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**A TRIBUTE....TO CARL ABEL**

Singer and songwriter Dan Fogelberg once wrote .....”my life has been a poor attempt to imitate the man”. And so goes my attempt to carry the torch for my friend Carl Abel, who has been publishing this newsletter for a number of years. I would like to acknowledge Carl’s contributions to the tour and to his communication efforts as our Communications Officer. As many of you know, Carl was instrumental in expanding the Michigan tour into Ontario. He admirably served on our Executive Committee since it’s inception in 2004, retiring in 2013. During his tenure, Carl built the spreadsheet we used to calculate prize money and skins payouts at our tour events. He set up our administrative “Stats” files which house all of our tour’s business and statistics. And he single-handedly wrote our tour’s Charter.

So, when you see Carl at an event this summer or next, do me a favor and introduce yourself, shake his hand, and thank him for all he’s done to make our tour what is is today. My hat is off to you, my friend.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

The days are getting longer....and the 2017 golf season will hopefully be here soon. The MOGTT tournament sites and dates have been set...and nearly all of the sites, as promised, are close to the Michigan/Ontario border. And one of the venues will be the Kelly Cup site in September.

Sun May 21	St. Clair Parkway GC	Mooretown, Ontario---near Sarnia
Sun June 11	Solitude Links GC (was Fore Lakes)	Kimball, Mich---near Port Huron
Sat July 8	<i>The Bluffs (Skins Game)</i>	<i>Port Stanley, Ontario---near London</i>
Sun July 9	Tarandowah Golfers Club	Springfield, Ontario---near London
Sat Aug 5	Lake Forest GC (MOGTT Event)	Ann Arbor, Mich
Sun/Mon Aug 6/7	Lake Forest GC (USGTF Central Championship)	Ann Arbor, Mich
Sun/Mon Sep 10/11	Solitude Links GC (Kelly Cup)	Kimball, Mich---near Port Huron

So mark your calendars now and register for as many events as possible at the MOGTT website: [www.mogtt.com](http://www.mogtt.com)

Just click on the **“Register”** tab at the top. You can always withdraw from an event if done at least one week prior to the event. If you’ve never been a member or it’s been a number of years, click on the **“Join the Tour”** tab at the website.

## **USGTGF CENTRAL REGION CHAMPIONSHIP**

The two day championship, Sunday Aug 6 & Monday Aug 7 will begin the next day following our tour event. For more information or to register for the US Golf Teachers Federation event, contact Brent Davies at: [btkadavies@comcast.net](mailto:btkadavies@comcast.net))

## **2016 INDIVIDUAL TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

### **-Top 10 Money Winners (Gross & Net)**

1. Grant Gulych
2. Brent Davies
3. Jim Helmke
4. Jack Black
5. Charles Henry
6. Joe Janosky
7. Pete Willems
8. Jeremie Lopez
9. George Harris
10. Mike Terrill

(Please contact Charlie Henry if you need your total winnings for tax purposes)

### **-Andrew Carrigan Order of Merit Winners**

-“**Leaderboard**” Award (Most Top 4 finishes outside the prize money---gross)  
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-“**Empty Pockets**” Award (You can probably guess the criteria)  
Rob Ruley-Tie  
Tung Wong-Tie

## **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES**

Directories were sent out last fall to 2016 Members. If you need a copy re-sent, contact Charlie Henry: [clh3@comcast.net](mailto:clh3@comcast.net)

## **2 for 1 BUDDY PLAN APPROVED FOR 2017**

If you have a buddy, who is or was a golf teacher, coach, professional, or in the golf business, invite him or her to join the tour. Not only can you share travel expenses, but their Annual Tour Fee is free!! Or your buddy can pay and yours is free....or you can split the fee. Surely there must be someone in your area that is eligible and would enjoy our tour camaraderie.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Forward tees are provided for men over 60, over 70, and for all women.
- An equal amount of prize money is paid out for net and scratch/gross scores? And players cannot win in both the net and scratch pool?
- The average Net score for 2016 was 83....25 Stableford points....the equivalent of 11 over par
- The average Gross score for 2016 was 88....20 Stableford points...the equivalent of 16 over par. (We did however play one event in high winds and snow flurries and another in very windy conditions)

## **SUGGESTION BOX**

We are interested in your feedback. If you've been a member but haven't played in a few years, what can we do or change to get you back? Is it the cost? Payouts? Tee assignments? If you've never played on our tour, what's holding you back? We'd truly like to hear from you. Feel free to contact any of us listed below.

### **2017 MOGTT Executive Committee Members are:**

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