



# August Newsletter 2015

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## POINTS TO PONDER

**Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting. – Unknown**

**Stand up to be seen, Speak up to be heard, Shut up to be appreciated. – unknown**



## MOGTT NEWS - ITS TIME!

Time for what? The Kelly Cup of course!

Our last regular season event was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August at Tarandowah which means that September and the Kelly Cup are right around the corner – September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> to be exact.

For more Kelly Cup info and times, see schedule information below. Also, information and results pertaining to the Tarandowah event are listed later in this section.

If everyone who played in our regular season events entered the two-day modified Ryder Cup Kelly Cup event then we would have our largest field ever. However, as evidenced in the past not all participants are free to enter due to time constraints etc..

In the event that one side has more entries than the other, then the field with the larger number of entries must be reduced to the number of entries in the other side. The Executive Committee members have in the past, after much discussion, developed a formula to address that situation. An excerpt from the Charter describing the process is presented here for your information.

### **iii) Qualifying guidelines**

**Each player will receive 1 point for each event in which they participate during regular season play.**

**Each player will receive an additional 2 points for each event in which they finish in the top five Gross positions.**

**Each player will receive an additional point for each event in which they finish in the Gross positions 6 through 10.**

**Any player with 100% participation in regular tour events during the season will be awarded 1 bonus point.**

**Players who cancel during the final week before an event after signing up for an event, will lose 1 point in the Kelly Cup qualifying system unless the cancellation is for a medical or family emergency.**

**The accumulated point standings will be the criteria used to make reductions. Players with higher accumulated point totals have precedence over players with lower point totals. Should any players have identical point totals then first preference will be given to the player who has played in the most events. If the number of events is equal, then the person with the lower handicap has preference. If there is still a tie, then total monies won during the events played (excluding skins) will be used as the determination factor.**

**There is much more in the Charter pertaining to the Kelly Cup event that the Captains have to be concerned with but is not necessary to include here. Best wishes to both Captains for a successful event and thanks for your efforts.**

**Once all point totals are calculated by our President Charles Henry then the Directors will be given that information and then requests will be sent out to see who is interested in playing in the event. Once the lists of interested players are formed then any necessary qualifying process will be activated to determine the final listings of participants.**

**It is a very difficult decision for a Captain to have to inform someone who wishes to play that their spot is not available due to the qualifying process. It was for this reason that the Charter takes on the responsibility for the decision rather than it be in the hands of a single person.**

**If you unfortunately find yourself removed from the final listing through the process of qualifying PLEASE do not take it personally and get upset with anyone. Hopefully, but rarely, do both sides have equal number of participants and thus teams have to be equalized in number of participants.**



## TARANDOWAH RESULTS



On a beautiful, warm, sun-filled day playing a truly links style golf course, the wind was just a mere summer breeze and thus the fescue was less damaging to the players than it might have been if the wind was blowing hard. I, for one, was grateful for the gentle breeze.

I'm sure that Grant Gulych didn't mind that either; since he fired 6 birdies at the course and eventually ended up with a great score of 1 under par. Too bad about the few holes he failed to make par on but a wonderful round Grant. Not only did Grant win Low Gross but he might have even won a skin or two!

Congratulations also go out to Paul Kelly who shot just one over on the front and ended up winning Low Net with a net score of 41.5. Nice going Paul and it was a pleasure being in your grouping and watching your nice ball striking.

### All the winners and skins are shown below:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Low Gross** – Grant Gulych with a score of 37 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Low Gross** – Pete Willems with a score of 29 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Low Gross** – Brent Davies with a score of 28 points

- 1<sup>st</sup> Low Net** – Paul Kelly with a net score of 41.5
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net** – Jim Helmke with a net score of 40.5
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net** – Vito Cisternino with a net score of 36.5
- 4<sup>th</sup> Low Net** – Michael Hunter with a net score of 36.0

Skin winners were:

- Hole #1** –
- Hole #2** –
- Hole #3** – Dennis Babcock
- Hole #4** – Ron Christner
- Hole #5** –
- Hole #6** –
- Hole #7** – Pete Willems
- Hole #8** – Grant Gulych
- Hole #9** – Grant Gulych

- Hole #10** – Grant Gulych
- Hole #11** –
- Hole #12** – Grant Gulych
- Hole #13** –
- Hole #14** – Grant Gulych
- Hole #15** –
- Hole #16** –
- Hole #17** –
- Hole #18** –

Now it is time to move ahead to our season ending battle between the Michigan team on one side and the Ontario team on the other to see who captures the Kelly Cup once again. It has always been a great competition and I'm certain this year will be no different.



### 2015 KELLY CUP \*\*

Sunday Sept 13 Shepherd's Hollow GC, Clarkston, MI Holes 1-18 **12:00 Noon Start**  
Monday Sept 14 Shepherd's Hollow GC, Clarkston, MI Holes 10-27 **9:00 AM Start**

\*\* (\$125 includes all golf & prize money fees for both days)



### RULES QUESTION: - Ball Dropped In Divot

Carey and William were playing the final stroke-play match of their club championship. One up after the 17<sup>th</sup> hole, Carey hit a beautiful drive off the par 5 eighteenth tee and easily outdrove William. William could not reach the green in two so he laid up about 100 yards from the green. With water lurking on the right side of the green, Carey also decided to lay up and proceeded to hit a perfect 5 iron right down the middle. Unfortunately for Carey, his ball careened drastically to the right after landing on a sprinkler head and then to make things worse, the ball landed on the cart path and bounced out-of-bounds.

Feeling the golf gods were against him Carey announced to William that he had to take a stroke and distance penalty and then dropped a ball near where he had last hit his previous shot. Of course, the ball rolled into Carey's divot from the five iron he had just hit.

Which of the following is correct – (could be multiple answers or not):

- A) William told Carey that "He could play the ball as it lies or take another free drop".
- B) Carey said "I think I have to play the ball as it lies" and proceeded to hit the shot out of the divot .
- C) Carey has no choice but must re-drop according to the rules.
- D) Carey's next shot left him a short pitch which he proceeded miraculously to hole and wrote down a 5 for his score on the hole saying "What a par that was". William, unfortunately for him, stubbed his third shot and eventually made bogey on the hole. Carey declared he had won the match.

E) After the scorecards were totaled and signed in the clubhouse, an official was asked to make sure that Carey's score was correct for the 18<sup>th</sup> hole. After reviewing all the circumstances, Carey was disqualified for signing an incorrect scorecard (a score lower than he actually had) and William won the Championship.

And the answer is....**for the correct answer read the section "Concluding Remarks" at the end of this newsletter.**



### **SIDESPIN – Here's Your Diploma**

A grandmother was pushing her grandchild around Wal-Mart in a buggy.

Each time she put something in the basket, she would say, "And here's something for you, Diploma" or, "This will make a cute little outfit for you, Diploma" and so on.

Eventually, a bewildered shopper who had heard all this, finally asked, "Why do you keep calling your grandchild Diploma?"

The grandmother replied, "I sent my daughter to college and this is what she came home with!"



### **DID YOU KNOW THAT.....Chipping and Pitching**

How many times have you been watching golf on TV and heard an announcer describe a shot as a pitch shot when it was played from just off the green or a shot called a chip shot when the player had to fly the ball over a bunker etc. And these announcers are former Pro players in many instances! When referring to chips and pitches, one should be cognisant of the amount of air time in relation to ground time that the ball covers.

A "PITCH" shot is one where the ball travels a greater distance through the air than it does on the ground – at least a properly struck pitch shot!

A "CHIP" shot is one where the ball travels a greater distance on the ground than it does in the air.

Be sure your students know the difference!



## **MEMBER'S FORUM** – by *Carl Abel*

Last month I challenged all of you to respond to my newsletter with regards to the Rules of Golf asking that you state the one rule that you would like to see changed. From the response to that challenge, I can only assume that you are all happy with the rules. As for myself, if it were up to me I would change 2 rules.

If I could only change 1 rule it would be the stroke and distance penalty for an out-of-bounds. I would eliminate the distance portion of the penalty and replace it with drop at point of EXIT. I see no difference to that as when a ball is driven way off course and drops in a pond which is then treated as a water hazard. Both balls are struck equally bad yet one is penalized more harshly than the other. By eliminating the distance portion of the penalty it would a) speed up play and b) make the game much more enjoyable for the average golfer and c) encourage players to finish out the hole rather than picking up after hitting 2 or maybe even 3 balls out of bounds. Let's make the game more fun for the majority of golfers.

The second rule that I would change would be having to play out of somebody's divot in your own fairway. In my mind it is truly unfair to hit a perfect drive and then have to play from what should be "ground under repair" when the ball settles in another golfer's divot – they had a good lie on the exact same spot that you now have a poor lie on. But.....we all know that golf doesn't always have to be fair!

Until the rules are changed (probably never) I will continue to follow the existing rules and enjoy the game anyway!



**TIPS** – If you have to think when standing over a shot then think of either **TARGET** or **FINISH!** Better yet, don't think – just swing!



## **COMPUTER CORNER** – **WINDOWS 10**

You may have noticed that Windows newest operating system Windows 10 is being offered as a free upgrade which can be downloaded. I have consulted with my computer Guru about this (I

am getting a new desktop) and have been advised to not be in too much of a hurry to get the update. I was advised to wait a month for some of the bugs (usually there are some) to be worked out. If you have been thinking of upgrading to Windows 10 soon (there is no Windows 9) then you may want to hold off just a little longer. However, Microsoft has not said how long it will extend the free download time. The choice is yours. Windows 10 is supposed to be a much better operating system than Windows 8.1 – let's hope so!



## **CONCLUDING REMARKS – IT'S HERE!**

Shepherd's Hollow here we come! The most competitive, fun-filled, and friendly (usually) matches will once again soon be played for bragging rights to the Kelly Cup. I am certain that both teams will be most eager to come out on top but I think the Ontario team better watch out this year because the Michigan team wants the cup back – it has been in Ontario's hands too long to suit them! But.....Ontario won't mind if we hold onto it for another year!

I can't imagine a better way to end our season with always such good competition and wonderful sportmanship between representatives of the 2 best countries in the world. May all participants play well and hopefully good weather will prevail.

The Captains will soon be informing participants of any instructions they will need regarding the two day event.



## **RULES QUESTION ANSWER – The correct answer is:**

**C** and **E** Carey MUST re-drop to avoid any penalty. Since Carey's first drop ended up in his divot from the iron shot he had just hit, then the ball actually ended up closer to the hole than it originally was (a perfect iron shot has the divot in front of the ball). Since Carey played from the divot then he is penalized 2 shots for playing a shot from a point closer to the hole when he should have re-dropped and placed the ball at the point where the ball hit the ground if the second drop rolled closer to the hole or outside two club lengths from the original position. Carey is penalized for an incorrect drop and is disqualified for signing an incorrect scorecard - William wins the match. In Match play Carey would lose the hole! MORAL – It pays to know the rules!

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