



Bay Area Golf Group

Tournament	BAGG Doubles	Course	Coyote Creek Golf Club
Date	October 26, 2019	Designation	Team
Tees	Gold	Practice Balls & Cart	Included

Format: 6/6/6

- Holes 1-6: Best Ball, each partner to contribute at least 2-holes
- Holes 7-12: Scramble, minimum 2-tee offs required from each partner
- Holes 13-18: Alternate, teams before the 1st tee-off need to decide which partner will tee off on the odd holes and which partner will tee off on the even holes.

Summary:

We would like to send our condolence to Salman Rashid and family on the passing of his mother-in-law in LA. May Allah grant her maghfirah and elevate her status to the highest levels of Jannah. Aameen!

Please join us in congratulating Kamran Khan and Raheel Merchant as the winners of the BAGG Doubles tournament. It turned out to be a perfect day for golf and the competition was tough with multiple teams in the mix for the top spot. As has been the case in this year's tournaments it came down to the last hole.

Doubles tournament have an added element of pressure. You don't want to disappoint your partner with erratic play; when combined with the tournament format it truly tests the nerves and golf skills. 2019 has been a year of dramatic comebacks and epic disappointments. Doubles did not disappoint in this category.

Kamran / Raheel: complemented each other perfectly as partners. It was classic Kamran with his long drives and precision iron play, and Raheel with his consistent shots keeping the ball on the fairway along with a very good short game. Kamran had net birdies on holes 1, 3 and 5 (gross par, birdie, par) and Raheel had net birdies on holes 2, 4 and 6 (gross bogeys) to end the best ball round with a score of -6. They faltered a little bit and couldn't keep the same torrid pace going in scramble format, but still managed to not lose any strokes on any hole and were able to get two more net birdies. The alternate format is where many teams with a low and high handicapper combination often lose strokes. Aided with smart planning and consistent play resulted in net birdies on holes 13 and 14, and net pars on the remaining 4 holes. On the 18th they needed a net par to break the 3-way tie. They were in good position, 100 yds from the hole ready to hit their 3rd shot. As it happens in BAGG tournaments, pressure got to Raheel and he deposited the ball in the bunker. 18th green was surrounded by BAGGsters wanting to see the epic finish. Pressure of the moment shifted to Kamran who hit a perfect bunker shot to land the ball 6ft from the hole. They ended with a net par to seal the victory with a -10. Congrats team Kamran and Raheel!

Aamir / Faraz: Faraz has been one of the hottest players in BAGG this year and is in the 2nd place for the Player of the Year award. After winning the nail biter at the Charity tournament, he brought his A-game to the doubles. Aamir was unsure till couple of days before the tournament if he will be able to participate as he was nursing an injury to his thumb. None of that mattered during the tournament, Aamir laid the course to waste during the front 9 when Faraz was struggling with his game. They broke out the cigars at the turn which helped them relax. It also brought out the champion in Faraz who supported Aamir like a champion during the toughest Alternate shot format. Gross birdie on a hole during alternate shot them up in rankings. Alas their feel short by 1 stroke and ended with a final score of -9, tied 2nd for the tournament.

Abbas / Ghufuran: Started strong and played a consistent round. Complementing each other and availing opportunities along the way. Ghufuran's familiarity with the course along with some masterful golfing skills aided the senior partner, Abbas, who scored back to back 20 foot birdies on the back of a sizzling hot putter. They had a birdie chance on the 18th to post -10 for the tournament ended up with a par to finish at -9. They would rue the missed 2 foot putt on the 1st hole which would have tied them for the 1st position. Well played team Ghufuran and Abbas!

This report will be incomplete without the tale of **Khurram / Faisal H.** Golf is a cruel game, it takes you to the highest highs on one hole and in the very next moment takes you to the abyss of despair. Khurram and Faisal had this tournament wrapped by the 15th hole. All they needed to do was tie a neat little bow in the last 3 holes by scoring net pars and claim that victory.

Khurram and Faisal H. started out strong out the gate and got strong throughout the 15 holes. They were -6 through the best ball phase and -9 through the scramble phase. They came to the Alternate shot stage tied with Ahmer and Yasser.

Hole 13: Gross Birdie

Hole 14: Gross Par

Hole 15: Gross Birdie

Net score: -12; nothing went wrong: Towering long drives, amazing iron play, incredible chipping and sublime putting. "Be careful – Golf will humble you" – Hassan Firzok

Hole 16: Triple Bogey

Hole 17: Double Bogey

Hole 18: Penta Bogey

Net score: -5; nothing went right **Period**.

Honorable mentions in the disaster category: Ahmer and Yasser, who played well throughout the game to be leading or tied for 1st. Couple of holes where the golf demons got the best of them and that's all it took to drop them in the middle of the pack.

Official BAGG Results:

Teams	Position	Final Net Score
Kamran Khan / Raheel Merchant	1	-10
Aamir Akram / Faraz Hoodbhoy	T2	-9
Abbas Rizvi / Ghufuran Ahmed	T2	-9
Bilal Rizvi / Ahmed Shah	T4	-7
Ahmer Khan / Yasser Khan	T4	-7
Zile Rehman / Taqi Hasan	T6	-5
Hassan Firzok / Zaki Hassan	T6	-5
Asad Akram / Mumtaz Husain	T6	-5
Abdul Waheed / Omair Ashfaq	T6	-5
Baqi Khan / Ghazzali Majeed	11	-2
Usman Qureshi / Jawad Tareen	12	+1

BC'19's assessment:

Positives:

The Hero	All success of the tournament is attributed to the hard work and effort put in by Raheel Merchant along with Nasir Cochinwala. They were able to secure an amazing rate and early tee-times. Thank you Nasir and Raheel for all the effort. It would not have been possible without your help!
Cost	Coyote Creek gave a great deal for a very popular course
Weather	Turned out to be picture perfect day for golf.
Participation – A good turn out!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 were interested in playing (1 had to drop out due to family emergency) • 24 participants played the tournament.
Pace of Play	Requires improvement. We spent roughly 5 hours and 15 minutes on the course. Some groups did better than others. Wait for the groups was minor.
After game hangout	<p>Thank you to all who joined at the club house after the round. It turned out to be an excellent get together where battle scars were shown and stories exchanged.</p> <p>We understand that it is difficult at times due to family commitments but please try to block your calendars for the entire day.</p>

Areas of Improvement:

Pace of Play	<p>Requires significant improvement. Some groups had to wait several minutes to hit their shots. Marshal complained that we were holding the course.</p> <p>We feel bad when we have to wait behind a slow random group. We must think the same way during our game. We have to realize that we are on a public course and have to work together every tournament to improve in this area.</p>
Cart Logistics	<p>Ghufran and Abbas's cart was accidently taken by Ahmed and Bilal. They lost 20 minutes in sorting through the cart and were unable to complete their warmup.</p> <p>Lesson learned: Must add full names on the carts.</p>
Free Tools	<p>In order to keep the overhead costs down for BAGG, we use free tools for registering players, online scoring and generating scorecards. Most of the time, they work well with minor or no issues.</p> <p>Unfortunately, this was the second tournament where we had trouble with registering people from the get go. Thanks for Hassan Firzok for jumping in and sorting through the challenges.</p> <p>We cannot spend time trying to debug free tools, in many cases support teams will also provide marginal if any support. We must consider buying tools next year which are reliable!</p>