

Springfield CC wins 2021 Senior Golf League of Northern Virginia Championship

September 15th, 2021 --- at Dominion Valley Country Club, Haymarket, VA. The team from Springfield Country Club won the 2021 Senior Golf League of Northern Virginia (SGLNV) season championship today in dramatic fashion over a strong team from Trump National Golf Club, Washington D.C. The league championship finals match is held on a neutral site to eliminate the home course advantage that would exist if the match was held at the home site of one of the finalists. This year the Dominion Valley Country Club graciously hosted the finals match.

Match #1



L-R: Phil Goldberg and Eric Walker (Springfield) vs. Blair Semple and Kevin Seekford (Trump Nat.)

After tying the first 3 holes with par, Springfield won #4 with par and the par 3 #6 with Phil's birdie to take a 2-up lead. Trump National bounced back winning the par 5 #7 with Blair's birdie and winning the par 4 #8 with par and finishing the front 9 tied. Springfield won the par 5 #10 with birdie but lost the par 3 #14 to par. Eric birdied the par 5 #16 to give Springfield a 1-up lead with 2 holes to play. Phil was first to tee off on #17 using an 8 iron from about 144 yards to a hole located in the very front part of the green about 6 paces from the front edge. His tee shot landed just in the front fringe, bounced onto the green and rolled straight into the hole for Phil's 3rd career hole-in-one! This put his team 2-up with 1 to play on the back nine and earned Springfield 2 ½ points in the lead-off match.



Phil Goldberg pulling his ball from the hole after his ace on #17

Match #2



L-R: Carlos Aranda and Danny Derisio (Springfield) vs. Bill Musto and Brad Love (Trump Nat.)

Danny Derisio of Springfield birdied #1, #5 and #8 offset by Brad Love's birdie on #7 as Springfield won the front nine 2-up. The back nine was a back-and-forth battle with each team trading wins on holes 10 through 15 and both teams making birdie on #16. With the back nine tied with two holes to play, Carlos ran in a 30+ foot birdie on #17 to put Springfield 1-up with 1 hole to play guaranteeing Springfield at least 2 ½ points. Danny and Carlos were 3-under par on the front nine, 3-under par on the back nine, 6-under par for the day when the match concluded.

Match #3:



L-R: John Lombardozi and Ed Patchett (Trump Nat.) vs. Richard Lion and John Astorino (Springfield)

Ed Patchett birdied #1, #3, #5 and #7 offset by Richard's birdies on #3 and #6 leading to Trump National winning the front nine 2-up. On the back nine Richard birdied #10 and Ed birdied #11 to get back to even, then John Astorino won #13 with par to put Springfield 1-up. Holes 14 through 16 were tied with par. With the first two matches completed and Springfield winning 5 points in those matches, the remaining holes in this match were halved with Trump National winning 2 points and Springfield winning 1 point.

Final score: Springfield CC 6 Trump National 3

Thanks to the Dominion Valley SGL team captain, Dave Strittmater for making arrangements for the finals match and to the professional staff at Dominion Valley for hosting this event.



L to R: Carlos Aranda, Phil Golderg, Richard Lion, Eric Walker, John Astorino, and Danny Derisio

Congratulations to the 2021 SGLNV Champions --- Springfield CC!