

SAKURA SENIOR GOLF CLUB

2025 Closet to Pin Summary Report

Rare Milestone: The Hole-in-One

The most significant individual achievement of the year belongs to Lindsee Tanimoto, who recorded a Hole-in-One on the Fourth Hole at Teal Bend Golf Course.

The Closest to the Pin (CTP) contest winners across the 2025 season

Analysis of the weekly results across the 2025 season indicates that the Closest to the Pin (CTP) contest was not random; rather, there were several consistent winners who repeatedly placed in the top spots. While the contest was open to all participants, a core group of high-accuracy players dominated the leaderboards throughout the year:

- Dean Fukushima: One of the most frequent winners, placing in the CTP top three at least 10 times between March and October, including an incredibly precise shot of 0' 1" on September 18.
- Douglas Swann: Another highly consistent player, recording 10 placements in the contest across the season.
- Ron Sanui: Placed in the top tier 9 times, notably recording a 1' 2" shot on July 3 and a 3' 0" shot on April 3.
- Gregg Takeuchi: A regular on the board with 7 placements, including a season-best 4' 1" on May 15.
- Brian Hatano: Frequently landed near the pin, appearing in the winner lists 7 times.
- Edwin Lum: Recorded 7 top-tier finishes, including wins on March 6 and May 29.
- Wendell Sonoda: Also a 7-time winner/placer, highlighted by a 6' 1" shot on May 15 and a 9' 11" win on May 29.

Occasional High-Precision Winners

Several other players demonstrated significant skill with individual standout shots, even if they did not place as frequently as the leaders:

- Wes Yee: Landed within 1' 3" on July 17.
- Don Lai: Secured a very close 1' 7" shot on June 12.
- Evelyn Suzuki: Recorded a 1' 9" shot on July 3.
- Allen Valla: Won with a 2' 0" shot on July 31.
- Art Romero: Recorded a win at 2' 8" on June 19.

===== The CTP List =====

• March 6:

- Hole #5: Vickie Torres, Joyce Ng, and Edwin Lum recorded wins.
- Hole #17: Bernie Torres, Dean Fukushima, and Ron Sanui were the big winners.

• March 27 (Teal Bend):

- Hole #9: Dean Fukushima led with 10' 7", followed by Doug Swan (11' 3") and Brian Hatano (13' 5").
- Hole #12: Shawn Fukushima won at 7' 8", with Burt Yoshioka at 27' 10".

• April 3:

- Hole #8: Doug Swann (23' 10") and Ron Sanui (25' 8").
- Hole #17: Ron Sanui had a stellar 3' 0" shot, beating Gregg Takeuchi (9' 8") and Shawn Fukushima (9' 9").

• April 17:

- Hole #5: Tod Nakatsuka (4' 4"), Burt Yoshioka (13' 2"), Norman Kujubu (13' 4"), and Edwin Lum (17' 2").
- Hole #12: Randy Choy (18' 0"), Burt Yoshioka (27' 5"), and Doug Swan (47' 5").

• April 24 (Diamond Oaks):

- Hole #5: Dennis Tsuboi (13' 8"), David Kurano (15' 9"), and Wendell Sonoda (38' 4").
- Hole #15: Maria Chik won with 10' 8", followed by Sab Takehara at 26' 4".

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• May 1:

- Hole #5: Alan Milligan won at 3' 11", followed by Tod Nakatsuka (8' 9").
- Hole #17: Alan Milligan swept both holes with a 7' 3" shot here, beating Kathy Green (8' 1").

• May 15:

- Hole #8: Gregg Takeuchi (4' 1"), Wendell Sonoda (6' 1"), Andrew Kojima (6' 11"), and Randy Choy (8' 5").
- Hole #12: Burt Yoshioka (12' 5"), Shawn Fukushima (13' 4"), and Dean Fukushima (13' 7").

• May 22:

- Hole #8: Lorna Hannon won with 14' 4", followed by Jody Tao (19' 9") and Brian Hatano (33' 10").
- Hole #12: Don Lai (16' 10"), Maria Chik (21' 8"), and Clifford Wong (21' 8").

• May 29 (Mather):

- Hole #3: Edwin Lum (34' 5"), Kathy Green (37' 3"), and Ray Kato (40' 10").
- Hole #14: Wendell Sonoda won with 9' 11", beating Ed Hashima (16' 1") and Tod Nakatsuka (24' 0").

• June 12:

- Hole #8: Don Lai secured a narrow win at 1' 7", followed by Dean Fukushima (4' 9").
- Hole #17: Burt Yoshioka (5' 9"), Brian Hatano (6' 10"), and Kathy Green (7' 9").

• June 19:

- Hole #5: Dean Fukushima (14' 5"), Brian Hatano (23'), and Dennis Tsuboi (32').
- Hole #12: Art Romero won with 2' 8", beating Joyce Ng (9' 2") and Doug Swann (10').

• June 26 (Wild Hawk):

- Hole #4: Lorna Hannon (9' 1"), Gregg Takeuchi (12' 2"), and Doug Swann (20' 5").
- Hole #12: Ed Miura (23' 3"), Dickson Fong (24' 3"), and Ed Lum (45' 4").

• July 3:

- Hole #8: Ron Sanui won at 1' 2", with Doug Swann (10' 10") and Norman Kujubu (17' 0").
- Hole #17: Evelyn Suzuki won with a close 1' 9", followed by Doug Swann (10' 3") and Wendell Sonoda (11' 4").

• July 10:

- Hole #5: Randy Choy (12' 6"), Larry Lau (18' 1"), and Ron Sanui (28' 7").
- Hole #12: Al Enlow (15' 1"), Dennis Tsuboi (25' 11"), and Art Romero (28' 11").

• July 17:

- Hole #5: Wes Yee dominated with 1' 3", followed by Jerry Miyamoto (22' 5").
- Hole #12: Bernie Torres (6' 0") and Dean Fukushima (15' 5").

• July 24 (Plumas Lake):

- Hole #3: Ron Sanui (14' 9") and Norman Kujubu (18' 10").
- Hole #16: Dean Fukushima won with 6' 8", beating Ed Lum (13' 0") and Dennis Tsuboi (16' 4").

• July 31:

- Hole #8: Gregg Takeuchi (15' 8"), Doug Swann (21' 8"), and Dean Fukushima (27' 10").
- Hole #17: Allen Valla won at 2' 0", followed by Patty Lee (3' 8") and Merle Aoki (3' 11").

• August 7:

- Hole #5: Keiji Takagi (12' 11"), Andy Kojima (17' 2"), and Dennis Tsuboi (20' 0").
- Hole #17: Merle Aoki led at 7' 4", followed by Keiji Takagi (13' 5").

• August 28 (Ancil Hoffman):

- Hole #5: Randy Choy won at 8' 2", beating Al Enlow (10' 5").
- Hole #17: Dick Kadoya (16' 2"), Gregg Takeuchi (17' 5"), and Dickson Fong (17' 9").

• September 4:

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- Hole #8: Stacy Nishimoto (10' 10"), Jody Tao (18' 8"), and Wendell Sonoda (19' 10").
- Hole #12: Andy Kojima (12' 11").

• September 18:

- Hole #5: Dean Fukushima nearly had a hole-in-one at 0' 1", followed by Jerry Miyamoto (2' 4").
- Hole #12: Shawn Fukushima (6' 8") and Brian Hatano (11' 9").

• September 25 (Teal Bend):

- Hole #9: Ron Sanui won at 4' 6", beating Ray Kato (12' 2") and Merle Aoki (29').
- Hole #12: Ed Lum (19'), Teresa Porter (26' 7"), and Don Lai (34' 5").

• October 16:

- Hole #5: Gregg Takeuchi (7' 10"), Andrew Kojima (12' 7"), and Wendell Sonoda (13' 8").
- Hole #17: Jerry Miyamoto won at 4' 3", followed by Andy Kojima (12' 4").

• October 23 (Haggin Oaks):

- Hole #6: Dean Fukushima (8' 0"), Andy Kojima (17' 0"), and Tod Nakatsuka (17' 4").
- Hole #16: Brian Hatano won at 4' 9", beating Stacey Nishimoto (9' 11").

• October 30:

- Hole #8: Don Lai won at 9' 5", followed by Burt Yoshioka (27' 2").
- Hole #17: Bernie Torres had 3' 5", beating Roy Minami (4' 1").

• November 6:

- Hole #5: Kathy Green won with 3' 8", beating Joyce Ng (30' 7") and Steve Uyemura (32' 11").
- Hole #12: Ed Hashima (12' 3"), Norman Kujubu (16' 9"), and Dickson Fong (22' 6").