

BLGC MGA 9-Holer Report for September 28, 2017

We had eight of those World Famous 9-Holers out for a game of NASSAU. No threat of rain could keep these guys away from an action packed round of golf. After a few cups of coffee the Herd headed out to their #1 tee box for Doug's preaching and then some golf.

We had four putting competitors: C.L. Newsome (scorekeeper), Ken Mayne, James Longoria and Don Webb. And we had four golfing competitors: Mac McConahy, John Moran, Greg Kepner and me. For no particular reason I kept the Herd as one group since the guys seemed to be ailing- one way or another.

The golfers blasted off from the #1 tee box with John and me attempting to trim large limbs off the tree on the left side of the fairway (it's the tree everyone hates). We didn't win the war today!

The Putting Competitors began their trash talk and bantering at the #1 green. Don was using his shiny gold metallic ball while James and C.L. were using some of the "hand painted" balls from James' art gallery. Ken played with his "soccer colored" golf ball and the way he putted today I'm probably going to buy some small soccer nets to place behind the cups for his benefit.

At green #3 James had first putt and it was close to the hole. Don was next and checked the wind direction (there was no wind), felt of the green surface, kneeled down like some of the NFL guys (we had to help him up) and then putted. It's was an "ACE." There were fist pumps all through the Herd. So at green #4, Don goes first and it's not so good. James was putting last and just walked up to the ball and tapped it right into a downhill run into the hole – an "ACE". There were fist pumps all through the Herd. James would also "ACE" the #7 green. The golfers were warmed up by hole #4 and then exhausted (based on the scores) at hole #5. At green #5 Ken Mayne received a "Yellow Card" for playing out of turn and genuinely confusing the rest of the putters. At the #9 green I noticed that C.L. had disappeared. Ken said he went to meet his daughter. Anyway C.L. didn't putt #9 so he effectively received a "0" which as it turns out is better than an "ACE."

With the entire Herd back in the pro-shop enjoying one last round of coffee and a few cookies, the scorecard was dropped into the Quantum 9-Holer Computer card shredder. Bruno, the voice interface, sang a song from the Caribbean, since it was NASSAU day and the entanglement calculations were underway. And faster than the Herd can fist pump all around, the results were displayed in 4K holographic projection. Here's how the old guys did today:

Putting Competition:

- 1st Place for \$5: C.L. Newsome, 22 putts;
- 2nd Place for \$3 each: James Longoria and Don Webb, 24 putts;
- 3rd Place for \$1: Ken Mayne, 28 putts and a "Yellow Card".

Golfing Competition:

- 1st Place for \$5: Paul Castiglione, net 34;
- 2nd Place for \$4: Greg Kepner, net 34 ½;
- 3rd Place for \$2: John Moran, net 36 ½;
- 4th Place for \$1: Mac McConahy, net 37 ½.

The Herd has made an official complaint to Marc Ramin and Guy Clifton about the wording of the signs on the outside restrooms (i.e. the part about Stray Animals using the restroom). Some of the Herd found this offensive and refused to use the restrooms! The Herd is called a lot of names but "Stray Animals" is a new one. Of course your next question is, "If they didn't use the restrooms, then where did they go?" Good question!

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

Paul Castiglione
9-Holer Herder