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Cappy Mack tees off on the seventh hole in the afternoon round of Saturday's final at the

Action concludes with locals, longtime players winning golf invitational

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The Oregon Coast Invitational was back in pre-pandemic form last week, as the longtime golf tournament resumed its count with the 110th gathering.

For the first time since 1942-45, the 2020 tournament — along with countless other sports-related events last year — was canceled because of the pandemic.

But the tournament proved resilient, and returned to its family reunion-type atmosphere, eight-day tournament this year.

And — other than a slightly different appearance for the course — last week's tournament looked much the same as it always does, right down to the names winning the championship trophies.

Jon Holzgang, of Columbia Edgewater in Portland, officially defended his 2019 Grand Champions title — and then some — ending Saturday's final match play round after 27 of

And longtime Astoria member Jeff Leinassar won the Super Seniors division, now giving him championships in every men's division (grand champions, junior/seniors, seniors and super seniors) of the tournament.

Meanwhile, Holzgang's long drives off the tee helped him win five matches in six days, including a semifinal victory over Ilwaco golfer Blake Kukula in Friday's semifinals.

In Saturday's championship round against Matt Goodman, of Waverley Golf Club, Holzgang was 3-up after nine holes in the morning round, then went from 3-up after 13 holes to 7-up after 18. Holzgang pulled away first four holes.

And an Oregon Coast Invitational wouldn't be normal without a Mack holding a championship trophy, as medalist Cappy Mack won the women's division with a 4 and 2 victory over Lisa Poritz, of the Portland Golf Club.

Along with sisters Renee Mack and Lara



Jon Holzgang successfully defended his Grand Champions title from 2019.

Mack, the Mack sisters have now combined to win 16 Oregon Coast Invitational titles (Lara with 11, Cappy at four, and Renee won the first in 1986). And, along with George Mack and George Mack, Jr., the immediate Mack family has won 26 Oregon Coast Invitational division championships.

In Saturday's final 36-hole match, Poritz was 1-up after the first nine holes of the morning round, the biggest advantage for either golfer over the first 18 holes.

But Mack won four of the first six holes of the afternoon round to go 4-up, and Poritz could never get closer than 2-up, with Mack ending the match on the 34th hole.

Two-up after 11 holes in the afternoon round, Mack's long approach shot on the 12th hole missed the pin by inches, and she went

Jim Parks captured the junior/seniors title in a close match with Ty Kohler; and Cathi Barta won the third-ever women's senior championship.

Bill Winter also won the seniors division.

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FINAL RESULTS GRAND CHAMPIONS Championship flight: Jon Holzgang

def. Matt Goodman, 10&9. **Semifi-nals**: Goodman def. Rex Puterbaugh; Holzgang def. Blake Kukula. First flight: Mike Swingle def. Trevor Harding. **Semifinals**: Swingle def. Jeff Canessa; Harding def. Jay Ross. Second flight: Brad Carnese def. Frank-lin Gauntz. Semifinals: Gauntz def. Eric Lane; Carnese def. Adam Perkiomaki. Third flight: Craig Mendenhall def. Craig Froude. **Semifinals**: Froude def. Andrew Thompson; Mendenhall def.

Fourth flight: Micah Warren def. Jared Payne. **Semifinals**: Payne def. Connor Kelly; Warren def. Jimmy Sharp. **Fifth flight**: Andrew Pienovi def. Casey Towner. **Semifinals**: Towner def. Jeff Griggs; Pienovi def. Aaron Ehlers.

WOMEN'S

Championship flight: Cappy Mack def. Lisa Poritz, 4&2. **Semifinals**: Mack def. Renee Case; Poritz def. Katie Sturgell. First flight: Monica Regan def. Inja Kim. Semifinals: Regan def. Penni Pike; Kim def. Andrea Shepard.

JUNIOR/SENIORS

Championship flight: Jim Parks def. Ty Kohler. **Semifinals**: Parks def. Kevin Lachenmeier; Kohler def. Robert

First flight: Henry Emmerson def. Steve Fordney. **Semifinals**: Fordney def. Dennis Sturgell, Jr.; Emmerson def. Brad

Second flight: Kurt Payne def. Austin Teague. **Semifinals**: Payne def. Tommy Smith; Teague def. Jeff Bodner. Third flight: Greg Korkowski def. Gor-

don Clark. Semifinals: Korkowski def. Anders Giltvedt; Clark def. Daniel Roth. Fourth flight: Jason Strobbe def. Scott Hoodenpyle, Semifinals: Strobbe def. Greg Surgener; Hoodenpyle def. Scott

Fifth flight: Ted Ferguson def. Storm Floten. **Semifinals**: Floten def. Greg Hope; Ferguson def. Ryan Baenen.

Sixth flight: Michael DeSario def. Dave Sloan. **Semifinals**: DeSario def. Bob Endres; Sloan def. Matt Bray. Seventh flight: Rick Wessell def. Jon Sherman. Semifinals: Wessell def.

Joseph Dandoy; Sherman def. Bob Moir **SENIORS**

Championship flight: Bill Winter def. Mark Adams. Semifinals: Winter def. Scott Melrose; Adams def. Tom Mulflur. **First flight**: Barry Greenberg def. Bart Bartholomew. **Semifinals**: Bartholomew def. Ric Huewe; Greenberg def. Todd

Stucky. Second flight: Greg Bolt def. Pat Regan. Semifinals: Regan def. Tom Jacobson; Bolt def. Peter Jennings.

Third flight: Michael Healy def. Kevin Pike. **Semifinals**: Pike def. John Holmes; Healy def. Brent Seppa.

Fourth flight: Bret Stevens def. Mark Horvat. Semifinals: Stevens def. Rick Fordney; Horvat def. John Duncan.

Fifth flight: Mark Dunbar def. Jeff Shannon. **Semifinals**: Shannon def. Scott Ehlen: Dunbar def. Tim Regan. Sixth flight: Patrick Fox def. Dennis McAuliffe. **Semifinals**: Fox def. Bill Stevens; McAuliffe def. Fred Cronin. Seventh flight: John Shepherd, Jr. def. Greg McCoy. Semifinals: McCoy def. Tom Shaw; Shepherd, Jr. def. Mark Gutzler.

WOMEN'S SENIORS

Championship flight: Cathi Barta def. Terry Mattson. Semifinals: Mattson def.

Beth Jackman; Barta def. Dotty Johnson. First flight: Leslie Bickmore def. Kathleen Casey. **Semifinals**: Bickmore def. Barbara Shaw; Casey def. Leanne Dehn. Second flight: Dona Melrose def. Karen Hoffman, Semifinals: Melrose def. Luanne Fordney; Hoffman def. LaVona

Goforth Third flight: Joan Schoen by default; Semifinals: Janet Cough, bye; Schoen def. Linda Gee.

SUPER SENIORS

Championship flight: Jeffrey Leinassar def. Russ Taggard. **Semifinals**: Taggard def. Mike Kuralti; Leinassar def. Jef.

First flight: George LoPiparo def. Paul Nelson. **Semifinals**: Nelson def. Sam Kress: LoPiparo def. Peter Roscoe Second flight: Joe Patrick def. Bill Weed. **Semifinals**: Patrick def. Marshall Gleason; Weed def. Randy Zmrhal. Third flight: John Holmes def. Tracey Johnson. Semifinals: Johnson def. Wayne McDonnell; Holmes def. Bruce Schoen.

Fourth flight: Jerry Romano def. Stephen Hart. Semifinals: Romano def. . Dale Lumpkin; Hart def. Michael Whitty,

Fifth flight: Jon Woodson def. Robert Smith. **Semifinals**: Smith def. Jim Hauck; Woodson def. Bill Lang. Sixth flight: Jae Park def. Carl Cade-nau, Jr. Semifinals: Park def. Mike Furrer; Cadenau, Jr. def. Vic Horgan. Seventh flight: Tom Isenhour def. Jar-

rett Jones. **Semifinals**: Jones def. Craig Nichols: Isenhour def. Anthony Rennie. Eighth flight: Bill Replogle def. Tom Hageman. Semifinals: Replogle def. Terry Graff; Hageman def. Chuck Martin. Ninth flight: John Lansing def. Jim Hiller. Semifinals: Hiller def. Larry Grant; Lansing def. Al Carder.



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