

Men's Golf League News, February – 2023

The signs of hurricane recovery continue while the golfing contingent of Lake Fairways carry on with their quests for ever-fleeting golf perfection. Amidst the sounds of work crews scraping roofs clean and skill saws crafting the pieces for new lanais and the hammering of fresh shingles around the community, the Men's League continues with the weekly competitions administered by league president Mike Craven.

We all line up every Thursday morning blindly handing our \$5 donations over to Ray Burrows, hoping to turn it into \$25 for an unmatched birdie or to fluke a closest to the pin or randomly assemble the right combination of playing partners and handicaps to outpace the field for glory and bragging rights until the next Thursday morning. We all reluctantly hand off \$2 to Steve Andrews for three chances to win the weekly lottery even though we all expect to watch Pat Emanuel walk up and claim at least



one of the prizes. Yes, it's all fairly predictable and from the outside looking in, many would say mundane. But most would not trade this existence for the glitz and glamour of the Pine Lakes league or even the Del Tura league.

The Lake Fairways course continues with steady improvement. Tees and fairways sporting new grass while the greens also seem to have fewer weeds offering fewer excuses for missed putts. Despite difficulty finding staff, our superintendent, Scotty Helmig has continued his effort to make Lake Fairways Country Club a better place to play. His diligence has not gone unnoticed.

Speaking of recoveries, two of the most legendary stalwarts in Lake Fairways golfing lore, heroes to some, role models to others, Ron McManus and Paul Falcone, who have been sidelined each facing their own personal battles with Cancer have recently been spotted in public. Paul Falcone, looking trim, said he's feeling weak from his chemo sessions but was back out on the range trying to groove that silky south paw swing and build his strength hoping to coax a green light from his doctor for his return to competitive golf. Ron McManus, noticeably thinner, said that although the chemo kicked his butt and has left him very weak, he has restarted his rigorous exercise regimen and should be seen daily putting in the miles around the Lake Fairways community. Ron thinks he's on track for an April return to competitive golf. Judging by the hundreds of emails and letters from their fans, these two will be a welcome sight back on tour.

Hole-In-One Report – Pete Greco now keeps our Hole-In-One hotline number on speed dial. Yes, AGAIN, Pete has recorded another Ace. On



the Friday before Christmas, Pete rolled in another “1” on Lake Fairways 1st hole. Pete shares the moment with playing partners Phil Wineno and Kevin Lawton , celebrating his 7th lifetime hole-in-one. Pete reports that it was a high draw that landed about 15 feet right of a center pin and after one

hop rolled about 5 feet trickling over the edge of the cup. When asked for comment, shaking his head, Phil Wineno said “We all think Pete just plays too much golf”.

Golf Truisms

- Every time a golfer makes a birdie, he must subsequently make two triple bogeys to restore the fundamental equilibrium of the golf universe.
- Since bad shots come in groups of three, a fourth bad shot is actually the beginning of the next group of three.
- If you're afraid a full shot might reach the green while the foursome ahead is still putting, you have two options: you can immediately shank a lay-up or you can wait until the green clears and top a ball halfway there.
- Nonchalant putts count the same as chalant putts

January Shootout Results



Another handsome Winners Circle

Flight B: 1st Place Larry O'Brien, 2nd Place Tom Finora and 3rd Place Dave Malmberg

Flight A: 1st Place Jack Borges, 2nd Place Rick Gagnier and 3rd Place John Kelly (anyone with a photo of the A Flight winners, please send into me)

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