

BLGC MGA 9-Holer Report for September 21, 2017

With a hot day hiding behind some nice cloud cover and mild breezes, there were nine of those World Famous 9-Holers out for a round of MEDAL play. Our two Putting Competitors were Ken Mayne and C.L. Newsome (scorekeeper). The seven Golfing Competitors were (in no particular order): John Moran, Tom Robinson, Tommy Atkins, Mac McConahy, Don Webb, Bob Westbrook and me.

The Herd was once again divided with John leading sub-herd #1 off the #1 tee box. He was also scorekeeper since he is most trustworthy and can count and add (correctly). Tom, Tommy and Mac accompanied John. Once sub-herd #1 was past the “guardian trees” on the right, sub-herd #2 smashed away. Don, Bob, me and the two putters were “off the grid” for some interesting golfing.

Today it was Bob and Don’s turn to hit the trees and big rocks, which they accomplished quite successfully. And it was another opportunity for Bob to exercise with his “rage yoga” moves.

The two putting competitors were at each other from the start. At green #1 C.L. received a “yellow card” for putting off the green. Ken quickly took advantage of that and was down in two. Ken was playing with a badly injured knee (either right or left or sometimes both). C.L. protested about Ken’s unseen condition and Ken’s constant complaining but putting better than C.L.

At hole #3 Don had one of those rather spectacular tee shots, which he seems to have more frequently these days. I’m pretty certain Jerry Lavine taught him this a long time ago. From the tee box his ball orbited above the large tree on the left of the fairway and then slammed into the street with such impact that it again vaulted towards a large tree across the road. The tree didn’t want to have anything to do with Don’s ball, so it smacked it down onto the road again which sent the ball onto the #3 fairway. Don stood there grinning proudly and exclaimed, “That’s just how I planned it!” He probably did.

At green #4 Ken putted first and made a well-aimed “ACE!” C.L. was doomed but he still managed to complain about Ken’s injured knee story. Ken’s “ACE” was the “Shot-of-the-Day.”

With the day warming quickly, all The Herd made it back into the pro-shop for fresh coffee and some fish crackers (the orange cheezy kind). Mac was leading the fish eating since he said fish was now on his diet and Joyce wanted him to eat more fish, so he was complying. He is practicing for his upcoming marriage!

The two scorecards were tossed into the Quantum 9-Holer Computer card shredder and Bruno, the voice interface, shouted “Medal Play” and then began the A.I. calculations needed for Bob Westbrook’s score on holes # 8 and 9 (Bob had to leave early). Mac tossed a couple of fish crackers into the USB port and faster than Mac can down two handfuls of fish crackers, today’s results were displayed in 4K holographic style above the table top. Here’s how The Herd finished today:

Putting Competition:

1st Place for \$3: Ken Mayne, 23 putts and “Shot-of-the-Day”;

2nd Place for \$1: C.L. Newsome, 26 putts and a “Yellow Card”.

Golfing Competition:

1st Place for \$4: Paul Castiglione, net 30 ½;

2nd Place for \$3: Tommy Atkins, net 31;

3rd Place for \$2 each: Mac McConahy and Tom Robinson, net 33 ½;

4th Place for \$1: Bob Westbrook, net 36;

5th Place for \$1: John Moran, net 37 ½;

6th Place for \$1: Don Webb, net 39.

Congratulations to C.L. Newsome who is now a certified GGT (Goose Grass Terminator). Just ask him what this is about (I think too much late night Arnold Schwarzenegger reruns)!

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

Paul Castiglione
9-Holer Herder