

2022 SKINS & SKILL SHOTS WRAP UP

FAMILIAR & NEW FOLKS CASH IN

The gathering at The Commissioner's Dinner is a feast, a celebration, an awards banquet, and the Best Ball draft. All are important in their own way. There is so much activity that sometimes the Commissioner's words are not heard. That does not bother him. He has a wife, you know. If you are a recipient of an envelope, then he catches your attention. Bill Parcells claims after five years, his words grow stale and quite often falls on deaf ears. In a Geneva way, that statement rings true. A Commissioner's Dinner does not pass without Nick Boggess, Dagon Abdon, and Legend Gary Glanzman called to the front table to receive one of these stuffed envelopes. We hear these names every year. Perhaps that is why the Commissioner's voice is ignored. It is a shame because others like Ben Lloyd, Ray Ballard, and Craig Marshall's accomplishments do not get the recognition they deserve. Hopefully, this piece will shine a congratulatory light on their performance.

I am going to report this right away and then we move onward. Only three Skins were won at Chardon Lakes. Legend Gary Glanzman birdied No.14, a par 3. Nick Boggess captured the two remaining Skins with a deuce on No.11 and a birdie 3 on No.15. There I go again passing out big money to Nick and Gary. These Skins were worth \$140 apiece. Before you get your panties all scrunched up, Nick proved generous with his winnings. An anonymous source reported \$100 of his \$280 earnings was turned over to the cart girl.

Come Saturday the course changed but the names remain the same. There was an ante of \$220 in the "A" Skins game split 4 ways, worth \$55 each. Legend Gary Glanzman eagled No.7, Dagon Abdon birdied the 11th hole, and Nick Boggess pocketed his 55 with his birdie on 16. Hush my mouth and still my pin, there are those familiar folks collecting once more. I am happy to introduce a new name to the winner's bracket. Don Jander scored a deuce on No.9, and nobody bettered his production. The "B" side gave away \$210 divided six ways making each Skin worth \$35. Craig Marshall (everybody's favorite hacker) earned stipends for his play on two holes, an eagle on No.1 and a par on the tough fourth. Ben

Lloyd birdied No.2 for his \$35. Legend Fritz Ford, like Legend Glanzman, bested the "B" field on the 7th with a birdie giving him 35 bucks. Shawn Dorn birdied No.14 and Ray Ballard closed the Skin competition with his birdie on 18.

Before I move to the Skill Shot winners, I wish to address a complaint from one of our regulars. Tired of Nick, Dagon, and Gary winning every year because they are good and, quite frankly, better than most competitors, a suggestion to incorporate a handicap Skins game was made. The Competition Committee will consider this possibility. Such a scoring change may require too much effort and affect one's party time and we do not want that to occur. In today's world of computers and technology as mysterious to me as the Holy Trinity, maybe this change is doable. I promise it will be discussed over a pitcher of Old Fashions.

Back to the business at hand. Five holes were dedicated for the Skill Shot competition. Legend Vince Gatto hit Closest to the Pin on No.3. Matt Mazzocco made the Longest Putt on the 9th hole. Nick Boggess' second shot landed closer than anybody's on the 13th. Mike Pagnanelli hit the best tee shot at the 16th hole, the short par 3. Dagon Abdon hit the Longest Drive on No.11, the same hole he earned his Skin. Whoever coined the phrase "You drive for show and putt for dough" never considered how much easier the game is if you hit a good, long tee shot. Dagon, Nick, and Jander can testify to the long ball philosophy, and they scarf many dollars proving it. Jack Nicklaus has said if he were teaching golf, most important is learn to hit far. Direction will come with practice. Each of the five Skill Shot winners received an envelope carrying \$50 for their effort. I guess the rest of us need more practice.