

Men's Golf League News, March – 2025

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Hole-In-One Report – We keep a slot in the update every month for **Nick Martinello**'s most recent Hole-in-One. It was Jan 17, on the LF 8th with a 5-wood, witnessed by Paula Morrison and Jim Wilson. It will actually be news if Nick DOESN'T get his 28th hole-in-one next month.

But there's nothing like your 1st Hole-in-One. **John Grab** was playing an afternoon round on Jan 30th with **Pete Greco, Matt Kelly, Tom Charboneau, and Jim Heidel**. When they got to the Pine Lakes 14th hole, John pulled out his new favorite club, a 7-wood which landed on the front of the green then rolled about 35' to a back right pin and fell over the edge of the cup to record John's 1st ever hole in one. Congratulations John, now the new challenge is to get your 2nd one.



Pete Greco, John Grab, Tom Charboneau, Matt Kelly and Jim Heidel

The January Shootout – A Flt

Rick Gagnier missed a heartbreaking 3-footer on #8 to allow local heroes, **Larry O'Brien** and **Al Cristello** to battle it out on #9 where Al conceded a tricky 2 footer to his buddy Larry



for par and the winner's check. Larry had already missed that putt 4 times in his head. Well played gentlemen.

<<<<<<< All Christello, Larry O'Brien, and Rick Gagnier share a laugh on 9 green.

The January Shootout – B Flt

Kevin Young made an absolute mess of #8, sending Dan Beamer and shootout rookie, Mike Ropat on to the 9th where Mike hit a nice recovery from a wayward drive to make par and watched Dan do a little back and forth for a bogie and the 2nd place check.



Kevin Young, Mike Ropat & Dan Beamer >>>>>>>>>

The February Shootout – A Flt

Following a reasonable tee shot, a couple fluffed chips and a few more putts, Ron Pessa became the 1st victim of the February Shootout.

On #17 and in the final 3, Dan Johnson put his tee shot over the green, then being a bit too conservative with his chip, left himself a long downhill putt to a front pin and



uncharacteristically 3-putted for a 5, leaving the battle for this month's title to Canadians, Larry Warner and Ron Hutz.

Unfortunately, your fake news reporter was behind the 18th green discussing meditation practices with Detroit Dave and missed the drama on the putting surface, only to return in time to see Larry and Ron shaking hands and to snap a photo of the

winner's circle.

3rd place Dan Johnson, Winner Larry Warner & 2nd place Ron Hutz

The February Shootout – B Flt

Typically, every shootout contestant's fear is to be the first eliminated from the match. Well, this time, crowd favorite, **Dave Fagan**, distinguished himself by being the first to be

removed from the tournament for a record setting 4th time. When contacted with the news, previous record holder, **Paul Falcone**, broke away from his snow shoveling responsibilities and responded, “ I’m sorry I wasn’t there to defend my record but I’m sure I could have screwed that hole up worse than Dave.”

Surprising everyone, Pat Emanuel dodged a few bullets and made it all the way to #17 but was then quickly dispensed with, allowing Brad Demeo and Dave Malmberg to decide the winner on #18 where Dave held his nerve just long enough to sink the final putt and take home the winner’s check.



3rd place Pat Emanuel, Winner Dave Malmberg & 2nd place Brad Demeo