

# U.S. Senior Amateur

Monday, Aug. 28, 2023  
Martis Camp Club  
Truckee, Calif.

**Craig Steinberg,**  
**Agoura Hills, Calif.**

Round of 64  
def. Gene Elliott, 1 up



## **Q. You won the last two holes to beat the 2021 champion?**

Steinberg: “He fortunately gave me an opening, which he had not done a lot of during the match. He played well. He’s Gene Elliott. Then he finished bogey, bogey. On 17, he hit a good shot and got a bad bounce over the green. And that’s a really hard shot. I hit a poor shot, came up just short of the green and ran a chip past the hole and made the longest putt of the tournament. It was 20 feet for par to win the hole. It was literally the first 20-footer I’ve made in three rounds.”

## **Q. Any reason for the sloppy play at the end?**

Steinberg: “It’s a hard course. It’s hard to keep hitting good shots time after time after time. Every time you don’t, you’re going to pay a price out here.”

## **Q. Obviously you knew you were playing a legend today?**

Steinberg: “In three of my U.S. Seniors I’ve lost to the winner. I’ve lost to Jeff Wilson (2018), Doug Hanzel (2013) and last year Rusty [Strawn]. And if I would have beaten Doug Hanzel a couple of years ago [at the C.C. of Detroit] my next match would have been [eventual winner] Gene [Elliott]. My draws have not been too generous. But then I saw I got Gene [in the Round of 64], great. I got him today.”

Note – 31st USGA championship; semifinalist twice in the U.S. Mid-Amateur