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POINTS TO PONDER

History has demonstrated that the most notable winners usually encountered heartbreaking obstacles before they triumphed. They won because they refused to become discouraged by their defeats. ~B.C. Forbes

Golfers who try to make perfect swings rarely make a perfect shot. - unknown



MOGTT NEWS - It's over!

The last regular 2016 season event is now in the books! How did it happen so fast?

Grant Gulych, our Ontario Director, has sent the following results from our last event at



Tarandowah Results

"The final event of the season was as competitive as all other events this year. The weather was the best we had all year and so were the scores.

In the gross score, 1st place winner was Grant Gulych with 33 points, there was a tie for second place between Brent Davies and Pete Willems with 32 points.

The net scores were the best of the year, 1st place Mike Terrill with 42 points, 2nd place Wayne McGrath with 41 points, 3rd place George Harris with 40.5 points and 4th place Michael Hunter with 39.5 points.

Congratulations to all the winners.

Skins were awarded to

Hole #3 Mike Terrill
Hole #10 Brent Davies
Hole #12 Brent Davies
Hole #14 Brent Davies
Hole #15 George Harris
Hole #16 Brent Davies
Hole #17 Pete Willems

Someone had a HOT putter!!!!!!”

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What now remains for the 2016 season is the event that we all look forward to each year – **THE KELLY CUP** competition between the Michigan tour members and the Ontario tour members. The event is a two day Modified “Ryder Cup” format with 9 holes of Four ball and 9 holes of Alternate shot on Day 1 with 9 holes of Stroke play and 9 holes of Match play on day 2. The cup is presently held by the Michigan side but don’t bet on them keeping it! If the past number of years is any indication of the competitiveness of the event, then it again will come down to who is successful in the last couple of matches on day 2.



KELLY CUP DATES - Sunday and Monday, September 11/12th at  Dorchester, Ontario

Go to our website www.MOGTT.com and click on the icon for Pine Knot course details. Contact info and location is included here for your convenience.

If you have any inquiries please contact:
5421 Hamilton Road
Dorchester, Ontario NOL-1G6
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Now what you have to do if you intend to play in the Kelly Cup event is to contact your team Captain to let them know that you are willing to play. After all entries are received, then the Captains will have to balance out the teams using the qualifying point standings if there are uneven numbers of entrants on the two sides. The Kelly Cup Captains for the teams this year are:

Michigan - Chris Boka cbcards@yahoo.com
Ontario – Wayne McGrath bettergolfing@yahoo.ca

I’m certain that the Captains will be contacting soon all those who played in events this season to see if they are intending to participate in the Kelly Cup and then after those lists are compiled they will establish the lists for all those who qualified by points. It is always a tough thing for a Team Captain to do to let someone know that they missed out on playing on the team because of not achieving enough qualifying points. If that someone happens to be you please do not get upset with your Captain but make a point next season to try to accumulate more points during the regular events.

FYI the total listings with qualifying points are shown below. Once again, there are a few more Michigan members than Ontario members listed here but this is NOT a list of those who intend to play in the event – those lists are yet to be determined. Stay tuned and wait for your Captain’s final listing.

[2016 Qualifying points listings for the Kelly Cup](#)

Last	First	Team	Total Points
GuyIch	Grant	Canada	13
Babcock	Dennis	Canada	8
Harris	George	Canada	8
Hunter	Michael	Canada	8
Willems	Pete	Canada	6
Richardson	Bob	Canada	4
McGrath	Wayne	Canada	4
Cisternino	Vito	Canada	3
Wong	Tung	Canada	3
Sinden	Daryl	Canada	2
Kelly	Paul	Canada	2
Goodman	John	Canada	2
Abel	Carl	Canada	1
Christner	Ron	Canada	1
Sisti	Cesare	Canada	1
Davies	Brent	US	11
Henry	Charlie	US	11
Terrill	Mike	US	7
McBride	Brett	US	6
Helmke	Jim	US	6
Janosky	Joe	US	5
Chappel	Paul	US	5
Black	Jack	US	5
Boka	Chris	US	5
Hallwood	Tim	US	3
Benjamin	Jerry	US	3
Deming	Jack	US	3
Ruley	Rob	US	3
Lopez	Jeremie	US	3
Hyslop	Jerry	US	2
Michaels	Joel	US	2
Shoup	Brian	US	1
Buckley	Bob	US	1



RULES QUESTION: - Another rule involving water! Geez – how many are there?

Playing a par 3 hole after a short rainfall, Bart managed to have his tee shot stop on the green. When lining up his putt, Bart noticed water on his line between the ball and the hole. Bart declared casual water to his opponent and decided to take relief. Upon taking relief, Bart discovered that the nearest point was actually off the putting green. Bart, after cleaning his ball, dropped it at the nearest point of relief, and then proceeded to chip onto the green and then holed out with two putts. Which of the following is Bart's correct score for the hole?

- a) Four
- b) Five
- c) Six
- d) Seven

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



SIDESPIN – Charitable Appeal

A big, burly man visited his pastor's home and asked to see the minister's wife, a woman well known for her charitable impulses.

"Madam," he said in a broken voice, "I wish to draw your attention to the terrible plight of a poor family in this district. The father of the family is dead, the mother is too ill to work, and the nine children are starving. They are about to be turned into the cold, empty streets unless someone pays their rent, which amounts to \$400."

"How terrible!" exclaimed the preacher's wife, "May I ask who you are?"

The sympathetic visitor applied his handkerchief to his eyes. "I'm the landlord," he sobbed.



DID YOU KNOW THAT.....Tempo and Rhythm

Two of the most overlooked aspects of golf are the rhythm and tempo of the swing. Some excellent players have a FAST tempo and some excellent players have a much SLOWER tempo. It really doesn't matter whether you have a fast or slow tempo but it does matter that you maintain the rhythm within the tempo that is your norm for all of your golf swings.

Some people mistake rhythm with tempo. To clarify the two, Tempo is the overall pace of the swing whereas rhythm is how the backswing and forward swing correlate.

Which tempo type should you try to develop – fast, slow, or in between?

One should consider their overall situation in life and relate that to the pace of their golf swing. If you walk fast, talk fast, and do most things quickly then you should most likely develop a faster golf tempo than if you did everything slowly. In simple terms, build a pace of a golf swing that fits the pace of your life patterns. As for myself, when I am practicing (can't remember the last time that was though), I like to silently say "back and thru" "back and thru" as I take my swing, with the words "back and" on the backswing while the forward swing starts and finishes with the word "thru" – this establishes my rhythm. I used to count 1 and 2 which accomplished the same rhythm but then I got pretty bad at math so I switched to words!

It sometimes becomes difficult to maintain rhythm when playing due to the fact that everyone in the group does not have the same tempo. A player in a group with a slow pace and tempo can disrupt a player with a fast pace and tempo and vice versa. It is up to an individual golfer to overcome these differences and maintain THEIR tempo and rhythm when playing a shot.



MEMBER'S FORUM – PUTTING by *Carl Abel*

Dave Pelz, the short game "GURU", - you may have heard of him if you are a golfer – has spent hours, days, weeks and even months analyzing putting data and has come to many conclusions. One important conclusion is that golfers do not play enough break on breaking putts. Yet another important discovery, are you ready for this, is that putts left short do not go in! The optimized speed to have your putts drop into the hole is if the ball would roll past the hole 17 inches if the hole had a lid on it (like it has for most of my putts).

Statistics can prove very valuable in golf! Virtually all PGA Tour players keep statistics to let them know where their weak spots are. Of all the stats that are kept, the one that is most valuable is GIR (greens in regulation). I suppose a lot of you keep track of that one. If I was on the PGA Tour that is the stat that I would most like to be leading in. However, that would mean that I would have a lot of putt attempts because I wasn't chipping to get onto missed greens and getting up and down. So....., I would want to know the most about my putts as possible.

Sure, we all take our time (often too much) reading the greens and moan and groan when we lip out but then what? I imagine many of you keep track of your 3 putt greens – a good stat to be concerned about but.....

I am going to recommend something to you that may help your putting - A, B, L, S. What this means is that you should be marking these letters on your scorecard to let yourself know what your putting tendencies are and thus where you can improve your putting.

To improve your putting, for each putt you take, start writing down a letter as follows:

A = above the hole (too much break)
B = below the hole (not enough break)
L = long (more than 17 inches past the hole)
S = short

You could even combine letters such as AL (above and long) or BS (I'm familiar with a lot of that but let's get back to golf) which also would equate to (below and short)

Do this for a couple of rounds and then analyze your data to see if you have tendencies of not reading enough break, reading too much break, leaving the putts short, or hitting the putts too long. I would suggest that if your putts go past the hole but not more than the 17 inches mentioned above then do not count it as an L for being too long because it wasn't.

You can't fix something if you don't know it is broken". Only by creating data can you analyze it correctly and come up with solutions to discovered problems or tendencies. Find out your tendencies while putting and do something about it to lower your scores.

Try keeping track of your putts using A,B,L,S for your next few rounds and you might be surprised by what you learn about your putting.



TIPS – Your Opponents

In golf, you would be wise to consider only 2 opponents. The first one is the architect who designs the holes in such a way as to mislead one into taking lines of attack that, if not achieved successfully, usually result in big numbers on the scorecard. Be wary of innocent looking doglegs that invite you to cut corners – usually there is a bunker, tree, bush, or water lurking in an area that you cannot see from the tee. Remember that the fairway is your friend – that is why the way is called fair.

Your second opponent is “Old man par”. Forget trying to reach a certain total score for 9 or 18 holes but rather try to make par or better on EACH hole and then add it up at the end of the round. I can guarantee that this is not an easy thing to do but I can also guarantee that if you can do it then you will shoot lower scores. This is part of the MENTAL APPROACH to the game that most successful golfers pay attention to. Remember the old adage “one shot at a time” and apply it also to “one hole at a time”.



COMPUTER CORNER – **Windows 10: COMMON ICONS - My PC, Recycle bin etc.**

If you have switched to Windows 10 and do not see the common icons you are looking for then Left click (double left click?) in the search box beside the START button and type in “Common Icons” without the quotes. Now left click on the popup that shows Show or hide common icons and then on the new popup select the icons you want to see and then close out the popup by clicking OK.

AND NOW: To close out and end this computer section of my newsletters I am going to leave you with a list of ten of my TRUSTED favorite FREE computer programs. I will leave it up to each of you to investigate and install, or not, any of the programs if you like them.

I suggest that you go to the sites below to see what they are about. If you need any help with them then just e-mail me at cabelusgtf@gmail.com and I will do my best to answer any questions for you. Some of them have PRO versions which have a fee attached but ALL of them can be downloaded as free programs – I use all of them and would not recommend them if they were not good and FREE!

NOTE: Any and all of these programs can be uninstalled if you do not want to keep them.

1. Gadwin Print Screen @ <http://www.gadwin.com/printscreens/> - a great screen capture program
2. Incredimail @ <http://www.incredimail.com/en/download> - my favorite Pop 3 e-mail program (not great with Gmail but can be linked to it)
3. Slimbrowser @ <http://www.slimbrowser.net/> my all time favorite web browser (after I set it to my preferences)
4. Irfanview @ <http://www.irfanview.com/> a must have photo viewer/manager
5. Avast anti-virus @ <http://avast.en.softonic.com/> one of many good free anti virus programs
6. VLC media player @ <http://www.videolan.org/vlc/download-windows.html> opens almost all types of video formats
7. File Hippo @ <http://filehippo.com/> a site for FREE programs
8. You Tube @ <https://www.youtube.com/> type in anything and watch great videos (golf Instruction included)
9. CCleaner @ <http://www.piriform.com/> clean junk out of your computer (set it to save the cookies you want to keep)
10. Clip Converter @ <http://www.clipconverter.cc/> converts all U tube videos to mp3, mp4 etc.



CONCLUDING REMARKS One to go! I wonder how many there have been?

Well folks, this is my last regular season newsletter. I have just the Kelly Cup next month to report for you and it will be the end of my 2 finger typing excursion for the MOGTT. I hope that you will all join me next month for my concluding episode – I will personally be looking forward to it with mixed emotions.



RULES QUESTION ANSWER:

C A score of 6 is the correct answer. One shot for hitting the green, one for the chip, two putts, and a two shot penalty. Bart was correct in determining the nearest point of relief and also cleaning his ball but unfortunately, the Rules of Golf state that Bart should have placed his ball rather than dropping it. Bart is thus assessed a two stroke penalty – poor Bart. Once again, it pays to know the rules.

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