

Snowbirds Defeat the Sunbirds Again in Eighth Annual Ryder Cup

The Snowbirds found a way to win their sixth consecutive Ryder Cup tournament held at Tatum Ridge on January 11 and 13, 2021 defeating the Sunbirds by the final score of 23 to 20. The two-day competition was close-fought both days. Historically, the margin of victory has been very close and this year was no exception. For the eighth year in a row, the Sunbirds were captained by John Kardosz, and the Snowbirds were captained by Paul Addison.

There were 11 pairs matches on Day 1 and 21 singles matches on Day 2.

After the pairs competition Day 1, the Sunbirds held a slight edge 11.5 to 10.5. The Snowbirds prevailed on the Day 2 singles matches 12.5 to 8.5. There were some large margins of victory on Day 2 including a 7 & 5, a 6 & 5, a 5 & 4, and a 5 & 3. Tom Cunningham parred his first five holes en route to a 7 & 5 victory. After 12 holes in the singles matches, both Jim Greenleaf and Ralph Milykovic held a five-hole lead. Jim went on to a 4 & 3 victory and Ralph withstood a late charge from his opponent to win 2-up.

45 members participated in this year's event, down from 56 in 2020. The weather, while on the cool side, was not a factor unlike some frigid years in the past.

Unlike previous years, no golfers were on winning teams for both nines on Day 1 and also won their singles matches on Day 2. Only two teams won both nines on Day 1—Dick Lee/Art Skop and Jerry Selking/Mario Pereira.

The next TRMGA tournament on the docket is the Match Play Tournament, which kicks off February 10 .