

PMGA Fall 2020 Update

Making the best of things for the 2020 PMGA golf season.

While the coronavirus pandemic carries on, we're doing our best to keep the golf events coming. Stay safe and have fun out there!

MARGARITAVILLE MULLIGAN MADNESS: A new twist on a fun event introduced last year, adding margarita specials and a cheeseburger in paradise lunch delivered on the course by the great staffs of Pat and Piper. We heard lots of good feedback on this event, and saw lots of great scores when you get to take a Mulligan on each and every shot. But we also heard, "not as simple as it sounds, since you HAVE to take the Mulligan if you play it."



First flight was captured by *Steve Scheffel*, who had 10 natural birdies and 2 net eagles to shoot 11 under, edging out *Dan Soukup* who rolled in 8 birdies and had no bogies for a net 62. In the second flight, *Bud Noffsinger* put together a solid gross 68 – net 62 to beat *John Gausman* by 2 shots. *Zach La Canfora* also shot a gross 68 – net 58 to take the third flight, with a net score 4 shots better than *Michael Petti*. *Steve Kinney* ruled the fourth flight with a net 61 despite bogeying the first hole. *Jay Oltman* took second with net 65, followed by 4 guys with net 66. Maybe one more Mulligan would've done the trick! The best score of the day was posted by *Tom Descovich* who put together a 75 - net 57 to run away with the fifth flight. In the sixth flight, played from the white tees, *Jon Piper* started with 2 net eagles and added another one on 11 (2 for 1) to post a net 61, beating *Randy Beaver* by 2 shots.

ICEBREAKER IN JULY: No stocking caps were needed for this Icebreaker, rescheduled from springtime. The format of 2 Man Double Rotation (6 holes best ball for each pair in the group) suited some teams better than others. Two teams tied with -17 scores: Teams *Wald/Zach La Canfora/Arkin/Stanton* and *McGregor/Sampson/Kinney/Martel* all played solidly with the highest individual score a net 76 for these teams. If everyone is playing good, you can mix and match any way you want and still win.

NOT THE PTRIFECTA WINNER BUT A TRIFECTA WINNER: Of special note is the performance of new member *Zach La Canfora* over the Ptrap Shoot replacement week. He won his flight in Margaritaville Mulligan Madness on Thursday, led the winning team in Nooners on Friday, and then shot net 68 to power the winning team in his flight in the Icebreaker! When you are HOT, you are HOT! Way to go Zach!

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Speaking of HOT, the weather was sizzling and so was *Dillon Stewart*, who shot 71-64 to take the championship from runner-up and last year's champion *Tyler Severin*. Dillon and Tyler were tied at -1 after Saturday, but Dillon came out roaring with 3 birdies to start Sunday, on his way to a

31 front nine (with bogies on both par 3s). New member *Kyle Danford* posted strong rounds of 73-72 to take 3rd place while Tyler's father *Bill Severin* finished in 4th with a +3 total.

In the Senior Club Championship, *Mark Cheesbrough* made it a four-peat with a solid 71-82 from the gold tees. *Rick Sabo and Rusty Bailey* both shot +19 over the two days, but once again, Mark left everyone in his rear view mirror.

CO's BMW Member/Member: Well, not *exactly* CO's BMW member/member this year. CO's has been a fantastic sponsor of this event for many years, with the winners receiving a great trip to Pinehurst NC for the annual BMW golf tournament (not the PGA event). Due to COVID-19, the national tournament was canceled and with it so was the trip to Pinehurst. Thanks to a great idea from Matt Huett, we scrambled to come up with a terrific trip to Colorado's very own Broadmoor resort, with the winners receiving lodging, golf, spa, meals and more – just a couple hours' drive from Fort Collins.

After months of COVID restrictions, the decision was made to have this member/member event be a SHOTGUN start! Still emphasizing social distancing and delivering lunches on the course, we were able to get everyone on the course and keep our playoff intact shortly after regular play ended. We also decided that it was time for another **CALCUTTA** for this great tourney – an annual tradition.

CALCUTTA: We wanted to observe social distancing for the Calcutta as well and we explored spacing chairs out in the dining room, holding the auction under the tent outside (not big enough), and then – Huett's idea again – holding it outside under the front portico with rented chairs and lights. It looked like a great solution! Then, after the hottest August on record, Mother Nature decided it was time for the earliest snowstorm in 130 years along with a 60+ degree temperature drop from Monday to Wednesday. Cancel the chairs and lights, move it back inside, and ask everyone to only send one representative per team. It went great. Auctioneer (and member) Doug Carpenter led things to a record pot of \$44,700 for the 64 teams playing together. Dan Soukup's company kept track of the money with Grace and Haliagh making sure the pot was right. There was certainly some significant cash to play for, in addition to the Broadmoor prize for the winners.

After hazy, smoky days from local wildfires, then the snowstorm, then cold and cloudy days during the week, Saturday dawned with bright blue skies and ideal temperatures. The weather was perfect for the weekend and the course was in great condition. Fast greens, some tough pins, some thick and wet rough – the Ptarmigan we love for tournaments!

Saturday: In the top (Series 8) flight, *Josh Dees and Jeremy Moreno* took day money with a net 64, edging out *Steve Scheffel and Rusty Baily* and *Cole Bundy and Jonathan Rowell* by 1 stroke. In the Series 7 flight, *Christian Bordewick's* 75 powered him and *Ryan Flack* to first place at net 65. One stroke back was the team of *Chris Burns and Steve Kelley*, with 5 teams tied for third at -5. Oh so close! The Series 6 flight saw *Fred McGregor and Bill Kramer* ham-and-egg it to a net 63, good enough for a 2 shot lead over *Brandon Carlucci and John Eisenhauer* and *Tyler Briggs and Grady Arkin*. The Series 5 flight saw strong play from *Linc Turner and Ken Correia* who put together an excellent net 61 for a 7 shot lead over *Tim Hoops and Jeramie Holt*, and *Carl Martel and Arlyn Wehrer*. The day money payouts from the big Calcutta pot were sizable!

Sunday: Another gorgeous day for golf and a few tougher pins. *Steve Scheffel and Rusty Bailey* lit it up on the back 9 to take first place with a net 63 and overall first place for the flight. *Palmer and Tony Giro* got hot on the front and turned in a net 65 to take second, while we had a tie for third at 66 between

Josh Dees and Jeremy Moreno and *Rick Owen and Steve Hall*. In the Series 7 flight, *Chris Burns* shot a net 69 to lead him and *Steve Kelley* to a first place 66, which also got them into the playoffs. Second place was tied by the teams of *Guy Avery and Lance Callies* and *Will Campbell and Chris Lewis*; both teams shot net 67 and made some nice day money cash for themselves and their owners.

The Series 6 flight was super competitive resulting in a first place tie between *Clint Summers and Shawn Matz* and *Steve Kinney and Bahadir Demirorz*, with both teams at net 67. There was also a 3-way second place tie between *Tyler Briggs and Grady Arkin*, *Norm Jorgensen and Ron Sampson*, and *Barry Waddell and Dallas Everhart*. *Fred McGregor and Bill Kramer* posted a solid net 69 which, combined with their Saturday score, put them into the playoff. In Series 5, *Ken Correia and Linc Turner* again took first place with a net 62 for a 3 shot win over 3 teams: *Todd Hermann and Taylor Stanton*, *Jeff Lund and Jesse Jorgensen*, and *Shane Whitcomb and Thomas McDaniel*. Ken and Linc cruised into the playoff.

The Playoff: The top teams met on #17 teebox for the 2 hole playoff. The flag was tucked back right, above the bunker, making for a challenging hole. The playoff was net best ball with combined score as a tiebreaker. No one made par; *Burns and Kelley* got the tiebreaker and then there was a putt-off to see who would advance to #18 with them. *Bill Kramer* got it closest so he and *Fred McGregor* dueled *Chris and Steve* on #18, which also had the pin back right. *Burns, Kelley and McGregor* all hit their second shots to the upper level and Bill put it in the middle of the green, leaving a tough two putt to tie and send it to another hole. He rolled it just by on the second putt and *Chris Burns and Steve Kelley* made their pars to win the championship and a trip to the Broadmoor. Congratulations on a great win!

THURSDAY NIGHT LEAGUE (TNL): In the quarter-finals, *Erik Runstrom and Gary Thiret* played the oldest team in the league (*Jerry Olsen / Terry Pettit*) and won, then in the semi-finals played the youngest team (*Will Thwaites / Cole Bundy*) and lost. Youth prevails...

The Championship is set for Thursday 9/17 with the *Thwaites/Bundy* team squaring off against the team of *John Leone/Ryan Sanger/Alan Kessock*. Third place will be decided between *Runstrom/Thiret* and *Tim Hoops and Joey Steger*. Final results next newsletter...

PMGA Events: *The results for all our tournaments will be posted on the Ptarmigan web site under men's events; click an event to see the summary. You can also find them in Golf Genius.*

As always, we welcome your feedback, suggestions, ideas, criticisms and support. As your board we're here to serve you, so please let us know how we can do that better. Thanks for being a member of the Ptarmigan Men's Golf Association.

Best regards,



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