

# U.S. Senior Amateur

Saturday, Aug. 26, 2023  
Martis Camp Club  
Truckee, Calif.

**Randy Haag,  
Orinda, Calif.**

**2-under 70 (first round, stroke play)**



## **Q. Talk a little about your crazy round that eventually ended with two consecutive birdies on 8 and 9?**

Haag: “Then I birdied two of the hardest holes on the course (Nos. 8 and 9) coming in. That was great with the disappointment of the two bogeys in the middle of [my second] nine. Then I hit it in the bush on 17 and lost my ball, so I had to go back to the tee and made birdie on my second ball. That would have been eight birdies. But that really kept my round going because I could have made triple there easy.”

## **Q. The course was not playing easy today?**

Haag: “I had an eagle putt on 10 that we all thought went in. It just kind of rolled around [the hole]. Made a good two-putt on 11 and then 12 and 13 I had sand wedge and [pitching] wedge in but I am in the rough. You just don’t know how far that ball is going to go out of that rough. You are worried about flying the green, so you come up short and then it’s very difficult. The course setup is fantastic. The pins are in good spots. I played here about 12 years ago in a [U.S.] Mid-Am qualifier and I made a 7 on the par-3 third hole. I fought hard the rest of the day and shot even and was medalist. 75 played off. This course showed some teeth. You’ve got a lot of movement and slope in the greens. I think the speeds are perfect. I am really proud of the guys and what they did to get the course ready after a tough winter. It’s great to be here with my best pal too.”

## **Q. Who is your caddie?**

Haag: “Brad Frederickson. He is a member at The Olympic Club. He’s got a house up here in the South Shore [of Lake Tahoe] and we came up early.

## **Q. What did you hit into 8 and 9?**

Haag: “Eight I hit 22-degree rescue to 6 feet right below the hole. Nine I hit 3-wood 320 [yards] off the tee and had 150 in and knocked it to about 20 feet and made the downhill. That was a fun way to finish.”

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