

DEL LAGO MEN'S GOLF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Twenty-nine members teed it up during the weekend of March 23-24 to determine the Del Lago Men's Golf Club Championships in three different flights. When the final results were tabulated Jeff McCall was crowned the DLMGC Club Champion with a two-day total of 152 strokes for 36 holes. Jeff was also the 2022 Champion. Brian Saksa was the B Flight champion after shooting a 162 and Steve Robinson repeated his 2023 C Flight title with a low gross score of 172.

There were winners in both low gross and low net in each flight and the scoreboard showed Trey Koger being Low Net in the Championship flight, Jim Shak was Low Net in the B Flight and Bill Mccall garnering Low Net honors in the C Flight. Shak and Robinson were partners in the 2023 AGA Club Team Championships held last December.

Also placing high in the Gross standings were Brian Pearson and Ryan Ververs who were 2nd and 3rd in the Championship flight; Joe Lacotta and Ron Agtual in the B Flight and Anthony Mata and Brad Singer in the C Flight. The second and third place finishers on the net side were John Blumenshine and Tye Lockard; Bill Camp and Chas Giufurta and Ron Larpenteur and Bob Snodgrass.

"The weather on Saturday was very conducive to golf. High 60's with little wind but Sunday was completely different," stated Stuart Katz, DLMGC Secretary. "It rained hard most of the night, the temperature was in the 40's when play began and finished in the low 50's but the wind was the

typical 'Vail Gale' as it was gusting to 20-25 mph. Luckily, we completed the event prior to the hail and rain that arrived in the early afternoon."

"The staff in the Pro Shop were a tremendous help and the staff of the Hacienda met our needs with the lunch after the round on Sunday," commented Bob Snodgrass, President of the DLMGC. "We had planned on lunch at 12:30 but when we knew we would be done and off the course by 11:30, they quickly shifted gears, arranged for the proper staff and everything came off well."

The Championships completed the 2023-24 Fall Winter season where 37 members had qualified to compete in the tournament. Seven of the members were out of town with prior commitments while the other was incapacitated with a back injury. "In order to qualify to participate a member had to have played in at least 8 events from the start of October through the 17th of March," noted John Blumenshine, Events Director. "We held 45 events so playing in about 18% of them is not a high bar to clear."