

BLGC MGA 9-Holer Report for May 4, 2017

It was a brisk cool first Thursday in May morning that greeted six of those World Famous 9-Holers for a round of NASSAU golf. Joining the 9-Holers again today was Jack Steward who played as our guest.

Even though the 9-Holers have no rules, the Herd believes that the Blue Lake Committee should enact a new local club rule for the 18-holers. That rule should require that any 18-holer playing with a brand new golf ball should NOT mark the new golf ball in any way. This new rule would benefit the GBRT (Golf Ball Rescue Team – aka The Herd). It's always easier for the GBRT to mark "rescued" golf balls when they have not been previously marked. It takes a lot of hard work to get previously marked balls clean enough to be remarked for use by The Herd. This is also an economically efficient rule so The Herd doesn't have to buy new golf balls. Mac was the last 9-Holer to buy some new balls. He got about 20 dozen for \$10 through some internet deal. Fortunately a few of the balls actually bounced when dropped! Thanks for your support of the GBRT.

With seven players I split the Herd into a threesome of golfers consisting of Greg Kepner, Mac McConahy and Don Webb (scorekeeper). They blasted off first. Sub-herd #2 was comprised of our two Putting Competitors: Ken Mayne and C.L. Newsome and two golfers: Jack Steward and me. This arrangement lasted only for three holes because the pesky 18-holers kept delaying sub-herd #1 and they in turn delayed sub-herd #2 (it resembled the traffic on Hwy 281 in Marble Falls). At hole #4 the entire Herd reassembled and we played with all seven old guys to give the pesky 18-holers in front of us the idea that now they were greatly outnumbered and should play faster, which they did. Of course with seven old guys, we also played slower.

A general summary of our play today is:

Don kept score which gave him an advantage;

Greg needed new batteries for his putter;

Mac made the most pars;

Jack hit to the left a long ways;

Paul used all 28 of his clubs on each hole;

C.L. hit the ground with his putter more times than he hit the ball;

Ken aced hole #8 after he said it was time to ace hole #8.

The instant replay moment came at the #3 green when C.L. putted his "Idaho" golf ball to the rim of the hole and the ball balanced on the rim with two-thirds of the ball hovering over the open hole and one-third of the ball on the green surface. Remember this is the Butch Cassidy golf ball Ken gave C.L. It's the ball made during the off season in an Idaho potato factory.

With lunch waiting the 9-Holers moved diligently to get to the club house before the 18-holers and beg the cooks to eat early. Didn't work again this month!

So while waiting for those pesky 18-holers, the two score cards were tossed into the card shredder of the Quantum 9-Holer Computer and Bruno, the voice interface, was told to run the NASSAU program. Faster than C.L. can hit the ground with his putter, the calculations were complete and Bruno in his soprano voice sang out the results to those who weren't in the kitchen begging for food. Contrary to any rumors you hear, there were no food fights during the monthly MGA lunch

Putting Competition:

1st Place for \$4: Ken Mayne, 25 putts;

2nd Place for \$2: C.L. Newsome, 29 putts.

Golfing Competition:

1st Place for \$5: Don Webb (the scorekeeper and former accountant), net 31 ½;

2nd Place for \$4: Mac McConahy, net 32 ½;

3rd Place for \$2: Paul Castiglione, net 33;

4th Place for \$1: Greg Kepner, net 35;

Honorable Mention: Jack Steward, net 43.

That's it for another great day of 9-Holer golf at good old Blue Lake!

Paul Castiglione
9-Holer Herder