

## Big Swings in Summer Series Finals

With its shorter lead-in compared to the Tony Albrecht Cup, the Summer Series is prone to two-week hot streaks and lots of movement in the standings. That was quite evident in two of the three flights in the finals at Eagle Mountain on August 28.

In Flight 1, Bo Montgomery started the day in fifth place, 28 points behind leader Amy Arnold and 20 behind second-place Steve Park. Then Bo went out and shot a blistering 1-under 70 with three birdies and just two bogeys. Steve's 3rd-place finish on the day put him in a tie with Bo at 185 total points, but Bo won by virtue of the better finish in the round. Overshadowed by Bo's performance was a five-birdie front nine from Elmer Schmidt, which had him sitting at 2-under 33 heading to the back.

In Flight 2, Bryan Nelson teed off in 4th place, 43 points behind the lead. He then posted an 81/net 69 to leapfrog into first place over Jeff Coughran.

Flight 3 finished the way it started, with Martin Henner on top. He started the round with a 9-point lead and extended it even further by winning the day with a 90/69. He also won the previous week at Grayhawk. Winning both events is a solid strategy for earning the playoff title.

Congrats to the winners and to all who placed in the top four money-earning positions in their respective flights. For the complete final standings, click [here](#).

### Tucson Trio

A small group of SGL golfers spent their Labor Day weekend in the Tucson area, as the league opened its 2021-22 season with a three-day, three-venue trip. We played Tubac (home of Tin Cup), a challenging Arizona National, and Sewailo (home to the U of A golf teams).

The full stats summary is below. Here are some notable highlights:

- Steve Hulka picked up flight wins and medalist honors at both Tubac and Arizona National.
- Birdies were extremely difficult to come by at Arizona National, as there were only seven total and only five players made any.
- On the other hand, there were seven birdies from just sixteen total players on the par-5 6th at Sewailo. The double-dogleg hole shows 468 yards from the Jade tees but is only 410 as the crow flies and only requires about 210 yards off the tee to cut off the first leg. Despite a green almost completely surrounded by bunkers, many players were on in two. Our field collectively played the hole at 0.25 strokes under par—something we may never see again.
- Dan Gallegos and Mitchell Bacon both earned three CTPs on the trip, with Dan's coming one each day.
- Dan's brothers, Mark and Stephen, flew in from New Mexico for the weekend and comprised the Callaway Flight all three days. Mark went 3-0 in the sibling rivalry.

	Tubac (Anza/Ranchero)	Arizona National	Sewailo
Players	18	19	16
Field Avg Gross	89.5	93.7	89.9
Field Avg Net	78.1	79.3	76.8
Low Gross	Steve Hulka (74)	Steve Hulka (75)	Elmer Schmidt, Bo Montgomery (74)
Low Net	Jim Bieleniewicz, Adam Dizes (69)	Steve Hulka (72)	Elmer Schmidt (68)
Eagles			
Total Birdies / Players / Holes	16 / 9 / 11	7 / 5 / 6	20 / 10 / 9
Most Birdies	Steve Hulka (4)	Steve Hulka (3)	Elmer Schmidt, Bo Montgomery, Mitchell Bacon (3)
Hardest Hole	#6R, par-4, +1.67	#10, par-4, +2.16	#4, par-4, +2.19
Easiest Hole	#2A, par-5, +0.33	#6, par-3, +0.79	#6, par-5, -0.25
Flight 1 Winner	Steve Hulka (74/73)	Steve Hulka (75/72)	Elmer Schmidt (74/68)
Flight 2 Winner	Jim Bieleniewicz (77/69)	Dave Dean (87/77)	Dan Gallegos (80/72)
Flight 3 Winner	Adam Dizes (82/69)	John Steinke (96/77)	Curtis Kloc (93/71)
Flight 4 Winner	Matt Leonard (89/72)	Hiroko Kobayashi (104/80)	
Callaway Winner	Mark Gallegos (94/74)	Mark Gallegos (92/76)	Mark Gallegos (83/73)
Gross Skins	Steve Hulka (3)	Steve Hulka (3)	Dave Dean, Dan Gallegos, Bo Montgomery (1)
Net Skins	Amy Arnold, Matt Leonard (2)	Kyle Voda (3)	Curtis Kloc, Lisa McCartney (2)
Low Putts	Jim Bieleniewicz (27)	Dave Dean (31)	Elmer Schmidt (29)
CTPs	Steve Hulka, Chris Kabat, Dan Gallegos, Amy Arnold, Bo Montgomery	Dan Gallegos, Mitchell Bacon (2), Steve Hulka, William Lutz	Dave Dean, William Lutz, Mitchell Bacon, Dan Gallegos
Deuces	Steve Hulka, Jim Bieleniewicz, Bo Montgomery	Steve Hulka, William Lutz	Dave Dean, Mark Gallegos, Elmer Schmidt
Top Money Winner	Jim Bieleniewicz (\$58)	Steve Hulka (\$84)	Dan Gallegos (\$47)

## Tournament Review—Los Caballeros

An even smaller group of 12 made their way out to Wickenburg last weekend to play the beautiful Los Caballeros course. As a result, there were only three flights. Amy Arnold had both low gross (80) and low net (72) for the day and won Flight 1. Dave Dean picked up his second win of the young season in Flight 2 with 85/75, and Kyle Voda topped Flight 3 at 98/74.

Dan Gallegos extended his streak of rounds with a CTP to four, as he earned two of them (8th and 15th holes). Amy grabbed the other two on the 3rd and the 12th. Amy also had the day's only Deuce.

Gareth Broudy and Elmer Schmidt shared the Low Putts prize with 31 each.

The round's Skins are below. With such a small field, we see some rare things on the net side, including Birdie/net birdie, Par/net birdie, and Bogey/net birdie. It is also worth noting that Lovell Robinson has earned a Net Skin in each of his last seven events! (You can blame the author if you don't get one next time out, Lovell ).

Gross (\$9)			Net (\$4)		
Player	Hole	Result	Player	Hole	Result
Amy Arnold	3	Birdie	Matt Leonard	1	Par/net birdie
Dan Gallegos	6	Birdie	Amy Arnold	3	Birdie/net birdie
Jared Nielsen	9	Birdie	Jared Nielsen	6	Birdie/net eagle
			Kyle Voda	7	Par/net eagle
			Lovell Robinson	8	Bogey/net birdie
			Dan Gallegos	9	Birdie/net eagle
			Kyle Voda	10	Par/net birdie
			Kyle Voda	16	Par/net eagle

## Next Up—Copper Canyon

We get a little closer to the Valley this week—although still on the other side of the “Welcome to California” sign—with a trip out to Copper Canyon on its Lake and Vista nines. Last time we were here, Jim Bieleniewicz emptied the hole-in-one pot, albeit on the nine we are not playing this week. This one is an 8:00 shotgun start.

It helps to have a Geology degree when playing Copper Canyon, as there are varying options when playing from the areas bordering the grass. Check out the linked video to [know your rocks](#). Also, check this one out that covers the [drop zone on Lake #6](#), not that any of you will need it ☐.



*Just when you've avoided the water on the right on your tee shot, you now must deal with it on your left for the rest of the par-5 2nd hole at Copper Canyon (Lakes)*

## The Next Three Weeks and the Rest of the Fall Schedule

As you are aware by now, signups are only taken three weeks in advance due to issues with too many late cancellations over the last few months. If that's gotten you out of the habit of signing up, know that we have tons of openings for Superstition Springs on 9/25 and Longbow on 10/2. Also, the following weekend venues are now posted. It will be our traditional early-October trip to Prescott. This time it's a two-day affair, with StoneRidge slated for Saturday the 9th and Antelope Hills for Sunday the 10th.

Look for the balance of the Fall schedule to be posted at the website shortly, but we do know information right now about two of our premier competitions—Ringers and Wigwam Warriors. For the uninitiated, Ringers is an event in which we play the same course five times and take your best gross and net score on each of the eighteen holes. Wigwam Warriors is a three-round, unflighted net competition in which we play all three Wigwam courses (Red, Blue, and Gold).

Ringers will be at San Marcos in Chandler. The dates are 12/18, 1/15, 2/12, 3/12 and 4/2. The entry fee is \$25.

The Wigwam Warriors dates are 10/16, 11/13 and 12/11 and the entry fee is also \$25.

Nice four-week rhythm to both of those. You can sign up for both right now at the [payment page](#) on the SGL website.

## 2021 AGA Club Team Championship

It's the final week to sign up for the 24th Annual AGA 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. So far, we have at least five for this year.

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 and the league will pay your entry fee for that event.

The team entry fee for a qualifier 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 [Club Team Championship portal](#).

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](mailto:mktsgl18@gmail.com) and we will try to get you matched up.

## And Speaking of AGA Events...

SGL member Mark Huttanus and his teammate David Evers won Flight 3 in the AGA's Senior Cup Championship at Anthem Country Club this past Monday. The pair accumulated 45 Stableford points—the highest total in any of the tournament's four flights—and won by three.

But they were not the only SGL winners. Ken Slagle and Dave Dean topped Flight 2 with 43 points, one ahead of their closest competitors. And Richard Carroll was part of a pairing that finished second in Flight 4.

Way to represent the league, gentlemen!



***Mark Huttanus and David Evers hoist the trophy at the AGA Senior Cup Series Championship***

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