

BLGC MGA 9-Holer Report for August 3, 2017

Today felt more like Houston than Central Texas. With humidity higher than the ambient temperature and no breeze, it was sticky hot even in the shade. But nine of those World Famous 9-Holers appeared for some STABLEHERD golf and also because it was MGA lunch day.

With Doug “downhill” Miller gone I had to perform double-duty herding the 18-holers as well as the 9-Holers. Since we had nine in The Herd today, I had to split the Herd into Putting Competitors and Golfing Competitors. So just when you thought the world should fear North Korea’s ICBM capability, I had to turn loose on the golf course five of the 9-Holers. These were our Putting Competitors with C.L. Newsome as scorekeeper and with instructions not to leave any old guy behind. Left on their own, these guys can cause “nuclear” problems. The putters were: James Longoria, Don Webb, Jack Steward, Greg Kepner and C.L. See how scary it was! I sent them ahead to the #1 green while the four Golfing Competitors followed from the #1 tee box. The golfing guys were Tommy Atkins, Mac McConahy, Tom Robinson and me.

Mac and Tom drove the ball down the fairway. Not to waste any time, Tommy’s tee shot became the “Shot-of-the-Day” as he launched the ball into the trunk of the big tree guarding the very left side of the fairway. The tree helped Tommy by hitting the ball back towards the #9 green. The result was that Tommy had the nearest shot for a “hole-in-one” on the #9 green then anyone in the recorded history of the BLGC. Definitely the “Shot-of-the-Day.” Give yourself a real \$1 bill Tommy!

After a “mulligan” Tommy regained his composure and played a great round.

Meanwhile, the Putting Competitors could be heard from great distances as they challenged one another and tried to “psych-out” one another. James had spent the better part of the past week hand painting golf balls for the putting competitors to use. These multi-colored golf balls reminded some of us of the psychedelic paintings from the late 1960’s. I hadn’t realized that they had legalized any type of medicinal herbs over in Spicewood! Could just be the result of allergies! Anyway, the putters started off using the psychedelic balls until the paint started coming off – on clubs, clothes, greens, etc. James was seen smiling at the #9 green!

As the Herd began to wilt, we finally reached the pro-shop and air conditioning and then lunch.

The two score cards were tossed into the Quantum 9-Holer Computer which I reprogrammed with a new modified STABELHERD algorithm. Bruno, the voice interface, groaned and then began reading data to the processors. Faster than James can hand paint a handful of golf balls, the STABEHERD results were displayed on the 4K hologram.

Putting Competition:

1st Place for \$4: Don Webb, 21 putts;

2nd Place for \$3: James Longoria, 22 putts;

3rd Place for \$1: Greg Kepner, 23 putts;

4th Place for \$1: C.L. Newsome, 24 putts.

5th Place for \$1: Jack Steward, 27 putts.

Golfing Competition:

1st Place for \$3: Paul Castiglione, +2 ½ points;

2nd Place for \$2: Tommy Atkins, +2 points;

3rd Place for \$2: Mac McConahy, +1 point;

4th Place for \$1: Tom Robinson, - 3 ½ points.

Thanks to Tommy and Mark Atkins for the great lunch today and to Marc Ramin for the tea and setup of the place for lunch.

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

Paul Castiglione
9-Holer Herder