

BLGC MGA 9-Holer Report for June 21, 2018

The forecast called for cloudy skies with a gentle northeast breeze until noon today. Wrong again! When nine of those BLGC MGA World Famous 9-Holers assembled on the #1 tee box, the sun was shining brightly, and the only gentle breeze happened when you drove the cart fast with the windshield down!

But SUMMER SOLSTICE conditions didn't deter the Herd from its favorite golf format – ECLECTIC. Legend has it that this particular format is named after The Herd since they very much fit the definition.

We had four golfers and five putters today. The golfers always let the putters share the #1 and #2 greens with them. This gives time for the pesky 18-holers to get out of the way, so the putters can be turned loose on their own (a scary thought!).

The golfers were on their games today as the final scores will show. The old guys were blasting away and generally remaining in the fairways. Tommy Atkins has followed on the heels of C.L. Newsome who created the “provisional gimmie.” Tommy has created the “provisional tee box.” Yep wherever he hits from, that's the tee box. And if it's in the wrong place, he moves forward several yards and hits from there. Very provisional! The four golfers had a total of 16 pars today! That's some terrific golf for a bunch of old guys. I think the heat helps them to limber up faster and it does help to quickly dissipate the “Ben-Gay” aroma!

Now for the putters. Since they have moved to a “putting handicap” system developed from an A.I. program on the 9-Holer Quantum Computer, each hole scores as a par 2. So, with that information, the putters collected a total of 25 “par putts.” That's very good considering that the greens are still healing, and the pin locations were moved from last week! It's not that they remember the previous pin locations, they just remember where they like to start putting from on each green.

By the #9 tee box, the golfers were chasing the putters who were waiting on the pesky 18-holers to get out of the way. But before it really began to get hot, we had all the Herd back in the pro shop for coffee and calculations. The two scorecards were tossed into the Quantum 9-Holer Computer card shredder and the ECLECTIC algorithm activated. Faster than C.L. Newsome can change a 3 into an 8, the results were complete and projected in 4K.

And the Herd's results are:

Putting Competition: (handicap adjusted)

- 1st Place for \$3: Don Webb, net 17.20 putts;
- 2nd Place for \$3: Greg Kepner, net 18.00 putts;
- 3rd Place for \$2: Ken Mayne, net 18.40 putts;
- 4th Place for \$1: James Longoria, net 18.80 putts;
- 5th Place for \$1: C.L. Newsome, net 19.75 putts.

Golfing Competition:

- 1st Place for \$3: Paul Castiglione, net 27 ½;
- 2nd Place for \$3: John Moran, net 30;
- 3rd Place for \$2: Tommy Atkins, net 31 ½;
- 4th Place for \$1: Mac McConahy, net 33 ½;

Sad News for the 9-Holers today. There was a fire at the River City Grill this morning. Apparently, a chicken fried steak started it! It may be a while before the Herd can eat there. That's the sad news!

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

Paul Castiglione
9-Holer Herder