

New SGL Season Tees Off at Dove Mountain, Featuring an Important Rule Change

With the Summer Series in the rear view, we are ready to launch the 2020-21 SGL season and the race for the Tony Albrecht Cup. We'll play 36 events on approximately 30 different courses leading up to the 4-week playoff in May of next year.

All but our newest members know that we implemented a new tee box policy last January based on handicap index, with lower handicap members playing one tee back from the base tee. At last Saturday's SGL Board meeting, the Board voted to make another change to that policy to offer more flexibility to players, which is as follows.

- The tee box policy board will pick a base tee for both male and female players for each event which will reflect a fair competition, fastest play and the most fun.
- These base tee box choices will be published along with the tournament schedule.
- A player may choose to play any rated tee for their gender. The World Handicap System formula will be applied to adjust handicap strokes for the chosen tee for the net flights portion of the competition.
- There is a caveat to your tee selection. If you choose to play a tee forward of the base tee, you will forfeit your participation in side games (gross skins, net skins, low putts, deuces, CTPs and Hole-in-Ones). You will still be eligible for net flights.
- Seniors (age 65 and older) still have the option to move one up from the base tee without forfeiting their participation in side games.
- Qualifiers, regardless of age, must play the base tee at minimum, but may choose to move back to a higher rated tee box.
- It is imperative that you record which tees you played on your scorecard. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from the net flights portion of the event.

Here is an example of how this works at our first event at Dove Mountain:

Gender	Tees	Rating	Slope	Par	Yardage	Course Hcp if Index = 10.0	Course Hcp if Index = 20.0
Male	Blue	74.0	144	72	7250	15	27
Male	Blue/Copper	72.4	138	72	6931	13	25
Male	Copper	71.6	134	72	6753	11	23
Male	Copper/Yellow	70.0	130	72	6437	10	21
Male	Yellow	68.9	127	72	6224	8	19
Male	Yellow/Green	66.8	122	72	5760	6	16
Male	Green	64.6	117	72	5224	3	13
Female	Yellow	76.3	152	72	6224	18	31
Female	Yellow/Green	73.3	144	72	5760	14	27
Female	Green	70.4	133	72	5224	10	22

Base Tee
Men's Senior Tee

- In this event, the Men's base tee is set at 6224 yards. You can see the strokes that a 10 and a 20 handicap would receive at that tee box and at any other. If you choose to play Yellow/Green or Green, you would not be eligible for side games (unless you are a Senior, then that only applies to Green).
- For this course, the Women's base tee is the shortest one available.

We will work to deliver the notice of the base tee early each week to give you time to consider where you would like to play. Please balance ability with ego when making your selection, and remember to record your choice on your official scorecard.

Here are the selections and options for Sunday's round at Quarry Pines:

Gender	Tees	Rating	Slope	Par	Yardage	Course Hcp if	Course Hcp if
						Index = 10.0	Index = 20.0
Male	Gold	70.2	132	71	6333	11	23
Male	Black	68.4	124	71	5872	8	19
Male	Silver	66.3	115	71	5379	5	16
Male	Copper	63.8	109	71	4787	2	12
Female	Silver	70.4	125	71	5277	10	22
Female	Copper	67.8	119	71	4787	7	18

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Summer Series Champs Crowned

The finals of the Summer Series playoffs at Grayhawk last Saturday was highlighted by a couple of guys who kept the pedal to the metal.

- In Flight 1, Bo Montgomery finished first for the second week in a row, leaving no doubt about who would win this event. It was a good thing he did, because Steve Oliva finished second for the second week in a row and was poised to overtake him if he faltered. Bo finished with 226 points to Steve's 209. Bo started the playoffs in sixth place.
- In Flight 2, Lee Steelgrave did the same thing, also winning the flight for the second straight week. He won by a much wider margin, however, with 222 points to 169 for Dave Dean and Kevin Gadowski. Lee started the playoffs in seventh place and started the final round in second.
- Flight 3 went to Frank Vutrano. His combination of a third-place finish on Saturday and second place the week before generated a final tally of 197 points to finish ahead of Brad Walker, who had 170. Frank began the playoffs in fifth place and was narrowly in first place as he teed off in the final.

Here is the complete list of money winners for the event.

Place	Earnings	Flight 1		Flight 2		Flight 3	
		Player	Points	Player	Points	Player	Points
1st	\$250	Bo Montgomery	226	Lee Steelgrave	222	Frank Vutrano	197
2nd	\$125	Steve Oliva	209	Dave Dean	169	Brad Walker	170
3rd	\$75	Elmer Schmidt	166	Kevin Gadowski	169	Adam Dizes	151
4th	\$50	Ken Slagle	124	Dan Gallegos	153	Gareth Broudy	128

Tournament Review—Grayhawk (Talon)

Forty-five SGL golfers competed on Grayhawk's other course, Talon, last Saturday. The course proved only slightly less difficult than its sister Raptor, with field averages of 93.8 gross and 80.3 net. Dan Shumaker was the day's medalist with a 77, while Lee Steelgrave posted the low net at 70.

Talon was more birdie-friendly than Raptor. We scored 31 of them by 19 different players on 14 holes. Dan and George Banach each had three to lead the way.

The toughest hole was the longish, dogleg left par-4 10th, playing to an average of +1.94 strokes over par. The easiest was the short but sometimes tricky par-3 5th at +0.73.

Bo Montgomery won Flight 1 with a gross of 78 and net of 73. It was Bo's third straight win, all with 78s. Lee Steelgrave topped Flight 2 with 80/70. George was the Flight 3 leader at 85/72. Kevin Hudspeth topped Flight 4 with 104/77 and Trevor Hillman won a five-player Callaway Flight, shooting 81/72.

The day's CTPs went to Frank on the 5th hole, Ken Slagle on #8, Jeff Coughran on #11 and Amy Arnold on the island 17th.

Ten different players scored Deuces. Doing so on the 5th were Frank, George and Kerry Schaber. Ken was the only player to post one on the 8th. Trevor, Jeff and Kevin Gadowski made them on the 11th, and Amy, Brad Walker and Sean Phillips wrote down 2 for the 17th.

Low Putts was a crazy six-way tie at 31 between Trevor, George, Kevin Gadowski, Dave Dean, Al Palange and Gerry Owsiany.

We also had a rare tie atop the Money list, as Frank and George both collected \$71 for their effort.

This week's Skins winners are shown below.

Gross (\$18)			Net (\$10)		
Player	Hole	Result	Player	Hole	Result
Gerry Owsiany	1	Birdie	George Banach	2	Birdie/net eagle
Ken Slagle	8	Birdie	Kevin Hudspeth	3	Birdie/net albatross
Kevin Gadowski	10	Birdie	Frank Vutrano	5	Birdie/net eagle
Dan Shumaker	13	Birdie	Stephanie Davis	7	Par/net eagle
Bo Montgomery	14	Birdie	Rich Pilewicz	9	Par/net eagle
Bo Montgomery	16	Birdie	Kevin Gadowski	10	Birdie/net eagle
			Kevin Hudspeth	12	Par/net eagle
			Adam Dizes	13	Birdie/net eagle
			George Banach	15	Birdie/net eagle
			Brad Walker	17	Birdie/net eagle
			Lee Steelgrave	18	Birdie/net eagle

Next Up: Double Dip, Dove Mountain (Wild Burro/Tortolita) and Quarry Pines

The opening weekend of the 2020-21 SGL season features two events in the Marana/Tucson area. On Saturday, we will return to Dove Mountain, where we will play the Wild Burro and Tortolita nines. This course is the former home of the PGA Tour's Accenture Match Play Championship and provides all the challenge you would expect from a Tour quality course.

It's a 9:00 shotgun start and is a Double Points event to help you get off to a quick start in the race for the Tony Albrecht Cup.

On Sunday, we will play at Quarry Pines for the first time in over ten years. Formerly known as The Pines Golf Club, the course features a relatively flat residential front nine and a very dramatic back nine carved out of the quarry from which it derives its name.

This one is tee times beginning at 7:22 and is also Double Points.



The dramatic par-3 11th at Quarry Pines. Miss left and you may find yourself saying "Gunga-galunga"

Amy Arnold Joins SGL Board

Amy Arnold has signed on as Secretary on the SGL Board. She fills the position vacated earlier this year by Brian Dempster.

Thanks, Brian, for your valuable contributions and welcome, Amy, it's good to have you "on Board"!

AGA Club Team Championship

The AGA has announced the details for its 23rd Annual Club Team Championship, a flighted two-man scramble. SGL has been well represented in this event in recent years, with multiple teams entered and several reaching the finals.

The event has qualifying rounds in November at Dove Mountain (11/11), Wigwam Red (11/12), Arrowhead CC (11/16), Longbow (11/20) and Moon Valley CC (11/30). Teams that make it through will play in the championship at Seville Golf & Country Club on December 7.

The entry fee is \$135 ([form here](#)) and the deadline is Friday, September 25. Should your team make it to the finals, SGL will cover the entry fee for that event.

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