



Alex Seelig Repeats as Nelson Cup Club Champ

Youth was served in the 2019 Nelson Cup club championship as 18-year-old Alex Seelig defeated 64-year-old Guy McKeone, 2 up, in the final match. Earlier in the day, Seelig eliminated 69-year-old Tom Walker, 7 and 5, in the semi-final match.

Seelig took an immediate final-match lead with a par on the first hole. After halving number two, Alex drove his ball on number two inside the cart ropes near the green. He turned that into a win to go 2-up. Guy holed a dazzling 15-foot putt on the fifth green for par and strode to the next tee still two down. The match changed rapidly on the sixth hole when Guy canned a pitch shot from short of the green to a tight pin for a winning birdie. Alex made par on number seven to reestablish a 2-up lead. Guy's magnificent chip from the front of the eighth green saved par and earned a halve. On number nine, Alex's booming drive set up another win and a 3-up lead at the turn.

Guy dropped a 15-foot putt on the 10th hole for birdie 2 and a win. When he won the 11th with par, Guy was back to 1 down. Alex's par on 12 put him 2-up and Guy saved par with a testing left-to-right six-footer on 13 for a halve.

Guy tightened the match with a winning par on the 14th hole, only to hit into the creek on 15, allowing Alex a win with bogey. Guy fought back with a par 4 on 16 to close to within one. Both players were agonizingly close to holing birdie putts on the par 5, 17th hole, Guy coming up inches short and Alex grazing the right side of the cup.

Guy had the honor on the 18th tee and delivered a drive straight down the middle. Alex answered with a blast into the left rough. Guy's second caught a tree limb and his ball dropped some 50 yards from the pin. Alex responded with a tree-topper that landed a mere five feet from the hole. When Guy's fourth shot failed to find the bottom of



Guy McKeone, left, took on Alex Seelig in a rematch of the 2018 Nelson Cup club championship final match.

the cup, he conceded to youthful Alex, who became the ninth player to defend the title. The others successful defenders are:

- John Rader, Jr. 1931 and '32
- Buddy Lutz, 1948 and '49 and 1957, '58 and '59
- Corky Lott, 1960, '61 and '62
- Joe Malarkey, 1972 and '73
- Herman Fry, 1984 and '85
- Fred Tyler, 1991 and '92
- Jimmy Ward, 2003 and '04
- Greg Galtere, 2008, '09 and '10



Nelson Cup Matches

First Round Matches

Ernie Danneberg defeated Carl Staples, 3 & 2
 Bryan Binkley defeated Bill Haas, 6 & 4
 Bud Lewis defeated Ben Burgess, 3 & 2

Second Round Matches

James Furness defeated Bud Lewis, 5 & 4
 Guy McKeone defeated Dave Seelig, 1 up
 Greg Kleinert defeated Bryan Binkley, 3 & 2
 Phil Harsh defeated Greg Galtere, 2 & 1
 Alex Seelig defeated Ernie Danneberg, 5 & 3
 Mark Higgins defeated Robin Dutcher, 3 & 2
 John Dutcher defeated John Messerly, 3 & 2
 Tom Walker defeated Jim Christiana, 1 up

Quarter-final Matches

Alex Seelig defeated Mark Higgins, 5 & 3
 Tom Walker defeated Jon Dutcher, 1 up
 Guy McKeone defeated James Furness, 3 & 2
 Greg Kleinert defeated Phil Harsh, 5 & 4

Semi-final Matches

Alex Seelig defeated Tom Walker, 7 & 5
 Guy McKeone defeated Greg Kleinert, 4 & 3

Stableford Points Championship

White Tee Flight, net points

1. Bud Lewis	57-56—113*
2. Greg Galtere-	57-56—113
3. Jim Christiana	54-54—108
4. Denny Hess	57-51—108
5. Bryan Binkley	55-51—106
6. John Messerly	48-57—105
T7. Robin Dutcher	54-50—104
T7. Dave Morris	53-51—104
9. Tony Cotelles	58-45—103
10. Rick Newstein	45-55—100
11. Ben Burgess	50-48— 98

* Won on match of cards



Alex used a booming drive to win the ninth hole.



Guy halved the 13th hole with a tricky par-saving putt.

Gold Tee Flight, net points

1. Ernie Danneberg	63-57—120
2. Dave Bustard	64-52—116
T3. Tom Rapposelli	55-57—112
T3. Bill Haas	56-56—112
5. Frank Heins	59-51—110