



Haggin Oaks Golf Course in Sacramento, California again hosted the Western Amputee Regional Championship. Haggin Oaks reeks of history for amputee golf. In the early 1960's, a few local amputees from the Sacramento area began holding a single tournament each year for amputees.

This is where it all began!

The group grew by a few members each year, and became the Western Amputee Golf Association about 1968 with 40 members. Now boasting over 200 members, WAGA hosts 4 to 6 tournaments each year in the Western U. S.



September 12, 2008, sunny and cool for September, arrived with 28 players for Friday's sponsor/guest best-ball event of the **WAGA/Hanger Western Amputee Regional Championship**. Thanks to **Hanger** as our title sponsor, our players were able to enjoy all the extras it takes to present a quality event.

Playing from the middle tees at over 6500 yards, first place team scored a low 60. Mike Lorenz, BK from the S.F. bay area, teamed with Mike Carpenter, a prosthetist/sponsor from Auburn. Lorenz has won this team event a few times before, teamed up with family members. Their score was 3 strokes ahead of second place winners AK Michael Brassil/Gary Reentz.

The guest/sponsor day always culminates with an awards luncheon, during which all enjoy sumptuous tri-tip or chicken. Raffle prizes such as golf clubs, bags, watches, balls, hats were distributed. More prizes than players, no one went home with empty hands or stomachs. A Lee Wybranski print of the US Open logo at Torrey Pines was auctioned off.

Notable player Friday was AE Tom Gardner, of Washington State. Gardner scored an eagle on the par 4 ninth from 160 yards. Gardner also earned WAGA's 2008 Player of the Year award. He earned a first place in each of our tournaments this year.

Michael Brassil won the closest to the pin on #6 at 16 feet.

Brassil, right AK, plays to a 30 handicap. By playing to his handicap or better, Michael won Low Net Champion for this tournament at 215, one under par.

Corbin Cherry, retired army chaplain from Marin County, California, has competed in many National tournaments, and has been National Champion numerous times. Cherry had a tough round on Friday, but came back with two rounds in the 70's to clinch the low gross trophy here.

Our sincere thanks to **Hanger Prosthetics & Orthotics, Inc.** as our title sponsor, and **Foresters Insurance Group** for their sponsorship.

June 2009 will feature a 2-day competition for more than 40 amputees, at Haggin Oaks golf course.



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