

## BLGC MGA 9-Holer Report for March 8, 2018

We had nine of those **BLGC MGA World Famous 9-Holers** out early for golf today. The cloudy sky and cooler temperature was not deterring them from some hot coffee and tasty brownies provided by Chris Williams (again). The Herd included four Putting Competitors and five Golfing Competitors. We lost Tommy Atkins to the “dark side” (i.e. 18-holers) today.

Once all the announcements were completed and the 18-holers out of the way, the five 9-holer golfers smashed away from the #1 tee box. Most notable today was Bob Westbrook’s drive which was right down the middle of the fairway, not even going near any tree. We didn’t realize it at the time, but Bob’s driving game was to be just like this on the rest of the course!

Even though the Herd was large (nine in number) we bring the Putting Competitors with the golfers for the first hole. This accomplishes several things. First, since it has been a week since we last played, it’s not a good idea to let the putters start on their own. That’s because they would see the #3 green from the pro-shop and start there and then out of instinct move to #4, etc. and at #9 head right into the pro-shop without ever playing #1 and #2. Second, it gives the putters some OTJ (On The Job) training by watching the golfers putt at the #1 green. This way they can see just what putting is all about – striking the ball with a stick towards the flag that’s stuck in a hole. After they putt out at #1 green, I send them off to finish their round, which usually works.

The highlights from the Putters today came at green #7 at which James Longoria and Ken Mayne had back-to-back ACES! There were high-fives, fist-pumps and loud noises all around.

The golfers played on with Bob Westbrook having one of his best games in the last 80 years. Not only was he driving strongly, he also was red hot with that old putter of his. And sometimes he got lazy and would chip the ball in the hole so he wouldn’t have to putt! Bev, keep giving him all the Geritol you have. It’s finally working. For every thesis there is an antithesis. Yep. I gave up on hitting trees and instead tested the “out of bounds” limits of the course today. I cleared most streets near the golf course – some in a single bound just like Superman and tall buildings. They old guys were impressed at how consistent I played. Some even dared call the shot before I swung. I “unfriended them” but they don’t understand Facebook talk!

With all the Herd reassembled today in the pro-shop and some licking the aluminum foil the brownies were wrapped in, I tossed the two scorecards into the Quantum 9-Holer Computer card shredder. Once the NASSAU algorithm launched, there was buzzing and crunching, and faster than Bob Westbrook can “one putt” today’s results were displayed in 4K holographic projection on the unwrapped shiny aluminum foil.

Today’s 9-Holer results are:

### **Putting Competition:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place for \$5: James Longoria, 19 putts;

2<sup>nd</sup> Place for \$4: Don Webb, 22 putts;

3<sup>rd</sup> Place for \$2: C.L. Newsome, 25 putts;

4<sup>th</sup> Place for \$1: Ken Mayne, 27 putts.

### **Golfing Competition:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place for \$5: Bob Westbrook, net 28 (that’s not a typo!);

2<sup>nd</sup> Place for \$4: Mac McConahy, net 30 ½;

3<sup>rd</sup> Place for \$3: Jim Buckingham, net 35 ½;

4<sup>th</sup> Place for \$2: John Moran, net 40 ½;

5<sup>th</sup> Place for \$1: Paul Castiglione, net 42 ½.

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

Paul Castiglione

9-Holer Herder