

Thursday League 2021 Recap

One hundred players participated in the 2021 Thursday league of the BMC. Of that number, 94 were members of regularly scheduled teams, 6 were occasional substitutes. League play benefitted from excellent weather, with only one washout of the 21 scheduled rounds.

Average scores for flights 1 through 4 were 83.7, 89.5, 92.9, and 99.8, respectively. Twelve players scored a total of 13 eagles. To the surprise of no one, the hardest holes, by average strokes over par, were, in order, 14 (1.60 over), 15, 16, 12, and 13 (1.29 over).

A total of \$2,638.03 was awarded in pro shop credits to winners of first through fourth places in flights, or to winners of long putt and closest-to-pin competitions. Compared with previous seasons, the prize pool in 2021 was enhanced by \$15 per tee slot, totaling \$1140, provided by Braemar management as part of the seasonal package. Of the league's 100 players, 91 won at least \$1, and 73 won \$15 or more, thereby offsetting their \$15 league registration fee.

For the first time, one league round was played as a team event, best 3 net scores per hole. Although the event was received well, it was held late in the season. As a result, a few teams could only muster 3 players, as other team members had already left for warmer climates. It is likely the event will be repeated in 2022, but earlier in the season to give each team a chance to play with a full complement.

For the first time, league members paid for greens fees for the entire season in advance. Accounting for the 20 rounds played and the free round provided by Braemar to each player, the average cost per round ranged between roughly \$30 to \$32.60, depending on the age of the player and the number of rounds played. Braemar provided a course in great shape throughout the season at a remarkably affordable price.