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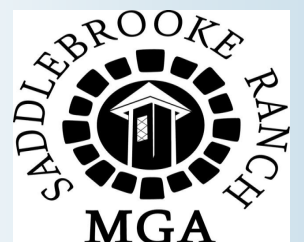
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That's an awful lot for Issue No. 2. We're past the quarter post looking forward to a great year for golf. (Derby is Saturday)



The Updegraff Cup 2023

The 2023 Updegraff Cup was held April 19th and 20th. In 2022 Dr. Ed Updegraff, one of the two or three most celebrated amateur golfers in America, endorsed our Club Championship through the renaming of the event, The Updegraff Cup. It is our premier low gross tournament of the year. The field for the two-day tournament totaled 92 entrants. Our multiday special events continue to attract from 90 to 110 participants. This year in addition to the Championship flight a Senior Championship flight from an alternate tee was introduced. Together 20 members competed for these titles. This compares to the 25 members competing in 2022 for the sole Champion's title. Five additional flights were populated by narrowly matching the playing handicaps of the members within each flight.

Our 2023 Updegraff Cup Champion, Mark Whims, defended his 2022 Championship. His sterling 151 two-day total was just enough. Regrouping on his 18th hole after losing 6 strokes of his lead over the previous two holes he held the field at bay. Four competitors finished within 4 strokes of Mark's winning total. Tied for second was Patrick Fancher and Bill Borden at 153. In fourth was Bill Oprish at 154 and in fifth Bruce Haney at 155. Congratulations to all on a performance to be remembered.



Champion Mark Whims with the Champion's Trophy and Champion's Belt in hand.

Congratulations Mark on your 2023 win and as our Defending Champion from 2022.

The Updegraff Cup 2023, continued

The 2023 Senior Champion, Steve Thomson, survived a tight 1 stroke differential after day one building a 3-stroke cushion through day two with a tournament low round of 72. Steve set the pace at 148 over the two days. Close behind in second was Ron Knapp at 151. Following in third place was Jim Strachan at 156 and tied for fourth at 159 were Jim Mulhall and Bob Christianson. Congratulations to each.



Our Senior Champion, Steve Thomson receiving award and congratulations from Tom Graham

Flights

The Flight 1 winner, Doug Redfield carded a 153, coming from behind with a flight leading 74 on day two and winning the flight by 3 strokes over John DeYoung. Another stroke back in third place was Hal Peabody with Hobie Richards fast on his heels at 158. Finishing fifth was Todd Pratt at 163.

Flight 2 was a hotly contested flight. The winner, Greg Byrne carded a 158. Bunched behind Greg just two strokes and tied for second were Brian Grover and Andee Heaberlin. On their heels at fourth was Harley Schlachter but a single stroke back. Tied for fifth, another stroke back were Brian Dzekute and Joe Camillucci. Four strokes first to fifth, a barn burner.

The Updegraff Cup 2023, continued

Flight 3 was a dog fight. Day one ended with Tom Merrick and Dave Hansel tied at 81. Day two separated them by but a single stroke. Tom carded a 163 and Dave a 164 for the two days. Following in third was Ed Robertson with the best Flight 3, day two score of 79, and Paul Knott and Matt Nelson tied for fourth at 170. A tight flight with strong performances.

Mike McManus carded a consistent 80 and 81 to finish in first place at 161 in Flight 4. Following Mike in second place was Lou Mastro and another stroke back was Kevin Stackis at 167. Tied for fourth were Alan Ness and Rand Hill.

Flight 5 was also dominated by consistent play. Bill Hawk with a two day 171 finished first. Larry Bickelhaupt secured second place with a third place tie between Scott Thordarson and Ken De Leo. In fifth place alone was Dave Cacci.

We extend our thanks to our Special Events Chairman, Paul Berry. A well-run tournament in near perfect weather. Paul, the pressure is on for the rest of the year. Additionally, our rules and scoring teams as well as our scribes and our participating members make our special event tournaments perennial successes.

Thanks to all.

Lunch Awaiting Final Results



Champions' Dinner a Tradition Begins 2023

Each year on Tuesday evening during Masters Week a Champions Dinner is held. Tradition holds that the host is the prior year's winner who selects the menu and pays the tab. This year the champions from the Updegraff Cup and the previously named SBRMGA Club Championship gathered for dinner. Our champions including Paul Lapotosky 2013; Mark Martin 2014; Bob Christianson 2016; Steve Thomson 2017, 2020, and Senior 2023; Jeff Pharr 2018 and 2019; Ron Stenhouse 2021; and Mark Whims 2022 and 2023 gathered for dinner at the Ranch House Grill and Brewery April 27, 2023. Absent from the dinner was Bruce Deverman the 2015 champion.

Unlike the Masters Champions dinner where the prior year's champion selects a menu most often reflective of their country of origin or local history, our champions feasted on meals selected from our local menu. The evening kicked off with brief comments and a toast by Mick Borm. Then the story telling began. Stories of each year and of our MGA were plentiful.

Our thanks go to Jeff Pharr for assembling this event. Here's looking forward to continued years of new champions celebrating.



Pictured left to right: Paul Lapotosky, Mark Martin, Bob Christianson, Steve Thomson, Jeff Pharr, Ron Stenhouse and Mark Whims

Champions' Dinner 2023, Continued



Mick Borm offering a toast to our Champions



And ... The Stories Begin

TEE IT UP

Special Events

Member Member: May 17th and 18th. It's two days of multiple games with the partner of your choice. Sign up with your partner or sign up as individuals and we'll find you a partner. Sign up closes High Noon, Thursday, May 11.

Founders' Cup: November 15th and 16th. It's our low net championship tournament. Plenty of time to get your playing handicap tuned up.

Individual Eclectic Tournament: December 13th and 14th. It's an individual two-day best ball. Players take their best ball for each hole over the two days for an 18 hole score.

WGA/MGA

Mixed Sticks: July 24th. We'll be looking 35 able bodied golfers. It'll be warm enough you will not need plus fours.

Sadie Hawkins: September 5th. We're all hoping to be asked. It's great fun.

Member Guest Invitational

October 18th, 19th, 20th. The second annual MGI again a full field with a waiting list. It's one of the top Member Guest Invitationals in the greater Tucson area. More information to come ...

Weekly Events

Did you know that you can sign up for events 30 days in advance on Chelsea? It's open sign up through noon the Friday preceding the selected event (note that special event closing is noon the Thursday preceding the special event. At that time sign up closes and you are not able to book on Chelsea. Game descriptions and calendar are on the sbrmga.com site.

It's Great to be Golfing

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Did I Sign Up for the Next Event

Checking to see if you have signed up for an event: Sign into Chelsea using your member number and password. Click on **Review** and then in the drop-down box **My Information**. There you will be able to select either your schedule or your requests. Please note that requests can be up to 30 days prior to an event but appear as scheduled 5 days prior to the event.

Can I Delete an Event Request

Yes. Sign into Chelsea using your member number and password. Click on **Request** and then the drop-down box Delete an Event Request. Provide your member number and you should find a listing of your outstanding event requests. Click on the appropriate confirmation number and proceed.

However if you are in what may be described as the “black out” period. It begins at noon on the Friday preceding the event for weekly events and the Thursday preceding the event for special events, you will not have access to that specific event request. At that time please contact the event chair.

Tee Times: MGA Weekly shotgun tee time is **8:00 AM** until further notice. Driving range is available **7:00 AM**

The Riddle

What do the following all have in common:

Cat in Foliage : Spinning Tazmanian : Monsters of the Sea in the Night Sky : Suit of Armor not Squeaking

Clue: It's a real event ...

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