

# U.S. Senior Amateur

Sunday, Aug. 27, 2023  
Martis Camp Club  
Truckee, Calif.

**Roger Newsom,  
Virginia Beach, Va.**

**Even-par 72 (second round, stroke play)  
1-over 145 (36-hole total)**



## **Q. Talk about playing 3-under-par golf over the final 12 holes?**

Newsom: “That’s kind of what I did on both days. I got off to slow starts, but I hit the ball well. That’s just what USGA golf is and if you let that kind of bother you, then you are in trouble. You just have to keep grinding.”

“When I was a kid I caddied for [two-time U.S. Open champion] Curtis Strange back in Virginia. And we used to joke that he could crush granite with his eyelids. That’s what I did.”

## **Q. You’ve been around long enough to know the goal during stroke play is to just qualify for match play?**

Newsom: “You just want to get yourself a spot in this [64-player] field and see what happens.”

## **Q. How difficult is Martis Camp playing?**

Newsom: “It’s harder than anything I’ve played in the last four years. I think it’s mountain. It’s judging distances because of the altitude. It’s the rough. It’s a combination of everything.”

## **Q. Have you had a good summer of finishes?**

Newsom: “I haven’t played much. I played in April. I did win the Coleman Senior. I came in second to Gene Elliott in the C.B. Macdonald [at National Golf Links of America]. I’m doing 25 to 30 surgeries a week [as an ophthalmologist]. I kid the guys that I am working full-time. I’m a real amateur.”

## **Q. Any thoughts about match play?**

Newsom: “Well, obviously I’m grinding. I hope for my wife’s sake I can do pretty good. She’s tired of having the monkey on my back [from finishing second in 2019];”