



# Bay Area Golf Group

<b>Tournament</b>	The Masters	<b>Course</b>	Poppy Hills Golf Course
<b>Date</b>	December 6, 2020	<b>Designation</b>	Individual, Major

## Summary:

It turned out to be a typical Monterey peninsula day for golf, cold and damp. Largest BAGGsters contingent, in the history of BAGG, was at the course to showcase their golfing skill and battle the elements. In the end it turned out to be a one man show. Please join us in congratulating Ahmer Ali Khan as the winner of the 2020 edition of the BAGG Masters.

Poppy Hills is a beautiful and an unforgiving course. It requires understanding of the course to tame the beast and as was evident from the scores yesterday, very few can. Bunkers and the tricky greens provided the biggest challenge for the field. Out of the field of 32 players, Ahmer was the only one to beat his handicap. Round of applause and a standing ovation for the winner!

Ahmer is a tenacious competitor who fancies Poppy Hills golf course. He has won 3 out of the last 5 Masters along with 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in last year's tournament.

He started out of the gate strong and before anyone would realize what hit them he was sitting at -9 with 7 holes in and scoring 3 gross birdies along the way. With his execution Ahmer put pressure on the competition to play aggressive and everybody in the chase fell out of contention.

There was a period of four holes (8-11) where pressure started to mount and he gave back 5 strokes to the field which allowed Irfan to get back into competition and cut the lead to 1. However, Irfan was not able to keep the momentum going and lost 4 strokes in the last 4 holes to end the round at even par and securing 2<sup>nd</sup> position. There were no last hole heroics needed this go around. Ahmer was able to regroup and focused on execution to shut the door on the entire field.

Well-deserved victory Ahmer! Not only he had the best net score, he had the 2<sup>nd</sup> best gross score. He was also the only player to record three gross birdies during the round.

Thank you to all the BAGGsters for making this tournament a success!

## Honorable Mention:

Irfan Mehdi for scoring the lowest gross score (80) and net even par round.

## Highest Net Pars or Better Competition

- Front 9: Ahmer, Ahmed, Khurram, Abbas and Mumtaz – Tied with 7 net pars
  - Tie-Breaker – Last 6 holes: Ahmed, Khurram and Abbas – Tied with 5 net pars
  - Tie-Breaker – **Last 3 holes: Winner Ahmed Shah**: 3 net pars
  
- Back 9: **Winner: Nasir Cochinwala** – Only player to score 9 net pars

**Official Tournament Results:**

Position	Name	To Baseline Par Net	Total Net	Gross
1	<a href="#">Ahmer Khan</a>	-5	66	81
2	<a href="#">Irfan Mehdi</a>	E	71	80
3	<a href="#">Ahmed Shah</a>	+1	72	91
4	<a href="#">Nasir Cochinwala</a>	+2	73	92
T5	<a href="#">Hasan Siraj</a>	+3	74	89
T5	<a href="#">Arif Wahidi</a>	+3	74	90
T7	<a href="#">Kamran Khan</a>	+4	75	86
T7	<a href="#">Mir Baqar</a>	+4	75	91
T9	<a href="#">Khurram Ismail</a>	+5	76	88
T9	<a href="#">Aamir Akram</a>	+5	76	91
T11	<a href="#">Usman Qureshi</a>	+6	77	98
T11	<a href="#">Abbas Rizvi</a>	+6	77	87
13	<a href="#">Ghufran Ahmed</a>	+7	78	112
T14	<a href="#">Ayaz Khan</a>	+8	79	91
T14	<a href="#">Yasser Khan</a>	+8	79	106
T16	<a href="#">Faisal Jeddy</a>	+9	80	95
T16	<a href="#">Amer Ather</a>	+9	80	95
T16	<a href="#">Syed Mumtaz Husain</a>	+9	80	103
19	<a href="#">Raheel Merchant</a>	+12	83	111
20	<a href="#">Shaji Durrani</a>	+13	84	96
21	<a href="#">Imran Khan</a>	+14	85	100
T22	<a href="#">Faraz Hoodbhoy</a>	+15	86	125
T22	<a href="#">Taqi Hasan</a>	+15	86	110
T22	<a href="#">Zile Rehman</a>	+15	86	103
T22	<a href="#">Salman Rashid</a>	+15	86	126
26	<a href="#">Asad Akram</a>	+16	87	106
T27	<a href="#">Bilal Rizvi</a>	+17	88	100
T27	<a href="#">Ghazzali Majeed</a>	+17	88	116
T29	<a href="#">Jawad Tareen</a>	+18	89	110
T29	<a href="#">Baqi Khan</a>	+18	89	100
31	<a href="#">Faisal Husain</a>	+23	94	116
32	<a href="#">Anwar Hamid</a>	+25	96	119

**BC'20's assessment:**

**Positives:**

Cost	Poppy Hills gave an excellent deal for a highly desirable course.
Tournament issues - None	We have had a good streak of tournaments where no infractions have been reported which means that rules committee has not seen much action in 2020. That is the preferred way. Keep it up BAGG!
Participation – Solid turn out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 37 showed interest – 5 had to drop due to late developing conflicts</li><li>• 32 played the tournament</li></ul> Finding good deals these days is a challenge and requires a minimum player commitment. We encourage all to block times on their calendar as it makes for a fun and competitive environment. Avoid setting other golfing excursions the same weekend when the BAGG tournament is scheduled. We do understand that sometimes it is impossible to lock times in advance but please make an effort.
Pace of Play – Reasonable	We spent roughly 5 hours and 15 min. Some groups did better whereas others had to wait a long time on some holes. This will always be a challenge for BAGG. We just need to keep an eye on reducing the time to 5 hours on every tournament. Keep working at it BAGG!
After game hangout	Always an area of challenge especially when the location is far. Many thanks to Ahmer for picking up the tab for the BAGGsters who were left at the course and treating them to a socially distanced outdoor victory dinner.

**Areas of Improvement:**

Weather	<p>Turned out to be challenging day for golf. Cold weather made it difficult to swing the clubs. Winter months are always problematic to play in Monterey.</p> <p>Unfortunately this tournament got moved from March due to Covid. We need to keep the tournaments in Monterey area during the summer months</p>
Shared Carts	<p>Given the circumstances of 2020 and Poppy Hills being a NCGA home course, BC assumed that there will be no shared carts as they would want to set an example for other courses to follow.</p> <p>Tournaments played at other courses (Coyote Creek, Black Horse, Half Moon Bay to name a few) have almost made it mandatory to have a single rider cart. There is no specific language in the contract about carts. We have requested clarification from the course on this.</p> <p>Apologies to those who were not able to enjoy the round due to this.</p>