

Men's Golf League News, April – 2026

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A lot of news this month with all the end of season tournaments starting off with our final shootout qualifiers.

The Men's B Flight - Battling demons and years of disappointment, 2nd place finisher, **Steve Andrews** managed to keep his worst instincts at bay and made it to the final hole. Third place winner, **Kevin Young**, known for an occasional stray shot, completed 8 holes without harming any people or innocent animals while a jubilant and eventual winner, **John Grab** admitted that winning a shootout was a lifelong goal.



The Men's A Flight – 3rd place finisher, **Dan Johnson**, a casualty of his lower handicap, was eliminated on the 8th hole, settled for 3rd place. After a tie on the last hole and facing another chip off, **Wally Landry**, who had barely survived earlier chip offs, saved his worst for last with a 10-inch chip that lost to short-game wizard, **Fred Kline** whose clutch chip almost made the green.

Men's Grand Shootout

The A Flight – contest started with a Hole-in-One on the 1st hole by **Nick Martinello** providing a free pass to the 2nd hole. Without the benefit of any handicap strokes, Nick made it to the 8th hole where an unfortunate penalty stroke forced a concession to **Wally Landry** and **Dave Broad**. Wally and Dave played the 9th hole three times before a reluctant concession by Wally gave Dave the title of Shootout Grand Champion for the 2nd year in a row. Way to go Dave !



The B Flight – featured a lot of the usual suspects. **Steve Andrews** ignored the voices in his head until the 8th tee where he yanked one left OB and followed with a towering shot OB to the right, settling for 3rd place money. **Dave Malmberg** and **Larry O'Brien**, who have met on the 9th tee at shootouts more than a couple times had to play the hole twice before Dave sunk a 6 foot par putt to take the title of Grand Shootout Champion for the 1st time

in his storied career, leaving Larry reflecting on what could have been if his 5 foot par putt hadn't lipped out. Well done Fellas !

Men's Club Championship – was another successful event at Lake Fairways. The public turnout was not quite what it's been in the past, but I can confirm that everyone who attended as a player or a spectator had a great time.

Men's D Flight – pitted long-time rivals, **Dave Malmberg** against **Tom Craig** who managed his way around the course with the help of eagle eye and convicted dove-killer, **Kevin Young**.

Tom closed out the match on Hole #15 green with a final score of 4 & 3



Men's C Flight – paired good buddies, **Dennis Kelly** and **Dave Fagan** to battle in a match that went all the way to the 18th with Dennis taking the title and a final winning score of 1-up.

Men's B Flight – following an entertaining yet uncomfortably revealing introduction on the 1st tee by local comedian, **John Kelly**, brothers **Greg** and **Steve Andrews** had to put aside their childhood rivalry and battle it out for the B Flight Club Championship even though Mom liked Steve best. Greg closed the match out on the 16th, taking the title with a final score of 3 and 2. Something tells me this match ain't over yet.



Men's A Flight – paired to old friends, **Rick Gagnier** and **Dan Beamer**, in a highly anticipated match that turned out to be fairly one-sided. Rick came into the final day with a 2 hole lead and never looked back. Dan couldn't catch a break and Rick never offered one. The match was closed out on the 15th with a final score of 4 and 3.

Men's Championship Flight – matched Canadian and reigning club champion, **Nick Martinello** against America's last hope, **Al Cristello**. Nick came into the final round with a 3-hole lead, then Al quickly cut the lead to 1 hole but was never able to take the lead. The match was closed out on the 17th when Al's tee shot landed on the green but not deep enough to avoid the front slope and rolled back into the penalty area. The final score was 2 and 1 with Nick retaining the title of Club Champion for another year.



Well played boys.



As expected, the celebration behind the 18th green was epic and part of what makes this such a great tournament and what makes Lake Fairways such a great place to live. There were confirmed reports that the Lake Fairways Rules Official couldn't find the willpower to refuse whatever bottle was being passed around and his golf cart was parked outside the port-a-john well after the crowds dispersed.