

Bay Area Golf Group

Tournament	Tour Championship	Course	Half Moon Bay, Ocean
Date	November 21, 2020	Designation	Individual

Summary:

It turned out to be a perfect day for golf and BAGGsters were there in full force to showcase their golfing skill. Please join us in congratulating Nasir Cochinwala as the winner of the BAGG Championship.

Half Moon Bay can be a very deceiving course, while BAGG members do play there, the frequency is sporadic which means none of the BAGGsters have a deep level of familiarity with the course. Greens provided the toughest challenge due to misleading speeds along with aeration. This is evident from the final score where only 2 players were able to beat their handicaps!

Few years back, Nasir was a constant fixture in the BAGG's winner circle which earned him the name of "Tournamentwala". It is good to see him playing more golf and competing in tournaments. Over the past few months he has won a tournament while playing with the EBG group. It was just a matter of time to see him at the top of the leaderboard in a BAGG tournament.

Sunday round was one of those where he could do nothing wrong despite the windy conditions, bumpy greens and tournament pressure. All his drives were on the fairways or on the first cut. While the field struggled with the aerated greens he was able to keep the damage to a minimum and had only had 3-three putts.

There was a period of closing holes, 16 and 17, where the pressure started to mount and he started losing strokes. A messy double on the 16th followed by a missed par on the 17th. He needed to regroup and stop opening the door for Faraz who was playing well and using his handicap to his advantage.

Story of the last hole:

While most would have played conservatively on the final hole with the lead, Nasir would have none of that.

- 1. Reasonable tee-off which landed in the right rough but very much in play
- 2. 2^{nd} shot with a middling iron, 175-yds from the green.
- 3. Money shot. Mistake here would have been very costly as there is trouble all around the green. He took an aggressive line and dropped the ball 5ft from the hole.
- 4. Dropped the putt for a gross birdie!

Well-deserved victory Nasir Tournamentwala! Not only he had the best net score, he tied for the 3rd place for the gross score. He was also the only player to record two gross birdies during the round.

Honorable Mention:

Faraz Hoodbhoy for recording the only other below net par round (-1).

Official Tournament Results:

Position	Name	To Baseline Par Net	Total Net	Gross
1	Nasir Cochinwala	-5	67	84
2	Faraz Hoodbhoy	-1	71	108
Т3	Ghazzali Majeed	+1	73	98
T3	<u>Shaji Durrani</u>	+1	73	83
5	Zubair Abu Bakr	+4	76	101
T6	Khurram Ismail	+5	77	84
T6	<u>Hassan Firzok</u>	+5	77	77
T6	<u>Abbas Rizvi</u>	+5	77	86
T6	<u>Taqi Hasan</u>	+5	77	99
T6	Kamran Khan	+5	77	84
T6	<u>Aamir Akram</u>	+5	77	87
T12	Zakir Subedar	+6	78	94
T12	<u>Mumtaz Husain</u>	+6	78	99
T12	Amer Ather	+6	78	88
15	Ahmed Shah	+7	79	96
T16	Raheel Merchant	+8	80	105
T16	<u>Ayaz Khan</u>	+8	80	90
18	<u>Usman Qureshi</u>	+9	81	100
T19	<u>Mir Baqar</u>	+10	82	96
T19	Jawad Tareen	+10	82	101
T19	Zaki Hassan	+10	82	107
22	Yasser Khan	+12	84	106
23	Ahmer Khan	+17	89	98
24	Anwar Hamid	+19	91	111

BC'20's assessment:

Positives:

Cost	Half Moon Bay gave an excellent deal for a highly desirable course.	
Weather	Turned out to be very enjoyable for golf with a perfect California weather	
	 28 showed interest – 4 had to drop due to last minute issues 24 played the tournament 	
Participation – Solid turn out	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	We spent roughly 5 hours. For the first time in many tournaments this was not a concern. Wait was minimal. Keep it up team BAGG!	
After game hangout	Always an area of challenge especially when the location is far. Many thanks to Nasir 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:

	BC was told at the time of booking that greens will be aerated during early November and it will take two weeks to heal.
Aerated Greens	What was not known is that the healing process is very slow during the colder months and the process is exacerbated with rain. Had we known this is advance, we would certainly not have arranged tournament.
	Apologies to those who were not able to enjoy the round due to this.