

U.S. Senior Amateur

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

**Bob Royak,
Alpharetta, Ga.**

1-under 71 (first round, stroke play)



Q. Kind of one of those rounds where you were all over the place with birdies and bogeys?

Royak: "Really crazy. I kind skulled one on 17 and hit the rocks 10 yards short of the green. I didn't even go look for [the ball]. I made a couple of bad swings, but that was like the [really] one bad swing of the day."

Q. This golf course is playing mighty tough?

Royak: "That kind of surprises me because I really should have been in the 60s. I really played better than 71...I thought even par both days was going to be really, really, really good. Maybe I made more birdies than I deserved. I hit the ball good. I drove it in the bunker here [on 18] and made a nice up and down [for par]."

Q. How good was a 71 today?

Royak: "I three-putted three times. I hate to say I should have been a bit lower, but I really hit the ball good. You don't have to shoot 60. You just have to get into the match play. I came into the week in good form. I put a lot of pressure on myself to shoot a good score today."

Good form coming in.

Won North and South Senior at Pinehurst
Won Lupton Invitational at The Honors Course
Won Jones Senior Cup at Sea Island Golf Club.

Q. Any side bet with younger brother, Paul, who is in the field?

Royak: "No. This is our second time in the U.S. Senior Amateur. Old Chatham. He didn't have a good two days, but I had a good week (won). We played practice rounds the first two days with [2013 champion] Doug Hanzel. We had a good time."