



Bartley Cavanaugh – October 21, 2023

October is generally one of the nicest times of the year, weather-wise, in the Sacramento area. You can usually count on a last couple of bursts of heat – but generally comfortable mornings and pleasant afternoons. When I first came to Sacramento in the early 1980's, they did a lot of burning in the rice fields in the Causeway between West Sacramento and Davis in October, and the air quality was not so good. Now, without a bad fire season in the foothills or Sierras, you can even comfortably take deep breaths!!

I'm weather centric in this review for a couple of reasons – 1) as I sit here on Sunday night writing this, I hear the continued pitter patter of rain from most of Sunday afternoon, and I appreciate that this storm was on Sunday, not Saturday, and 2) with only 14 players (and only 12 completing their rounds) at Cavanaugh on October 21, the golfing review is not quite as extensive as usual.

We did have a nice weather day on Saturday, the winds did pick up some as the round progressed, but it was comfortable (mid 70's). The course again (as in 2022) played in the upper half of tough tracks, scoring wise, on our yearly schedule. The greens seemed to be rolling well after a mid-September aeration – and the rough appeared to be a little gentler than last year at this time. While a smaller group, everyone really seemed to enjoy being out there – we had a very laid back, casual post round gathering and prize distribution in the outdoor patio area for a majority of the group that played this day.

Only one (1) of the 14 players who started the round shot scores of less than net par 71, while four (4) players shot scores of net 80 or higher.

The Flight winners on this day were as follows:

1st: Paul Kornowski, net 74 (by 3 strokes over David Muth and Lora Wade)

2nd: Debbie Rankin, net 70 (by 4 strokes over Richard Cisneros)