

June 10, 2024  
Recap of 2PBB Match  
Tom Persons & Randy Ronning  
Vs.  
Larry Orcutt & Ken McGuire

The first match of the 2024 2-Person Best Ball Club Championship was played at Bartley Cavanaugh with Tom Persons and Randy Ronning taking on Larry Orcutt and Ken McGuire. Playing at 90% of Course Handicap and going off the low handicap, Larry was playing scratch, Randy and Tom both got 3 strokes and Ken got 12. All players played the White Tees. Players agreed to play Winter Rules.

Both teams got off to a haggard start and Tom took advantage and won the hole with a bogey 5. Things quickly turned from haggard to exciting when on #2, Ken made a GIR par (net BIRDIE) but Randy made his 8-foot BIRDIE putt to push. T&R remain +1. Ken continued the pace on #3 with a natural GIR BIRDIE (without a pop) to square the match. Then Ken, still in the zone, made an incredible up and in from 40 yards on #4 for a par, net BIRD, to take the lead. Ken&Larry +1. The par-3 5<sup>th</sup> was pushed with bogies. Randy took hole #6 with a par. Match All Square. Randy and Tom both parred # 7 to go +1. On #8, the par-3, Ken got up and down from 75' for a par, net BIRDIE, to square the match again. Nobody took advantage on #9 even though everyone but Larry was popping. Match All Square at the turn.

No blood on #10. All net bogies. Same with the par-5 11<sup>th</sup>, all pars, but Tom made a great Sandy Par for a Monday Skill Point. #12, the par-3 over the water, red pin, Tom just covered the water and ended up 18' right of the pin. Larry, too, just barely covered the water and got a great kick that just missed the stick and rolled about 12' past the pin. Tom made his BIRDIE putt and Larry missed. T&R back to +1. On #13, the hole was pushed with pars. T&R remain +1. Ken won #14 with a net BIRDIE by making a 15-footer for par. Match All Square. 4-holes to go. Tom parred the 15<sup>th</sup> hole, for a net BIRDIE, to win the hole. T&R +1 with 3. Ken hits #16 green in regulation and he's popping. Ken 2-putts for a net BIRDIE but Randy cans his 8-foot birdie putt to push the hole. T&R remain +1 with 2. #17. Island Green – Par 3. Both Tom and Randy hit the green but have lengthy birdie putts. Larry and Ken both go long, but both balls are in play just short of the water behind the green. Larry chips up to 4' and makes the match-extending putt to push the hole. Tom & Randy are dormie going to 18. Tom and Ken play the right side of the hole (water is down the left) and get double bogies. Larry pulls his approach shot into the water. He, too, cards a 6. Randy just needs to 3-putt from the back of the green to win the match. He uses all 3-putts. Game over.

Quite the battle. No team ever got more than +1 or -1 the entire day. Ken shot the best round of this year, as did Randy. When they post, they expect GHIN to ask "Are you sure?"

Tom: 86. Randy: 80. Larry: 89. Ken: 90