



Matt Cranham shoots net 59; wins 10th Iron Thong tourney

The 10th Iron Thong Golf Tournament teed off on April 2nd, just one day after April Fool's Day, but Matt Cranham wasn't foolin' around. He shot a net 59 to take the overall champion's crown. He shot a gross 89, leading a strong C Flight contingent that included Josh Howard, who also shot a net 59 but lost on a tiebreaker, and Scott Thompson who shot a gross 88 and missed out on defending his championship by one stroke.

Thirty-seven ITGers braved the narrow fairways, hard-packed bunkers and fast, rolling greens at Pecan Valley Golf Course. The overall scores were remarkable, as almost everyone showed up his or her "A" game.

The weather cooperated, as well. The temperatures began at about 67 degrees and the skies stayed overcast, the sun not breaking through until just about everyone finished up. A light wind of only a couple of mph helped keep everyone cool, but didn't affect the play. More than one person was overheard saying "What a beautiful day of golf!"

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***Matt Cranham holds the new ITG
Champions's Trophy***





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Here are the ITG winners:

The winners' list showed a lot of new names this tournament, including the "King Thong" Matt Cranham.

Mike Fisk won a trophy and \$60 for the closest to the pin for A Flight on hole number 17. Al Menchaca won a trophy and \$60 for the closest to the pin for B Flight on hole number 7. Matt Cranham won a trophy and \$60 for the closest to the pin for C Flight on hole number 12. And defending champ Scott Thompson won a trophy and \$60 for the closest to the pin for all flights on hole number 3.

Cris Pappas flexed her mighty muscles and won the longest drive trophy and \$60 for outslugging the guys on hole number 6.

Ed Chrismer had the lowest gross score in A Flight, shooting a 77 and winning a trophy and \$50. John Hancock won B Flight honors and a trophy and \$50 with a gross 86 and Scott Thompson took C Flight honors and a trophy and \$50 with an 89.

John Hancock traversed the Pecan

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The ITG Brain Trust -- President Steve VanWert and Vice-President Pete Cliburn tally up the scores.



Valley greens in 30 putts to win a trophy and \$60 for fewest putts for the day.

Robert Perez won \$75 for Low Net Front Nine in A Flight with a net 28. John Hancock won B Flight honors and \$75 with a net 28 and Josh Howard won C Flight front nine low net with a blazing 23. He won \$75 as well.

Sergio Contreras won \$75 for Low Net Back Nine in A Flight with a net 32. Paul Tenner won B Flight honors and \$75 with a net 30 and Scott Thompson won C Flight with a 27. He won \$75 as well.

Low Net Full Round honors for A Flight went to Ed Chrismer. He shot a net 62 and won a trophy and \$140. John Hancock shot a net 62 and took B Flight honors. He won a trophy and \$140. Matt Cranham won the C Flight crown by shooting a net 59. He won a trophy and \$140.

Second place winner in Low Net Full Round went to Sergio Contreras, who shot a net 64 and won \$100. Jeff Konop won \$100 for second place in B Flight with a 62. And Josh Howard won \$100 for second place in C Flight with a 59.

Steve VanWert won \$80 for coming in third in Low Net Full Round for A Flight. He shot a net 64. Matt Schapman took third place in B Flight and \$80 with a net 64. And



From left, defending champion Scott Thompson presents the ITG Traveling Trophy to new champion Matt Cranham

Jamie McBride took third place in C Flight and \$80 with a net 60.

Matt Cranham was the first recipient of the new Champions Trophy. He also gets his name and score engraved on the Iron Thong Traveling Trophy, which we hope to have mounted on the wall at Pecan Valley.

The ITG also gave out a trophy to Jamie McBride for being the Most Improved Golfer in 2010 and Johnny Berner won a trophy for winning the most low nets during the Fall/Winter season.



ITG President Steve VanWert, left, presents Mike Fisk with his trophy and \$60 for winning Closest to the Pin in A Flight.



ITG President Steve VanWert, left, presents Al Menchaca with his trophy and \$60 for winning Closest to the Pin in B Flight.



ITG President Steve VanWert, left, presents Scott Thompson with his trophy and \$60 for winning Closest to the Pin for all flights.



ITG President Steve VanWert, left, presents Cris Pappas with her trophy and \$60 for winning the Longest Drive competition.



ITG President Steve VanWert, left, presents Jamie McBride with his trophy for winning Most Improved Golfer for 2010.



ITG President Steve VanWert, left, presents Johnny Berner with his trophy for winning the most low nets for the Fall/Winter season.



ITG President Steve VanWert, left, presents John Hancock with his trophy and \$60 for carding the fewest putts for the 10th ITG tournament.



ITG President Steve VanWert, left, presents Ed Chrismer with his trophy and \$50 for winning Low Gross in A Flight.



ITG President Steve VanWert, left, presents John Hancock with his trophy and \$50 for winning Low Gross in B Flight.



ITG President Steve VanWert, left, presents Scott Thompson with his trophy and \$50 for winning Low Gross in C Flight.



ITG Vice-President Pete Cliburn, left, presents Robert Perez with \$75 for winning Low Net Front Nine in A Flight.



ITG Vice-President Pete Cliburn, left, presents John Hancock with \$75 for winning Low Net Front Nine in B Flight.



ITG Vice-President Pete Cliburn, left, presents Josh Howard with \$75 for winning Low Net Front Nine in C Flight.



ITG Vice-President Pete Cliburn, left, presents Sergio Contreras with \$75 for winning Low Net Back Nine in A Flight.



ITG Vice-President Pete Cliburn, left, presents Paul Tenner with \$75 for winning Low Net Back Nine in B Flight.



ITG Vice-President Pete Cliburn, left, presents Scott Thompson with \$75 for winning Low Net Back Nine in C Flight.



ITG President Steve VanWert, left, presents Ed Chrismer with a trophy and \$140 for winning Full Round Low Net in A Flight. Ed shot a net 62.



ITG President Steve VanWert, left, presents John Hancock with a trophy and \$140 for winning Full Round Low Net in B Flight. John shot a net 62.



ITG President Steve VanWert, left, presents Matt Cranham with a trophy and \$140 for winning Full Round Low Net in C Flight. Matt shot a net 59.



ITG President Steve VanWert, left, presents Sergio Contreras with \$100 for winning second place Full Round Low Net in B Flight. Sergio shot a net 64.



ITG President Steve VanWert, left, presents Jeff Konop with \$100 for winning second place Full Round Low Net in B Flight. Jeff shot a net 62.



ITG President Steve VanWert, left, presents Josh Howard with \$100 for winning second place Full Round Low Net in C Flight. Josh shot a net 59.



Steve VanWert, left, receives \$80 from ITG Treasurer Jamie McBride for winning third place Full Round Low Net in A Flight. Steve shot a net 64.



ITG President Steve VanWert, left, presents Matt Schapman with \$80 for winning third place Full Round Low Net in B Flight. Matt shot a net 64.



ITG President Steve VanWert, left, presents Jamie McBride with \$80 for winning third place Full Round Low Net in C Flight. Jamie shot a net 60.



ITG President Steve VanWert, left, presents Matt Cranham with the champion's trophy. Matt shot a net 59 and defeated Josh Howard on a tiebreaker.

Candid Camera



From the editor



Inside the 10th ITG tournament

Numbers never lie, but liars never number ... wait, that's not right. How does that go? Anyway, here's an inside look behind the numbers of the 10th ITG tournament.

Birdies

Not surprisingly, most of the birdies came out of A Flight, but C Flight had more than B Flight. Figure that one out. Todd Mumford had the most birdies with 4, followed by Tony Bishop and Robert Perez with three. Louis Menchaca had two, along with Josh Howard and Scott Thompson. Ed Chrismer, Johnny Berner, Derek Frank, Mike Fisk, Matt Schapman, Paul Tenner, Al Menchaca, and Jamie McBride had one each.



Pars

Ed Chrismer was the steadiest golfer on this particular day. He had 10 pars to lead the A Flighters. John Hancock had 9 to lead B flight, and Matt Cranham had 7 to lead C Flight.



Bogies

Four players carded 10 bogies. Sergio Contreras, Matt Schapman, Jamie McBride and Darren Howard were bogeyrific.

Others

Mike Linares had 11 doubles, the most of anyone, and Richard Roberts carded 7 "others." Better luck next time, guys.



The Iron Thong Champions List

Steve Moring — July 8, 2006 – net 64
Steve VanWert — March 20, 2007 – net 69
Johnny Martinez – Sept. 9, 2007 – net 71
Jesse Flores – March 22, 2008 – net 62
Jesse Flores – Sept. 6, 2008 – net 69
Ronny Copeland – March 7, 2009 – net 67
Mike Linares – Oct. 3, 2009 – net 63
Jamie McBride – April 3, 2010 – net 60
Scott Thompson – Oct. 2, 2010 – net 71
Matt Cranham – April 2, 2011 – net 59