

BLGC MGA 9-Holer Report for March 1, 2018

The dismal February weather made it seem like forever since those World Famous BLGC MGA 9-Holers had been out for some golf. But the prospect of a sunny warmer drier day brought out eight of the old guys for a round of MEDAL PLAY. Yep, the F.O.G. (Fellowship Of Golf) were in the pro shop early for coffee, almost lively chat and to eat any goodies that someone might bring. Chris Williams almost lost a hand as he tried to unwrap a plate of delicious brownies!

Since it had been two weeks since the guys had been on the course, I started them out as one Herd of eight since some would probably get lost (some are more forgetful than others). But when all the Herd attempted to putt on the #1 green, I came to my senses and sent the Putting Competitors ahead (mistake).

Our putters today were: C.L. Newsome (scorekeeper and former NASA rocket scientist), Don Webb, Jim Buckingham, and James “the Spicewood Legend” Longoria. And the golfing crew included: Mac McConahy, John Moran, Bob Westbrook and me.

Off the #1 tee box the golfers were down the fairway except for me. I continue to hack away at the useless tree on the immediate left side of the fairway. I’m so accurate at hitting it in just the right spot that the guys yell out “timber” every time I tee off! They think that’s funny.

At #2 tee box the golfers had to wait while the putters (who were sent ahead) were still putting. It looked like they were taking “mulligans” or something as they periodically pulled the flag from the hole and then replaced it. Not sure what that was about. Sometimes the old guys change things up for no reason at all.

About hole #3 “climate change” hit and the northwest wind began to increase. For some reason the “climate change” impacted everyone’s game. By #4 the Herd was recalculating club size for hitting into the wind (oh, recalculating is a word the old guys learned from their car GPS’s). And they continued to recalculate for holes # 5,6,7,8 & 9. It was rather interesting to watch each one stand at their golf bag and say “recalculating.”

But alas, at #9 tee box, and even with the wind in the wrong direction, the Herd could smell the corn beef and cabbage cooking in the club house and away they went. We finished in record time and then stood in line near the kitchen to waft in the wonderful aroma. It was MGA lunch day and the Irish (O’Murphy and O’Goodwin) were in the kitchen cooking their annual St. Patty’s Day special.

The two scorecards were tossed into the Quantum 9-Holer Computer card shredder and the MEDAL PLAY button was pushed and the whirring and light show began. And faster than four old guys can say “recalculating” there were results.

Today’s 9-Holer results are:

Putting Competition:

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

2nd Place for \$2: Don Webb, 22 putts;

3rd Place for \$1: C.L. Newsome, 23 putts;

4th Place for \$1: Jim Buckingham, 23 putts (he lost the scorecard playoff);

Golfing Competition:

1st Place for \$4: Mac McConahy, net 35 ½;

2nd Place for \$2: Paul Castiglione, net 35 ½ (he lost the scorecard playoff);

3rd Place for \$1: Bob Westbrook, net 36;

4th Place for \$1: John Moran, net 37.

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

Paul Castiglione

9-Holer Herder