

## BLGC MGA 9-Holer Report for May 24, 2018

The clouds and breeze made for a great golf morning for those BLGC MGA World Famous 9-Holers.

The Herd was strong today with ten of the Fellowship of Golf (FOG) enjoying a round of MEDAL PLAY golf and putting.

With so many I evenly divided the Herd into two groups. The first group of four average golfers went from the #1 tee box. The second group had two great golfers and four noisy putters.

Mac, Tom, Tommy and Greg were the first group of golfers. John and I accompanied the four putters; Ken, Don, C.L. and James. C.L. was just back from his tour of Kilgore, Texas.

While group 2 waited for group 1 to move down the #1 fairway, we enjoyed a few more cups of coffee and played some dominoes and washed our clubs! Group 1 isn't slow, but the first hole is always the most difficult for the 9-Holers because the Tylenol and Gold Bond ointment hasn't kicked in.

Once group 1 completed the #1 green, they were off, and we never saw them again.

Of course, John and I played diligently, at least until we arrived at the #1 green. Then the four putters showed up and after a while finally began the putting competition. The putters were very aggressive today with very few "bogey" putts. When playing golf with the putters, patience is the key since they take turns picking the starting putting spot and they seldom remember whose turn it is! So, it's back to scorecard or attempting to remember who started at each of the preceding holes. No one has notes!

The hole to remember today was #6. Don had the choice of putt location. He looked at several perimeter spots and finally settled on a downhill putt location. Yep, Ken and James "aced" their putts, C.L. shot a two and Don finally putted out with a three! Don wouldn't even share in the "high-fives" or the fist pumps as the Herd celebrated such great putting (even it was an accident).

So, before the weather could get hot and make the pesky 18-holers wish they only played 9-holes, all the Herd was back in the pro shop to cool down with some hot coffee and today's results.

Both scorecards were tossed into the Quantum 9-Holer computer card shredder and the MEDAL PLAY program was activated. The new putting competitors "handicaps" were calculated and faster than Don can select a putting location that he can win at, the results were complete and displayed in 4K on the pro shop wall.

Here's how the Herd fared today:

### **Putting Competition: (handicap adjusted)**

1<sup>st</sup> Place for \$5: a tie; C.L. Newsome and James Longoria, net 15 putts;

2<sup>nd</sup> Place for \$2: Don Webb, net 17 putts;

3<sup>rd</sup> Place for \$1: Ken Mayne, net 18.5 putts;

### **Golfing Competition:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place for \$4: Mac McConahy, net 29 (gross 34);

2<sup>nd</sup> Place for \$2 each: Tommy Atkins & Paul Castiglione, net 32;

3<sup>rd</sup> Place for \$2: John Moran, net 33;

4<sup>th</sup> Place for \$1: Tom Robinson, net 33 ½;

5<sup>th</sup> Place for \$1: Greg Kepner, net 36 ½;

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

Paul Castiglione

9-Holer Herder