

Tim Craggs vs Chris Roby
1st Round Match of 2026 Club Championship
WildHawk Golf Course
Monday August 25th, 2026
Tees: Blue Chris Roby/ White Tim Craggs
Pops: 1 for Tim Craggs (8th hole)
Witnesses: Christian Arechavaleta and Winton Emmett (in their own match)

Having just watched the movie Memento again, I'm going to do this recap slightly different. We're going to start with the ending, and work backwards. Plus this helps those of you with short attention spans!

Extra Hole #1: After tying their match over 18 holes in the 95 degree Sacramento heat, Tim and Chris head over the 1st tee to play their 19th hole. No one is on the tee, and the starter says they can play, but only one extra hole, otherwise, they'll have to charge us for a replay. Talk about pressure, not only is there a match on the line, but there's also real money!

Both Tim and Chris pipe their drives down the middle of the fairway. Tim goes first, and pulls his 2nd shot left of the hole, just covering the bunker. Chris has 100 yards in, and hits a wedge 85 to short left of the green. Tim is away, and unfortunately stubs a wedge barely on the green. Chris has 19 yards to the pin, and hits it to about 3 feet. However, Tim isn't done yet, he hits a great putt to within inches of the hole. He's in for a 5. Chris with his knees knocking, thinking about how we don't want to have pay for a replay, nor keep going in the heat, makes his putt for a par. Match over. Chris 1up over Tim!

18th Hole: Chris is down 1, last hole. He hits his drive to the right, where it hits the tree off the fairway, and nestles down into the grass under the tree canopy. Tim meanwhile, hits a beautiful tee shot down the middle. Chris has 88 yards to cover the creek that dissects the 18th hole at Wildhawk. He hits a punch 5 iron that goes 89 yards (all 4 players in the group agreed he got lucky) and rolls out to about 195 yards to the pin. Tim, has hit a great 2nd and 3rd shot in the fairway, leaving himself a great angle to the pin, with about 70 yards.

Knowing that tying the hole isn't an option, Chris goes for the green from 195 out, with a strong headwind. He hits a beautiful 3 wood that hits the front of the green, and rolls through the green, just misses the side bunker, and settles onto a downhill lie about 15 yards from the hole. Tim hits his 4th the middle of the green. Chris hits his chip to about 10 feet. Assuming that Tim is going to 2 putt for a bogey, Chris needs to make his 10 footer. Which he does!! In the immortal words of LL Cool J, don't call it a comeback! We're onto extras!

17th Hole: On the 17th green, Chris texted fellow CT Capitol Golf Club Members, Scott Leonard and Luke Hagfors, and let them know he'd lost his match. As Lee Corso says, Not so fast my friend. Chris had made a mess of the par 3, pulling his tee shot left of the cart path. He then hit his chip to the right of the green. Finally, he putted to about 3 feet.

Tim was in great shape, short of the green initially, then he chipped onto the front of the green. Chris assumed an easy 2 putt the way Tim had been putting. Instead, he raced it by the hole, and when he missed the comeback, Chris was still alive.

16th Hole: This was one of the most unusual holes we've seen. Tim hit the fairway, Chris just avoided hitting the water with his tee shot but was safe in the rough. What happened next was incredible. Tim went first and stuck an approach shot about 10 feet from the pin. Being 1 down, Chris was feeling the pressure, when he stuck it right next to Tim's ball. They were so

close (think Brokeback Mountain) that we needed a ruling from Winton as to who was away. Winton said Tim was by about a dimple, so Tim went first. Downhill 10 footer, front hole location, slope to the water if you hit it too hard. Tim left it short, to about 5 feet. Chris thinking, he's got this hole, left it even shorter!!! So much for being a good student. After Chris 3 putted (from 10 feet!!! 😞), Tim made the par to go up 2 with 2 to play. Chris was on life support.

15th Hole: Tim bogeys the hole, while Chris gets into some tree trouble, leading to double bogey. Just like that, Tim is back 1 up.

14th Hole: Chris played this hole well. Fairway hit, great 3 wood, then wedge to the green. 2 putt leads to a par, while Time does an excellent job scrambling to save bogey. All Square.

12th & 13th Hole: Nothing much to report here. Matching Bogey's and Double Bogeys by both players, lead to no movement on the match.

8th through 11th Holes: Tim takes control of the match. On the 8th, where he gets his only pop of the day, he hits a beautiful 3rd to 5 feet of the hole. Making par, net birdie, while Chris makes par, gives him the first of 4 straight holes Tim wins! Momentum is on his side!

1st through 7th Holes: Chris takes control of the match on these holes, eventually building a 3 Up. This is due to uncharacteristic consistency from Chris, he pars 4 of the first 7 holes. That lead doesn't last long though!

Chris and Tim greet each other on the 1st tee box with handshakes and well wishes.