

SAKURA SENIOR GOLF CLUB

2025 Summary Report

Exceptional Low Net Performance

While most winning net scores ranged between 67 and 72, Don Lai delivered the most dominant individual round of the season on June 19, posting a Net 62 at Bartley Cavanaugh. Another standout low round was recorded by Ed Miura, who shot a Net 66 during the October Allister MacKenzie tournament.

Strength Under Pressure (Tie-Breaking Metrics)

The club uses a rigorous "Card Off" procedure to break ties, evaluating performance on the Net Last 9, 6, 3, and 1 holes. Several players proved exceptionally strong in these "clutch" moments:

- Shawn Fukushima won a high-stakes tie-breaker for 1st place in the Championship Flight on August 7, beating Dean Fukushima by a single stroke on the Last 9 Net (33 vs. 34).
- Bernie Torres frequently benefitted from these metrics, such as on October 30, where his Net 18 of 68 was supplemented by a strong back-nine finish to secure 1st place.

Elite Handicap Stability

The USGA Handicap Index (H.I.) serves as a metric for a player's potential. Wesley Yee stood out as the club's "scratch-adjacent" benchmark, maintaining the lowest index in the roster, fluctuating slightly between 7.2 and 7.4 throughout the season.

Consistent Top Performers (The Leaders)

- Bernie Torres (Championship Flight): Torres was arguably the course's most consistent high-level performer, especially in the latter half of the season. He secured three consecutive 1st-place finishes at Bartley Cavanaugh on October 30, November 13, and December 4, all with a net score of 71 or better. He also placed 2nd on May 1 (Net 72), June 5 (Net 72), and July 3 (Net 70), and won on July 17 (Net 70).
- Douglas Swann (Championship Flight): Swann maintained elite consistency throughout the first half of the season. He recorded 1st-place finishes on April 3 (Net 73), May 1 (Net 68), June 19 (Net 71), and July 3 (Net 70), and was a top finisher on March 6, April 17, and July 17.
- Tod Nakatsuka (Championship Flight): Nakatsuka appeared at the top of the leaderboard frequently, highlighted by a dominant Net 65 to take 1st place on October 16. He also secured 1st place on September 18 (Net 70) and top-three finishes on March 6, March 20, April 17, and May 1.
- Kathy Green (Women's Flight): Green was the most consistent female golfer at this course toward the end of the year, recording back-to-back Net 68s to win on November 13 and December 4, following another win (Net 69) on October 30.

Flight Consistency Leaders

- Clifford Wong (First Flight): Wong demonstrated sustained excellence at Bartley Cavanaugh by taking 1st place on May 1 (Net 67), October 30 (Net 68), November 13 (Net 74), and December 4 (Net 74).
- Norman Kujubu (Second Flight): Kujubu was a fixture in the top three of his flight, securing wins on March 6 (Net 72), April 17 (Net 72), and October 30 (Net 69), while also placing 2nd on July 31.
- Don Lai (First Flight): Though his scores varied, Lai recorded the most dominant individual rounds at the course, including a Net 62 on June 19 and another Net 62 on July 3.

Consistency in Participation

- Championship Flight: Dean Fukushima, Shawn Fukushima, Ed Hashima, Tod Nakatsuka, Bernie Torres, Edwin Lum, Alan Milligan, Doug Swann, Burt Yoshioka, and Wayne Fong.
- First and Second Flights: Don Lai, Roy Minami, Allen Valla, Clifford Wong, Merle Aoki, Randy Choy, Chuck Kobayashi, Norman Kujubu, Jerry Miyamoto, and Keiji Takagi.
- Women's Flight: Vickie Torres and Lorna Hannon.