

## BLGC MGA 9-Holer Report for April 19, 2018

Spectacular is the best description for today's weather as seven of those BLGC MGA World Famous 9-Holers came to play a round of ECLECTIC golf. The ECLECTIC format fits the Herd well since they only play 9 holes and don't have to worry about improving on the back nine!

We had six golfers and one putting competitor, C.L. Newsome. Since he was scorekeeper, C.L. was sure he would win the putting competition until I informed him that the 9-Holer Quantum Computer would pair him with AI (Artificial Intelligence) competitors: the AI KM and the AI JL and the AI DW. C.L. was brought back to reality and knew he had some tough AI competition.

I divided the Herd evenly by sending Greg Kepner, John Moran and Mac McConahy off first on the #1 tee box. Then sub herd #2 followed. Bob Westbrook, Tommy Atkins and I golfed and C.L. joined us with his AI competitors.

Sub herd #1 move steadily down the fairway appearing to hit long straight drives. But sometimes appearances aren't what they appear to be – more or less. The old guys were shooting boogie golf with a few pars thrown in for fun and a birdie by Mac on hole #4. Greg was really smashing the ball today. And Mac began to hone his game by hole #4 so that he shot par on #'s 6, 7 and 8.

Meanwhile sub herd #2 meandered along waiting on me to find OB balls. If you find some red, white and blue golf balls somewhere near the course, they're mine. Please return for a reward.

One thing you learn about the 9-holers is that they're an ingenious group. Today, C.L. taught us about a new term in golf, the "provisional gimmie." Here's how it works in the Putting Competition. When a putter, like C.L. for example, strikes his ball towards the hole and the ball stops with "gimmie" distance, then that putter, if he is given the next putt as a "gimmie" by one of the other players, may then strike the ball towards the hole. If the ball goes in, all is well. But if the ball doesn't then go in, the putter may shout "provisional gimmie" and receive the missed putt as if he had in fact holed it. Now since C.L. was playing against three AI competitors, they had no chance of a "provisional gimmie." That's why C.L. is a rocket scientist (he did work at NASA you know).

With both sub herds back in the pro shop early and with plenty of warm coffee, the two scorecards were tossed in the card shredder of the 9-Holer Quantum Computer. The ECLECTIC option selected, the qubits began their work and were having a real workout using three AI putting competitors against C.L. Soon the "tilt" light lit and the results were read aloud for all to hear.

Today's winners are:

### **Putting Competition:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place for \$2: C.L. Newsome, 26 putts (won the 8-hole scorecard playoff);

2<sup>nd</sup> Place for \$0: AI JL, 26 putts;

3<sup>rd</sup> Place for \$0: AI KM, 26 putts;

4<sup>th</sup> Place for \$0: AI DW, 26 putts.

### **Golfing Competition:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place for \$4: Greg Kepner, net 30;

2<sup>nd</sup> Place for \$3: John Moran, net 31;

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

4<sup>th</sup> Place for \$1: Tommy Atkins, net 34;

5<sup>th</sup> Place for \$1: Bob Westbrook, net 35 ½;

6<sup>th</sup> Place for \$1: Paul Castiglione, net 37.

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

Paul Castiglione  
9-Holer Herder