

The Grass Roots

Dear OCGC members,

Can you believe it golfers?! We are two tournaments away from ending the 2023 season. On October 8th, we are scheduled to play a round at The Course at Wente Vineyards, Livermore and on November 4th, the Tournament of Champions (TOC) will be hosted at the Metropolitan Golf Links, Oakland.

Calling all Champions, this is your time to shine! The TOC has been a tradition of OCGC since 1996 started by our past president Andy Tse. All first-place winners in each flight from this season are eligible to participate in the field low net prize and a chance to have their name added to the TOC Cup. Also eligible are Board Members and volunteers who have helped run our monthly tournaments. For anyone who is not eligible to compete for the Champion title, there are still plenty of prizes to win from KPs to flight prizes.

Speaking of prizes, we have had some exciting golf over the past two months in August and September. The 65th Club Championship was played over two days on August 19th and 20th at Poppy Ridge Golf Course - Livermore and Monarch Bay Golf Club - San Leandro, we hosted the 20th Daimo Cup this past weekend on September 10th at Boundary Oak Golf Course - Walnut Creek, iGolfClub's 2023 Intercity Tournament hosted by Vancouver Chinese Golf Club in Richmond, BC over the Labor Day weekend on September 2nd and 3rd, and our 2023 Match Play finalist competed in a tight match at the Stanford Golf Course – Palo Alto on September 8th.

The Intercity Tournament results have been posted on VCGC's website, linked here: <https://vancouverchinesegolfclub.com/inter-city/>. Although OCGC members did not participate this year, we want to congratulate our affiliate clubs for hosting a successful event after three years of hiatus resulting from the pandemic. We are excited to see where we will meet again come next Memorial Day and Labor Day. As soon as we know, we will send out the 2024 iGolfClub's invitationals information to you.

Did we mention that we had an exciting August and September, read on to find out more and see who made OCGC history.



(Left to right: Alex Fong, Yao Liu, William Tong, Stuart Lum)

Match Play Tournament

Please put your hands together to congratulate **WILLIAM TONG** our 2023 Match Play Tournament Champion who out matched Yao Liu in their final match at the Stanford Golf Course.

Stuart Lum, our Match Play Tournament Chair, witnessed the gripping final match and reported back to the action, linked below. You will feel like you were witnessing the match yourself. In addition to the amazing recap, photos of our finalist and videos of the final determining putts are included.

[2023 Match Play Announcement](#)
[2023 Match Play Final Results](#)

We want to thank all our participants who made this year's Match Play Tournament exciting and fun. As well as a special thank you to Stuart who generously volunteers his time to make this happen every year!

The 65th Club Championship

This year's Club Championship had 23 players competing for the title. At the end of day 1 of our two-day tournament format, our low gross leaders were William Tong 71, David Yip 74, Doug Deng 77, and George Kong 79. Witnessed by Jeanne Yip and Judy Huynh, William skillfully navigated the greens and scored 5 birdies and 4 pars in the front 9 with 5 under par to start the back 9. As if the birdie gods had endowed him on this day, he nabbed another birdie on the 18th hole ending the lowest gross round that William has ever played. Likewise, the low net leaderboard competition was equally fierce with Stephen Lee and William Tong tying net 66, Alam Lam net 69, Yao Liu net 70, and Bill Chen and Doug Deng net 71. It was anyone's game at this point.

Witnessed by Doug, our Tournament Chair, reported back the play-by-play events of the low gross competition between our leaders at Monarch Bay. With a ridiculous 1st round of 71, William headed into the 2nd round with a commanding 5 shots lead over his closest competitor. Against almost anyone else in our club, the lead would seem insurmountable but the closest competitor was none other than multiple Club Championship winner, David Yip. The round started off with William and David matching pars for the 1st 6 holes until David picked up a shot at the difficult par 3 7th hole with William making a bogey. The front 9 ended with David picking up another shot at the 9th hole. William and David shot amazing scores of +1 and -1, respectively, for the front 9 with David only three shots behind at the turn. David kept the pedal down at the back 9 picking up back-to-back shots at 11th and 12th hole to come within one shot of the lead. William battled back at the 14th hole to go up by two heading into the 15th hole where things took a dramatic turn that led to an unbelievable exciting finish.

15th hole: As anyone who have played Monarch Bay before knows the 15th hole is a challenging hole with water penalty area left and a bunker on the right side of the fairway. When the wind is up and blasting, which is most days, the hole can be downright brutal. William hit a good tee shot to the right rough with approximately 140 yards to a front pin hole location. He then elected to take two extra clubs because of the severe winds thinking if he goes long, he would end up in the middle or back of the green. He hit a gorgeous shot right at the pin into the afternoon sun so no one saw the ball land. When the group got on the green, they could not find William's ball for a couple of minutes and eventually found it over the back of the green passed the out of bounds stakes. William ended up making a triple bogey against David's par. Just like that, David took lead for the first time by one after the 15th hole and seemed to have all the momentum.

16th hole: With the momentum and the lead, David hit a good drive right down the middle while William pulled his tee shot to the left rough, then his second shot found the left fairway bunker, and his third shot made it to greenside right rough. On the other hand, David being David, made it on to the green in regulation with approximately 15 feet for birdie hoping to extend the lead. William was first to play his 4th shot off the green and amazingly chipped in for a birdie while David finished his putts for a par.

17th hole: A 200-yard par 3 into the wind, the 17th was a beast of a hole that day. Fresh off the chipped in birdie,



(Left to Right: William Tong, Alan Lam)

William had the honor to lead off and hit a nice shot safely to the front of the green with a middle pin location. That put the pressure on David to respond but his tee shot sailed right and landed in the greenside bunker. David was unable to get up-and-down and William took a one shot lead, with a 2-putt par, going into hole 18.

18th hole: A 270-yard par 4 which long hitters can attempt to drive the green. William still had the honor and hit an incredible tee shot that made it onto the front of the green. With William leading by one and a chance for an eagle putt, David had to eagle to have a realistic chance for the field low gross title. His tee shot leaked right to the rough with approximately 30 yards for his second shot. The pressure was on for David to hole his 2nd shot but ultimately his pitch shot landed short of the green and William putted out for a birdie, it was over. Congratulations to our...

2023 Club Championship Field Low Gross Champion
WILLIAM TONG
 gross 145

For those competing for the field low net championship title, Alan Lam who started in second position on day 2 net 63 securing his win. According to Yao, who was paired with Alan at Monarch Bay, said "his putting was on fire!" Proves that short game putting accuracy on the green is what brings home the dough.

2023 Club Championship Field Low Net Champion
ALAN LAM
 net 132

Congratulations to everyone who placed net or won a prize from the Club Championship tournament. Thank you for all participating competitors and guest for played one of the two days.

A special thank you to Jeanne Yip who helped finalized scores and Stephen Lee who coordinated the delicious buffet dinner after our round at Monarch Bay. We also want to welcome a new member, David Solis, who joined us for his first OCGC tournament on day 2 of the CC.

Flight-A:

1st low net: George Kong (net 141)
 2nd low net: Allen Tchoi (net 141)

Flight-B:

1st low net: Stephen Lee (net 141)
 2nd low net: Frank Chiang (net 142)

A FLIGHT				B FLIGHT			
PLAYER	POPPY	MONARCH	TOTAL	PLAYER	POPPY	MONARCH	TOTAL
DENG, DAUG	77/71	77/71	154/142	CHEE, WILSON	89/74	86/71	175/145
FONG, KENNETH	88/77	80/69	168/146	CHEN, BILL	87/71	105/90	192/161
HUANG, HARRY	86/74	88/76	174/150	CHIANG, FRANK 2 nd	91/76	81/66	172/142
KONG, GEORGE 1 st	79/73	75/68	154/141	HODGE, WHEE	97/81	103/87	200/168
LEE, MICHAEL	96/84	90/78	186/162	HUYNH, THY	113/77	113/79	226/156
LIU, YAO	82/70	84/72	166/142	LAM, ALAN FIELD LOW NET	86/69	80/63	166/132
POON, CHRISTIAN	84/78	73/67	157/145	LEE, STEPHEN 1 st	89/66	98/75	187/141
POON, JIMMY	87/75	83/71	170/146	LORENZO, TESSIE	91/75	85/69	176/144
TCHOI, ALLEN 2 nd	82/72	79/69	161/141	PANGILLIANG, CHRIS	87/73	88/74	175/147
TONG, CHRISTOPHER	85/78	81/73	166/151	WHITESIDE, ALAN	102/78	96/75	198/153
TONG, WILLIAM FIELD LOW GROSS	71/66	74/69	145/137	YIP, JEANNE	102/78	107/88	209/166
YIP, DAVID	74/74	72/70	146/144				

Prize payout:

Field low gross - \$160

Field low net - \$120

1st low net: \$90

2nd low net: \$60

KP: (\$15 Amazon or Starbucks card, sleeve of chrome soft or TP5x PIX).

Day 1 – Poppy Ridge Golf Course

#3: Bill Chen (22' 4")

#7: Douglas Deng (10' 6")

#10: Alan Lam (14' 8")

#16: Douglas Deng (26' 3")

Day 2 – Monarch Bay Golf Club

#4: Alan Lam (18' 6")

#7: Clifford Tong (37' 3")

#10: Frank Chiang (3' 6")

#16: Mike Lee (17' 9")



(Left to right: William Tong, Doug Deng, Alan Lam)

Skins game:

Day 1 – Poppy Ridge Golf Course

24 skin players with 7 winning holes for \$34 each skin

#5 & #18 – William Tong

#6 – Allen Tchoi

#7 – Bill Chen

#9 – Frank Chiang

#15 – Alex Fong

#16 – Nelson Chee

Day 2 – Monarch Bay Golf Club

24 skin players with 5 winning holes for \$48 each skin

#1 – Frank Chiang

#2 & #14 – Alan Lam

#16 – William Tong

#18 Stephen Lee

Day 1 - Skin details linked [here](#)

Day 2 – Skin Details linked [here](#)

The 20th Daimo Cup

Hosted at Boundary Oak Golf Course, there were 25 players competing for the Daimo Cup this day. The weather was in the 80's and little wind to help with the heat. It was a blessing and curse as the course had plenty of trees for shade and chances for your balls to find a trunk. As the first group teed off 7

minutes ahead of scheduled, we were off to races. Within 20 minutes and some still waiting for our start times, there was already report back that Nelson Chee shot a hole-in-one on hole #2 a 136 yards downhill

front pin par 3, witnessed by Alan Lam and Kenny Fong! Find out below who else left the course with a little more cash in their pockets at the end of the day.

We want to again thank the Tong family for their continued support of OCGC and sponsoring the field low net prize of \$100 gift voucher to their family restaurant Daimo Chinese Restaurant and displaying the Daimo Cup year-round in the restaurant. If you haven't tried the restaurant before, drop by to check out the Cup and enjoy a no-frills and authentic Hong Kong style Chinese dining experience. The restaurant is located in the Pacific East Mall at [3288 Pierce St, Richmond, CA 94804](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3288+Pierce+St,+Richmond,+CA+94804). if you like a late-night snack, the restaurant is open till midnight daily. Don't forget to try the Chinese BBQ!

2023 Daimo Cup Field Low Net Champion
JESMER LORENZO
 net 67

Flight-A:

1st low net: Nelson Chee (net 68)
 2nd low net: Allen Tchoi (net 70)
 Low gross: William Tom (gross 81)

Flight-B:

1st low net: Tony Tang (net 68)
 2nd low net: Tracy Chen (net 68)
 3rd low net: Daniel Yee (net 71)

Prize payout:

Field low net - \$100 gift certificate
 1st low net: \$55
 2nd low net: \$35
 A low gross & B 3rd low net: \$30

KP: (\$15 Amazon or Starbucks card, sleeve of chrome soft or TP5x PIX).

#2: Mark Wong (14' 4")
 #7: Johnny Poon (5' 2')
 #12: Alan Lam (31' 7")
 #16: Kenny Fong (18' 6")

Skins game:

22 skin players with 3 winning holes for \$73 each skin

#1 – Jesmer Lorenzo
 #2 – Nelson Chee
 #8 – Alan Lam

Skin details linked [here](#)

All results will be posted on the OCGC's website and you can check all standings on Bluegolf.com.

If you are reading this and you reached this far, you must be a true OCGC fan! How about joining our Board to help run tournaments and be part of what makes our club fun and exciting? The Board is meeting at Wentle after the tournament to conduct some business on October 8th. If you are interested to



(Left to right: Nelson Chee, William Tong - sponsor representative, Jesmer Lorenzo)

learn more about the Board, please reach out to any of our Board members and let us know you want to join the meeting.

See you all at the next tournament!

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