

BLGC MGA 9-Holer Report for May 10, 2018

Today's game was STABLEHERD for those BLGC MGA World Famous 9-Holers. Nine of the Fellowship Of Golf (FOG) were out early for hot coffee and bantering and digging deep into their moldy old wallets for the \$3 entry fee. As the collector of money today, I had to reject one of the old dudes green colored "currency". It looked like a green crayon colored piece of paper from a third-grade project some 70 years ago! And he's still carrying it in his wallet!

Once the money exchange was completed we had four Putting Competitors and five Golfing Competitors comprising The Herd today.

At the #1 tee box the golfers: Mac, John, Greg, Tommy and I smacked away as the putters watched and jeered. And it was a first – all five drives were in the fairway or close enough to be in the fairway. There was no ball searching needed. So, the five golfers were joined by the four putters at the #1 green. It sort of resembled the daily traffic congestion in Marble Falls. Finally, all balls were in and it was obvious that C.L. Newsome was out for the big money today. He caught the other putting competitors completely off guard (which isn't that hard to do). Don, James and Ken had their work cut out for the day – stop C.L.

Now the Putters are competing using a new "putting handicap system" developed by the Quantum 9-Holer Computer. Today was week two of data input for the putting handicap system. After a few months of data, the AI (Artificial Intelligence) program will take over the putting handicap system. It's a brave new world for the Putters!

Finally, after all nine putting at the #2 green, the putters were off never to be seen again except for sporadic glances of them at strange and unusual places on the golf course no where near a green. Don't ask why!

In the golfing group Greg and Mac were having a great day with long accurate drives, stupendous second shots and precise putting. Tommy, John and I were working on our three-putt technique just in case we need it in the future. Very few trees were hit today thanks to the discovery that if you shout just the right words as the ball approaches a tree, the tree will lift its branches to cover its ears and the ball will pass right through the tree! You should try it sometime. The key of course is just the right words.

It was another successful outing today since all nine 9-Holers made it safely back into the pro shop. They were anxiously waiting on lunch since it was lunch and meeting day.

The scorecards were tossed into the Quantum 9-Holer Computer card shredder and the STABLEHERD routine engaged. And faster than old guys can yell out just the right words, the results were loudly spoken using a newly installed robotic voice. The old guys got quiet!

Here's how the Herd faired today:

Putting Competition:

1st Place for \$4: C.L. Newsome, net 16 putts;

2nd Place for \$2: Don Webb, net 17 putts;

3rd Place for \$1 each: Ken Mayne & James Longoria, net 20 putts;

Golfing Competition:

1st Place for \$4: Greg Kepner, net 29 (gross 37);

2nd Place for \$2: Mac McConahy, net 29 ½ (gross 35);

3rd Place for \$2: John Moran, net 33 ½;

4th Place for \$1: Paul Castiglione, net 34;

5th Place for \$1: Tommy Atkins, net 37.

Our thanks to Chris Williams, Larry Anderson and Bob Tuttle for the great lunch from Dickey's BBQ.

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

Paul Castiglione
9-Holer Herder