

Men's Golf League News, January – 2023

Winter Season, 2023 is in full swing and most of our Canadian friends have made the annual sojourn, at least the ones who matter are here. Our American friends from colder climes are happily checking the temperatures back home to reinforce the soundness of their decisions to get here, while we are all continuing the process of repairing the damage from Hurricane Ian. Most of us willing to take the chance that we won't see another storm like that at least until our kids take over the lot rents.

Happily, for all of us, both golf courses are open and most agree that the conditions continue steady improvements under the guidance of Superintendent Scotty Helmig who had to weave the hurricane recovery process into the course improvement project. Keep up the good work Scotty and know that your efforts have not gone unnoticed.

Our Club Professional, Dave Leonard has started golf clinics for men and women which will have been underway as of this publication. It's not too late to join the **Putting Clinic** which is scheduled for **January 4th** and is highly recommended based upon some of the putting demonstrated on course so far this season. There is only so much you can blame on the greens.

Upcoming Guest Clinics:

- **Plum Bobbing your 4th Putt** hosted by Tom Craig
- **How to use your shadow on the greens to maximize skins** hosted by Fred Kline
- **When to suggest swing changes to your opponent** hosted by Nick Martinelli

Hole-In-One Report finds **Mike Leslie**, just down from Canada in time for the Turkey Trot golf tournament, playing with Bill Duncan, Nancy Monroe and Val McIntosh, as he came to the vulnerable Lake Fairways 12th hole with a front left pin. Mike hit a crisp lob wedge which landed on the green took the expected left hop and the 2nd hop found the bottom of the cup for his 2nd lifetime Hole-In-One. Fortunately for Mike, the Sand Trap was closed so he didn't have to buy drinks for the rest of the thirsty tournament participants. We have about 30 Rain Checks waiting for you to sign, Mike.



Pete Greco recorded his 2nd Hole-In-One in the past 3 months and 6th lifetime Hole-In-One on the difficult Lake Fairways 5th hole on November 29th with a 9-Iron while playing with witnesses Bill Hilt and Tom Charboneau. Bill described the shot as an un-majestic hook that landed on the green and with one bounce, simultaneously hit the flag and the bottom of the hole. Bill was also quick to mention that if the ball had not hit the flag,



there was no way it would have stayed on the green. Pretty or not, it's still a "1" on the card. Maybe a little jealousy on Bill's part since he has yet to claim any aces on his resume.



Dave Broad with a late submission to the Hole-In-One carnival, also found himself on the Lake Fairways 12th tee with a sand wedge in hand, looking at a front center pin location along with playing partners Rick

Gagnier and Ron Pessa. Although no photos of the event were recorded, witnesses say it was a smooth, high arcing shot which landed just right of the hole and the spin gently directed the ball to the bottom of the cup. Dave reports that this was his 3rd lifetime Hole-In-One but when questioned further on this, fellow Canadian, Rick Gagnier speculated that the first two Holes-in One might have actually been on the putting green. And, is it just a coincidence that the 12th hole rests squarely in Dave and Laura Broad's back yard. Just sayin'. Stay tuned as investigative reporters work tirelessly to keep the "Fake News" out of this publication.

November Shootout Results

Flight A: 1st Place Dan Johnson, 2nd Place John Hunter and 3rd Place Ron Pessa.



Flight B: 1st Place George Files, 2nd Place Rawson Beals and 3rd Place Tom Finora

December Shootout Results

Flight A: 1st Place Chuck Rhodes, 2nd Place John Westfere and 3rd Place Ron Pessa

(watch for more hard hitting news next month on the controversy surrounding Ron Pessa bringing his high handicap to the A Flight Shootout competition)



Flight B: 1st Place Mike Leslie, 2nd Place Dave Fagan and 3rd Place Larry Warner

(Dave Fagan's book The Art of the Slice is due to be released next month and is expected to hit the NY Times Best Seller List immediately)

For more pictures and details on the monthly Men's Shootouts, follow this link to the Lake Fairways HOA Site.

<https://lakefairwayshoa.com/mens-shootout>