

BLGC MGA 9-Holer Report for November 30, 2017

Today's pre-game weather was just a little nippy with the outside temperature in the high thirties. So when nine of those World Famous 9-Holers arrived at the Pro-shop there was the proverbial "run on the bank" only it was the "run on the coffee machine." Apparently all that extra "insulation" from their Thanksgiving Feasts was not working, so some fresh hot coffee was in order.

By tee time outdoor conditions had improved enough that the old guys were easily coaxed to the #1 tee box, albeit with a 3 iron.

In the Herd today were five Putting Competitors and Four Golf Competitors. C.L. Newsome, the reinstated scorekeeper for the Putters, was accompanied by competitors; Ken Mayne, Steve Tullino, Don Webb and the always agitating James Longoria. The "locker room" speak had already begun at the #1 tee box.

Our four Golfers were: John Moran, Mac McConahy, Bob Westbrook and me.

We played "MEDAL PLAY" today as one Herd but after four holes had to go to Plan B so as not to have the pesky 18-holers waiting too long on us.

John and Bob had definitely been practicing over the Thanksgiving holidays. Those guys were smacking golf balls down the very middle of the fairway. Mac played well today considering he's suffering from Pre-Marital Stress (yep, that PMS for guys). He's losing weight and having to buy smaller clothes and was caught once today placing his cigar in his ear. Fortunately, the lit end was away from his head! I taught Mac how to hit a "severe draw" today so that we both spent time just outside the golf course on #3 and #5 searching for wayward golf balls.

Today's "instant replay" comes from the #8 green. The golfers failed to get CTP (Closest To Pin) from the "green" tee. But the Putters at the real "green" "tee" we shooting for an ACE. Suddenly with great shouts coming from the #8 green, Ken Mayne danced in jubilation as his ball sank into the hole. I'm not certain whether the shouting was because of the putt or Ken's dancing. It resembled those Irish Dancers only in slow motion. Congratulations to Ken on his ACE and his dance moves.

With the day warming quickly and the old guys tiring just as quickly, we made it back into the Pro-shop for the last of the coffee and for results.

The two scorecards were carefully tossed into the Quantum 9-Holer Computer card shredder but there was no VI (Voice Interface) since Bruno's departure two weeks ago. I'm still interviewing for VI's. So I had to type in a few commands and the crackling and whirring began. And faster than Mac can pull the lit end of the cigar out of his ear, we had results:

Putting Competition:

1st Place for \$4: James Longoria, 20 putts;

2nd Place for \$3: Don Webb, 21 putts;

3rd Place for \$1: Ken Mayne, 24 putts;

4th Place for \$1: C.L. Newsome, 28 putts (he did turn in the scorecard this time);

5th Place for \$1: Steve Tullino, 30 putts.

Golfing Competition:

1st Place for \$3: John Moran, net 29;

2nd Place for \$2: Bob Westbrook, net 32 ½;

3rd Place for \$2: Mac McConahy, net 34 ½;

4th Place for \$1: Paul Castiglione, net 38 ½;

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

Paul Castiglione
9-Holer Herder