

Springfield G&CC wins 2025 Senior Golf League Title

Congratulations to the Springfield G&CC SGL team for winning the 2025 Senior Golf League title! The match ended up in a tie and Springfield won on the first hole of a sudden death playoff.

The match was played at the neutral site of Army Navy CC (Fairfax Course) on the Red and White nines.

Match summaries:



L-R: Danny Desirio and Carlos Aranda (Springfield) vs. Tom Follain and Dave Pomponio (International)

Match 1: This match was extremely close all day with neither team getting more than 1-hole up. The first 4 holes were tied with pars. Tom and Dave won hole #R5 with pars but Carlos nearly reached the par 5 #R6 hole in two shots and pitched close and made birdie to tie the match. The par 5 hole #R7 was tied with Carlos' and Tom's birdies. Dave put International ahead with a birdie on the par 3 #R8 only to have Carlos hit it to about 4 feet and make birdie on #R9 to tie the front nine. On the back nine Tom reached the par 5 #W3 in two shots and won the hole with a 2-putt birdie. Carlos answered on the next hole par 5 #W4 nearly reaching the green in two shots and making a wonderful long pitch-and-run for a gimmie birdie to even the back nine. The remaining 5 holes were tied with pars and the back nine ended up tied. Both teams were 1-under par on the front nine, 1-under par on the back nine. Result: SF 1 ½ IN 1 ½



L-R: John Astorino and Eric Walker (Springfield) vs. Paul Gural and David Weir (International)

Match 2: Eric lead the way for Springfield with birdies on R2, R3 and R6 while Dave birdied R5 and Paul birdied R7, but Springfield wins the front nine 2-up. John wins W3 with par to put Springfield ahead on the back nine but David answers with birdies on W4 and W5 to put International 1 ahead on the back. Holes 6 through 9 are tied with pars. Eric and John were 3-under par on the front nine and even par on the back nine; Paul and David were 1-under par on both the front and back nine. Result: SF 2 IN 1



L-R: Richard Lion and Derrick Smith (Springfield) vs. John Cockrill and Dave LeClere (International)

Match 3: John was hot on the front nine with birdies on R2, R3, R7 and R8 to win the front nine with International 4-up. Springfield rallies on the back nine with Richard's birdie on W1. John has his 5th birdie of the day on W3 to tie the back nine. Richard and Derrick win W5 and W6 with pars to go 2-up. Dave wins W8 with par to put International 1-down on the back nine and W9 is tied with pars. John and Dave were 4-under par on the front nine and 1-over par on the back nine. Richard and Derrick were even par on the front nine and even par on the back nine. Result: SF 1 IN 2

Team totals for all 3 matches: Springfield 4 ½ International 4 ½

With the match totals ending in a tie, the winner is determined by a sudden death playoff. Springfield chooses Carlos and Danny as their playoff team. International chooses Tom and Paul as their playoff team.

The playoff starts on the 360 yard par 4 R1 hole. All four players hit their drives to about 120-100 yards from the green. Paul's approach goes long over the green into the back fringe. Danny and Tom put their approach shots about 20 feet from the hole; Carlos is last to hit and puts his approach shot about 3 ½ feet from the hole. Paul's chip from behind the green is wide on the low side of the hole about 10 feet away. Tom assumes he needs to make his birdie putt from above the hole and is a bit too strong finishing about 10 feet past the hole. Danny misses his birdie attempt and makes par. Paul and Tom both miss their par putts and then concede Carlos' short birdie putt for the win.



L-R: Danny Derisio, Carlos Aranda, John Astorino, Richard Lion, Eric Walker, and Derrick Smith on the winning Springfield team

This is Springfield's 5th Senior Golf League title having won previously in 2015, 2016, 2018, and 2021. This year Springfield won their first playoff match in the quarter-finals at Evergreen CC in a sudden-death playoff and won the title match the same way via a sudden-death playoff. Well done!

Article by Lynn Wessman, NVGA