

Men's Golf League News, April – 2023

As we approach the end of the winter season March is a busy month as the Men's League golf schedule fills up with a range of competitive golf events starting with shootout qualifying rounds providing opportunity to enter the final March shootout which, besides being entertainment for the Lake Fairways residents, will award the final 2 slots in the **Grand Shootout** to be contested on **March 15th**.



The LFGA League Championship, which is our biggest golf event of the season, was held on June 4-5 with 36-hole matches contested over a grueling 2 days. And the Interclub Championship battle between Lake Fairways and Pine Lakes best was contested over 2 days at both clubs on March 10 & 11.

Newly crowned club champion, **Nick Martinello** and champion flight runner-up, **Greg Mullens** seen here on the 18th green following another epic battle. Good competition and good friends. This is what it's all about!

Men's League Championship Winners

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| - Championship Flight | Nick Martinello | - C Flight | Mike Craven |
| ▪ A Flight | Ray Gromacki | - D Flight | Will Aubut |
| ▪ B Flight | Dave Burns | - E Flight | Dave Malmberg |

March Shootout Results

The A Flight was contested on the front 9 of Lake Fairways. As always, a large crowd collected around the 1st tee and 1st green, most with a small slip of paper indicating who they had drawn in the shootout pool hoping to make a little money on the day's events while adding to the pressure on our combatants.



Familiar faces in the winner's circle with **Dave Burns** holding his nerve to the final hole seen here with 2nd place finisher **John Westfere** and 3rd place finalist **Al Cristello**. See you in the Grand Shootout, boys.

The B Flight was also contested on the front 9 of Lake Fairways. Equally large crowds collected around the 1st tee and 1st green, hoping to get a glimpse of their heroes in action and praying that their shootout lottery pick would at least make it past the 1st hole.



Another popular winner's circle this month with **Ron Hutz**, who eats pressure for breakfast, taking the winner's check just beating out **Dennis Kelly** on the

9th sharing a few laughs with 3rd place runner-up **Steve Andrews**. Better sharpen your games for the Grand Shootout, boys.

Hole-In-One Report – Mike Leslie, again finds his name attached to a Hole-In-One, this time an Albatross 1 on the tricky Lake Fairways par 4, 3rd Hole. It happened on the Couples Golf Sunday, February 26. Mike and Kathy Leslie were playing with Rick & Missy Young and John & Nancy Kelly. Mike hit a driver towering over the trees right and straight at the green. He knew it was a good shot, but when the group arrived at the green, Mike's ball was not in sight. An interesting ball mark about 2 feet from the hole beckoned Mike to have a look in the hole and there it was! Lake Fairways historians have no record of a hole-in-one ever on the 3rd hole making our Mr. Leslie a part of Lake Fairways lore. Being the gentleman that he is and to complete his Hole-In-One obligations, Mike sponsored the beer and wine festivities on the next couples Sunday outing behind the Sand Trap. Way to go, Mike !

Golf Ethics Question

What if you were playing in the club championship tournament finals and the match was halved at the end of 17 holes. You had the honor and hit your ball a modest two hundred fifty yards to the middle of the fairway, leaving a simple six iron to the pin. Your opponent then hits his ball, lofting it deep into the woods to the right of the fairway.

Being the golfing gentleman that you are, you help your opponent look for his ball. Just before the permitted five-minute search period ends, your opponent says: "Go ahead and hit your second shot and if I don't find it in time, I'll concede the match."

You hit your ball, landing it on the green, stopping about ten feet from the pin. About the time your ball comes to rest, you hear your opponent exclaim from deep in the woods: "I found it!". The second sound you hear is a click, the sound of a club striking a ball and the ball comes sailing out of the woods and lands on the green, stopping no more than six inches from the hole.

Now here is the ethical dilemma:

Do you pull the cheating bastard's ball out of your pocket and confront him with it or do you keep your mouth shut???