent out.

• Please text or email Dave Dean at (480) 747-7821 if you know you are not playing by 11:59 PM the Wednesday prior to the weekend event(s).

• Failure to pay or have money in your player account by Wednesday at 11:59 PM will result in your removal from the event roster and tee sheet.

• Players on the official roster that cancel before the Wednesday 11:59 PM deadline will have their funds put back into their player account.

• Players who pay or have money in their player account by 11:59 PM Wednesday and cancel after the deadline or fail to show up will forfeit the green fee for the weekend event(s). There will be NO REFUNDS.

• No last-minute signups are permitted. If you miss the Wednesday deadline, please sign up for the following week. This will be strictly enforced.

• Players with credits in their account for the Saturday round will have their monies applied to their green / tournament fees. No cash money will be collected at the event. Player account balances can be obtained by texting or emailing Dave Dean.

• Players will now be automatically checked in at each event and are responsible to be ready to go at your given hole and start time.

• The Signup to Play page and official SGL Roster (Signup to Play Status) page of the website will now only list the next 3 weekly events and rotate weekly.

• The Tournament Schedule page of the website will continue to list all events that have been scheduled.

• There are no exceptions to loss or forfeiture of greens fees or credits due to ANY circumstances. This rule is for all situations.

Tucson Trio

We are now just one week away from the awesome start to the 2021-22 SGL Regular Season. On Saturday, September 4 we will be at the Tubac Golf Resort, just 25 miles from the Mexican border. Just in case you were not already aware, this club's Rancho nine was the setting for several scenes in the movie *Tin Cup*.

Sunday will find us at Arizona National in Tucson, a Robert Trent Jones, Jr. design voted the best public golf course in the Tucson area. And we will cap it off Monday at Sewailo, Troon-managed and designed by Tour player and commentator Notah Begay, and home to the University of Arizona's men's and women's golf teams.

Signups are available right now at the <u>SGL website</u>.

2021 AGA Club Team Championship

Last week, the AGA announced the details for one of its most popular tournament events—the Club Team Championship. The format is a two-person scramble played at gross and net within flights. Partners must be from the same club and there is no limit to the number of teams a club can send to one of the qualifying tournaments in November. Saturday Golf League has entered as many as eight teams to this event in past years, with a few moving past the qualifiers and into the championship final.

This year, the qualifying event schedule is:

- Wednesday, November 3—The Golf Club at Dove Mountain (Gross/Net and Super Seniors)
- Wednesday, November 10—Lone Tree Golf Club (Championship Flight only)
- Tuesday, November 16—Wigwam Red Course (Gross/Net Flights only)
- Wednesday, November 17—Aguila Golf Club (Gross/Net and Super Seniors)
- Tuesday, November 30—Longbow Golf Club (Gross/Net Flights only)

Should your team make it through a qualifier, the Championship final is on Monday, December 6 at Seville Golf and Country Club.

The team entry fee is \$140 and the deadline for signing up is Friday, September 24. For more information on how it all works and where to find an entry form, visit the <u>Club Team Championship portal.</u>

If you are interested in playing and representing SGL in this event, but do not have a partner, email Mike Tobin at mktsgl18@gmail.com and we will try to get you matched up.

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