



2023-2024 season

Here's where we planned and recorded our Friday games. Want to learn more? Be sure to sign up by sending an email to markburriss@icloud.com or text me at (336) 558-8558 ... and bring your \$20 per game.

Golf at Cypress Lake: "2023 saw a surge in golf activity, with a total of 39,375 rounds played — an increase from 37,774 the previous year. Members accounted for 76% of the rounds, guests 16%, reciprocal players 4%, and comp rounds 4%. The balance between cart usage (73%) and walking (27%) remains consistent with historical averages." - Ed Rodgers in January statement.

Cypress Lake Golf Club Course Information: [Hole-by-Hole](#).
How does walking compare to riding in a golf car? Depends on whether you want to burn more calories and shoot better scores. [Here's the research](#).

Bring back the Stymie. [Link to Fried Egg podcast](#).



Upcoming Games

If you're not on the Current Player Roster but would like to play, send me a text at (336) 558-8558 or an email at markburriss@icloud.com.

If you'd like to come off the solicitation, update, and game summary email list, do the same at markburriss@icloud.com.

If you're curious about "Real Golf," the Wednesday and Saturday game at Blowing Rock CC, [here's the website](#) for that.

[Friday Cypress website](#)

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Scroll down to see results and summaries from recent games.

"Once we start tinkering with the fundamental institutions of the game, goodness knows where we shall stop. Golf may not be perfect, but it is a very good game as it is, and experimenting with it may do much more harm than good." - Bernard Darwin, "The Balance of Power in Golf," from The Atlantic, November 1929.

And now a few (slightly edited) words from our peerless leader, Director of Golf Jon Pazdera:

It's important that we take care to keep our course in its best condition for your group and for the golfers behind you.

Please sand your divots (even in the rough), repair your ball marks +1 on the greens (if you can't find yours, find another), and rake the bunker when you leave (returning the rake to the nearest orange dot). Ideally you contribute to leaving the course in better shape than you found it.

To those driving golf cars, park all four wheels on the path by tees and greens. To walkers with trolleys, please refrain from guiding your pushcart between bunkers and greens.

When you complete your round, post your score that day. This protects the integrity of our game and ensures a fair playing field for all.

Summary

- Take care of the golf course.
- After raking, return rake by the orange dots.
- Post your score on the day of play.

Thank you for your help in making Cypress Lake Golf Club a special place to play.

Season Wrap-Up for 2023-2024

Our first recorded Friday Cypress game for the season was on November 3, and our final official game was Friday, April 19. Along the way almost 40 players participated, and a few late cancelations aside, we had smooth sailing. Once we adopted Golf Genius for the invitation process my job became a good bit easier; I had to chase down Talbot a few times, but, hey, he's worth it, right?

I think on one occasion we had 0 skins, on another only 1 skin — and, boy, was that a payout! — and the most skins we had in a single round were 7; that was on April 9, and Kevin Elliott won 5 of them. Also 7 on March 15.

You can revisit every game, giggle over the game summaries, add up your winnings or losses — all on our [Friday Cypress website](#).

For too much of the season we missed Bob Peck and Rod Kuntz, and I hope they return next year. Bob, we need your scorecard mastery. Rod, I miss your subtle wit and cacophonous (kidding!) belly laughs. Get well, fellas.

If you have any good ideas for making our game better, please add your thought to the suggestion box just outside the new fence to be installed on the other side of the pond to the left of Hole 3.

Complete Player Roster for 2023-2024 Season

Pared down on Jan 6 to remove non-communicants. If you'd like me to remove (or add) your name to my solicitation and game summary email list, let me know: markburriss@icloud.com.

1. Bob Anderson
2. Ken Bleile
3. Dan Brunell
4. Mark Burriss
5. Phil Burtoft (Snyder guest)
6. Mark Cherry
7. Tony Cox
8. Tom Coyle (Peck guest)
9. Wes Creese
10. Richie Doyle
11. Kevin Elliott
12. Tina Elliott
13. Iav Fritz

14. Joe Harper
15. Dick Heaps
16. John Jackson
17. David Kinsey (Burris guest)
18. Bill Krenz
19. Rod Kuntz
20. Wayne Kursh
21. Rob Lee
22. David Lewis
23. Barb Lockhart
24. Peter Lynch
25. John Mackinnon
26. Todd Marcum
27. Bill Paulson (Peck guest)
28. Douglass Pearsall
29. Bob Peck
30. Betty Poore
31. Richard Robbins
32. Joe Scotto
33. Steve Shelley
34. Donald Smith
35. John Snyder
36. Julian Sur (Snyder guest)
37. Dave Talbot
38. Larry Wier
39. Stan Zaleski

The pot's right. Thanks to all for playing. (I love being able to say that.)

Game Summaries

Bonus Round: Fri, Apr 26

Group 1: 9:00: Burris and T Elliott // Zaleski and Cherry (Hole 10)

Group 2: 9:07: K Elliott and Brunell // Cox and Snyder (Hole 10)

Game

Better ball of 2-person team EXCEPT both balls count on Holes 8 and 15.

Exception holes break ties.

Full handicap. Putt everything that counts.

Entry: \$20 // Total pot: \$160

Payout

1st ... \$80

2nd ... \$20

SKINS ... \$60

Final Friday, April 19 (GG Round 11)

Game Summary

This was our final sanctioned Friday Cypress game for the season. Wayne Kursh joined us just in time to win a skin! Results below.

My sincere thanks to all who supported this game this season. I enjoyed the competition, the camaraderie, and the convivial skins calls.

Results

11:15 // Brunell, Cox, Snyder, Burris -6 overall and +1 on EXCEPTION holes ...
1st place ... \$160
11:22 // Anderson, Cherry, Marcum, Lee - 4 overall and +5 on EXCEPTION
holes ... DFL ... alas, \$0
11:30 // Mackinnon, Heaps, Jackson, Kursh - 6 overall and +5! On EXCEPTION
HOLES ... 2nd place ... \$0

Game

\$20 entry. \$240 total in pot.
Low 2 net balls EXCEPT low 3 net balls on all par 3's. No maximum score.
Putt everything that counts.
Net SKINS with confirmation. SKIN on Hole 18 requires par on Hole 1.

Payout

1st ... \$160 BRUNELL / BURRIS / SNYDER / COX
Low for EXCEPTION Holes ... \$20 BRUNELL / BURRIS / SNYDER / COX
SKINS ... \$60 MACKINNON (HOLE 4) // SNYDER (HOLE 6) // KURSH (HOLE 11) //
LEE (HOLE 17)

Players

1. Bob Anderson 8
 2. Dan Brunell 10
 3. Mark Burris 5
 4. Mark Cherry 8
 5. Tony Cox 6
 6. Dick Heaps 8
 7. John Jackson 9
 8. Wayne Kursh 14 / 9
 9. Rob Lee 10
 10. John Mackinnon 9
 11. Todd Marcum 9
 12. John Snyder 11
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Friday, April 12 (GG Round 10)

Game Summary

Don't want to talk about it. Don't want to write about it. Don't want to
commit it to this post or the website. So let's just say it was a beautiful day
for golf ... unless you were on Team 4 (see below).

Next week's game is set. Let me know if you think it will be too windy to play.
(I'm looking at you, Tina.)

Groups

11:22 // Burris, Kevin Elliott, Mackinnon, Talbot -15 // -3
11:30 // Cox, Heaps, Lee, Tina Elliott -9 // -2
11:37 // Anderson, Marcum, Zaleski, Cherry -18 (what?) // -5 (what?)
11:45 // Bleile, Scotto, Snyder, Poore DFL at -6 // +2 (Betty says she's sorry)

Game

\$20 entry. \$320 total in pot.
Low 2 net balls EXCEPT 3 net balls on Holes 1, 9, 10, 18.
Net SKINS with confirmation. SKIN on Hole 18 requires par on Hole 1.

Payout

1st ... \$160 Anderson, Marcum, Zaleski, Cherry
2nd ... \$80 Burris, Kevin Elliott, Mackinnon, Talbot
Low for EXCEPTION Holes ... \$20 Anderson, Marcum, Zaleski, Cherry

SKINS ... \$60 (How many is too many?) Snyder (Hole 2) // Kevin Elliott (Holes 5, 8, 9, 15, 17) WHAAT? // Betty Poore (Hole 12)

Players

1. Bob Anderson 8
 2. Ken Bleile 10
 3. Mark Burris 5
 4. Mark Cherry 8
 5. Tony Cox 6
 6. Kevin Elliott 11
 7. Tina Elliott 9
 8. Dick Heaps 8
 9. Rob Lee 10
 10. John Mackinnon 9
 11. Todd Marcum 9
 12. Betty Poore 12
 13. Joe Scotto 6
 14. John Snyder 11
 15. Dave Talbot 14
 16. Stan Zaleski 13
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Fri, April 5 (GG Round 9)

Game Summary

3-letter acronyms abound. There's SOB, of course, and SOL. For those who recognize it, there's AMF. And if you're having a bad day because of bureaucracy, there's DMV as a likely culprit. In our game the most telling 3-letter acronym is DFL, and Team 3 — Jackson, Cox, Zaleski, and Creese — nailed that one today. The overall winner was the slow team — Team 4: Smith, Mackinnon, Lee, Lynch — with -12, winner by 1 shot over Teams 1 and 2, who were drinking deep while waiting ... waiting ...

A beautiful day, nevertheless. Full details below.

One more thing, however: As Stan Z and I were walking toward our cars today, we offered up to each other a private pity party for our playing partners (note the alliteration, my friends). And I quoted that sage Mr. T as a self-admonition, sending my regrets to those who had to watch me today: [take a look](#).



Groups

11:22 // Burris, Pearsall, Anderson, Marcum **-11 / -2 on EXCEPTION Holes**

11:30 // Brunell, Cherry, Snyder, Heaps **-11 / -4 on EXCEPTION Holes:**

SECOND PLACE \$80

11:37 // Jackson, Cox, Zaleski, Creese **DFL at -7 and EVEN on EXCEPTION Holes**

11:45 // Smith, Mackinnon, Lee, Lynch **WINNER, WINNER, Chicken Dinner at -12 and -3 on EXCEPTION Holes**

Game

- 2 low net balls EXCEPT 3 low net balls on Holes 4, 5, 15, 16.
- Play it down, putt it out if it counts, including as confirmation for possible SKIN.
- \$20 entry. Total pot: \$320.
- Net skins, with net par confirmation required (as usual).

Players

1. Bob Anderson 9
2. Dan Brunell 10
3. Mark Burris 4
4. Mark Cherry 7
5. Tony Cox 6
6. Wes Creese 8
7. Richard Heaps 8
8. John Jackson 10
9. Rob Lee 10
10. Peter Lynch 14
11. John Mackinnon 9
12. Todd Marcum 10
13. Douglas Pearsall 19
14. Donald Smith 13
15. John Snyder 11
16. Stan Zaleski 13

Waitlist

Dave Talbot

Fri, Mar 29 (GG Round 8) — Good Friday

Game Summary

I'm so flexible, I feel like Gumby. We had a lot of movement, but great fun on a beautiful day. Talbot moved back a tee and threw me for a loop ... not to mention what it did to his scorekeeper. Our team thought we'd surely prove victorious today; alas, we tied for third, out of the money. Details below.

11:15 // Burris, Cox, Lockhart, Zaleski **TIED FOR SECOND, BUT LOST OUT ON THE EXCEPTION HOLES AT +1.**

11:22 // Brunell, Smith, Bleile, Jorgensen **DFL, BUT THEY PLAYED BETTER THAN THAT. I'VE NEVER SEEN SO MUCH WORK TO SQUEEZE A STROKE OR TWO OUT OF A SCORECARD AFTER THE FACT. -13 AND +2 ON EXCEPTION HOLES. TALBOT WAS THEIR BLIND DRAW, AND HE HELPED (A LOT).**

11:30 // Elliott, Talbot, Mackinnon **PERHAPS THE WORST SCORECARD I'VE EVER HAD TO DEAL WITH, BUT THEY FINISHED T2 AND WON SECOND PLACE MONEY BY COMING IN -1 ON EXCEPTION HOLES.**

11:37 // Lee, Snyder, Jackson, Krenz **WON BY 4 SHOTS, THOUGH +2 ON EXCEPTION HOLES. HIGHLIGHTED BY — YOU GUESSED IT — SNYDER'S ROUND AND KRENZ'S CONTRIBUTIONS ... AND JACKSON'S CONTRIBUTIONS ... AND LEE'S SHOWING UP.**

- Play it down, putt it out if it counts, including as confirmation for possible SKIN.
- \$20 entry. Total pot: \$300.
- Net skins, with net par confirmation required (as usual).

Low 4-person team is winner ... \$140 IT'S DIFFICULT TO TYPE THIS, BUT THE LEE, SNYDER, JACKSON, and nubie KRENZ SHOT 18 UNDER. SNYDER SHOT HIS AGE (66?). -18 AND +2 ON THE EXCEPTION HOLES
 2nd place low team ... \$60 TEAM ELLIOTT, TALBOT, MACKINNON, WITH THEIR BLIND DRAW BARB LOCKHART. (LUCKY GUYS)
 Skins pot ... \$80 ELLIOTT ON HOLE 4; KRENZ ON HOLE 11; SNYDER ON HOLE 14; MACKINNON ON HOLE 15; BLEILE ON HOLE 16. \$16 EACH.

Players (handicaps / point goals to come set Fri AM)

1. Ken Bleile 10
2. Dan Brunell 11
3. Mark Burris 4
4. Tony Cox 7
5. Kevin Elliott 11
6. John Jackson 10
7. ~~Paul Jorgensen 6~~
8. Bill Krenz 14
9. Rob Lee 10
10. Barb Lockhart 30 / 27
11. John Mackinnon 9
12. Donald Smith 13
13. John Snyder 13
14. Dave Talbot 11
15. Stan Zaleski 13

Fri, Mar 22 (GG Round 7)

Canceled for weather.

I think this marks the first time I've canceled on a forecast, but, hey, my shoes aren't waterproof, my hat leaks, and I split the seam on my left-hand's rain glove last week in the humidity.

Confirmed Players

1. Dan Brunell
2. Mark Burris
3. Mark Cherry
4. Tony Cox
5. Kevin Elliott
6. Richard Heaps
7. John Jackson
8. ~~Rob Lee~~
9. Peter Lynch
10. John Mackinnon
11. Doug Pearsall
12. Rich Robbins
13. Donald Smith
14. John Snyder
15. Dave Talbot
16. Stan Zaleski

Standby list

~~Bob Anderson~~
~~Wes Creese~~

Fri, Mar 15 (GG Round 6)

11:15 Burris, Lynch, Bleile, Lee
11:22 Cherry, Mackinnon, Talbot, Cox
11:30 Brunell, Zaleski, Anderson, Jackson

Game and Summary

2 low net scores on all 4's and 5's
3 low net scores on all 3's
PUTT everything that counts, including confirmations for skins
Skins are net and require a net par on the following hole (or a retroactive net par on Hole 1 should Hole 18 be a skin)
New! Entry \$25 (CHANGE!) per player

The first group thought their score may have been good enough. (It was ...) Until the second group came in. They thought they looked pretty good (but ...) Then the third group came in.

Burris, Lynch, Bleile, Lee ... -6 and +3 on Exception Holes ... DFL
Brunell, Zaleski, Anderson, and Jackson were -15 (!) and -1, one shot better than
Cherry, Mackinnon, Talbot, Cox at -9 and +1

Payout

Low score ... \$200 It wasn't even close: Brunell, Zaleski, Anderson, and Jackson at -15
Exception holes (also a tie-breaker) ... \$40 It was closer, but Brunell, Zaleski, Anderson, and Jackson were -1, one shot better than Cherry, Mackinnon, Talbot, Cox
Skins pot ... \$60 Most skins I can recall, a total of 7: Bleile (1 and 3); Lee (4); Brunell (6); Cox (15); Burris (16); Jackson (17). I think they paid 35 cents (actually about \$8)

Thanks, everyone, for playing. We're full for next week and Bob Anderson is on the waitlist.

[Friday Cypress website](#)
[Friday Cypress rules, etc.](#)

Players for Mar 15

1. Bob Anderson 9
2. Ken Bleile 9
3. Dan Brunell 11
4. Mark Burris 4
5. Mark Cherry 8
6. Tony Cox 7
7. John Jackson 11
8. Rob Lee 10
9. Peter Lynch 14
10. John Mackinnon 9
11. David Talbot 10
12. Stan Zaleski 12

Fri, Mar 8 (GG Round 5)

Summary

It was hot, humid, drizzly, and hot (did I say that already?) Team 4 —

it was hot, humid, drippy, and not (did I say that already?). Team 4 — Mackinnon, Snyder, Jackson, Lynch (bastard!) — took home damn near all the money, winning by ONLY 6 over team 2 — Elliott, Shelley (fined for late to tee time), Lee, Anderson (the latter two no longer are speaking to one another). No matter how much his team wins by, Snyder always has a story to tell about how it could have been better. (No one listens; I don't even pretend.)

John Mackinnon birdied 1 and 2, parred 3. He said he was distracted by Lynch.



Then, apparently alert to what might happen to his 10 handicap, John settled himself and began his normal putting regimen. Nevertheless he took home the entire skins pot. All Debbie and Melissa could say was, "WTF! What about us?"

Thanks to all for playing.

Team 1 // 11:15 // Burris, Talbot, Cherry, Zaleski TIED FOR DFL at -6, but lost on Exception holes playoff at +5 ... so DFL!

Team 2 // 11:22 // Elliott, Shelley, Lee, Anderson A brief moment in the lead but, alas, finished 2nd with -10 and -2 on Exception holes ... \$80

Team 3 // 11:30 // Bleile, Smith, Cox, Brunell TIED FOR DFL at -6, but escaped via performance on Exception holes playoff at +3

Team 4 // 11:37 // Mackinnon, Snyder, Jackson, Lynch Lapped the field at -16; +2 on Exception holes ... \$160

The Game

2 net best balls EXCEPT 3 net best balls on the Par 3's (Holes 4, 8, 13, 15).

TEAM 4 winner at -16 // TEAM 2 runner-up at -10

NEW: Maximum handicap is 18.

Net skins require net par confirmation on following hole (except on Hole 18, which requires net par on Hole 1). Mackinnon on Holes 1 and 2 takes all SKINS pot ... \$60

Cumulative score on Exception Holes will determine tie-breakers, if necessary.

\$20 entry / play it down / PUTT EVERYTHING THAT COUNTS (even that 1-incher you whiff, rake or miss).

Room for one more (plus waitlist) on Friday, Feb 15. Let me know if you want in.

Players for Mar 8

1. Bob Anderson 9
2. Ken Bleile 11
3. Dan Brunell 11
4. Mark Burris 4

4. Mark Burris 4

5. Mark Cherry 8

6. Tony Cox 7

7. Kevin Elliott 11

8. John Jackson 11

9. Rob Lee 11

10. Peter Lynch 14

11. John Mackinnon 10

12. Steve Shelley 18

13. Donald Smith 14

14. John Snyder 13

15. David Talbot 11

16. Stan Zaleski 11

Waitlist

Todd Marcum

Fri, Mar 1 — No Game (MGA 4-Man Scramble)

Fri, Feb 23 (GG* Round 4)

After the Super Bowl, after Top Gun, and as we settle back into our routines (and await Super Tuesday), it was time to return to our regular Friday Cypress game.

Summary

The 11:45 and 11:52 groups were playing a different course than the 11:30 and 11:37 groups. The last two groups tied at -11 and the Lee / Mackinnon / Lewis / Fritz group won with their -1 on the exception holes.

Skins ... there were two with the expanded skins pot: Burris (ahem!) on 5 (with 4-for-3) and Pearsall (whoa!) on 18 (with 3-for-2!). Each paid \$60.

Full results below.

Tee Times, Groups

11:30 // Mark Burris, Wes Creese, Peter Lynch, Bob Anderson 3rd place at -3; +3 on Exception Holes

11:37 // Tony Cox, Ken Bleile, Dick Heaps, Steve Shelley DFL at +2; +1 on Exception Holes

11:45 // Mark Cherry, Doug Pearsall, Kevin Elliott, Donald Smith Tied for 1st place at -11, but +1 on Exception Holes; 2nd place money

11:52 // Rob Lee, John Mackinnon, Dave Lewis, Jay Fritz Who wants to hear that this was Dave Lewis's last game or that Jay Fritz, with all that pressure, finished 1st at -11 and -1 on Exception Holes?

The Game

2 net best balls EXCEPT 3 net best balls on the Par 3's (Holes 4, 8, 13, 15).

Net skins (\$\$\$\$) require net par confirmation on following hole (except on Hole 18, which requires net par on Hole 1).

Cumulative score on Exception Holes will determine tie-breakers, if necessary.

\$20 entry / play it down / PUTT EVERYTHING THAT COUNTS. (Even that 1-incher you whiff, rake or miss.)

Payout

Total In: \$320 plus \$60 carry-over from last game's unclaimed SKINS pot

1st place: \$160 to Lee / Mackinnon / Lewis / Fritz

2nd place: \$100 to Cherry / Pearsall / Elliott / Smith

Skins: \$120 split by Burris on Hole 5 (with 4-for-3) and Pearsall on Hole 18 (with 3-for-2!)

That's not exactly LIV money, but for us, not bad. No game next week. Back on March 8.

Game Roster and Handicaps

1. Bob Anderson 7
2. Ken Bleile 10
3. Mark Burris 4
4. Mark Cherry 11
5. Tony Cox 7
6. Wes Creese 11
7. Kevin Elliott 10
8. Jay Fritz 17
9. Dick Heaps 9 (Gr)
10. Rob Lee 11
11. Dave Lewis 8
12. Peter Lynch 14 (Gr)
13. John Mackinnon 10
14. Doug Pearsall 17 (Gr)
15. Steve Shelley 19 (Gr)
16. Donald Smith 14 (Gr)

Fri, Feb 16 — No Game (Men's Top Gun Member Guest). No OWGR points available.

Fri, Feb 9 (GG* Round 3)

- 11:15 // TEAM 1 // Burris, Snyder, Lee, Zaleski
11:22 // TEAM 2 // Brunell, Pearsall, Cox, Elliott
11:30 // TEAM 3 // Talbot, Lewis, Cherry, Sur (Snyder guest)
11:37 // TEAM 4 // Mackinnon, Doyle, Lynch, Shelley
11:45 // TEAM 5 // Heaps, Anderson, Robbins, Burtoft (Snyder guest)

A little movement on our roster for today's game. And a big thanks to top recruiter John Snyder for bringing in newbies Julian Sur and Phil Burtoft. Bob Anderson agreed to play hurt, but then he was really hurt and had to step away. Rob Lee tried to pull an [Al Pacino](#) from Godfather III, but I pulled him right back in. And Sir Richie Doyle joined us. Thank you to Dick Heaps for setting up our fifth tee time.

Low 2 net balls on all holes EXCEPT 10, 11, 12, where it will take the low 3 net balls.

Skins requiring net par confirmation.

Game Summary

Such a beautiful day. Such a difficult golf course. So many bitchy hole placements. A way-too-many putts missed from, say, 3 inches. To quote Dan Brunell: "What could go wrong?" Everything.

Team 2 — Brunell, Pearsall, Cox, Elliott — went to the bathroom and, poof!, their -8 became -9. But that was only good enough for second place.

Team 3 — Talbot, Lewis, Cherry, Surr — came in at -11. Imagine that: -11 was 9 shots better than Team 1 and 10 shots better than Team 5. But, hey, Teams 1 and 5 sucked today. Team 5 proved it as they won DFL.

Team 5 — Heaps, Robbins, Burtoft — were short-handed, short-armed, and short of winning anything more than DFL.

Skins? You want Skins? There were no Skins! \$60 rolling over to our next

SKINS: YOU WANT SKINS: THERE WERE NO SKINS: \$60 ROLLING OVER TO OUR NEXT round! (\$20 went to Melissa and Deb. Commissioner's Discretionary Fund.

We'll roll over \$60 to the next game's skins pot!

Tina Elliott — the "A" player in that family — joined us for the tally. All she could do was shake her head ...

- \$160 for 1st place // **TEAM 3 AT -11 (TALBOT, LEWIS, CHERRY, SUR)**
- \$100 for 2nd place // **TEAM 2 AT -9 (BRUNELL, PEARSALL, COX, ELLIOTT)**
- \$40 for 3rd place // **TEAM 4 AT -7 (DOYLE, MACKINNON, LYNCH, SHELLEY)**
- \$80 in SKINS pot // **NADA, \$0, NO CONFIRMATIONS! \$20 TO SERVERS!**

Thanks to all for playing. No game next week. See you on Feb 23. Invitations coming when I get good and ready.

Players / Handicaps

1. Bob Anderson 7
2. Dan Brunell 11
3. Mark Burris 4
4. Phil Burtoft (guest of Snyder), 11.6 / 10 (G)
5. Mark Cherry 11
6. Tony Cox 8
7. Richie Doyle 5
8. Kevin Elliott 10
9. Dick Heaps 9
10. Rob Lee 11
11. Dave Lewis 8
12. Peter Lynch 13
13. John Mackinnon 9
14. Doug Pearsall 16
15. Rich Robbins 13
16. Steve Shelley 19
17. John Snyder 13
18. Julian Sur (guest of Snyder), 18.2 / 17 (G)
19. David Talbot 11
20. Stan Zaleski 7

Note: GG is "Golf Genius," first employed in Jan 2024.

Fri, Feb 2 (GG Round 2)

Our game for Feb 2 is set; pairings below. In the future we'll make every attempt to send out the player invitation on Thursday for the following week's Friday game — 8 days prior — then include it again on Friday when we follow up with that day's game results. If you'd like to make a pairing request, we'll consider it along with our normal algorithms and calculations — performed by ChatMB's A.I. bots. Typically we attempt to pair groups with an eye on maximum competitiveness and an ear out for trash talk.

Group 1 : 12:37 // Anderson, Burris, Mackinnon, Marcum — 1st place

Group 2 : 12:45 // Lewis, Cox, Harper, Zaleski

Group 3 : 12:52 // Jackson, Bleile, Heaps, Cherry

Group 4 : 1:00 // Elliott, Brunell, Lee, Lynch — 2nd place

Game

2 net balls EXCEPT 3 net balls on Holes 3, 4, and 5

Total Pot: \$320

1st: \$160 // Group 1 at -10 (thanks to Mackinnon's 3-for-2 on the final hole)

2nd: \$80 // Group 4 at -9 (see Skins below)

Exception holes: \$20 Group 3 at -3, also collecting \$10 more from girls' teams

Skins: \$60 (must confirm with net par on following hole or on Hole 1 for skin on 18) // total of 3 skins: Burris on 5 (4-for-3); Cox on 14 (4-for-3; woo-hoo); Mackinnon on 18 (3-for-2)

A special thank-you from all skins winners to Peter Lynch for failing to confirm on 2 holes!

Always

Play it down. Putt it out if your ball counts (including for skins confirmations).

Players

1. Bob Anderson 7
2. Ken Bleile 9
3. Dan Brunell 11
4. Mark Burris 5
5. Mark Cherry 11
6. Tony Cox 8
7. Kevin Elliott 10
8. Joe Harper 6
9. Dick Heaps 9
10. John Jackson 9
11. Rob Lee 11
12. Dave Lewis 8
13. Peter Lynch 12
14. John Mackinnon 9
15. Todd Marcum 7
16. Stan Zaleski 7

Standby

Dave Talbot
John Snyder

Fri, Jan 26 — No Game (Men's Member Member)

Fri, Jan 19

Summary

The weather looked good before it looked bad. Wait a minute: It was good again ... No, bad. By 9:00 we had lost two, then three players. But at 10:00 we were the envy of the "I want a better clubhouse" crowd. Missed Brunell, Robbins, and Zaleski, but all others came and stayed dry for the duration.

Imagine being one of the unfortunates in New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, South Carolina, and almost anywhere else having to put up with ... weather!

Now imagine this: Elliott, Mackinnon, Lynch, and maybe 2 or 3 others failed to confirm skins today, leaving all the skins money for 2-for-1 Pearsall and Rob Lee.

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Addendum to Jan 5 report

Allow me to add this to the summary from Jan 5: In addition to making 3 gross birdies, Peter Lynch also unloaded his electric trolley in the fairway bunker on 16 and into the bushes separating 18 green from the practice area. He was so focused on his game, he lost his drone power.

~~9:45*~~ / 9:52 / 10:00 / 10:07 / 10:15

Group 1 - 9:52 DISBANDED
Robbins, Brunell

Group 2 - 10:00
Lewis, Pearsall, Zaleski, Talbot, Jackson // -7 overall (2nd place); -3 on exception holes

Group 3 - 10:07
Elliott, Mackinnon, Heaps, Cherry // -6 overall (DFL); +2 on exception holes

Group 4 - 10:15
Burris, Cox, Snyder, Lee, Lynch // -8 overall; +1 on exception holes

Players

- ~~1. Dan Brunell 10~~
2. Mark Burris 4
3. Mark Cherry 9
4. Tony Cox 8
5. Kevin Elliott 10
6. Dick Heaps 8
7. John Jackson 7
8. Rob Lee 11
9. Dave Lewis 7
10. Peter Lynch 11
11. John Mackinnon 9
12. Doug Pearsall 17
13. ~~Rich Robbins 12~~
14. John Snyder 11
15. Dave Talbot 11
16. ~~Stan Zaleski 7~~

Standby

None

Game

2 net balls EXCEPT 3 net balls on Holes 4, 8, 13

Total Pot: ~~\$320~~ \$260

1st: \$160 // Burris, Cox, Lee, Lynch, Snyder

2nd: \$40 // Lewis, Pearsall, Talbot, Jackson

Exception holes: Tie-breaker

Skins: \$60 Pearsall with a 2-for-1 on 13 // Rob Lee with 3-for-2 on 17

Fri, Jan 12 — No Game (Senior Club Championship)

Fri, Jan 5

10:15 // Burris, Elliott, Heaps, Lynch OVERALL WINNERS at -11 // +6 on EXCEPTION HOLES

10: 22 // Cherry, Jackson, Lewis, Anderson -5 OVERALL // +7 ON EXCEPTION HOLES

10: 30 // Brunell, Mackinnon, Talbot, Zaleski OVERALL DFL // +3 ON EXCEPTION HOLES

10:37 // Cox, Robbins, Bleile, Lee SECOND PLACE at -7 // +1 on EXCEPTION HOLES (WINNER)

Welcome back from Injured Reserve, Dan Brunell.

Say "Hurrah!" for John Jackson's return. Ditto for [Kevin Elliott](#) and Ken Bleile. (When notified that his standby status had been upgraded, Ken said, "I found \$20 on the bathroom floor in the men's room at the Cleveland airport, and I've been wondering what to do with it. Now I know.")

Game Summary

You know the story of Clark Kent. "Mild-mannered reporter" and all that. But give him a phone booth and, at will, he transforms into Superman, "able to leap tall buildings in a single bound" and yada, yada, yada.

The great thing about Clark Kent / Superman was that he could do *what* he needed to do *when* he wanted to. Our team's Kevin Elliott was both Clark Kent and Superman today, but he lacked the power to be one or the other on demand. Case in point: After a pretty good drop-kick tee shot on Hole 12, Kevin has 200 yards into the wind to a left/back flag. He nails a soaring, majestic, super-human 4-iron (who even carries a 4-iron anymore?) into the flight pattern from RSW. We can't see it land several minutes later, but it must be good because he's marching down the fairway trailing his trolley, long strides from his 6'4" frame. His ball has come to rest just past pin high, he has a tricky downhill putt of about 15 feet, right-to-left, and the only thing going for him is that the putt is into that ferocious wind so if he misses, he may be able to keep it within 5-10 feet. "If he misses?" He pours that sucker right into the center of the hole, a 4-for-3 and, well, you know the rest.

But, wait, maybe you don't know the rest. Unlike Superman / Clark Kent, Kevin's super powers don't come and go on demand. Instead, they pop up, then, Poof!, they're gone again. On 13 tee, needing a par to confirm that beautiful birdie on 12. Clark Kent shows up again out of the blue. Kevin's 8-iron is left of left, and left some more. I don't think it ever crossed green grass. "That's not over yet," he says. "I'm going to drop and make that sucker to confirm." Yeah, and you'll have a shot at Lois Lane after the round, my friend.

Well, you know how that ended, right? Awwwwwww.

In other news, same group, Peter Lynch made three (3!) gross birdies, 2 of them confirmed for skins, and hit the flag on 15 for what would have been his 11th ace. Listen ... that's the sound of Peter's index dropping to the ground level.

Thanks, everyone, for playing. Our Friday games have so much to share. Like Tony Cox: "That was the longest day of my life," he said. I wanted, waited ... "But it was fun, okay?" he rejoined.

Stan Zaleski said he's just glad to be able to join us.

I could tell you more, but you've probably already read enough, right?

Game

\$20 buy-in; \$320 total in pot

2 NET BEST BALLS in Foursome EXCEPT 3 NET BEST BALLS on HOLES 3, 6, 12 (no maximum score)

Exception Holes also serve as tiebreaker, if required

Putt everything that counts

Net skins require net par on following hole; skin on Hole 18 requires net par on Hole 1

Low overall ... \$160 Elliott / Heaps / Lynch / Burris
2nd low overall ... \$60 Cox / Robbins / Bleile / Lee
Low for EXCEPTION HOLES ... \$20 Cox / Robbins / Bleile / Lee
Skins pot ... \$80 TOTAL OF 5 SKINS: LYNCH ON HOLES 4 AND 17 // BLEILE ON
HOLE 5 // LEWIS ON HOLE 16 // ELLIOTT ON HOLE 17

Players / Handicaps

1. Bob Anderson 7
2. Ken Bleile 8
3. Dan Brunell 9
4. Mark Burris 5
5. Mark Cherry 8
6. Tony Cox 7
7. Kevin Elliott 10
8. Dick Heaps 8
9. John Jackson 6
10. Rob Lee 11
11. Dave Lewis 7
12. Peter Lynch 11
13. John Mackinnon 10
14. Rich Robbins 11
15. Dave Talbot 11
16. Stan Zaleski 7

Fri, Dec 29 — Results

Summary

With 11 players it's a challenge getting the teams set up so we allow the 3-ball to choose how they want to add their fourth player. Today's middle group — Messrs. Kuntz, Peck, and Robbins — chose to go with a blind draw, and Rod beseeched me that a blind draw is not to include anyone in his own group. So after yours truly carved up a sheet of paper and labeled seven (7) numbers from which he then drew #6 (Dave Lewis), he was satisfied with the process. But Dave Lewis was able to get Kuntz/Peck/Robbins to -5 ... or 9 shots short of Talbot/Lewis/Lynch/Snyder. Minus 5 (-5) WAS good enough, however, to ensure that Cherry, Burris, and Mackinnon (sounds like a law firm, right?) was DFL ... at even par.

Blame it on Rob Lee's no-show performance. Reading email for comprehension is difficult, apparently.

In Memoriam? Kuntz says he'll play next week if he doesn't kill himself first.

10:15 // Cherry, ~~Lee~~, Burris, Mackinnon EVEN PAR OVERALL WITH -1 ON EXCEPTION HOLES AND DFL

10:22 // Kuntz, Peck, Robbins (Lewis as blind draw) -5 OVERALL AND -1 ON EXCEPTION HOLES

10:30 // Talbot, Lewis, Lynch, Snyder -14 (!) OVERALL AND -1 ON EXCEPTION HOLES // WINNERS OF \$140

Game

\$20 buy-in; \$200 in total pot
2 NET BEST BALLS in Foursome
Exception Holes: 13 and 14 (tiebreaker only)
Putt everything that counts
Net skins require net par on following hole

1st place // \$160 and a full scorecard audit TALBOT, LEWIS, LYNCH, SNYDER
2nd place // \$0 with our hearty congratulations KUNTZ, PECK, ROBBINS (AND

LEWIS)

3rd place // \$0 and DFL designation for a week MACKINNON, CHERRY,

BURRIS (NO LEE)

SKINS pot // \$60 Snyder (Hole 4) // Lewis (Hole 10) // Lynch (Hole 17) ... \$20 each

Players (handicaps confirmed on Fri morning)

1. Mark Burris 5
2. Mark Cherry 8
3. Rod Kuntz 8
4. Rob Lee 10
5. Dave Lewis 8
6. Peter Lynch 12
7. John Mackinnon 10
8. Bob Peck 11
9. Richard Robbins 11
10. John Snyder 11
11. Dave Talbot 11

Fri, Dec 22 – Results

After a false start as 2-balls, we ended up with three 3-somes and played 2 low net balls on 18 holes (no exception holes).

On paper, the 10:30 team — Slapshot Mackinnon, ENT specialist Peck, and just-back-from-the-Love-Boat Cherry — was formidable. But we don't play "on paper." Each of the three teams came in beaten, downtrodden, certain of DFL. But only one team was DFL: the favorite.

The big winner was Heaps, who had the only skin — on Hole 1, no less — taking the entire \$60 Skins pot.

Thanks, all, for playing. Full results below.

Pairings / Teams

10:15 // Marcum, Talbot, Burris +1 overall // 2nd place // \$15 to split three ways!

10:22 // Cox, Heaps, Lynch -4 overall // 1st place, though they probably should earn penalty points for thinking, thinking they'd finish DFL // won \$105 to split three ways!

10:30 // Mackinnon, Peck, Cherry +3 overall and DFL

Game: 2 NET BEST BALLS

Buy-in: \$20; total pot \$180

Low 2 NET balls of 3-some

NO EXCEPTION HOLES, but ties will be determined by total net score (of 2 low balls) on Hole 3, then Hole 4 (if a tie)

Skins require confirmation (skin on Hole 18 requires retroactive net par on Hole 1)

Players and handicaps

1. Mark Burris 4
2. Mark Cherry 7
3. Tony Cox 7
4. Dick Heaps 9
5. Peter Lynch 11
6. John Mackinnon 10
7. Todd Marcum 7
8. Bob Peck 11
9. Dave Talbot 11

Fri, Dec 15 — Results

I don't know what they were drinking / smoking / erasing, but our first group out was pretty effing awesome. They sucked on the EXCEPTION HOLES, but apparently they did something pretty special everywhere else. As I sat beside Peter Lynch in the bar afterwards and was subjugated to his round recount (twice), I began to see their team's behavioral pattern: "Let Lynch run," his teammates were thinking, and "Keep Anderson off-balance." Must have worked. That said ... Lynch, for all his metres-below-handicap play, did not earn a skin. "I can't believe that," he said. Awwwww.

Speaking of "Awwwww," Tony Cox failed to confirm his skins ... twice.

It was a fun day to play, we stayed dry, and Peck's guests ... they showed up!

10:07: Lee, Lynch, Anderson, Creese -15 overall / +3 on Exception Holes

10:15: Cox, Harper, Burris, Kinsey (guest) -6 overall / 0 on Exception Holes

10:22: Heaps, Kuntz, Lewis, Mackinnon -11 overall / -3 on Exception Holes

10:30: Talbot, Peck, Paulsen and Coyle (guests) -5 overall / +2 on Exception Holes DFL

Game: \$20 per player entry; total \$360.

2 best balls NET per foursome EXCEPT 3 best balls NET on Holes 13, 14, and 15. (Good luck!)

Team total on EXCEPTION holes serves in the event of any ties.

Net skins (with net par required for confirmation).

Play it down. Putt everything that counts, including hole following "possible" skins.

Payout

Low 2 BB Net Overall ... \$160 Lee, Lynch, Anderson, Creese — Let the record show, Lynch shot 79! Anderson complained over and over about his teammates talking in his readiness

2nd 2 BB Net Overall ... \$80 ... Heaps, Kuntz, Lewis, Mackinnon

Low Cumulative Score on EXCEPTION HOLES ... \$40 Heaps, Kuntz, Lewis, Mackinnon (How did they do that?)

Skins Pot ... \$60 Mackinnon on Hole 8 // Dave Lewis on Hole 15

Gratuity to server ... \$20 Debbie and Melissa!

Players / Today's Handicaps

1. Bob Anderson 7
2. Mark Burris 4
3. Tony Cox 8
4. Wes Creese 10
5. Joe Harper 6
6. Dick Heaps 9
7. David Kinsey (Burris guest / 8.6) 7
8. Rod Kuntz 8
9. Rob Lee 11
10. Dave Lewis 8
11. Peter Lynch 12
12. John Mackinnon 11
13. Bob Peck 11
14. Bill Paulsen (Peck guest / 4.4) 2
15. Tom Coyle (Peck guest / 4.1) 2
16. Dave Talbot 11

Fri, Dec 8 — Game Summary

I knew I should have chosen Mark Cherry for my team today. Just knew it. But, most likely, my game would have brought him down, down, down. Nice

playing by the Cherry/Fritz team. Low on the front. Low on the back. And, as John Snyder quickly deduced, "That means they were probably low for the overall too." Yup. And did I say, low on the EXCEPTION holes?

Fritz and Cherry backed up a Brinks truck to help them take their winnings home ... or to their safe deposit boxes.

Meanwhile, SKINS went to Lynch (Hole 2), Mackinnon (Hole 8), Fritz (Hole 9), and, a-hem, Burris (Hole 14). If my notes and memory serve me, only one skin went unconfirmed. (Sorry Jay.)

Full results below. Thanks for playing, gents. It was a good day ... for watching Fritz and Cherry rake in a pot.

10:07

Team 1: Lewis, Anderson -1 / +1 = 0 (+5 on Exception holes)

Team 2: Talbot, (Burris) -2 / -4 = -6 (+1 on Exception holes)

10:15

Team 3: Mackinnon, Lee -6 / -2 = -8 (+3 on Exception holes)

Team 4: Fritz, Cherry -7 / -5 = -12 (EVEN on Exception holes)

10:22

Team 5: Peck, Cox +2 / 0 = +2 (+4 on Exception holes))

10:30

Team 6: Lynch, Snyder -4 / -3 = -7 (+3 on Exception holes)

Team 7: Shelley, Brunell +2 / +1 = +3 (+4 on Exception holes)

Game and Payout

Better ball NET per 2-man team EXCEPT on Holes 4, 8, and 15, which require both scores to count. (Max score: net triple bogey.)

Total score on EXCEPTION holes sever any ties.

Net skins with (with net par required for confirmation; earned skin on Hole 18 requires retroactive net par on Hole 1).

Play it down. Putt everything that counts, including on hole following "possible" skins.

Payout

\$20 per player entry. \$280 in purse.

- Low net BB score on Front 9: \$40 **Cherry and Fritz, -7!**
- 2nd low net BB score on Front 9: \$20 **Mackinnon and Lee, -6**
- Low net BB score on Back 9: \$40 **Fritz and Cherry, -5**
- 2nd low net BB score on Back 9: \$20 **Talbot and Burris, -4**
- Low net BB overall over 18 holes: \$60 **Fritz and Cherry, -12**
- Low net score on EXCEPTION holes: \$40 **Cherry and Fritz, EVEN**
- Skins pot: \$60 **4 skins, each worth \$15: Lynch, Mackinnon, Fritz, Burris**

Players / Handicaps

1. Bob Anderson 7
2. Dan Brunell 9
3. Mark Burris 5
4. Mark Cherry 8
5. Tony Cox 7
6. Jay Fritz 18
7. Rob Lee 11
8. Dave Lewis 8
9. Peter Lynch 11
10. John Mackinnon 11
11. Bob Peck 11
12. Steve Shelley 20
13. John Snyder 10

Fri, Dec 1 — Game Summary

There's a reason we play 18 holes instead of just 9. There's also a reason we putt them all if they count ... but that's another story. On the first tee, Rod Kuntz complained that Team 1 (Brunell, Talbot, Snyder, Pearsall) was a cinch to win. Perhaps a favorite on paper, but it was not to be this day. Team 2 (Lynch, Fritz, Lee, Lewis) was the winner. Team 4 (Anderson, Cox, Cherry, Kuntz) was a "might-have-been," but they were +5 on the Exception Holes. So much for "on paper."

Steve Shelley should win *something* for having the most UNCONFIRMED skins. And the shortest missed putt. Yet he intends to return next week and give it another go.

A warm day and lots of shots left out there for someone else to take advantage of. See you next week.

10:07 Brunell, Talbot, Snyder, Pearsall DFL at -6 overall and +6 on EXCEPTION HOLES ... \$0

10:15 Lynch, Fritz, Lee, Lewis TIE for 1st at -12; won on EXCEPTION HOLES at +1 ... \$160

10:22 Heaps, Burris, Mackinnon, Shelley -11 overall; +3 on EXCEPTION HOLES ... \$0

10:30 Anderson, Cox, Cherry, Kuntz TIE for 1st at -12 ... but +5 on EXCEPTION HOLES ... \$80

CONFIRMED SKINS: \$20 EACH: Dave Lewis (Hole 1) // Dan Brunell (Hole 3) // Jay Fritz (Hole 13) // Bob Anderson (Hole 18)

Game: \$20 per player entry; total \$320.

2 best balls NET per foursome EXCEPT 3 NET BALLS ON PAR 3 HOLES..

Exception holes scores total sever any ties. (Say that fast 3 times!)

Net skins (with net par required for confirmation).

Play it down. Putt everything that counts, including hole following "possible" skins.

Player / Tees / Handicap

1. Bob Anderson 8
2. Dan Brunell 9
3. Mark Burris 5
4. Mark Cherry 8
5. Tony Cox 7
6. Jay Fritz 18
7. Dick Heaps (G) 8
8. Rod Kuntz (G) 8
9. Rob Lee 10
10. David Lewis 9
11. Peter Lynch (G) 11
12. John Mackinnon 11
13. Doug Pearsall (G) 20
14. Steve Shelley (G) 20
15. John Snyder (G) 11
16. Dave Talbot (G) 10

Fri, Nov 24 (Thanksgiving Friday)

Team 1: Burris, Cox, Mackinnon, Fritz (10:07) **Tie 2nd Place**

Team 2: Cherry, Kuntz, Heaps, Talbot (10:15) **Tie 2nd Place**

Team 3: Brunell, Lynch, Marcum, Wier (10:22) **DFL**

Team 4: Lewis, Snyder, Peck, Pearsall (10:30) **1st Place**

Team	Overall	Exception holes
4: Lewis, Snyder, Peck, Pearsall	-13 (1st place, and all -13 were on the front side?)	+1
1: Burris, Cox, Mackinnon, Fritz	-12 (Tie for 2nd)	0
2: Cherry, Kuntz, Heaps, Talbot	-12 (Tie for 2nd)	0
3: Brunell, Lynch, Peck, Pearsall	-6 (what happened on the back side?)	+1

Game Summary

It was nip. It was tuck. The front side yielded better scores than the back. Who knew? The tiebreaker — the exception holes — ended in a tie, so Teams 1 and 2 split 2nd place money. Thanks to Kuntz and Fritz for playing hurt (though Fritz's pain was totally self-inflicted). Poor Jay Fritz: he couldn't even keep straight how many shots of expensive Bourbon he consumed last night. He didn't speak until the back 9 (though he played well).

Reply from John Snyder: "We were actually -14. I miss-scored Dave's birdie on 12 as a par. Changing it as a birdie got us from -13 to -14."

My reply to John Snyder: "Hmmm. I guess you still win. Drat!"

Skins? There were 5, paying \$16 each: Snyder (3), Lynch (4) Mackinnon (7), Lewis (12, after an audit); Pearsall (15). Very impressive.

Query: If Snyder missed "Dave's birdie on 12," does that mean Lewis did not have a skin on 12? We should investigate (and hope that Lewis hasn't already spent his \$16).

Final game note: Rod Kuntz and Dick Heaps each shot 78. Note to organizer: need to break up that team.

Players / Handicaps

1. Dan Brunell 8
2. Mark Burris 5
3. Mark Cherry 8
4. Tony Cox 6
5. Jay Fritz 18
6. Dick Heaps 8 (green)
7. Rod Kuntz 8 (green)
8. David Lewis 9
9. Peter Lynch 11 (green)
10. John Mackinnon 11
11. Todd Marcum 7
12. Doug Pearsall 20 (green)
13. Bob Peck 11
14. John Snyder 11 (green)
15. David Talbot 10 (green)
16. Larry Wier 6

Game: \$20 per player entry; total \$320.

2 best balls NET per foursome EXCEPT 3 net balls on par 3 holes.

Exception holes score total serves as tie-breaker.

Net skins (with net par required for confirmation).

Play it down. Putt everything that counts, including hole following "possible" skins.

1st place team ... \$160 TEAM 4)

2nd place team ... \$80 (Tie for TEAMS(2 and 3)

Skins pot ... \$80 (Snyder, Lynch, Mackinnon, Lewis, Pearsall)

Fri, Nov 10

Game Summary

In conditions reminiscent of [Ken Venturi's "near death" victory at Congressional in 1964](#), we soldiered through the heat and humidity today, then met in the bar ("I love saving \$10,000 in here!") for the scores and skins. As you may recall, we had an odd number signed up, so one of us (namely, me) had to pony in \$20 two times, but that was okay, because my two partners both won. Hooray for Pearsall and Lynch. (So many Canadiens and Canadians; so little time to listen to their stories.)

Winners were -5, and the Lynch / Burris team finished first due to their -5 (vs. -4 for Pearsall / Burris) on the par 5s. Wier and Peck finished third.

Skins? Yes, there were three, and they occurred on the final three holes: Lynch with a net eagle on 16; Peck with a tricky 30-yard pitch on 17; then Lynch again on 18 with a dandy 4-for-3. All confirmed, of course.

Thanks to all for playing. Now, go take an ice bath!

Roster / Handicaps

1. Bob Anderson 10
2. Mark Burris 3
3. Tony Cox 6
4. Dick Heaps 8 (green)
5. Rod Kuntz 8 (green)
6. Dave Lewis 9
7. Peter Lynch 11 (green)
8. Bob Peck 10
9. Doug Pearsall 20 (green)
10. Dave Talbot 10 (green)
11. Larry Wier 6

Game

Better Ball Net of 2-some. (Note: Since we had 11 players, the Burris and Pearsall team did not play in the same group and built their better ball after the round.) Burris also partnered with Peter Lynch ... and paid an additional \$20 for the privilege.

All putts that count must be holed.

\$20 entry. \$240 total in pot.

Net skins, with net par confirmation required. We'll call the skins in the bar after the round.

Ties broken by team's total better ball score on par 5's.

1st place ... \$100 Lynch and Burris ... -5

2nd place ... \$60 Pearsall and Burris ... -5 (missed playoff by 1 on par 5s)

3rd place ... \$20 Wier and Peck

Skins pot ... \$60: Lynch on 16 and 18; Peck on 17 ... \$20 each skin

Teams and Scores

10:45

Heaps, Kuntz // -1

Pearsall Burris // -5

10:52

Burris, Lynch // -5

Talbot, Anderson // -1

11:00

Wier, Peck // -3

Cox, Lewis // -2

Fri, Nov 3

Results

It was a blustery day. (Understatement.) Difficult to putt. (Ditto.) Tough to get 3 balls to count on the par 3's. Apparently, for this golfer at least, a 1-footer on Hole 17 was pretty tough too. (Sobering.)

Team 2 (Anderson, Burris, Kuntz) grasped the honor and the \$20 winners' fee with score of +2, edging out 5-shot victory over Team 1 (Cox, Brunell, Heaps). Congratulations to Tony Cox for a well-read bunker shot to make birdie on 5. As he confessed, "That secured for me a +3 overall score on the 5-pars today."

Next week's game has 10 so far; room for 2 more. Let me know if you'd like to join the group below.

Roster / Handicaps

1. Bob Anderson 10
2. Dan Brunell 9
3. Mark Burris 3
4. Tony Cox 6
5. Dick Heaps 7 (green)
6. Rod Kuntz 8 (green)

Game

Low 2 net balls in threesome EXCEPT all 3 balls count on par 3's. No maximum score.

\$20 buy-in; winning team takes all.

Play it down. Putt everything that counts.

Teams (total handicaps)

Team 1 @ 10:15: Cox, Brunell, Heaps (total 22)

Team 2 @ 10:22: Anderson, Burris, Kuntz (total 21)

Friday, Oct 27 (10:00)

1. Dan Brunell (+\$15)
2. Mark Burris (-\$3)
3. Rod Kuntz (-\$12)

For the record: Brunell wins for second straight week in 9-point game, this time with 59 points (of 162 available). Burris had 53; Kuntz a solid 50. Kuntz is still trying to figure out how he gives strokes to Brunell. (Aren't we all?)