

The LipOut November 2023

President's Message

As we wind down the year of 2023 in the Apple Mountain annals we have a lot to reflect upon. Some of the experiences we have had this year were just mirror images of what we experienced in by-gone years...Senior Championships, Club Championships, Fall Ball. KOM, a lot of NCGA events, Match Play Championships ...the list goes on and on. Events that we have become all too familiar with. Some of this year's experiences were brand new...The Pro Par 3 Event under the direction of **Rob DiNunzio**, The Ladies Only Tournament conducted by our most awesome Tournament Director, **Bruce Nyhammer** and the prizes at the Player Appreciation Tournament where EVERYONE walked away with a very nice gift...ask Ralph Ogden and he will heartily agree!



All of this year's tournaments and events were made possible because a group of Apple Mountain's BEST came to the tee box and hit the drive of their life. This year's Board, consisting of **Rob DiNunzio, Kevin Tierney, MaryAnn Baker, Steve Jenkins, Bruce Nyhammer** and "yours truly" were at the helm of directing a banner year for our Members but our "guiding" pales in comparison to what this year's Tournament Committee actually "put together!" They were the engine that made things run...and run smoothly they did! This year's Committee consisting of: **Jim Price, Wayne Duty, Steve Dringenberg, Rob DiNunzio, Ralph Ogden, Dennis Ringnes, Dale Goodart** (Tuesday Ball Toss) and their acting advisor **Herb Knieriem** went "over the top" on everything they planned and put together!!

As your President for several years, it was always my goal to create a cohesive Team of Experts to handle the Club's tournament affairs. Originally, Herb Knieriem took my challenge, two years ago, and started creating a tight group of individuals to create a Tournament Committee unparalleled in any previous year.... He started what Bruce Nyhammer, under Herb's excellent tutorage, polished to a fine shine. Finally, the Tournament Committee took the tasks by the horns and created the finest year of events in Apple Mountain's history! When you see any of these individuals on or off the course...please "tip your hat" to them...they deserve it!

Knute Rockne, one of football's winningest and finest coaches made this quote: " The secret is to work less as individuals and more as a team. As a coach, I play NOT my 11 best. but rather my BEST 11." I think that quote reflects how the entire Board and Tournament Committee

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put everything together this year for the Membership to enjoy and remember fondly. The newly elected Board for 2024 is made up of Team Players who want to build upon the successes of the past. I think you are going to be very pleased with what the veteran Members of **Kevin Tierney, Steve Jenkins, MaryAnn Baker** and myself will do with the Rookies on the squad of **Jim Price** and **Dave Brandi** to create an even better year. I'm excited to hear that **Bruce Nyhammer** will move to the Tournament Committee and assist and aid whoever becomes our new Director. That

illustrates what Coach Rockne was talking about....

It has been my honor and pleasure in serving you all this year and I look forward to hitting the links with all of you in 2024....once my back heals from my recent surgery...from now on NO more "Larry the GIMP"!!

Hopefully, all of you will be attending this year's Christmas Party at the Sportsman's Hall in Camino....check your emails for the link to sign up. It's gonna be a lot of FUN!!
Until we meet again...

Larry Thornhill, President

Rules Corner

By Steve Jenkins

Before we get to today's subject, it has been pointed out to me that I forgot one possible additional option if your ball is hit into a Penalty Area.

In connection with some, but not all Penalty Areas, there may be a Drop Area, which is usually designated with a wooden pole labeled "Drop Area". Sometimes these areas are even on the putting green side of a Penalty Area, such as on Holes #2, #10 and #17. If you would prefer to hit from the Drop Area rather than taking other relief options, you may drop your ball in that area.



Ok. Today's subjects are Balls Lost or Out of Bounds.

Balls Lost or Out of Bounds

If your ball is lost *outside a Penalty Area* or comes to rest Out of Bounds:

1. Your ball is lost if not found within three minutes of when you begin to search for it
 - a. You must re-tee the ball if hit from the teeing area or drop a ball where the previous stroke was



made if not hit from the teeing area.

- b. Once you hit again from that area, your original ball is no longer in play. This is true even if your original ball is found on the course before the end of the three-minute search time.

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2. Your ball is out of bounds only if *all* of the ball has crossed the out of bounds line.
 - a. You must re-tee the ball if hit from the teeing area or drop a ball where the previous stroke was made if not hit from the teeing area.
3. As noted above, the Club has instituted a Local Rule that would allow you to place your ball within two club lengths of the edge of the fairway, in the fairway, straight across from where the ball crossed the out of bounds line or from where it is deemed to have been lost. If the original shot was your drive, you would be hitting 4 from where you drop the ball.
 4. If your ball might be lost outside a Penalty Area or be Out of Bounds, to save time, you may play a provisional ball from the teeing area, now hitting 3 (assuming your provisional ball becomes your ball in play.
 - a. If it is *known* or *virtually certain* that the ball is lost in a Penalty Area, a provisional ball is not allowed.
 - b. If you are going to play a provisional ball, you need to announce such before hitting the ball.
 - c. The provisional ball becomes the ball in play, whether or not the original ball is found, if it is hit from a location nearer to the hole than where the original ball is found.
5. You will generally decide whether to choose option 3. or 4. above based on how well you hit your drive. If you didn't hit your drive very far, you might choose option 4. But, if you hit your drive a long distance, you might choose option 3.



Please let me know if you have any questions or comments and also let me know what topics you would like to have covered in the future.

Fall Ball

By Ralph Ogden

Well - Fall Ball is officially over!

Starting on the 12th of August many matches were played in the first 2-3 weeks. A slower September followed and October playoff scheduling proved to be a challenge, but we got it done. Thank you to all the participants for your work to get this done.

In Pod 1, **Doug Ryle** and **Bill Andrzejewski** took first place, second were the team of **Steve "Uncle" Cicarrelli** and **Josh Rodriguez**.



In Pod 2, **Mike O'Neill** and **Ralph Ogden** went almost unblemished losing only a 1/2 point in 3 matches. Second was the duo of **Mark Swartz** and **David Brandi**.

In Pod 3, the twosome of **Bruce Nyhammer** and **Wayne Duty**, who did go perfect - not losing any of the 6 nine-hole portions of their 3 matches. Second was the team of **Roy Hopkinson** and **"King James" Price**.

Pod 4, 1st place went to **Don Washington** and **Bob Elliott** only losing one point, followed by **Rob Di Nunzio** and his partner **Steve Hernandez** in second.

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The playoffs started towards the end of September pitting Ryle/Andrzejewski against Swartz/Brandi **won by Mark Swartz and Dave Brandi**. The second “top” bracket match was between Rodriguez/Cicarrelli and O’Neill/Ogden. **Mike O’Neill and Ralph Ogden won** to qualify to play Swartz/Brandi for the top bracket final. **O’Neill/Ogden were victorious in the final**.

In the second bracket, Duty/Nyhammer faced off against the duo DiNunzio/Hernandez with **Wayne Duty and Bruce Nyhammer winning**. The second playoff match was between Bob Elliott and his “Cowboy” partner Don Washington against Jim Price and Roy Hopkinson. **The team Price/Hopkinson won** the semifinal to meet Duty/Nyhammer in the finals, which was **won by Duty/Nyhammer**.

Again, I would like to thank all the participants for their work together organizing the matches and giving up their time for our favorite pastime. A special thanks goes out to “world traveler” **Steve Jenkins**, who, in August and September organized the statistics, handicaps and many emails from the Camino area, and the end of Sept. in other parts of the world (Africa)!!!

Also, to Tournament Director **Bruce Nyhammer**, who took over the last part of the tournament to get it all finished. I hope we all had a good time, congratulations to the winners. We’ll do it again.

Club Championship

By Bruce Nyhammer

Thanks to everyone that participated in the Club Championship this year. Special thanks to **Steve Dringenberg** for assistance and doing all the reports for the tournament. As it so happens, Steve is also the new Club Champion – Congratulations Steve!



Congratulations also go out to **Maryann Baker** as the new Women's Champion, to **Peter Boyle** as the new Putting Champion, **Gabby Gargus** as the new Women's Putting Champion and to all the Net Winners, the Longest Drive winners, the Closest to the Pin winners and the Skins winners.

Thanks to the Resort for their support in making this a special weekend for the Club Championship. The course was great and everyone in the pro shop stepped up to help make this a great tournament.

The complete results of the Club Championship can be found on page 5.



Steve Dringenberg



Peter Boyle



Mary Ann Baker and Gabby Gargus

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

FLIGHT	PLACE	PLAYER	OTHER AWARDS	TOTAL WON
A Flight	Club Champion	Steve Dringenberg	Skins: \$40	\$115
	1 st Place Net	Peter Boyle	Putting: \$50; Longest Drive: \$15; Skins: \$12	\$127
	2 nd Place Net	Armando Lizarraga	Skins: \$48	\$83
	3 rd Place Net	Bill Anrzejewski		\$25
	4 th Place Net	Bill Gates	SkinsL \$36	\$51
B Flight	1 st Place Net	Gerry Catalano	Skins: \$20	\$70
	2 nd Place Net	David Brandi	Skins: \$22	\$57
	3 rd Place Net	Mark Swartz	Skins: \$32	\$57
	4 th Place Net	Bart Robinson	Skins: \$12	\$27
C Flight	1 st Place Net	John Cooper		\$50
	2 nd Place Net	Roy Hopkinson	Closest to the Pin: \$15; Skins: \$21	\$71
	3 rd Place Net	Bob Elliott	Skins: \$51	\$76
	4 th Place Net	Bruce Nyhammer	Skins: \$16	\$31
D Flight	Women's Club Champion	MaryAnn Baker	Longest Drive: \$15; Closest to the Pin: \$15; Skins: \$6	\$86
	1 st Place Net	Gabby Gargus	Putting Champion: \$25; Skins: \$18	\$78
	2 nd Place Net	Deb Dringenberg	Skins: \$5	\$30
Other Awards		Ralph Ogden	Closest to the pin: \$15; Skins: \$12	\$27
		Gerald White	Longest Drive: \$15	\$15
		Michael Dietz	Skins: \$40	\$40
		Ron Baker	Skins: \$10	\$10
		John O'Shea	Skins: \$20	\$20
		Jim Price	Skins: \$37	\$37
		Mike Karol	Skins: \$5	\$5
	Dennis Ringnes	Skins: \$34	\$34	

King of the Mountain

By Ron Baker



The 2023 King of the Mountain tournament has been completed. Many thanks to all who participated in this epic six tournament series.

2023 KOM CUP Final Results: Congratulations to the **NEW KING OF THE MOUNTAIN: Jim Price** who won in a card off with **Mike O'Neill**. Jim won an AM Gold Membership and Mike won a 1/2 Gold Membership, both finished with 29 points. Also, congratulations to the rest of the participants in this 6-tournament series. The full results and money won can be seen below. Just a comment: " I think that the KOM winner should run the KOM CUP SERIES the following year as a standard requirement.... Just sayin'" lol

2023 King of the Mountain Final Results					
Flight	Name	Points	Place	Cup \$	Skins \$
A	Jim Price	29	1 st	Gold Membership	\$5
A	Mike O'Neill	29	2 nd	½ Gold Membership	\$19
B	Larry Thornhill	26	3 rd	\$200	\$18
A	Glenn Sabado	25	4 th	\$150	\$18
B	Bob Elliott	24	5 th	\$100	\$4
A	Bill Bates	24	6 th	\$80	\$11
A	Ron Baker	22	7 th	\$70	\$15
A	Bart Robinson	21	8 th	\$60	\$10
B	Bruce Nyhammer	20	9 th	\$50	\$9
A	Doug Ryle	20	10 th	\$40	
A	Dave Brandi	19	11 th	\$25	\$10
B	Joe Gargus	17	12 th	\$25	\$9
B	Ralph Ogden	16	13 th	\$25	\$27
B	Roy Hopkinson	15	14 th	\$25	\$4
A	Bill Andrzejewski	14	15 th	\$25	\$10
B	Daryl Prouty	13	16 th	\$25	
A	Gerry Catalano	12	17 th	\$25	

Ryder Cup Rumble

By Bruce Nyhammer

The Ryder Cup Rumble was complete Fun and competitive at the same time. Wayne Duty coordinated the event and got things Rumbling with 28 players divided into two teams, Bogeys and Shanks and each foursome had two players from each team.

There were players playing from all tees, B/W Combo, White, Jenkins (W/G) Gold and Red. The handicaps were evenly split between the teams. There were three formats that were played with 6 holes each: Scramble, Alternate Shot and Best Ball.

The Bogeys Team prevailed that included the following members: **Bill Andrzejewski Dave Brandi, Bart Robinson, Maryann Baker, Bud Collins, Wayne Duty, Deb Dringenberg, Dennis Ringnes, Dale Goodart, Roy Hopkinson, Bruce Nyhammer, Gabby Gargus, Don Washington, Jim Waters.** The winners each took home \$48.


There was also a **closest to the pin** for each team to win on No. 2 and No. 17. **The four winners were: Maryann Baker, Dennis Ringnes, Mike Oneill and Ralph Ogden,** each collecting \$20.

Everyone enjoyed hotdogs and their favorite drink afterwards and had a great time.

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. This year, Ralph Ogden is on the top of the list. If you look at the top 10, these are the folks participating in nearly every tournament throughout the year. They are the heart of The Club at Apple Mountain and all of them deserve to be recognized.

Ranking	Name	Points
1 st	Ralph Ogden	804
2 nd	Ron Baker	716
3 rd	Steve Dringenberg	640
4 th	Roy Hopkinson	605
5 th	MaryAnn Baker	602
6 th	David Brandi	512
7 th	Bob Elliott	494
8 th	Bart Robinson	489
9 th	Wayne Duty	476
10 th	Michael O'Neill	458



**Ralph Ogden is your 2023
Player of the Year**

Player Appreciation Tournament

By Bruce Nyhammer

This was the last Tournament of the year and the best attended. We had 40 players in the Tournament and another seven guests for dinner, totaling 47 members and guests for the event. This was on November 4th, also a Saturday event, and we were able to have a Shotgun start off 1, 15, 16, 17 & 18, so most everyone finished close to the same time.

Early in the week, rain was predicted and at one time, there was an 85% chance of raining on the day of the Tournament. As the week went on, the weather changed, and we had a great day of fun in the sun and golf.

The Tournament was stroke play and had four flights. The tournament paid three places in each flight, and they are:

Net score winners:

Flight A 1st **Jim Ussery** \$ 100: 2nd **David Brandi** \$ 70: 3rd **Nick Potkay** \$ 30

Flight B 1st **John Clouse** \$ 100: 2nd **Bart Robinson** \$ 70: 3rd **Dan Stiles** \$ 30



Flight C 1st **Wayne Duty** \$ 100: 2nd **Joe Gargus** \$ 70: 3rd **Glen Sabado** \$ 30

Flight D 1st **Ed Engstrom** \$ 100: 2nd **Gabby Gargus** \$ 70: 3rd **Rob Lupient** \$ 30

Also included in the Tournament was a Skins game that had winners in each Flight and were paid in cash that evening. Congratulations to all the winners in the Tournament.

After the players finished the round and entered the Grill, tables were set with tablecloths, flowers on all tables and chips & salsa along with pitchers of beer awaiting the tired but exuberant golfers, anxious to hear the results while Steve Jenkins did the tabulations.

We then had a specially prepared authentic Mexican Diner by Tanya and her staff for everyone to enjoy.

In addition to the Tournament, there was a raffle for all members attending. Every member won a raffle prize with a raffle ticket that was handed out during registration by Maryann Baker. Everyone received two raffle tickets, one for the general raffle and the other for the Grand Prizes. The winner of the raffle for Grand Prize, a Gold Membership, was Dale Goodart and the winner of the raffle for the second Grand Prize, a half Gold Membership, was Steve Jenkins.

And the Player of the Year was also announced for 2023: Ralph Ogden.

Every Member that attended was a winner at the Event and Every member player of the Club wins by playing at our favorite golf course, Apple Mountain.



Trail of Terror By Steve Dringenberg

The Trail of Terror was played on October 24th. Steve Dringenberg was the coordinator of this always enjoyable day of frustration. The results of the tournament can be found in the table below.



Trail of Terror Results			
Flight	Place	Player	\$
A Flight	1 st	Don Parsons	\$70
	2 nd	Bo Lizarraga	\$55
	3 rd	Adrian Marquez	\$40
B Flight	1 st	Kaleb Woehler	\$70
	2 nd	Bill Andrzejewski	\$55
	3 rd	Steve Dringenberg	\$40
C Flight	1 st	Jeff Levitt	\$70
	2 nd	John O'Shea	\$55
	3 rd	John Sellers	\$40
D Flight	1 st	MaryAnn Baker	\$70
	2 nd	Cliff Farina	\$55
	3 rd	Sheri Hageman	\$40

Skins winners in the AB Flights included: Jean Dutoit \$48, Bill Bates, Fred Hageman, Kaleb Woehler, Bill Andrzejewski \$24 each, and Adrian Marquez, Tai Mamea \$12 each.

Skins winners in the CD Flights included: John Sellers \$41, Deb Dringenberg \$33, Jeff Levitt \$31, Jerry Marshall, Cliff Farina and Dennis Ringnes \$21 each, Ralph Ogden \$10.

Putting Contest winners: Adrian Marquez (fewest) and Daryl Prouty (most) \$30 each.

Turkey Shoot

By Sara Clouse

November 11, 2023, marked the 23rd annual Apple Mountain Turkey Shoot. This ever-popular event boasted 68 players playing in a 4-person Texas Scramble (what we lovingly call the MJ Baker



Scramble.) Everyone got an Apple Pie from Boa Vista Orchards and enjoyed a turkey dinner with all the fixings! We had 6 closest to the pin contests: 3 flags on hole #2 and 3 flags on hole #17. We gave out turkeys to the closest-to-the pin winners and to the 3rd and 4th place finishers. 1st and 2nd place got rounds of golf at El Macero or Greenhorn Creek. The winning team, shooting an amazing 54, was Bo and Armando Lizarraga, Vince Berbles, and Jerry Marshall. We finished the afternoon by raffling off several more turkeys. Many thanks to the Grille Staff and to all who made it a great event!

Employee Invitational Tournament

Contributions from Jim Ussery and Larry Thornhill

On November 14th Jeff Wilson sponsored the Employee Invitational Tournament for all of the courses owned by Wilson Golf. The Apple Mountain team of Michael Parlett, Kaleb Woehler, Jeff Wilson, J.D. Ross, and Jim Ussery competed against Teal Bend, Coyote Moon, Empire Ranch, Turkey Creek and Catta Verdera. Jim Ussery stated, "It was a great day playing on a great team.



Thanks Michael and Jeff for a wonderful day. It was like Apple Mountain (David) playing Teal Bend (Goliath)." On paper, Teal Bend should have been victorious, but our Apple Team played their hearts out and, of all things, tied Teal Bend (last year's Champions) at 10 under



par. The "card-off" proved to be the winning edge for Apple...our 6 under beat their "whatever" under!

Your Apple Mountain Employee Invitational Team

We should all be proud of the Apple Mountain team. Their victory is quite an accomplishment that hopefully will be reproduced again in the future.

Michael Parlett **Kaleb Woehler** **Jeff Wilson** **J.D. Ross** **Jim Ussery**
(Owner)

Meet Your 2024 Board of Directors

In October the membership voted for Board representation. Below are the members of the 2024 Board of Directors who will meet December 6th to determine who will perform which duties in the coming year.



Larry Thornhill



MaryAnn Baker



Kevin Tierney



Steve Jenkins



Bruce Nyhammer



Dave Brandi

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