

LaTourette Shines, Rough Bites, and the Waltz Crowns a New Trio of Champs

LaTourette was in absolute peak condition on Sunday, the kind of shape that makes the regulars puff their chests out and say, “Every bit as good as the Country Club.” The rough was up and nasty, the fairways were mint, and the greens were rolling true....even if they seem to shrink a little more every week which make the GPS systems less help as front/middle/back numbers are suddenly a suggestion, not a fact, which might explain the uptick in chipping and the downtick in GIRs.

The weather was warm-to-hot, but still not too hot for John Garland, who was moments away from deploying the cart cover for only his second round of the year. Everyone showed up on time, dues were paid, cigars were lit, and the patio served as the unofficial pay window for collections.

3-Man Waltz Takes Center Stage

With 18 players, the 3-Man Waltz was the format: Net 1, Net 2, Net 3 rotating through the round. Well... 17 players played that format. One man, Joe Berardi II, opted for his own personal version: 1 Buzz Ball, 2 Buzz Balls, 3 Buzz Balls. He made the request to tee off early, drained the supply, and exited the premises once the pay window closed, of course empty handed.

Team Results: The Best Play Rose to the Top

Overall Champions – 77 pts Rich Piazza, Dave Eller, Jack Ricciardi

- Tied the Front Nine with 38
- Won the Back Nine with 39

2nd Overall – 76 pts Andrew Padilla, Gil Morales, Dom Sciandra

- Tied the Front Nine with 38

A glance at the standings shows how tight the race really was as a few missed two-footers here and there, and suddenly your team is out of the money. This writer personally cost his squad at least one or two ways. Maybe three.

TEAM RESULTS: Captains

Piazza – 38 / 39 / 77

Padilla – 38 / 38 / 76

Delin – 37 / 38 / 75

Garland – 35 / 38 / 73

Foley – 32 / 33 / 65

Berardi II – 34 / 31 / 65

Gino – 33 / 30 / 63

Fine Play & Notable Performances

- **Low Gross:** Rich Piazza with a 77 (net 70 with that creative handicap).
- **Career Day:** Dom Sciandra with an 88 (net 67), just 24 hours after a smooth 104 in the SIGA Championship Round 1 event
- **Fan Favorite Struggles:** Lenny DeMartino posted 113/112 over the weekend and was spotted at a Spa on Monday and Tuesday for full body massages. Unknown if the putter made it out of the bag.
- **Birdie Machines:** Eric Delin and John Gino dropped three.
- **Par King:** Davey Eller with 10 pars.
- **CTPs & Scats:** Mike Falcone grabbed two CTPs and four scats (2 gross, 2 net).
- **Par 3 & 5 Champ:** Dom Sciandra with 15 points.

Dom also cleared up the Geno Smith story. He never played in a game with the Jets QB at West Virginia. Geno only grabbed his backside in practice while Dom was a triple-XL redshirt.

Bones Jr. Searches for Answers

After shooting 86 with 10 bogeys and 2 doubles, Jim Bones Jr. looked around for someone to blame. Bones Sr. was three groups ahead, everyone showed up on time, and no one sabotaged him. So the culprit became a sore shoulder from constantly pulling and replacing the flagstick for John Garland. Coach loves reminding everyone he's been in the Latty Club for 65 years (signed up at age 5) yet somehow forgets he made 1½-footers with the flag out for 62 of them. Yikes.

Looking Ahead

It'll be wet this weekend, but the official club round is Monday, Memorial Day. 6:30 Sign-In • 7:00 Tee Same rules as always — show up on time. Thank you.