



# Bay Area Golf Group

<b>Tournament</b>	One on One Championship	<b>Designation</b>	Major, Multiple Rounds
<b>Round 1</b>	Sunnyvale Muni Golf Course	<b>Dates</b>	January 31 <sup>st</sup> thru February 14 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Round 2</b>	Santa Teresa Golf Course	<b>Dates</b>	February 15 <sup>th</sup> thru February 23 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Final</b>	Coyote Creek, Championship	<b>Dates</b>	February 24 <sup>th</sup> thru March 1 <sup>st</sup>

## Final Round Report:

The OOO final commenced under cloudy and windy conditions. The final was played from the Gold tees which plays 5907 yards. Although the relatively short distance helped the high handicappers, the course difficulty and the weather conditions were presumably an advantage for Kamran Khan (KK), the lone Elite in the finals.

It is not easy when you score a par on a hole, but lose the hole because your opponents gets a net birdie by scoring a bogey and having two strokes over you. That is what happened on the first hole where Faraz displayed excellent short game and scored a bogey.

KK, however kept at it and scored one par after another to put pressure on his opponents. After an uncharacteristically bad tee off on hole #9, he was able to save par by sinking a long putt where he was putting from a different tier of the green and went to the back-9 with a slim lead.

Wind really picked up at the start of the back-9 with wind gusts north of 20 mph. Both Faraz and Zubair kept the game close and Faraz regained the lead on hole #13. He increased that lead to 2 points after hole 15.

Hole 16 starts the toughest 3- hole stretch on the Tournament course. Both Faraz and Zubair were playing well, but can they keep their nerves in check on a daunting stretch of holes?

- Hole 16: Zubair sliced his second shot into the hazard after having the best tee-off in the middle of the fairway. Needing to win the last 3 holes. This ended Zubair's run for the major. Faraz and KK were on the green in 3. Faraz had 2 strokes over KK and it looked like Faraz was going to win the hole convincingly. Unfortunately for him that was not on the cards, he 4 putted the hole and ended up tying the hole. This was a pivotal point in the game and a change in momentum.
- Hole 17: KK showed his class and reached the green in regulation, while Faraz and Zubair dunked their fourth shots in the water. Kamran tied Faraz on points after 17.
- Hole 18: Since KK had the tie breaker advantage, Faraz needed to win the hole but he unfortunately hit his tee-off in the water, whereas, KK hit a great drive and set up himself up for reaching the green in two shots. Rest, as we know is history. With the setting sun behind him, **Kamran Khan** raised his arms in victory, and captured the first BAGG major of 2020.

## Honorable mention:

- **Faraz Hoodbhoy** – He made the final for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. OOO is a difficult format and to show consistency speaks volume for his ability to play well in a match play format. He won his 1<sup>st</sup> tournament in 2019 and if he continues his play there will be another one in near future.
- **Zubair Abu-Bakr** – Anyone who has played with him will tell you that man's got game! To play well in the final on a course where he has never played tells you that with consistency he can easily climb up the BAGG rankings. Question remains, can he play on a consistent level? After Allah only Mufti Sahab knows.

**BC'20's assessment:**

**Positives:**

Participation – A success!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 33 out of 40 Members participated in Round 1. Walkovers were given due to injuries and schedule challenges.</li><li>• 17 out of 20 winners of Round 1 participated in Round 2. 3 members could not make it due to schedule/travel challenges.</li><li>• 3 out of 4 winners of Round 2 participated in the final. 1 member could not make it due to international travel.</li></ul>
Willingness to change	<p>Format of OOO always poses challenges with scheduling and it gets progressively difficult for Round 2 and Final. This year was no different.</p> <p>While there were a couple of issues, for the most part BAGGsters were willing to accommodate opponents by working their schedule.</p> <p>High marks for BAGG spirit!</p>
Level of Competition	<p>3 out of 4 matches in Round 2 went to the file hole</p> <p>Final Round produced a photo finish with all the participants in the game till the very last hole (Summary of the final hole is captured below).</p>
RC was inactive	There were no issues reported by players after any round.
After round meet-up	Impromptu celebration in honor of KK's win. All good!

**Areas of Improvement:**

Format	The current format will not be able to scale as the BAGG membership grows. It also creates a scheduling challenge for a 5-some.
What about the Caddie?	<p>There is first for everything. Faraz's son did caddie for him during the final. Faraz cleared it with his opponents before bringing his son to the course.</p> <p>We believe that addition of Caddie adds a delay to the overall pace of the group as well as creates a distraction for the participants. Given that we always struggle with the pace of play, as BC, we will continue to discourage the practice.</p>

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