

## BLGC MGA 9-Holer Report for May 3, 2018

In spite of the lousy weather forecast we had nine of those BLGC MGA World Famous 9-Holers show for a game of NASSAU format golf. The old guys are not so easily duped by the weather prognosticators as Doug “head honcho” Miller was. As C.L. Newsome explained it, how do you forecast climate change. If you forecast something, climate change happens, and you’ll be wrong every time. I guess that almost makes sense. You know C.L. was a “rocket scientist” for NASA.

The Herd was comprised of four Putting Competitors (Ken, C.L., Don and James) and five Golfing Competitors (Greg, Mac, Tommy, John and me).

At the #1 tee box the Putters were instructed to take off and play ahead of the golfers. After the golfers smacked away down the #1 fairway, there sat the putters! I asked about that and Ken said they would putt the first two greens with us. It was a great form of entertainment for the putters to observe the golfers attempt to putt. So, we had a HERD of nine for two holes and then the Putters “sped” away to #3 green never to be seen again.

The Golfing Competitors always use the #1 hole to get warmed up. Apparently, the Ben-Gay doesn’t go to work until you get a few swings under you belt. Then by hole #2 the guys are shooting pars as if they do that every day. Greg and Mac were on their game today, as they usually are. John and I were quietly improving and attempting to draw nearer a bogey game. And the good news is that I kept score. After years of expansive and expensive golf lessons I found that one good score keeping lesson has helped improve my game tremendously! {Don’t tell the Herd}

Today was Tommy’s turn to work on his handicap. The Herd does that – take turns monotonically increasing our handicap. I told Tommy at the #9 green that usually one is more subtle about increasing his handicap. Tommy asked if it was that obvious. I replied, “I’ve never seen some many snowmen on a scorecard before.” Tommy responded, “Well I thought there was snow in the weather forecast today!” You just can’t out do Tommy.

The Putters were waiting in the pro shop when the Golfers arrived. It was coffee and talking as the two scorecards were tossed in the 9-Holer Quantum Computer card shredder. The NASSAU algorithm was initiated and some one thought they heard the computer laugh and play a rendition of Frosty the Snowman. And faster than Tommy can build a snowman in May, the results were displayed in 4K.

I then put the Quantum Computer to work calculating a handicap system for the Putting Competitors. That will go into use next week so that the putting game will be on a level playing ground (maybe).

And the winners are:

### **Putting Competition:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place for \$5: James Longoria, 20 putts;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place for \$4: Don Webb, 21 putts;
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place for \$2: Ken Mayne, 22 putts;
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place for \$1: C.L. Newsome, 27 putts.

### **Golfing Competition:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place for \$5: Paul Castiglione, net 30;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place for \$4: Greg Kepner, net 33;
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place for \$3: Mac McConahy, net 34 ½;
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place for \$2: John Moran, net 36;
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place for \$1: Tommy Atkins, net 41.



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

Paul Castiglione  
9-Holer Herder