

Summer Grand Shootout Special Edition

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As evidenced from the photo above, Lake Fairways Men's League assembled an unusually handsome group of competitors who put their egos aside in hopes of winning the \$50 grand prize for the Summer Grand Shootout. Starting from left to right; Mike Williams, John Westfere, Rawson Beals, Fred Dismeyer, Jack Borges, Dave Malmberg, Mike Stubbs, Pete Greco and Jim Mantini.

These guys all qualified for the Grand Shootout by finishing 1st or 2nd in the summer long monthly shootout competitions.

The Summer edition of the Grand Shootout started on hole #2 after losing Dave Fagan who "says" he had a last-minute doctor's appointment. We're still waiting for that note from your doctor, Dave.

Hole #2

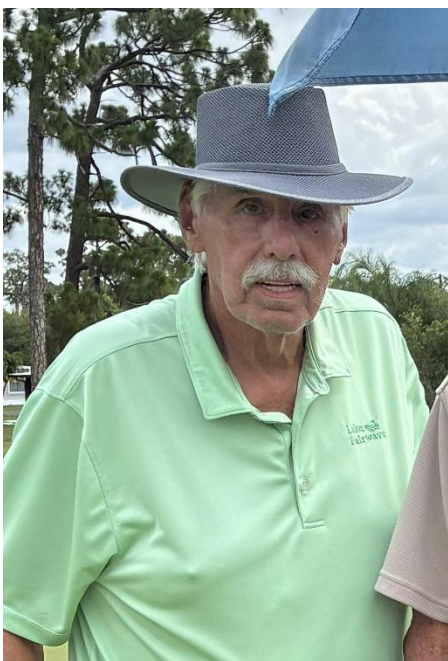
The opening hole always has the most drama and tension because nobody wants to be the first out in a shootout. Today, our first victim was early favorite, Mike Williams. With his wife, Jane watching from the golf cart, Mike topped his tee shot about 25 yards and came up short of the fairway. Jane was noticeably unimpressed. Mike recovered nicely by running his 2nd shot onto the green where he 2-putted for a 4 which got him into an opening hole chip-off with Jack Borges, John Westfere and Mike Stubbs.



In the chip-off from the rough left of the green, Mike's hopes were dashed when his chip barely made the fringe while the other three settled comfortably on the green. Mike was thanked for his valiant effort and took a seat in the cart where he was heard explaining to Jane that the rules official made noise on his back swing.

Hole #3

John Westfere, who was one of the few not getting a stroke on this hole, hit a nice tee shot to the middle of the fairway and top of the slope that runs down towards the green. Unfortunately, John chunked his approach shot with divot and ball advancing about 3 yards each. John's 3rd shot found the front of the green but not very close to the back pin. After 2 putts, John still had a testy 4-footer and, without confirming how many strokes the other competitors had taken, John conceded the hole.



Had John been paying attention, he'd have seen that Dave Malmberg was also making a mess of things and had his own tester for a 6 which could have resulted in a chip-off. There's a lesson in there for all of us. Stay aware of your opponent's predicaments. It could be worse than yours.

Hole #4

Only Mike Stubbs hit the 4th green from the tee while the rest found themselves in all the usual spots short, right and left of the green. After a few miserable approach shots and equally miserable putts for 4s or net 4s, we had a 4-way chip-off from near the cart path involving Fred Dismeyer, Pete Greco, Dave Malmberg and Jim Mantini.

Fred chipped first and trickled onto the green while the other 3 fared significantly better and sent Fred to his golf cart nursing the mental images of what could have been.



Hole #5

From the 5th tee, Pete Greco yanked his tee shot left of the green, hit the slope and hopped further left into the water. As usual, Pete, showing little emotion over the unfortunate break, went to the spot where he last crossed into the penalty area and took a 1-stroke penalty drop. From there Pete chipped just onto the putting surface and unfortunately left his bogey putt to a back pin woefully short. Aware of where his opponents stood, Pete did a little math in his head, realized that he was now fighting a losing battle and conceded the hole.

Hole #6

Everybody kept their drives in play with Dave Malmberg being the short ball. Dave chopped it up the fairway and found himself off the left side of the green, chipped onto the fringe and rolled back down into the rough. Next chip made the green but 2 putts later, he was in with a 7 net 6 which ended Dave's day.



Hole #7



Rawson, Mike, Jim all hit the green. Jack was pin-high but left of the green, on the slope near the cart path. Jack made a great chip over the bunker to the fringe about 10 feet just above the back pin. Rawson 3-putted for a 4 net 3, Jim and Mike made their pars but Jack, who was not getting a stroke on this hole, missed his 10 footer for par and was relegated to 4th place.

Jack Borges, on #7, needed to get up and down for any hopes of continuing.

Hole #8

The final 3 golfers and the massive crowds tooled over to the 8th tee where 86 y/o Rawson Beals, who is becoming accustomed to running with the big dogs in events like this, and who has been playing quite well all summer, took a deep breath and hit a nice drive about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way down the fairway. Jim's tee shot was just short of the bunker left and Mike was about pin-high just right of the green.

Rawson chipped to the front fringe, Jim chipped to about 6 feet above the hole and Mike chipped to about 12 inches. After a long putt from the front fringe, Rawson left himself 4 feet for a bogey net par. Jim sunk his par putt and Mike tapped in for his 3. Rawson, who was getting a stroke, missed his 4-footer that would have forced a 3-way chip off.



Rawson Beals missed this 4-footer on the 8th

Hole #9

Only fitting that the 2 lowest handicaps made it to the 9th and final hole. Mike Stubbs teed off 1st and was just off the green, pin-high in the right rough on the slope. Jim Mantini's tee shot was on the front approach up to the green.



It was a very difficult pin on the very right side of the green which could easily send a wayward putt off the green and down the hill.

Jim chipped first to about 8 feet then sunk the putt for 3. Mike

chipped to about 2 feet and sunk his putt for a 3 forcing a playoff.

Our heroes returned to the 9th tee for a sudden death play-off. Mike's tee shot was short of the green past the palm trees right. Jim's ball found the rough left and short of the green. With some subtle justice for those who know, Jim's almost perfect chip succumbed to the



wicked pin placement, trickled past the hole and off the green. Mike chipped on to 4 about feet. Jim, knowing he had to make, chipped on and rolled past



the hole leaving Mike his 4-footer to win the Championship which he sunk. Good job fellas and thanks for an exciting finish.

2026 Summer Grand Shootout
Winners

2nd place Jim Mantini

1st place Mike Stubbs

3rd place Rawson Beals