

BLGC MGA 9-Holer Report for May 11, 2017

With the 50% chance of rain somewhere in Texas, none of the World Famous 9-Holers were kept from the game of STABLEHERD today. The Herd is always up to a challenge and besides bad weather can't make the Herd play any worse!

We welcomed Jack Steward back into the Herd today and into the MGA for 2017.

We had nine of the World Famous 9-Holers today under the cloudy sky with a mild breeze and all were excited to be playing the new Blue Lakes Ropes Course. The old guys were challenged to see more of the G.U.R. (i.e. Ground Under Repair) stakes and ropes on the course today. With more obstacles like these, the Herd could work on their cart driving skills and jumping skills (both in the cart and on foot). C.L. and Ken were seen using their putters to "pole vault" over the GUR ropes in order to get to the greens! Sometimes it took them a few tries, but they finally made it.

With nine in The Herd, I divided the guys evenly into three groups: three golfers, three golfers and three putters. But that arrangement met with a protest from the Putting Competitors of Ken Mayne, C.L. Newsome and James Longoria. So sub-herd #1 comprised of Greg Kepner, Don Webb and Mac McConahy blasted off first and were long gone until they were held up by the pesky 18-holers.

Sub-herd #2 included golfers Jack Steward, Bob Westbrook, and me and the three showboat putters.

Greg and Mac played some great golf today. Don's score indicates that he struggled somewhere throughout the first nine holes!

Meanwhile Jack and I were busy trimming trees with some really powerful shots. Bob generally played in the fairway unless he wanted to check out the ruff for some reason.

The three Putting Competitors were playing for fame and fortune today. C.L. didn't cut James any slack on the greens. At the #2 green C.L. made an "ace" which was followed by whooping, shouting and high fives all around. The pressure was on James to gain strokes through the remaining holes. At the #6 green James received a "Yellow Card" for hitting Ken's unmarked golf ball (James had done this previously with a warning).

The Herd would have finished in record time today except that both sub-herds got slowed by Dooug Miller's foursome of 18-holers. I suspect they were having trouble with the GUR's also. They are not quite as innovative as The Herd when it comes to dealing with the GUR ropes and uprights.

With all of the Herd safely back in the pro-shop the three score cards were tossed into the card shredder of the Quantum 9-Holer Computer. Bruno, the voice interface, had some choice words for the Herd before he fired up the calculations. The STABLEHERD program was activated and whirring, buzzing, and grunting began.

Quicker than C.L. can "pole vault" the GUR rope, all results were complete and displayed on the 4K hologram for all to see.

Putting Competition:

1st Place for \$3: C.L. Newsome, 22 putts;

2nd Place for \$2: James Longoria, 22 putts (he lost the scorecard playoff);

3rd Place for \$1: Ken Mayne, 24 putts.

Golfing Competition:

1st Place for \$4: Greg Kepner, net 32;

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

3rd Place for \$2: Mac McConahy, net 33 ½;

4th Place for \$1: Don Webb, net 35 ½;

5th Place for \$1: Bob Westbrook, net 36 ½;

6th Place for \$1: Jack Steward, net 46.

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

Paul Castiglione
9-Holer Herder