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Knight laps the field at Great Bear

SHIPPEN CUP LEADERBOARD

PLAYER	RANK	POINTS
Zack Yamba	1	81.67
Mel Knight	T2	80
Greg Ward	T2	80
Tony Jenkins	4	76.67
Keith Kirkland	T5	70
Joe McLaughlin	T5	70
Justen Dillard	7	61.67
Matthew Tracey	T8	60
Ray Woolfolk	T8	60
Terry Carothers	T10	50
George Thomas	T10	50
Allen Smith	12	46.67
Mel LuSane	13	45

HALLELUJAH !!! Finally, a decent day to play golf. I was beginning to think Spring weather would never arrive after tough weather days for the last two events. This was, by no means, a perfect golf day. Or even a great golf day. But decent was feeling pretty good after the cold, windy, damp experiences we had to soldier at Fox Hollow and Berkshire.

Also, the club was returning to Great Bear, a tract we hadn't played since 2016. I'm not sure why the hiatus. This venue has a lot to offer. Challenging, always in great shape, attentive staff and pretty scenery. I guess the main minus is the long drive, which approaches an hour and a half. Worth the trek? Definitely !!! And worthy of a MAJOR Shippen Cup event.

Mel Knight, playing in his first 2024 Ball Striker event, put everyone on notice that he remains a force to contend with. Knight devastated the field, shooting net 59. That's 59, as in one less than 60. In a post round interview Knight stated "This was one of the best chipping and putting days



Mel Knight (left) and Greg Ward placed 1st and 2nd respectively at Great Bear

I've had in 20 years." (See the complete interview and more on the Ball Striker FaceBook page.) In addition to finishing the stroke play competition 8 shots clear of the field, he won his individual match to collect 80 Shippen Cup points for the day.

Greg Ward nailed down second place with a net 67. Mike Conrad and Mel LuSane both shot net 72 to tie for third. Keith Kirkland and Tony Jenkins scored T5 at net 73.

Individual match winners at Great Bear were Keith Kirkland, Mel Knight, Zack Yamba, Greg Ward, Sebastian Sepulveda, Tony Jenkins, Mel LuSane, Joe McLaughlin, George Weekes and Ray Wool-

folk. Perry Medina and Justen Dillard ties their match.

Zack Yamba, last season's Shippen Cup champ, moved into first place in the overall Shippen Cup competition on the strength of a top 10 finish and match win at Great Bear. Mel Knight and Greg Ward are tied for second place, less than 2 points behind Yamba. Tony Jenkins, Keith Kirkland and Joe McLaughlin are positioned within striking distance of the leaders. But, as we are all aware, with 9 events including four majors left on the schedule, anyone can win. The requirement: Play well and play often.

GREAT BEAR TOP GROSS

Mel Knight	76
Tony Jenkins	80
Greg Ward	82
Perry Medina	87
Mike Conrad	89



Match Play Results

Great Bear 5/4/2024, Match Play Results					
Match	Points	Team/Player A	Team/Player B	Points	Match
Tied	10	Medina, Perry	Dillard, Justen	10	Tied
	0	Thomas, George	Kirkland, Keith	20	4 & 3
	0	Darby, Anthony	Knight, Melvin	20	5 & 3
	0	Rucker, Donald	Yamba, Zack	20	5 & 4
4 & 2	20	Ward, Greg	Conrad, Michael	0	
	0	Tracey, Matthew	Ward, Greg		5 & 3
	0	Livingston, Otis	Sepulveda, Sebastian	20	DEFAULT
DEFAULT	20	Jenkins, Tony	Smith, Allen	0	
2 & 1	20	Lusane, Melvin	Whitaker, Greg	0	
4 & 3	20	McLaughlin, Joe	Holloway, Joseph	0	
3 & 2	20	Weekes, George	Williams, Burnell	0	
2 & 1	20	Woolfolk, Raymond	Bl[Williams, Burnell]		
Green background = Match WIN					
Pink background = Match LOSS					
Blue background = Match TIE					
Yellow background = odd man in Odd Man Match					

Net Stroke Play Results

Great Bear Event, 5/4/2024, Net Stroke Play Results

Pos.	Player	To Par Net	Total Net	Points
1	Knight, Melvin	-12	59	60
2	Ward, Greg	-4	67	40
T3	Conrad, Michael	1	72	25
T3	Lusane, Melvin	1	72	25
T5	Kirkland, Keith	2	73	20
T5	Jenkins, Tony	2	73	20
7	Yamba, Zack	3	74	20
8	Darby, Anthony	4	75	20
9	Whitaker, Greg	5	76	20
10	Tracey, Matthew	6	77	20
T11	Dillard, Justen	7	78	10
T11	Weekes, George	7	78	10
13	Medina, Perry	8	79	10
14	Williams, Burnell	11	82	10
T15	Thomas, George	12	83	10
T15	McLaughlin, Joe	12	83	10
T15	Woolfolk, Raymond	12	83	10
T18	Rucker, Donald	16	87	10
T18	Sepulveda, Sebastia	16	87	10
T18	Holloway, Joseph	16	87	10

Gross Hole by Hole

	Great Bear Event 5/4/2024 Ranked by GROSS																										
		HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT	HDC	NET		
RANK	NAME	TEE	PAR	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	5	4	36	4	3	4	3	4	5	3	4	5	35	71		71	
1	Knight, Melvin	BLU	16	4	3	5	4	5	4	3	5	4	37	4	3	5	4	3	5	3	4	8	39	76	17	59	
2	Jenkins, Tony	BLU	6.8	4	3	4	6	4	4	3	7	4	39	8	4	5	3	5	5	2	4	5	41	80	7	73	
3	Ward, Greg	BLU	14.4	5	4	5	6	5	5	3	5	4	42	4	3	3	4	7	5	2	6	6	40	82	15	67	
4	Medina, Perry	BLU	8.4	4	4	7	6	6	5	3	5	4	44	4	4	7	3	5	5	4	5	6	43	87	8	79	
5	Conrad, Michael	BLU	16.3	5	4	5	6	5	6	3	6	5	45	8	3	4	4	5	7	4	4	5	44	89	17	72	
6	Kirkland, Keith	BLU	18.1	4	3	5	7	6	6	3	8	5	47	5	4	5	3	5	6	4	6	7	45	92	19	73	
6	Darby, Anthony	BLU	15.7	5	4	4	8	4	4	3	7	5	44	6	2	6	3	7	8	4	6	6	48	92	17	75	
6	Dillard, Justen	BLU	13.4	7	4	6	5	5	5	4	5	6	47	5	3	4	4	8	5	5	5	6	45	92	14	78	
9	Yamba, Zack	WHT	19.3	7	3	5	8	6	5	3	6	5	48	5	3	6	4	4	6	5	5	7	45	93	19	74	
9	Tracey, Matthew	BLU	15	8	5	8	4	4	5	3	5	6	48	6	6	4	4	4	6	4	4	7	45	93	16	77	
11	Lusane, Melvin	BLU	26.5	5	6	7	7	4	6	4	6	5	50	7	5	5	4	4	7	5	5	6	48	98	26	72	
12	Weekes, George	BLU	21.3	4	4	7	5	7	4	6	6	6	49	8	3	6	3	8	6	4	6	8	52	101	23	78	
12	Thomas, George	BLU	17.1	4	6	6	6	7	5	3	9	5	51	6	5	4	3	6	6	5	5	10	50	101	18	83	
14	Whitaker, Greg	WHT	34.1	6	5	8	8	6	5	4	6	7	55	8	3	5	5	4	6	3	5	8	47	102	26	76	
15	Woolfolk, Raymond	BLU	19	3	3	7	5	8	6	6	7	6	51	8	3	5	4	8	9	3	4	8	52	103	20	83	
16	Rucker, Donald	BLU	16.1	7	6	4	7	7	5	4	9	4	53	6	3	6	4	8	8	4	6	6	51	104	17	87	
17	Williams, Burnell	WHT	24.9	4	4	6	9	7	6	5	7	7	55	7	4	6	5	6	7	5	6	6	52	107	25	82	
18	McLaughlin, Joe	BLU	22.8	8	6	6	8	8	5	4	6	7	58	8	4	7	4	5	6	4	4	8	50	108	25	83	
19	Holloway, Joseph	WHT	36.4	5	6	8	8	6	5	5	7	6	56	8	4	8	5	7	7	5	6	7	57	113	26	87	
19	Sepulveda, Sebastian	BLU	24.5	5	6	6	8	7	6	5	10	7	60	6	4	6	4	6	9	5	6	7	53	113	26	87	

Skins & Skills

GREAT BEAR SKINS & SKILLS, May 4 , 2024

Gross Skins (skins pool = \$80)			
Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Knight, Melvin	2	\$32.00	Birdie on 4, Birdie on 14
Darby, Anthony	1	\$16.00	Birdie on 11
Ward, Greg	1	\$16.00	Birdie on 12
Jenkins, Tony	1	\$16.00	Par on 18
Total Purse Allocated:\$80.00			
High Handicap Gross Skins (skins pool = \$60)			
Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Yamba, Zack	3	\$20.00	Bogey on 3, Par on 7, Bogey on 10
Woolfolk, Raymond	3	\$20.00	Birdie on 1, Par on 16, Par on 17
Weekes, George	2	\$13.00	Par on 6, Par on 13
Lusane, Melvin	1	\$6.00	Par on 5
Total Purse Allocated:\$60.00			

Closest to the Pin, Hole #7 Matthew Tracey 14' 1"

Closest to the Pin, Hole #16 Tony Jenkins 10' 10"

Long Drive, Hole #6 Justen Dillard 296.1 yards

50/50 Greg Ward \$20

Skins

5/4/2024																									
Great Bear Event Gross Skins																			Total HC		Net				
NAME	TEE	HOLE PAR	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT	HDC	NET
Darby, Anthony	BLU	15.7	4	4	4	5	4	4	3	5	4	36	4	3	4	3	4	5	3	4	5	35	71		71
Dillard, Justen	BLU	13.4	7	4	6	5	5	5	4	5	6	47	5	3	4	4	8	5	5	5	6	48	92	17	75
Jenkins, Tony	BLU	6.8	4	3	4	6	4	4	3	7	4	39	8	4	5	3	5	5	2	4	5	41	80	7	73
Knight, Melvin	BLU	16	4	3	5	4	5	4	3	5	4	37	4	3	5	4	3	5	3	4	8	39	76	17	59
Rucker, Donald	BLU	16.1	7	6	4	7	7	5	4	9	4	53	6	3	6	4	8	8	4	6	6	51	104	17	87
Thomas, George	BLU	17.1	4	6	6	6	7	5	3	9	5	51	6	5	4	3	6	6	5	5	10	50	101	18	83
Ward, Greg	BLU	14.4	5	4	5	6	5	5	3	5	4	42	4	3	3	4	7	5	2	6	6	40	82	15	67
Weekes, George	BLU	21.3	4	4	7	5	7	4	6	6	6	49	8	3	6	3	8	6	4	6	8	52	101	23	78
Minimum Score			4	3	4	4	4	4	3	5	4		4	2	3	3	3	5	2	4	5				
# of min scores			4	2	3	1	2	4	5	3	4		2	1	1	4	1	4	2	2	1				
Great Bear Event High Handicap Gross Skins																			Total HC		Net				
NAME	TEE	HOLE PAR	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT	HDC	NET
Holloway, Joseph	WHT	36.4	5	6	8	8	6	5	5	7	6	56	8	4	8	5	7	7	5	6	7	57	113	26	87
Lusane, Melvin	BLU	26.5	5	6	7	7	4	6	4	6	5	50	7	5	5	4	4	7	5	5	6	48	98	26	72
Weekes, George	BLU	21.3	4	4	7	5	7	4	6	6	6	49	8	3	6	3	8	6	4	6	8	52	101	23	78
Williams, Burnell	WHT	24.9	4	4	6	9	7	6	5	7	7	55	7	4	6	5	6	7	5	6	6	52	107	25	82
Woolfolk, Raymond	BLU	19	3	3	7	5	8	6	6	7	6	51	8	3	5	4	8	9	3	4	8	52	103	20	83
Yamba, Zack	WHT	19.3	7	3	5	8	6	5	3	6	5	48	5	3	6	4	4	6	5	5	7	45	93	19	74
Minimum Score			3	3	5	5	4	4	3	6	5		5	3	5	3	4	6	3	4	6				
# of min scores			1	2	1	2	1	1	1	3	2		1	3	2	1	2	2	1	1	2				

Event Statistics

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Great Bear Golf Club

Round 1 -- May 4, 2024

<u>Hole #</u>	<u>Yardage</u>	<u>Par</u>	<u>Stroke Avg</u>	<u>Hole Rank</u>	<u>Eagles</u>	<u>Birdies</u>	<u>Pars</u>	<u>Bogeys</u>	<u>D. Bogeys</u>	<u>Others</u>
1	308-330	4	5.20	12						
2	155-160	3	4.45	9	0	1	7	6	1	5
3	373-393	4	5.95	2	0	0	5	7	2	6
4	469-480	5	6.55	7	0	0	3	5	5	7
5	365-388	4	5.85	4	0	2	3	5	3	7
6	330-369	4	5.10	13	0	0	4	4	5	7
7	118-127	3	3.85	16	0	0	4	10	6	0
8	479-502	5	6.60	6	0	0	10	5	3	2
9	284-319	4	5.40	10	0	0	5	6	5	4
10	368-379	4	6.35	1	0	0	5	6	5	4
11	167-177	3	3.65	18	0	0	3	3	5	9
12	334-346	4	5.35	11	0	1	9	7	2	1
13	128-152	3	3.85	17	0	1	4	6	6	3
14	355-376	4	5.75	5	0	0	6	11	3	0
15	479-491	5	6.45	8	0	1	4	5	3	7
16	127-142	3	4.00	15	0	0	5	7	4	4
17	365-377	4	5.10	14	0	2	3	8	7	0
18	496-509	5	6.85	3	0	0	6	6	8	0
					0	0	2	7	5	6

<i>Holes</i>	<i>Yardage</i>	<i>Par</i>	<i>Stoke Avg</i>	<i>Eagles</i>	<i>Birdies</i>	<i>Pars</i>	<i>Bogeys</i>	<i>D. Bogeys</i>	<i>Others</i>
<i>Out</i>	2881-3068	36	48.95	0	3	46	54	35	42
<i>In</i>	2819-2949	35	47.35	0	5	42	60	43	30
<i>Total</i>	5700-6017	71	96.30	0	8	88	114	78	72

				FoxHollow		Berkshire		GreatBear		DelVal		Pebble		CreamR		Galloping		HighBridge		NeshaNIC		Architects				Champ			
				4/13		4/27		5/4		5/18		6/1		6/22		7/13		7/27		8/10		8/24		11/14 11/15					
Last Name	First Name	RANK	TOTAL PNTS	Match	Stroke	Match	Stroke	Match	Stroke	Match	Stroke	Match	Stroke	Match	Stroke	Match	Stroke	Match	Stroke	Match	Stroke	Match	Stroke	Match	Stroke	Match	Stroke	Stroke	Stroke
Yamba	Zack	1	81.667	5	6.7	10	20	20	20																				
Knight,M	Melvin	T2	80																										
Ward,G	Greg R	T2	80	10	5			5																					
Jenkins	Tony	4	76.667	10	6.7	10	10	20	20																				
Kirkland	Keith	T5	70	10	5	10	5	20	20																				
McLaughlin	Joe	T5	70	10	10	10	10	20	10																				
Dillard, Jr	Justen	7	61.667	10	10	10	12	10	10																				
Tracey, M	Matthew	T8	60	10	10	10	10		20																				
Woolfolk	Raymond	T8	60	10	5	10	5	20	10																				
Carothers	Terry	T10	50	10	10		30																						
Thomas	George	T10	50	10	30				10																				
Smith	Allen	12	46.667	10	15	10	12																						
LuSane	Melvin	13	45					20	25																				
Darby	Anthony	T14	40	10	5		5		20																				
Holloway	Joseph	T14	40	10	5	10	5		10																				
Medina	Perry	T14	40		5	10	5	10	10																				
Sepulveda	Sebastian	T14	40		5		5	20	10																				
Weekes	George	T14	40		5		5	20	10																				
Arthur	Bruce	19	35	10	20		5																						
Conrad	Michael	T20	25						25																				
Whitaker	Greg	T20	25				5		20																				
White,E	Eli	T20	25	10	10		5																						
Blake	Errol	T23	20			10	10																						
Frye	Walter	T23	20			10	10																						
LeBrew, F	Rod	T23	20		5	10	5																						
Smith	Charles	T23	20		5	10																							



GREAT BEAR
GOLF CLUB

Closest to The Pin

Group:

Hole #16

NJ BALL STRIKERS

1. Melvin Sano 49'7"

2. Jenkins 10'10"

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____



GREAT BEAR
GOLF CLUB

Longest Drive

Group:

Hole #6

NJ BALL STRIKERS

1. JUSTIN DILLARD

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

GREAT BEAR
GOLF CLUB

Closest to The Pin

Group:

Hole #

NJ BALL STRIKERS

George Thomas 16'8"

Matthew Tracy 14'1"