

BLGC MGA 9-Holer Report for March 22, 2018

Knowing for certain that there would be some delicious brownies awaiting in the Pro-Shop this morning, eight of those BLGC MGA World Famous 9-Holers showed this morning. It wasn't the great spring weather, but the coffee and brownies that The Herd came for. Oh, and then to play some ECLECTIC Golf. C.L. Newsome was there so hurriedly that he left his putter and Idaho potato golf ball at home! So, he had to go back and get them, after downing a brownie or two. The 9-Holers salute Mrs. Williams for the wonderful brownies each Thursday.

At the #1 tee box with the Herd meandering around, I announced that we would play as a Herd. There were cheers and shouts from all. So, with three Putting Competitors and five Golfing Competitors, away we went.

As Ken and C.L. talked, the five golfers smashed golf balls everywhere, some even landing in the #1 fairway. Bob Westbrook's ball was the exception, landing nearer the #9 fairway. But with a superb 2nd shot, Bob was on his way to the #1 green.

As Ken and C.L. talked, the rest of the Herd began putting the #1 green. Putting the Blue Lake greens is a wonderful experience because they are in such fantastic condition. The old guys were amazed at how smooth and true the greens are and some took great advantage of that fact.

As Ken and C.L. talked, the golfers played the #2 hole. At the #2 green we all noticed the Don Webb, a highly competitive putter, had changed balls from shiny metallic gold to a shade of pink (puce). Don has decided that by rotating balls each hole, he plays better, and it doesn't wear out the balls as fast! We had to live with this new theory for all nine holes.

As Ken and C.L. talked, the golfers blasted away on the #3 hole. All five golfers had terrific drives – they were mostly in the fairway.

As Ken and C.L. talked, it was obvious that Tommy Atkins was playing one of his best games in recent recorded history. His putting was fantastic as well. He ended up with five pars! The Herd voted and Tommy's playing from the BLUE TEES next week!

As Ken and C.L. talked, I got all the Herd safely through nine holes and back into the Pro-Shop for a special treat. Mac's wife Joyce had prepared three "dips" for a taste test. One was white, one green, and the other red. So, with a big bag of chips, the Herd taste tested all three "dips" to see which they liked the best. You're already ahead of me. Yep it took the whole bag of chips and the emptying of all three "dip" dishes before the old guys voted. The red "dip" won with the "white" dip second.

With that assignment completed, the scorecard was carefully tossed into the Quantum 9-Holer computer for results. And faster than Ken and C.L. can finish a conversation, out came today's ECLECTIC results.

Putting Competition:

1st Place for \$3: Don Webb, 19 putts;

2nd Place for \$2: C.L. Newsome, 26 putts;

3rd Place for \$1: Ken Mayne, 27 putts.

Golfing Competition:

1st Place for \$3: Paul Castiglione, net 30;

2nd Place for \$3: Tommy Atkins, net 30 (lost scorecard playoff);

3rd Place for \$2: Mac McConahy, net 34 ½;

4th Place for \$1: Bob Westbrook, net 35 ½;

5th Place for \$1: John Moran, net 39 ½.

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

Paul Castiglione
9-Holer Herder