

BLGC MGA 9-Holer Report for July 20, 2017

The threat of century mark temperatures didn't scare seven of those World Famous 9-Holers from a game of MEDAL play today. The Herd gathered early in the pro-shop for nice hot coffee drank in defiance of the ever rising outdoor temperatures. Sometime near 8:20 a.m. the Herd moved to the #1 tee box for their introduction by Tournament Director, Doug "downhill" Miller. With the "formalities" aside, the three golfing competitors, Mac McConahy, Jack Steward and me began to smack balls somewhere down the fairway (somewhere being the operative word in our case). I managed to hit two trees in consecutive shots before placing a smash shot right on the #1 green. I knew for sure I should get the newly introduced "Shot-of-the-Day" award for such outstanding consistent performance. But once at the green, Jack began to show off his "chipping" skills as he crossed the green more times than C.L. can count! Because Jack and I used more than one shot in our golfing skills demonstration, The Herd disqualified us from the "Shot-of-the-Day" prize.

With four jabbering putters competing today, I needed a whistle to keep those guys in step with the golfers play, Our Putting Competitors were: James "the Spicewood Legend" Longoria, C.L. Newsome, Greg Kepner, and Don Webb. I'm pretty sure these guys solved all the "fake news" stories during our 9-holes this morning!

It was obvious on the #1 green that Greg and Don came to win and that the others came to talk about winning. The Herd played with slowing energy as the day got hotter and hotter. When we finished #3, I became afraid that if any of the Herd went into the air conditioned pro-shop, they would not come back out. So I drove them away from the pro-shop with some success so we could play on.

At the #6 green Don led off for the putters and he "Aced" it. Fist pumps and cheering spread throughout the Herd. Try as they could the other putters could only get near the hole, so Don was awarded the "Shot-of-the-Day award unless of course I could manage a three tree shot with one stroke.

Mac played his usual great game today, except for a few struggles with second shots. He was probably distracted because of his upcoming dermatologist visit or his wedding preparation plans. Both can bring some anxiety!

Once The Herd made the turn at the #8 green, we were half-way home (#9 is half the course for the Herd).

With the entire Herd sweating profusely, we made it into the cool and comfortable pro-shop for some hot coffee or cold beverages and chit-chat and results.

The scorecard was slipped into the Quantum 9-Holer Computer via the card shredder and Bruno, the voice interface, was instructed to run the Medal Play program using my new quantum entanglement algorithm based on the recent Chinese "teleportation" success. Lights flashed, protons flew everywhere (which wasn't supposed to happen) and faster than James can ditch his Longhorn golf ball, results were displayed in 4K holographic projection.

Putting Competition:

1st Place for \$3: Don Webb, 18 putts (a tie for the 9-Holer record);

2nd Place for \$2: Greg Kepner, 20 putts;

3rd Place for \$1: James Longoria, 22 putts;

4th Place for \$1: C.L. Newsome, 26 putts.

Golfing Competition:

1st Place for \$3: Paul Castiglione, net 29;

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

3rd Place for \$1: Jack Steward, net 41.

"Shot-of-the-Day" for a "9-Holer" \$1 bill: Don Webb for an "ace" on #6 green!

[Don elected a "9-Holer" \$1 bill rather than an IOU for a real \$1 bill from Tommy Atkins who wasn't there today]

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

Paul Castiglione

9-Holer Herder and ordering a whistle from Amazon