

The LipOut

June 2023



President's Message

Greetings to ALL Apple Mountain Golfers!

The weather has turned to sunny days and long daylight into the dusk hours...a perfect opportunity to get out on the course and get those golf skills honed and perfected. Even though we lost almost 2 months to bad weather we have played almost 30% of our scheduled matches. That is a monumental feat but the BEST is yet to come!



The NCGA 12 Man Teams (2) are in the heat of competition and are doing quite well...check out Captains Ryan Bill and David Brandi's articles. Our teams appear to be "cleaning up" on our opponents. GREAT JOB 12 Man Teams...we are very proud of you and look for more from you in the matches to come. I'd be remiss if I didn't give an additional shout out to Tyson Muncher who is assisting with both teams!

In order for anything to run smoothly you need competent and dedicated leaders who have a "servant mentality." Our Club is blessed to have such people in our ranks. I'd like to give a special "shout out" to Rob Lupient (Yoche Dehe and Carson Valley away trips), Jim Price/Steve Jenkins (Spring League), Ron Baker/Steve Dringenberg (KOM events), Wayne Duty (3 Blind Mice), Dennis Ringnes (Ham and Egg Shamble), J. D. Ross/ Frank Giaffoglione (Match Play Championship), Bruce Nyhammer (Senior Club Championship), Dale Goodart (Tuesday Ball Tosses) and Rob DiNunzio (upcoming Pro Par 3 Nine Hole Event). Each one of these individuals and many others (yet to be named) have sacrificed their time, talent and dedication for the enjoyment of the whole club! When you see them, please let them know how much you appreciate their efforts.

As I leave you I'd like to touch on the issue of "sportsmanship." Sportsmanship is defined as "fair and generous behavior or treatment of others, especially in a sporting contest." What this word implies is that you are honest and fair with all your opponents and that your behavior exudes control and discipline. It also means that when a person signs up for an event and things start going "south," you don't throw a fit or announce that you are withdrawing or quitting an event. Sportsmanship dictates that players respect the time and effort that Tournament Coordinators invest into an event, so as to create a pleasurable environment for ALL the participants. We are emotional creatures (some more than others) who can often times be challenged with how to respond to our "sudden horrible" playing or "sudden miracle playing." In either case, sportsmanship dictates that we always consider our opponents position

by maintaining a consistent and "honorable" attitude while on or off the course. I'd like all of us to consider these components as we play our matches on our Course or any Course, for that matter. By doing this, it will make for a much more pleasurable 19th Hole for everyone.

Check out the entire issue of this month's LipOut...there has been a lot happening since we "re-opened" for business and the articles in this issue are "off the hook" good!!

Until next time....

Larry Thornhill

President, The Club at Apple Mountain

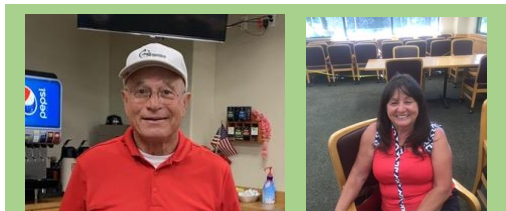
Spring League

By Jim Price

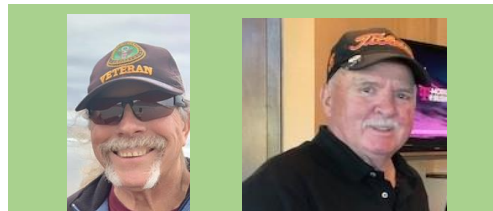
Spring league was a great success this year despite the challenges with the weather. Fifty members participated requiring 5 pods to accommodate 25 teams! Although it was hard for teams to schedule their matches the tournament still concluded on time. Some matches were played at alternative courses such as Empire Ranch, Cold Springs and Castle Oaks.

Congrats to **Ron and Maryann Baker** for overall first place in PODs 1 and 2 and to **Dennis Ringnes and Dale Goodart** in PODs 3, 4 and 5.

Thank you all for your participation. We plan on doing it again next year with a few changes so that the playoff's will not have flights and all pod's will be able to play for overall first place. More to come.



Ron Baker and MaryAnn Baker



Dennis Ringnes and Dale Goodart

Spring League Champions

Ham and Egg Shamble

By Dennis Ringnes

The Ham and Egg Shamble took place on April 18th. Mother Nature finally gave Club members a bit of a break for the Ham and Egg Shamble. No postponements, no rain, but a very cold day for the game of golf. Thirty-three players braved the cold for this friendly, fun competition. By all accounts, aside from a few complaints about the chill in the air, the tournament was enjoyed by all who participated. The competition was fierce, as the top 3 teams were separated by a total of only 5 strokes.

In the end, the team of **Chris Neider, Matt Pearce, Josh Moran, and Weston Shutte** combined to fire a 25 under par 185 to finish in first place. Second place went to the team of **Steve and Deb Dringenberg, Dave Wilson, and Don Washington** at 188. Third place, at 190, was captured by **Ron and MaryAnn Baker** and **Joe and Gabby Gargus**.

3 Blind Mice

By Wayne Duty

All of our tournaments are enjoyable, but there is nothing quite like the long suspense felt when approaching the greens, wondering how many scores are to be used. Of course, that can change to relief or absolute dread pretty fast!

We did have a couple of hiccups when some of the all-important score-tags were missing. Not surprising, as the flags are not always handled with the greatest affection. It was a bit disconcerting, but I improvised with a new tag labelled 'mystery', knowing we could determine which tags were missing. Many of the participants actually liked the mystery element, so it might be good to include a few mystery tags in next year's tournament. In addition, next year's tags should be safety-pinned to the actual flag... and hope it doesn't rain!

It was a fun day. Thanks to **Steve Dringenberg** for tabulating the scores. The results of the tournament can be seen in the table below:

Place	Team Members	Payout
1 st	Ron Baker, MaryAnn Baker, Ralph Ogden	\$96/each
2 nd	Rob DiNunzio, Steve Hernandez, Marshall Seaborn	\$74/each
3 rd	Larry Thornhill, Nico Jana, Dale Goodart	\$55/each
4 th	Mike Hayworth, Kevin Tierney, Bob Elliott	\$46/each
5 th	Sara Clouse, Jim Dixon, Jim Ussery	\$37/each



3 Blind Mice Champions
MaryAnn Baker, Ralph Ogden and Rob Baker

12 Man By Dave Brandi

Some of you may not know that The Club at Apple Mountain has two 12 Man teams which compete against other golf clubs in the area. There is a Saturday team, captained by **Dave Brandi** and a Thursday team captained by **Ryan Bill**. The teams have been doing well as you can see from the match results against Empire Ranch and Bing Maloney posted below.

The Bing Maloney match was played at Apple Mountain. Dave Brandi stated that this match was “a great job by all, with notable performances from **Bo Lizarraga** (68), **Bart Robinson** (78), and **Tyson Muncher** (86).” The Club at Apple Mountain claimed the victory over Bing Maloney 28 to 8.

The Empire Ranch match was played on the popular Folsom course with The Club at Apple Mountain scoring a gratifying 35 – 1 victory. Brandi called it “an outstanding performance by all players in a near clean sweep.” He added, “In truth, all were very good scores and some matches were over early!” Outstanding performances came from **Bill Bates** (65), **Peter Boyle** (73), **Mike Dietz** (75), and **Mark Swartz** (79).

Many thanks to Dave Brandi and Ryan Bill for their leadership in this important Club function and to all the outstanding members who participate and represent our club in competition against others in the local area.



Dave Brandi
One of the 12 Man Captains



Bart Robinson, John O'Shea,
and Tyson Muncher
12 Man Team Members



Coming Soon: Pro Par 3!!!

By Rob DiNunzio

The Club at Apple Mountain is excited to announce the First Annual PROPAR3 Tournament for members only during the first three weeks of July.

PROPAR3 is a new twist on golf that measures distance instead of strokes. Two player teams compete by hitting 2 balls (each player) from a designated "par 3" distance from the green on every hole. The pin on the green is replaced by a laser that measures the exact distance to the closest ball for each team. The winner of the hole is the closest ball. No chipping or putting!



CLUB	1	2	3	4	5
HOLE	1	2	3	4	5
YARDS	150	150	150	150	150
PAR	3	3	3	3	3
SCORE	3	2	4	3	

The July tournament will invite members to sign up on two-person teams. The tournament will consist of two rounds and will have two flights based on established handicaps. Round one will pit two foursomes (4 teams) against each other in a nine-hole match. The team with the shortest distance from the pin over the entire nine holes will win the match.

The field will be limited to the first 20 teams to sign up. Round "one" will be conducted on separate days (2 foursomes per day) to accommodate a maximum of 20 teams (5 days). Round "two" will pit the overall winner of each flight in an 18-hole match.



The Pro Par 3 Laser

To add to the thrill of this tournament a generous prize fund is included. Entry fee will be \$50.00 per player plus green fees. The winners of each day (2 foursomes) during Round one will win \$200. (Half the entry fees of that group).

In Round "two", the Championship Round, the overall winners of each flight will compete for the remaining Half of the overall entry fees - up to \$1,000 if 20 teams are entered.

This will be an exciting way to test your skill at hitting every green from a "par 3" distance. (There are "distance penalties" for missing the green entirely). Select your partner now! Plan on being available during early July (entry form will allow you to specify your available dates).

Deadline for sign up is Monday June 26!



Match Play Championship

The Match Play Championship is continuing. There are many matches left to play before we can crown the Champion(s), but play is continuing in two flights and the LipOut will be sure to provide details of who emerges as the winners in the next issue. There are 28 participants vying for the title of Match Play Champion.

King of the Mountain

By Ron Baker

The King of the Mountain Cup series finally got underway after a long winter at the Mountain. The KOM Cup is the Apple Mountain's version of the FedEx Cup in the PGA. Points are awarded to the participants in each flight. 1st place gets 6 points, 2nd place gets 5 points, 3rd place gets 4 points, 4th place gets 3 points and the rest of the participants get 2 points. There are 5 KOM Tournaments that determine the final 20 participants who will play in the KOM Final where the points are double.



Every participant has a chance to become the King of the Mountain winner with the highest total of points. At stake is a Gold Membership for 1st place with 2nd and 3rd place each receiving a ½ of a Gold Membership. There are additional money payouts depending on the number of participants. This Tournament is available to all AM members with a current NCGA handicap. There are also money payouts per flight in each of the KOM tournaments. **The results for KOM 1 Tournament are:**

“A” Flight – 1st Place – **Bill Bates** – net 69 – Won \$60

2nd Place – **Bart Robinson** – net 71 - Won \$45

3rd Place – **Ron Baker** – net 74 – Won \$35

4th Place – **Steve Dringenberg** – net 75 – Won \$20

“B” Flight – 1st Place – **Mike O’Neill** – net 66 – Won \$60

2nd Place – **Ralph Ogden** – net 69 – Won \$45

3rd Place – **Jim Price** -net 70 – Won \$35

4th Place – **Joe Gargus** – net 73 – Won \$20

“C” Flight – 1st Place – **Herb Knieriem** – net 73 – Won \$60

2nd Place – **Roy Hopkinson** – net 73 – Won \$45

3rd Place – **Glen Sabado** – net 73 – Won \$35

4th Place – **Larry Thornhill** – net – 74 – Won \$20



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The KOM 2 Tournament was held on Thursday April 27th. We had 24 participants with 3 flights. The results are:

"A" Flight- 1st Place - **Jerry Marshall** – Net 68 – Won \$60

2nd Place – **Mike O’Neill** – Net 74 – Won \$45

3rd Place - **Ron Baker** – Net 74 – Won \$35

4th Place- **Bart Robinson** – Net 75 – Won \$20

"B" Flight- 1st Place - **Dale Goodart** – Net 70 – Won \$60

2nd- **Dave Brandi** – Net 70 – Won \$45

3rd Place - **MaryAnn Baker** – Net 72 – Won \$35

4th Place - **Daryl Prouty** – Net 73 - \$20

"C" Flight- 1st Place – **Glen Sabado** – Net 65 - \$60

2nd Place – **Roy Hopkinson** – Net 70 - \$45

3rd Plaace – **Larry Thornhill** – Net 71 - \$35

4th Place- **Bruce Nyhammer** – Net 77 \$20



The KOM 3 Tournament was held on June 1st. We had 20 participants with 3 flights. The results are:

"A" Flight – 1st Place – **Bill Bates** – Net 67 – Won \$60

2nd Place – **Doug Ryle** – Net 72 – Won \$45

3rd Place – **Bart Robinson** – Net 77 – Won \$35

"B" Flight - 1st Place – **Dave Brandi** – Net 67 – Won \$60

2nd Place – **Gerry Catalano** – Net 68 – Won \$45

3rd Place – **Joe Gargus** – Net 74 – Won \$35

"C" Flight – 1st Place – **Glen Sabado** – Net 65 – Won \$50

2nd Place - **Larry Thornhill** – Net 67 – Won \$40

3rd Place – **Herb Knieriem** – Net 70 – Won \$30



All ties are determined by a card off.

Thanks to all of our participants and congratulations to all the winners. A reminder that you are welcome to participate in our KOM tournaments without being part of the KOM Cup. It is a fun experience.

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The current KOM Cup Standings after 3 Tournaments are:

1st place – Glen Sabado – 16 points

2nd place – Mike O’Neill and Roy Hopkinson – 13 points each

4th place – Bill Bates, Bart Robinson, Herb Knieriem, Larry Thornhill – 12 points each



To all Apple Mountain members, there are 2 more KOM tournaments to be played. You are invited to play in any of the KOM Tournaments without participating in the Cup series. Our Tournaments are for all members with NCGA handicaps and they are a great way to meet other members. If you do not have a NCGA handicap, please ask how to get one in the pro shop. Hope to see you at the Mountain!

Ron Baker, KOM Tournament Coordinator

Senior Club Championship

By Bruce Nyhammer

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Senior Club Championship on June 10th. It started out as a nice day; we had a little rain early and the day got better. At the end, we had rain on the last couple of holes, but most groups finished out the tournament.

Also, a Big Thanks to **Steve Dringenberg** for doing the scoring for the tournament. We would still be at the grill if we had to calculate the scores manually off the score cards.

Also, behind the scenes, thanks to **Steve Jenkins** for all his help and calculations in getting all the handicaps and many other things he has helped with the tournament even if he has jet lag from his long trip back from Italy.

The overall Low Gross score from the B/W was **Doug Ryle** with a sizzling 75 for \$125 and he celebrated this win on his birthday. Congratulations and Happy Birthday Doug.

We had two Net winners, one from each flight for \$100 each. Mark Swartz had low net in the A flight with an impressive 65 and **Joe Gargus** had low net in the B flight also an impressive 68. Congratulations to both Mark and Joe.

The other Net winners in the A flights were:

2nd: **Ralph Ogden**: Net 69: \$90

3rd: **Ron Baker**: Net 70: \$80

4th: **Armando Lizarraga**: Net 72: \$70

In the B flight and Net winners:

2nd: **Bruce Nyhammer**: Net 73: \$90

3rd: **Herb Knieriem**: Net 76: \$80

4th: **Gerry Catalano**: Net 77: \$70 (Card Off)

5th: **Glen Sabado**: Net 77: \$40



Doug Ryle
Senior Club Champion

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Also, there were some very good Putting scores for the Putting Championship. In fact, five golfers tied with 32 putts. The payout was \$50, and the winners present voted to split the winnings, so we have five Champions for Putting, each receiving \$10. They are:

- Doug Ryle
- Wayne Duty
- Armando Lizarraga
- Mark Swartz
- Joe Gargus.

Congratulations to all the winners and everyone that played.

Player of the Year

The Player of the Year award is given to the Club member who earns the most points playing in tournaments throughout the year. The current standings are as follows:

Ranking	Name	Points
1 st	Ron Baker	348
2 nd	MaryAnn Baker	312
3 rd	Dale Goodart	259
4 th	Ralph Ogden	251
5 th	Roy Hopkinson	195
6 th	Larry Thornhill	166
7 th	Glen Sabado	153
8 th	Michael O'Neill	151
9 th	Bill Bates	149
10 th	Jim Price	142



Ron and MaryAnn Baker are the only members with more than 300 points!

Upcoming Tournaments

All members of The Club at Apple Mountain are invited to attend our upcoming tournaments. See the list below, or visit the website at: <http://theclub-applemountain.weebly.com/upcoming-tournaments.html>

Best Ball Bowl 2 & Senior 4-Ball Net Qualifier: 2 Person Team: 55+ June 20th

Ladies Only Open Tournament June 22nd

Red, White and Blue Challenge July 6th

KOM 4 July 13th

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