



November 2020 Newsletter



And the champ is:
Jon Johnson put together two solid rounds to capture the Fairgrounds Club Championship Oct. 17-18

Jon was a man with a plan . . .

Jon Johnson came up with the right plan at the right time to claim the Fairgrounds Golf Club's two-day Club Championship Oct. 17-18.

"Like **Billy Casper** who laid up all four days on a par-3 to win the U.S. Open at Winged Foot, I decided to lay up on Nos. 3 and 9 to avoid double and triple or even quadruple bogeys," with the only real glitch a double on No. 9.

So, Jon was only 5 over on those two holes in this year's 36-hole tournament . . . last year he was 12 over on those same holes.

"My poor play on Nos. 3 and 9 cost me at least three club championships," explained Jon, who won the title for the second time (2009), and has been runner-up "at least four times," and was happy to be back in the winner's circle. "This year I decided to lay up on both holes and it worked out pretty well."

Jon, with rounds of 63-64—127, lamented the fact "the club's other single-digit handicappers (Jon is a 5) didn't show up, but I had a game plan and stuck to it."

Besides Jon, **Pat Knittle**, **Greg Varley** and **Donn Walters** qualified for a trip to the Monterey Peninsula in 2021 for the NCGA Zone Championships.



Two-Man champs . . .

Doug Cross (left) and Joe Hall turned in an outstanding team effort to claim the Fairgrounds Club Two-Man championship. Doug was playing to a 22 handicap while Joe was carrying a 10. The pairing proved to be an unbeatable combination in the next-to-last club tournament of 2020 season . . .



Hall-Cross duo prevails . . .

The twosome of **Joe Hall** and **Doug Cross** teamed up to claim the title in the Fairgrounds Golf Club's two-man championship.

Playing with **Mark Sawyer** and **Jon Johnson**, the winners picked each other up at key times, playing what Joe called "a back-and-forth match" on the front nine.

"I think we were even at 10, and Doug took over the match with pars on 10, 12 and 18 and a birdie on 16."

"It was gratifying to team up with Joe," said Doug. "On my side, I was able to combine some reasonable drives and no 'blow-up' holes as well as having a much better putting performance to produce one of my best gross scores ever."

Up by three strokes with two holes to play, Doug hit his tee shot OB on 17 and Joe dunked his shot in the lake, but managed to drop his penalty shot five feet from the hole and made it for a bogie, net par, while Mark was unable to convert his birdie putt.

"We were 2-up on the last hole and Mark 'dagged' the green while I threw a duck," said Joe. "But Doug popped one in from the fringe and the rest is history."

Player of the Year: Mark Sawyer, 193.5 points. . . Congratulations !!!

