

June 23, 2024
Recap of 2PBB Match
Empire Ranch Golf Club
Tom Persons & Randy Ronning
Vs.

Scott Leonard & Jason Van Voorhis - Defending Champions

The Defending Champions, Scott and Jason (aka Scorpions), were chomping at the bit to begin their quest to defend their Club Championship. Tom and Randy, the 2015 Club Champions, and coming off a 1st round win, were there to have fun. Jason played Blue Tees scratch. Scott played Blue/White combos and got 7. Tom got 5 and Randy got 4 from the White/Red combos. Winter rules. A 'putt off' was mentioned for a Tie-Breaker, if needed.

Scott shot out of the gate with a GIR Par, net Birdie, on #1. Scorpions +1. Tom canned a 20' putt for a GIR Par on #2. Jason made a slippery 3-footer to push. The par-5 3rd was pushed with bogies. Scorpions remain +1. On #4, Tom chipped to gimme range for par. Jason made another clutch 3' putt to push. Randy broke through with a GIR Par, net Bird, on #5 to win the hole. Match All Square. All 4 players parred the #1 HC hole, #6, to push. Scott, the only one popping on the par-5 7th, hit an incredible shot from the lateral hazard onto the green and 2-putted for a Par, net Birdie, to win the hole. Scorpions +1. Tom just missed his 20' GIR Birdie putt on #8. Jason canned his 10-foot comeback putt to push hole with a par. Randy and Tom both got GIR Pars on #9 to win the hole. Match AS.

Scott shot out of the back gate with a GIR Par to win #10. Jason made a great chip to 18" for a gimme Par...enough to win #11. Scorpions +2. Hole #12 pushed with bogies. Scorpions +2. Both Tom & Randy bogied #13 to win the hole. Scorpions +1. Jason bounced back with a par on #14. Scorpions +2 with 4 to go. #15 Par 5: Jason only player on in regulation. Randy got up-and-down for a par to push Jason's 2-putt par. Scorpions +2 with 3. #16 Par 3: Tom only player to hit the green. Unphased by the importance of his birdie putt, he drained it from 25'. Scorpions +1 with 2. Scott, Tom and Randy all popped on 17. Somehow, Randy's 2-putt bogie, net Par was enough to win the hole. Match AS. #18. Par 3. Scott only player popping. Tom was the only player to hit the green. Scott hit his sand shot to about 20', lying 2, net 1. Tom just missed his deuce but his return putt not conceded. Randy then drained his 20-footer for par. Scott's putt, to win the match, skids by the right side. Hole is pushed. Match All Square. It's Over-Time. And it's off to the putting green for a Sudden-Death Tie-Breaker Putt-Off!!

Scorpions win the coin flip. Scott chooses the hole, some 75 feet away. The Scorpions left some meat on the bone for their 2nd putts. Randy fired a putt, a bit hot, that hits the flagstick and stops 15" from the stick, but not conceded. Tom left his first putt short, and then putted first and drained his 10-footer for a 2. Both Scott and Jason didn't convert on their putts inside 8'. Game. Set. Match.

This match was a real battle from the 1st hole. Good company, coupled with some good shots, some bad shots and some epic trash talking were the highlights.

Jason 81 Scott 88 Tom 85 Randy 87