

Stellar play in 2026! Clark dominates D.1 with top point rounds for both days, Heinlen conquers 24 year old drought breaking 90 for each day for first time ever, Harding records best personal Open total for his 3rd win!

In '26 we went back to playing Limerick on Saturday. After a pretty rough 2025 for our group, we really turned it around in 2026. Last year only 8 players scored 72 points or more for their tournament total. This year we had 18! Another highlight was our cart girl at Limerick, none other than Joel Gray's daughter Jessica. She was pure sunshine and brought great energy to the first two days! Tumwater Valley provided a lot of fun. We had only played there once before 31 years ago in 1995. All three winners had impressive personal rounds, leading their respective divisions after day one and none were pressed too hard.

Results

"Ole" Scramble: For most of us, we likely don't want to look at the harsh reality of the players that are dominating the Scramble event in recent times. Look no further than the team that won this year. Captain Chris Long recorded his 4th win in 10 years, surprisingly his son Brett was only on two of those teams (not sure how that makes sense). "Scuba Jesus" Harding has 2 in last 5 years...but the other player (who was the center of the team name "Who has Matt's Flask") has won 3 times in the last 6 years! No wonder team "cap" Chris Long requested him! They tied the record for low score with 15 under. They edged out a "powerhouse" grouping of Tom Eilertson, Meagher, Logue, Carlson, Sievert, Jones, and followed by Team Love 3.0, with 3 Brauers, Lloyd and Sutton. Per usual a close contest!

Scramble	Name	handicap	gross score	net score	players					
1st Place Team	Who has Matt's Flask?	-0.8	-15	-15.8	C. Long	B. Long	Matthews	Poston	Harding	
2nd Place Team	Can Uncle Mark be coached?	-0.5	-14	-14.5	T. Eilertson	Meagher	Logue	Carlson	Sievert	Jones
3rd Place Team	Team Love 3.0	-0.6	13	-13.6	C. Brauer	Sutton	Lloyd	Cam Brauer	L. Brauer	

Putting Championship of the World, we were back at it again this year. One strategy to keep a person from dominating a competition is to put them in charge of it. We only have had 18 competitions over the years and Uncle Mark has won 3 of them (in a row also!). Now he is in charge!. It came down to the last three players (Kaczor, Carlson, and Joel's wife Kristi). I know this flies in the face of Meagher's anti Communist philosophy, but these certainly are different times. Three winners this year! (I know John, and a huge "kissing your sister" celebration ensued)

In Division 1 After a rough '25, the highest level for our tournament put a "butt-whoopin" on the both courses over the tourney. In '25 only Randy Tough shot more than 72 pts, and in 2026 there were 8 players that met that mark...with the average point total almost 9 pts better in 2026! Winner Kevin Clark almost was responsible for the entire change with his stellar play! It would take a "Coach McCully" level of analysis to figure it out, but it would be hard to imagine that anyone had as big a turnaround in one year. Kevin shot 27 strokes better for a cool 30 point improvement! As with all of the leaders of the divisions, he led wire to wire. Of note, in 2nd place was Johnny Redcoat...he quietly added a great round and is in the mix over and over! Back to Clark, he also likely had one of the biggest margins of victory in tournament history, again a "McCully" level analysis. This is Kevin's second win in 22 years with the last one in 2009. Great job Kevin!

Kevin Clark getting his jacket!

Division 1				Day 1: Lake Limerick					Day 2: Tumwater					2026 Total	
				Gross Score	Points Gross	Hdcp Pts	Day 1 Total Pts	Day 1 Rank	Gross Score	Gross Pts (do not include unused Mulligans)	Hdcp Pts	Points for unused Mulligans	Day 2 Total Pts	Total Points	Total Rank
HDCP															
1	Kevin	Clark	88	80	32.0	12.5	44.5	1	82	28.0	12.5	2	42.5	87.0	1
2	Johnny	Stevens	82	81	31.0	8.0	39.0	3	80	31.0	8.0	0	39.0	78.0	2
3	Mark	Textor	85	81	31.0	10.5	41.5	2	84	25.0	10.5	0	35.5	77.0	3
4	Scott	Eilertson	82	82	27.0	8.0	35.0	4	79	33.0	8.0	0	41.0	76.0	4
5	Randy	Tough	78	82	28.0	5.0	33.0	9	75	35.0	5.0	0	40.0	73.0	5
6	Mike	Mesick	87	93	21.0	12.0	33.0	8	83	28.0	12.0	0	40.0	73.0	5
7	Kurt	Sutton	84	88	24.0	9.5	33.5	7	84	28.0	9.5	1	38.5	72.0	7
8	Tim	McManemy	85	87	22.0	10.5	32.5	10	81	29.0	10.5	0	39.5	72.0	8
9	Stephen	Lloyd	86	92	21.0	11.0	32.0	11	85	24.0	11.0	2	37.0	69.0	9
10	Tom	Eilertson	82	82	27.0	8.0	35.0	4	84	25.0	8.0	1	34.0	69.0	10
11	John	Meagher	87	88	22.0	12.0	34.0	6	89	21.0	12.0		33.0	67.0	11
12	Brett	Long	81	86	24.0	7.0	31.0	12	81	28.0	7.0	0	35.0	66.0	12
EX	Blake	Helgerson	78	90	24.0	5.0	29.0	EX	79	31.0	5.0	0	36.0	65.0	
Division Avg			84.2	85.5	25.7	9.2	34.8		82.0	28.2		0.5	37.8	72.6	

In Division 2, Like D.1, D.2 also had a good improvement! As a group the average score was 4 strokes and 3 points better than 2025. Of the 3 winners, Jerry provided the idea that extra practice can be of benefit. It certainly worked out well for him! Jerry's last win was in 2002, where he also had a 94 for his handicap. In 2002, he scored a massive 92.5 pts (did he have a bunch of flaggies?) and shot slightly better then with a 173 total (compared to 175 this year). This year was his second best total. Like Clark in D.1, Jerry dominated the field wire to wire and won by 7.0 pts. His short game is much improved, and he has done an admiral job in showing us that we can get better with practice! In second place was Eric Fiedler and Erick Poston. Sure "Fied" being an Olympia celebrity made it hard to deal with the attention and keep his mind on his game. Coach "Fied" had a great tourney, getting to play with both of his sons-in-law. Erick Poston had the highest single day point total of 42.5 shooting all the way from 8th place after day 1 to 2nd place overall. Both Eric(k)'s played great at Tumwater!

Heinlen getting green jacket

Division 2				Day 1: Lake Limerick					Day 2: Tumwater					2026 Total		
				Gross Score	Points Gross	Hdcp Pts	Day 1 Total Pts	Day 1 Rank	Gross Score	Gross Pts (do not include unused Mulligans)	Hdcp Pts	*Points for unused Mulligans	Day 2 Total Pts	*Scorer tee adjustment	Total Points	Total Rank
1	Jerry	Heinlen	94	87	27.0	15.0	42.0	1	88	24.5	15.0	0.5	40.0		82.0	1
2	Eric	Fiedler	94	94	19.5	15.0	34.5	5	85	24.5	15.0	0.5	40.0		74.5	2
3	Erick	Poston	91	91	20.0	12.5	32.5	8	82	30.0	12.5	0	42.5		75.0	2
4	Mark	Sievert	91	83	26.5	12.5	39.0	2	90	22.0	12.5	0.5	35.0		74.0	4
5	Scott	Koppa	88	86	25.0	10.5	35.5	4	88	27.5	10.5	0	38.0		73.5	5
6	Randy	Pettis	91	90	23.5	12.5	36.0	3	90	20.0	12.5	0.5	33.0		69.0	6
7	Matt	Logue	93	96	19.0	14.5	33.5	7	91	20.5	14.5	0.5	35.5		69.0	6
8	Joel	Gray	91	93	21.5	12.5	34.0	6	92	20.5	12.5	0	33.0		67.0	8
9	Lon	Welch	92	102	15.0	13.5	28.5	11	91	21.0	13.5		34.5		63.0	9
10	Chris	Brauer	92	98	16.5	13.5	30.0	9	99	17.5	13.5		31.0		61.0	10
11	Chris	Long	88	95	19.5	10.5	30.0	9	90	19.0	10.5	0	29.5		59.5	11
12	David	McColgan	93				0.0	12	91	22.5	12.5	1	36.0		36.0	12
EX	Caden	Baker	90	97	19.5	12.0	31.5	EX	101	16.5	12.0	0	28.5		60.0	
EX	Jack	Stevens	88	107	13.0	10.5	23.5	EX	85	24.0	10.5		34.5		58.0	
Division Avg				91.1	93.8	20.4	12.7	30.8	90.2	22.1		0.3	35.1		65.8	

In Division 3, The most interesting division continued to deliver...as with last year the tees were moved up a bit. D.3 had a very similar showing at the Limerick course, but was much better at Tumwater than Lakeland Village. "Doc" Harding made his first venture into D.3 a memorable one. He not only had his best tournament ever, and also shaved 26 strokes off his '25 total along with scoring 17 pts extra pts. He is likely the first D.3 player to shoot in the 80's for both rounds as well as having a better score than the winner of D.2. In second place was Ted Carlson. He certainly had a great tournament! First of all he had his best total ever with two rounds in the 90's. His 2026 total was 31 strokes under his all time average! He also was on the second place scramble team, had a long drive and tied for first in the putting championship! Great job Theo!

Division 3				Day 1: Lake Limerick					Day 2: Tumwater					2026 Total	
				Gross Score	Points Gross	Hdcp Pts	Day 1 Total Pts	Day 1 Rank	Gross Score	Gross Pts (do not include unused Mulligans)	Hdcp Pts	Points for unused Mulligans	Day 2 Total Pts	Total Points	Total Rank
1	Steve	Harding	97	88	25.5	16.0	41.5	1	85	25.0	16.0	0.5	41.5	83.0	1
2	Ted	Carlson	103	95	19.5	20.5	40.0	2	97	19.0	20.5	0	39.5	79.5	2
3	Val	Rowell	101	106	14.5	19.0	33.5	6	87	24.0	19.0	0	43.0	76.5	3
4	Randy	Kaczor	101	97	20.0	19.0	39.0	3	102	18.0	19.0	0	37.0	76.0	4
5	Keith	Swanson	100	103	15.5	18.0	33.5	6	93	22.5	18.0	0.5	41.0	74.5	5
6	Matt	Matthews	114	117	6.5	26.0	32.5	8	107	11.0	26.0	1	38.0	70.5	6
7	Dave	Ditlefsen	95	91	22.0	14.5	36.5	4	94	20.0	14.5	0	34.5	71.0	7
8	Steve	McCully	102	105	15.0	20.0	35.0	5	102	15.0	20.0	0.5	35.5	70.5	8
9	Scott	Wingate	102	104	12.5	20.0	32.5	8	98	17.5	20.0	0.5	38.0	70.5	8
10	Tom	Seeley	101	108	10.5	19.0	29.5	12	103	14.0	19.0	1	34.0	63.5	10
11	Vaughn	Kercher	96	99	15.0	15.0	30.0	11	92	18.5	15.0	0	33.5	63.5	11
12	Doug	Helgerson	102	119	10.5	20.0	30.5	10	119	9.0	20.0	1	30.0	60.5	12
Division Avg				101.1	102.7	15.6	18.9	34.5	98.3	17.8		0.4	37.1	71.6	

"Doc" gets his jacket

Great event for me and hope you had fun! Erick Poston came through in a huge way as he provided glasses and hats for every player, along with 3 pairs of the new Meta glasses. Brett Long also brought two great clubs to round out the prizes! Also great to have Coach McManemy back, even though it was a struggle to endure all of the arguing he and Ditlefsen were doing during the round! :-)

Coach McCully was amazing per usual with his opening prayer to start off the tourney! Certainly speaking to a crowd is his superpower...always appreciate how he can set the focus on what is important!

Vaughn Kercher again was clutch with the photos and videos! Coach Harris also was clutch in his helping with scoring. Finishing at Tumwater was great as it has a friendly small town feel and was really playable!

To top off the Tourney, one of us secretly covered the entire bill at the final dinner! Super classy move!

Thank you all for making the weekend special and for all of your support!

Love Ya All, Commish