

How Catalina Vets golf prizes are determined

Intent / Objective of this Document

To provide a framework and guidance for any member of the Catalina Veterans Committee who may be required to allocate prizes for Veterans Golf Competitions.

Examples of the various competition types have been provided. Users of the document should keep in mind that growth in numbers each year will have an impact on the amount of prizemoney in “the pool” for each competition.

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Ball Winners

Two concepts govern regular Vets competitions – guaranteed ball winners and zero-profit golf.

The following players will be guaranteed a “ball”. As at 1st July 2024 a “ball” is 500 Club points.

- Stableford scores of 17 or better in a 9 hole event and 32 or better in an 18 hole event.
- Net scores of 37 or less in a 9 hole Stroke and 76 or less in an 18 hole Stroke event.
- Captain’s discretion to be used in teams events.

Following the allocation of “balls”, the remaining prize pool is to be distributed to the best scores on the day. The value and number of prizes will vary depending on the size of the remaining prize pool. The aim is to distribute prizes fairly and equitably while using as close as possible to the remaining prize pool.

Prize winners are excluded from the list of ball winners.

Examples of Prize distribution.

Nine hole Stableford

A typical 9 hole Stableford event (24th Oct 2024) had 132 players, 36 players won a ball and prizes of \$35, \$25, \$20 and \$15 in each of four grades.

2BBB Stableford – two tee start

As an example, the event on 17th Oct 2024 had 70 players on the front nine, 10 pairs won a ball and prizes of \$30, \$25, \$20 and \$15 were awarded to the top four pairs.

The back nine competition that same day had 64 players, 8 pairs won a ball and prizes of \$30, \$25, \$20 and \$15 were awarded to the top four pairs.

Irish 4BBB Stableford – two tee start

As an example, the event on 22nd Feb 2024 had 138 players across two nines. No balls were awarded but prizes of \$30, \$25 and \$20 were awarded to the top three pairs on each nine.

Nine hole 2-person Ambrose

As an example, the event on 1st Feb 2024 had 136 players, 35 pairs won a ball and prizes of \$40, \$35, \$30, \$25 and \$20 were awarded to the top five pairs.

Nine hole 4-person Ambrose

As an example, the event on 3rd Dec 2024 had 156 players, 9 groups won a ball and prizes of \$40, \$30, \$25, \$20 and \$15 were awarded to the top five foursomes.

The ShootOut

The ShootOut on the 19th Dec 2024 had 138 players and 51 players won a ball.

Prizes for the top 10 were \$80, \$55, \$45, \$35, then six prizes of \$20 for placings 5-10.

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Trophy Events

Monthly Medal

Monthly Medal rounds always have 3 grades, fixed at 0-16, 17-21 and 22-45.

The event on 3/10/24 had 52 players, 17 balls awarded and prizes of \$45, \$35 and \$25 across 3 grades.

The Race to Summer

Monthly rounds of the Race to Summer series always have 3 grades, fixed at 0-18, 19-27 and 28-45

The event on 3/10/24 had 93 players, 22 balls awarded and prizes of \$35, \$25, \$20 and \$15 across 3 grades.

Vets Championships

The overall Vets Champion receives the Andrew Eddy Trophy and a small trophy to keep.

Small trophies are also awarded to the Vets Championship runner-up, the A Grade gross winner and runner-up, the B Grade gross winner and runner-up, the A Grade nett winner and runner-up, the B Grade nett winner and runner-up, but with the proviso that a player should only win one trophy.

The overall winner also receives \$200 in prizemoney, with the runner-up receiving \$100.

The 9-hole Grand Prix winner receives a small trophy and \$100 prizemoney, while the runner-up receives a small trophy and \$50 prizemoney.

Vets Match Play Championships

Both the A Grade and B Grade Match Play champions receive a small trophy and \$150 prizemoney, while the runner-up in each grade receives a small trophy and \$50 prizemoney.

The Ablett

The Ablett trophies are awarded across five age-group categories being 55-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79 and 80+.

As well as a small trophy, each winner is award \$40. In recent years, this prizemoney has come from the money refunded to us from MSCVGA.

Alan Morgan Summer Series

Awarded to the best 3 scores across the four rounds of the summer series, the winner receives the Alan Morgan Trophy, a small replica and \$100. The runner-up receives \$50 prizemoney.

Jim Palmer Winter Series

Awarded to the best 3 scores across the four rounds of the winter series, the winner receives the Jim Palmer Trophy, a small replica and \$100. The runner-up receives \$50 prizemoney.

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Other Events

MSCVGA Interclub

For Interclub events held at Catalina, prizes are allocated in three grades.

- In each grade, vouchers are to be presented in the values of \$50, \$30 and \$20.
- In addition, balls are to be awarded to the top 36 scores, excluding those who have won the above prizes.
- Two balls should be awarded to the Nearest-the-Pin on two holes and to all three grades.

Mollycat Trophy

For the round of the Mollycat held at Catalina, prizes are awarded to each player from the top three pairs from each Club. They will be external vouchers in the values of \$50, \$30 and \$20.

Two balls should be awarded to the Nearest-the-Pin on two holes and across three grades.

Catalina Vets Open

Prizes will obviously depend on entry numbers and cost of entry.

As an example the 2024 event had a \$25 entry fee, attracted 133 players and awarded prizes of \$100, \$70, \$50, \$40 and \$30 across four grades.

There were also two balls given to the NTPs in four grades and two balls for the longest drive in four grades plus a ladies division.

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