

# Strikes n' Strokes

Bowling and Golf news

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## Lucky No. 7

### MIKE GODARD

*Strikes n' Strokes editor*

A partnership made for golf.

Mike Stelter and Dick Garber have been a fixture as a team in the Saginaw Country Club Invitational for many years – 31 years to be exact.

“It’s a golf highlight to play with Mike for so many years and to compete with him,” Garber said. “Heck, we are like an old couple. He knows my game; I know his and we don’t get in each other’s way. We just go out and play our game.”

That game now includes another title for the two, their seventh overall. Garber has eight; he partnered with Art Gelow to win his first title. This year’s tournament was held Thursday, July 18 through Saturday, July 20.

Garber and Stelter defeated Alan Pumford (this year’s Saginaw District senior champion) and Herb Spence, 1-up.

Garber found himself ‘at the beach’ during the course of the final round. “You never really want to hit it in the sand but those are the kind of shots you groan about,” he said. “It was probably a lot more luck than anything else. Sand was my friend (today).”

Garber made several sand saves.

“Dick played really good today, he played great,” Stelter said. “He’s such a great partner. He really grounded it out today. On (no.) 9 he was in the left bunker and the pin was on the right. He hits a bunker shot that almost goes in. He had a great (sand) shot on 12 and almost made another on 13.”

Pumford sank a long putt on No. 9 to negate Garber’s great bunker shot. They kept hanging around until the 16th hole.

“I was about 108, 109 yards out,” Pumford said. “A guy (his partner) said I was 127 out. I hit it right over the pin.”

It was the first of three straight holes on which Pumford had a penalty shot.

“It’s been a long time since that has happened,” he added.

His partner, Spence, had his one-liners ready for what happened on 16.

“I don’t know what you are talking about,” Spence laughed. “Al just hit it too far. Technology is not all what it’s cracked up to be. Of course, it could have been operator error.

“I got the same read twice,” said Spence of lasering the pin for Pumford’s second shot on 16.

“I really thought 127 yards was practical. I’ve never been that close. But being that he was only 109 yards, that’s ridiculous.



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*Dick Garber, right, finishes his drive while his partner, Mike Stelter, looks on.*

“When Al hits his ball, it just flies.”

After losing the next hole, the two were talking it over, having a laugh about the mistaken yardage.

“You can’t take this game too seriously,” Pumford said. “It’s just an accident. It’s golf.

“We had plenty of chances before that,” he added. “We had four birdies that just lipped out . . . that could have . . . could have.”

Spence made up for it with a birdie on No. 17 to get the match down to 1-up for Garber and Stelter. On 18, he had another chance.

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# Gallery of Champions



**Torrey Pines Flight**

Ryan Neil-John Beebe



**Pine Valley Flight**

Kevin Ruehle-Morrie Stevens



**Pebble Beach Flight**

Billy Looby-Robert Looby



**Medinah Flight**

George Jacobs-Walter Gruber



**LaCosta Flight**

Adam Berthiaume-Bob Looby



**Inverness Flight**

John Kunitzer-Tom Zirkle



**Firestone Flight**

Randy Armstrong-Dennis Desrosiers



**Doral Flight**

Scott Birmingham-Chris Mellon



**Augusta Flight**

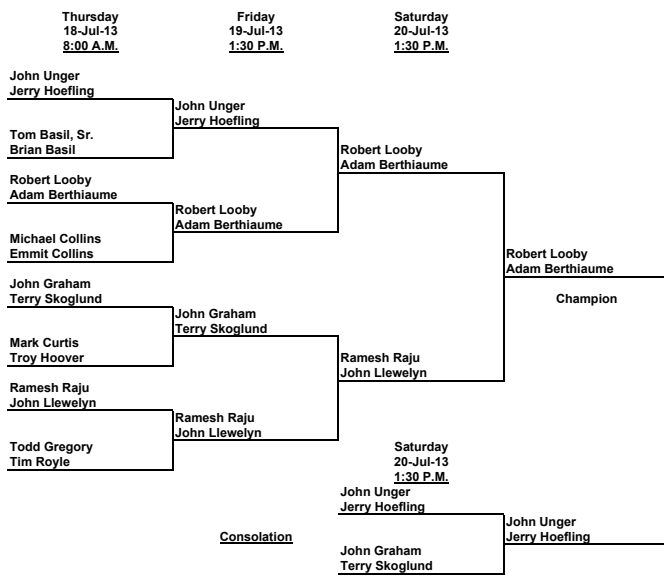
Dave Rifkin-Tyler Spence



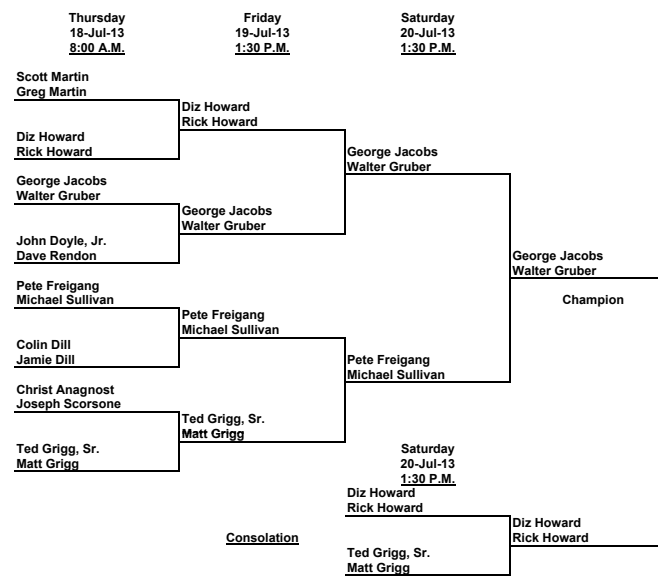




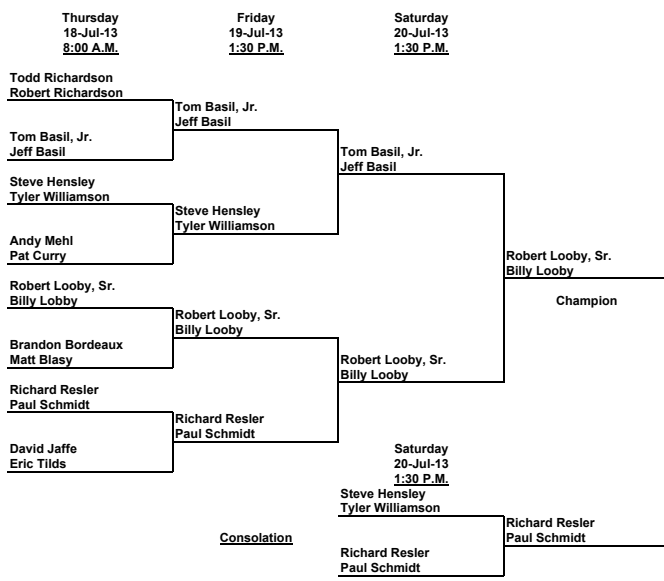
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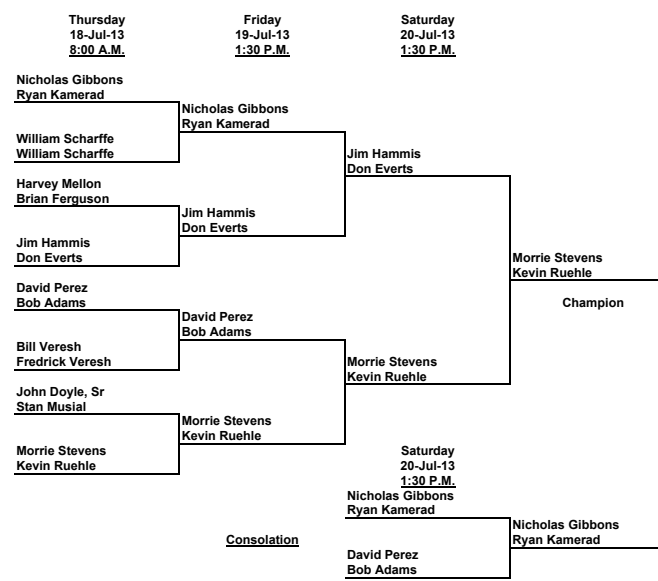
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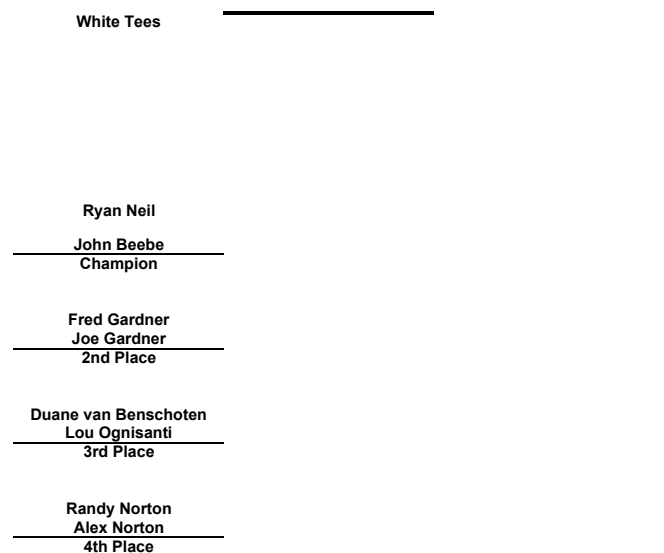
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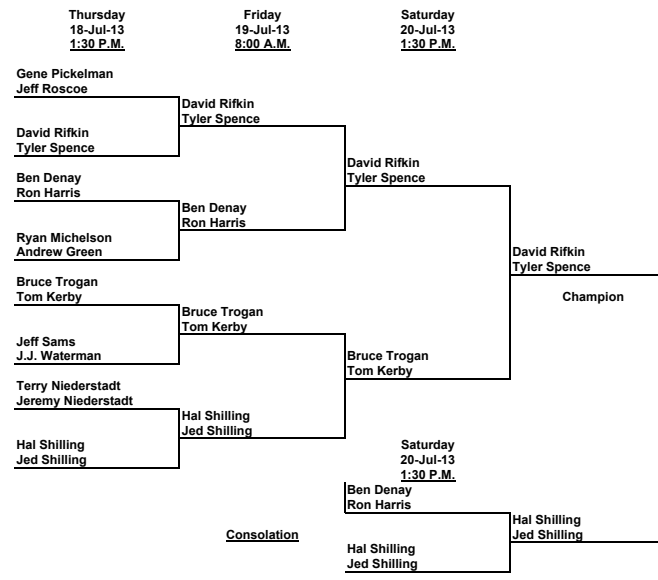
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**Torrey Pines Flight**



**Augusta Flight**



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