

BLGC MGA 9-Holer Report for February 15, 2018

The much warmer weather brought out nine of those BLGC MGA World Famous 9-Holers today. It sort of looked like a bunch of old bears coming out of hibernation after winter – groggy and looking for food. And speaking of food, it was the periodic 9-Holer Lunch day at River City Grill. I couldn't do much for the groggy, but I could feed the Herd. Feed they did.

Our five golfers, Bob Westbrook, Mac McConahy, Jim Buckingham, John Moran and I pelted away from the #1 tee box. It was obvious that Jim and Mac were out to play today. Perfect drives (for 9-Holers that means they were in the fairway). Mine was in the fairway also but you have to be further than 30 yards from the tee box for it to be perfect!

At the #1 green, I told the Putting Competitors (C.L. Newsome, Ken Mayne, James Longoria and Don Webb) that to speed up play that they would putt after the golfers. Words of offense and disgust were heard from the putters as they left to go do their own game. From the #1 green they paraded off towards the #7 fairway and then were seen near #8 and then out of sight.

They eventually ended up at the #9 green where C.L. Newsome putted an "ACE." The shouts and celebrations are how I knew where the putters were.

The golfers played very diligently today with Mac, Jim and John having some rather spectacular shots. Jim had the "Shot of the Day" at #8 landing his ball about 11 feet from the hole. It was the CTP (Closet to the Pin) at that time before the pesky 18-holers had their turn. Jim then sank his putt for a BIRDIE! That pretty much cinched his winning score for the day.

Eventually the putters found the golfers as we finished out at #9. Of course, C.L. Newsome being the savvy fellow he is, was coaching the putting efforts of the golfers. After all, #9 is C.L. Newsome's favorite hole, having "ACED" it two weeks back-to-back.

I had the Herd in the Pro-Shop for some quick coffee and results calculations by the Quantum 9-Holer Computer. And before I could finish saying, "Let's head to the River City Grill for lunch" I found myself all alone in the Pro-shop as the Herd "sped" down the road.

We had ten for lunch at the River City Grill. Tom Robinson joined us as he recuperates from his recent medical trauma. Yep, it was chicken fried steaks, mashed potatoes and cream gravy everywhere. The old guys waddled out after I paid the bill and were going home for their afternoon nap.

Today's 9-Holer results are:

Putting Competition:

1st Place for \$4: Don Webb, 22 putts;

2nd Place for \$2: James Longoria, 22 putts (he lost the scorecard playoff);

3rd Place for \$1: Ken Mayne, 25 putts;

4th Place for \$1: C.L. Newsome, 29 putts;

Golfing Competition:

1st Place for \$4: Jim Buckingham, net 33 ½;

2nd Place for \$2: Paul Castiglione, net 34 ½;

3rd Place for \$1: Mac McConahy, net 35 ½;

4th Place for \$1: Bob Westbrook, who didn't finish today.

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

Paul Castiglione
9-Holer Herder