

## BLGC MGA 9-Holer Report for November 16, 2017

Today's absolutely wonderful weather brought out nine of those World Famous 9-Holers to play the ECLECTIC format and then try for a chance at a great big turkey. Yep, it was the Annual MGA Turkey Shoot. And for all you PETA (People Eating Tasty Animals) folks, there were no golfers harmed or injured during this event!

We had a Herd of four Putting Competitors and five Golfing Competitors. We welcomed our newest MGA member and 9-Holer, Steve Tullino today. He successfully passed the "rules" test and found his way to the #1 tee box with little or no help. Steve competed with the Putters which also included: Ken Mayne, Don Webb and C.L. Newsome (who once had the scorecard in hand).

Our golfers were: Bob Westbrook, John Moran, Tom Robinson, Mac McConahy and me. Mac was accompanied by a very special guest, Dave Kramer of Twinsburg, Ohio who is now living in Florida. Dave is one of many fans of the World Famous 9-Holers and just happened to be in Texas and came by today to meet the Herd that he reads about each week.

Because of the slow pesky 18-holers, I played the Herd in a syncopated procession. Golfers were first and then the Putters finished their skilled putting routine while the golfers headed to the next tee box. It took only six holes for everyone to get the hang of it! But it worked.

Those rascally Putters put the new guy, Steve, up first on green #1. But Steve is wise to their plotting and scheming. He laid up short so they couldn't read the somewhat fuzzy green.

In the golfing group Mac, John and I were keeping the fairways busy – usually by driving across them from shot to shot. Tom spent considerable time in the rough, perhaps practicing his Phil Mickelson shots. Bob had a case of the "look-ups" which are similar to "hick-ups" except that "look-ups" always seem to happen when one is hitting the golf ball. "Hick-ups" can happen at any time.

John Moran was the most improved golfer today. His first three holes were not so good but by hole #4 after a good "locker room" talk with himself he was blazing hot. At the #5 green he had a long "chip-in" for a par! The Herd finished early enough that some could make their shots for the Turkeys. Three turkeys were up for grabs: one from 100 yards, one from 50 yards and one from a shot from the abysmal trench on the #4 fairway. The old guys did good except for C.L. who appears to have hit all three attempts on his backswing! But once the pesky 18-holers showed up, they took all the turkeys (they actually looked like Canadian Geese before we took the feathers off. Doug said he got a really good deal on them!).

Only the Golfing scorecard made it into the Quantum 9-Holer Computer. No one really knows what happened to the Putting scorecard, so a new A.I. program was used for the Putting results. Oh, the 9-Holer computer was hacked by Mrs. Watson over at IBM. I suspect Bruno; the V.I. (voice interface) was the "leak". IBM announced quantum computing speeds of 50 qubits which is half of what the 9-Holer computer was running. The good news is that a malware program was in the code, so don't buy any IBM stock soon! Bruno is being replaced. New V.I.'s are being interviewed. At 100 qubits we had results instantaneously or faster. Here they are:

### **Putting Competition:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place for \$4: Steve Tullino, 0 putts;

2<sup>nd</sup> Place for \$2: Don Webb, 0+ putts;

3<sup>rd</sup> Place for \$1: Ken Mayne, 0++ putts (since he helped keep score);

4<sup>th</sup> Place for \$1: C.L. Newsome, 0+++++++ putts (since he didn't turn in the scorecard).

### **Golfing Competition:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place for \$4: Paul Castiglione, net 26;

2<sup>nd</sup> Place for \$3: Mac McConahy, net 31 ½;

3<sup>rd</sup> Place for \$1: John Moran, net 32;

4<sup>th</sup> Place for \$1: Tom Robinson, net 36 ½;

5<sup>th</sup> Place for \$1: Bob Westbrook, net 37 ½.

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

Paul Castiglione  
9-Holer Herder