

Lake Monticello tournament ends with thrilling shoot-out

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Six teams qualified for the shoot-out that determined the champion of the Lake Monticello men's Member Guest golf tournament. The tournament has six, six-team flights. The team from each flight with the top total score on gross and net points qualified for the shoot-out.

On Sunday, June 12, the shoot-out was played on the 18th hole before a crowd of golfers who did not make the cut, and a large number of spouses and other relatives. The team of Stan Leap (member) and Karl Cooper (guest) took the prize. It took three rounds of play to determine a winner this year. In the first round, all 12 participants play from 145 yards out and it would be possible for the shoot to end in one round, since the best individual score from each two-man team determines who stays in and who does not. If one player gets down in two and no one else does, the shoot-out is over. This year, four teams had a player make three. So, four teams played in the second round. In the second round, the format called for the score of both players to count. Two more teams were eliminated.

In the third round, Leap and Cooper from the second flight faced off against Richard Barringer (member) and Jim Ward (guest) from the third flight. In this round, the players teed off from only 116 yards out. Leap and Cooper won with a combined score of seven, with Leap making a clutch short putt to end the match.

This year, the tournament was played in good, but somewhat hot weather. All contestants played three, nine-hole matches on Saturday and two nine-hole matches on Sunday. This is quite a bit of golf, in the heat, for a mostly retiree field. The format for the tournament is that one point is awarded on every hole for the best gross score and the best net score.

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After nine holes, a bonus point goes to the team with the most points in gross and the most points in the net. Accordingly, each nine-hole match has 10 points in gross and 10 points in net. Each team in each six-team flight plays all the other teams in the flight in the two day tournament. As a result, there are 50 points available in each flight in the gross competition and 50 points available in the net competition. If a team has the most points in the flight in both the gross and the net competition (not unusual) that team is declared the winner in the gross competition only, and the team with the second most points in the net competition is declared the net competition winner.

The winners by flight were as follows.

First Flight

Gross: Dave Murrow and Vince Nadeau 37 points

Net: Rick Chiovaro and Bob Chiovaro 30.5 points

Second Flight

Gross: Stan Leap and Karl Cooper 36 points

Net: John Carns and Larry Smeltzer 29.5 points

Third Flight

Gross: Richard Barringer and Jim Ward 35 points

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Net: Alan Stewart and Derek Stewart 28.5 points

Fourth Flight

Gross: Jay Darlington and Robert Darlington 32 points

Net: Richard Bowman and Jack Gabriel 25.5 points

Fifth Flight

Gross: Dan Atkinson and Jerry Kiernan 31 points

Net: Duncan Nixon and Jack Ashley 28.5 points

Sixth Flight

Gross: Larry Wolfe and Donald Hoffman 30 points

Net: Joe Shaver and Fred Bryant 36 points

Flight winners in each category were awarded engraved vases. There were also prizes awarded for longest drive each day and for closest to the pin on the short par three holes.

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As usual, the tournament was very ably run this year by Lake Monticello PGA Professional Mark Marshall and his staff. The total tournament package did not include a Saturday dinner for participants and guests, due to the renovations taking place at the main clubhouse. It is anticipated that the dinner can be added back into the package.