

Men's Golf League News, February – 2024

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Anybody who played Lake Fairways CC the week between Christmas and New Year's had to have noticed our resident alligator lounging by the penalty area on the 5th Hole. We figure he's been surveilling this hole long enough to realize that sooner or later every Men's League member tugs a 7-Iron off the tee, bounces one down the slope or thins



one out of the bunker to that exact spot making it a perfect location to grab an afternoon snack . He sat there stoically for about 6 days and at last count we don't think we lost any members. Before he disappeared, however, he looked like he had a full belly. Possibly someone from outside-play or a scofflaw who doesn't fill divots, rake traps or fix ball marks.



Men's Fashion Corner Update – Tired of the ridicule received for his poor choices in golf attire, and after a few sessions with consultant and fashion icon, Pat Emanuelle, John Murray seems to have gotten the idea and showed up for this particular Men's League outing with a well-coordinated yet simple outfit of royal blue shirt and hat with white shorts and a steel blue wind breaker. Well played John and a special thanks to wife Marilyn for checking John before he heads out the door and saving us from this weekly eyesore.

Medical Update – Our boy, **Ron McManus** got some good news on January 10. His doctor called and gave him a thumbs up that his most recent test came back negative and he has been declared completely free of cancer. Congratulations Ron ! We're all very happy and relieved that you were able to beat the Big C.

Hole-In-One Report – It was back before Christmas on December 14 by **Ron Faria** playing with Mike Fevig and Warren Wentzel on the Lake Fairways 11th hole. According to Ron, it was a very windy day and just hitting the green would be a tall order. Ron launched a Pinnacle Soft ball which he found in his back yard below the 10th green with an 8-Iron towards the right side of the green and rode the right to left wind to the middle of the green rolling up to the back left pin and trickling over the edge for his 2nd lifetime hole-in-one and 1st at Lake Fairways. Unfortunately for Ron, it was a Thursday Men's League match, where members are known to finish their rounds thirsty and looking for beer in the Sand Trap. So Ron had to run home and grab his credit card to cover the \$77 bar bill. Fortunately, there was a \$55 hole-in-one kitty available to help offset the expense.



The December Shootout was conducted on the 13th on the Lake Fairways front nine and was too late to make the deadline for the January edition of the Informer.

The A Flight Shootout was another star studded but heavily Canadian weighted event including Lake Fairways celebrities such as Dave Burns, Alan Cristello, Dave Broad, Nick Martinello, Chuck Rhodes, Rich Boutette, Ron Pessa, Larry Warner, Wally Landry and Rick Gagnier. Eventual winner Al Cristello took down Dave Burns in a chip-off at the 9th green. Sorry no photos of this one but we all know what they look like anyway. We'll be seeing Al again in the Grand Shootout.

B Flight contestants went off first and included the cast of familiar faces such as Ron Hutz, Tom Craig, George Files, Steve Andrews, Bill Beaton, Pat Emanuele, Mike Craven, Larry O'Brien, Jim Albert and Dave Malmberg.

Third place winner, Pat Emanuele went out on the 8th hole with a 5-net-4 leaving Tom Craig and Larry O'Brien who went head to head and battled it out on the 9th hole with the big cash prize hanging in the balance. After tying the hole with 4's, Larry and Tom had to settle it in a chip-off from the right bank off the green where Tom dropped his chip in to about 6 feet but he was up against Larry "Chips" O'Brien who rolled it up to 3 feet, taking the winner's check and claiming a spot in the season ending Grand Shootout. Way to go Larry !



3rd Pat Emanuele, 1st Larry O'Brien, 2nd Tom Craig

January Shootout, started at 12:30 on the Lake Fairways back 9 with the usual suspects hoping for their moment in the sun and a piece of Lake Fairways glory.



The B Flt teed off first to get the afternoon's action started. When John Haggerty didn't show up, tournament organizers knew they could count on crowd favorite, Steve Andrews to fill in, who was close by waiting for the Sand Trap to open, so he could get a beer. Well, as fate would have it, Steve used his Rope-A-Dope strategy to bob and weave his way around the back 9 and survived through the 18th hole past

2nd and 3rd place contestants, Fred Kline and Dave Malmberg. Steve did

eventually get his beer in the Sand Trap but he had an unexpected winner's check in his pocket when the bill game. Well played Steve !

The A Flt teed off at 1:00 just as the B Flt group and gallery cleared the 10th green and headed to the #11 hole. The drama started right away as eventual 3rd place winner, Paul Falcone chipped in from down the hill off the back right of the 10th green. A magnificent shot that rattled the flag stick and rattled the other 9 contestants with a hint of the great shots to come. Worth mentioning, surviving the 1st hole in any shootout was a personal best for Paul who has a long track record of well, bad luck.

Eventual winner, John Murray, again with a snappy outfit but this time without controversy, surviving the challenges offered by Paul and 2nd place contestant Dan Beamer, took home the winner's check for the A Flt. You're on a roll John. Well Played again !



3rd Paul Falcone, 1st John Murray, 2nd Dan Beamer