

Summary of 2023 Thursday league

Braemar Men's Club

The Thursday morning league met for 21 consecutive weeks from May 4 to September 22, 2023. For 20 weeks the format was individual net score; on August 31 the format was team score, best 3 net scores per hole. Below is a summary of the season's highlights.

Weather: For the second straight year we completed all 21 rounds, although about 30 members elected not to play on July 27, the originally scheduled day of the team event, due to a heat index exceeding 100° F. In the last 3 seasons, we have completed 62 of 63 scheduled rounds.

Participation: Our 24 tee times provided 2016 slots. Of those, 28 (1.4%) were paid for but unfilled; 98.6% of the paid tee slots were filled on the tee sheet, although the number of no shows is unknown. On average, about 3 slots per week were filled by non-member guests, perhaps future members.

League standings: The league standings, attached separately, do not include pro shop credits for the team event. Congratulations to the winning foursome (Mike Welbaum, Al Holm, Mark Schmidt, Greg Wright). Four members joined the \$70 Club in pro shop credits: Steve Dopndlinger, Jim Punch, Greg Wright, and Mike Ylinen. Of our 130 league members, 102 (78%) had pro shop credits, and 65, exactly half, earned more than the \$15 league fee.

Scoring: There were 25 rounds of par or lower, down from 38 last year. For the entire league, scores averaged 44.13 front/46.62 back/90.8 total. Eighteen-hole scores by flight were: Flight 1 82.46; Flight 2 87.65; Flight 3 91.2; Flight 4 93.08; Flight 5 100.98. Flights 1-4 all averaged lower than in 2022, Flight 5 1.4 strokes higher..

Ace/Eagles: Doug Pernula had an ace on 7, duplicating his feat from 2022. There were 25 eagles (down from 37 in 2022), 17 on the front, 8 on the back. The leading contributors were: Hole 16 (7 eagles), Hole 6 (6), Hole 8 (5), Hole 4 (4).

Hole-by-hole statistics: For all flights combined the 5 **hardest holes** (stroke over par) were 14 (1.50), 15 (1.33), 2 (1.32), 12 (1.30), 13 and 16 (tied, 1.22). For Flight 1, the 5 hardest were 14, 2, 10, tied 13 and 16. For Flight 5, the order was 14, 16, 12, 2, 10. Flight 1 played their 5 hardest in 0.85 over par; Flight 5 in 1.98 over. The **three easiest holes** were 8, 7, and 1.

Thanks go to our pro, Matt Olson, superintendent Jeff Mold, and assistant general manager Mary Wooldridge, all of whom contributed greatly to this successful 2023 season.

Greg Wright, Thursday league co-coordinator

