



July Newsletter 2015

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POINTS TO PONDER

To argue with a person who has renounced the use of reason is like administering medicine to the dead. – Thomas Paine

Little progress can be made by merely attempting to repress what is evil; our great hope lies in developing what is good. ~ Calvin Coolidge



MOGTT NEWS - 1 Left!

We are now on the home stretch after a successful 3rd event held at Verona Hills GC, Bad Axe, Mi last Sunday. With great weather and a large field there was some great golf played. All the winning results will be listed below. Our final regular season event will be soon because August is just around the corner and the date of the event is Sunday, the 16th of August (see below for more info and Kelly Cup dates).

If you are thinking of playing in the Kelly Cup, then you should get out to play in our final regular season event to earn some more qualifying points. There could be a greater number of entries this year due to the addition of many new members to our Tour thus, one should earn as many points as possible to enhance their position (in the event that the field has to be trimmed on one team or the other to equalize the numbers on each team).

To register for our last event (if you haven't done so already) the next paragraph is for you. Be sure to go to the website to register.

How to Register for an Event in 2015

Go to the website: www.mogtt.com to register or sign up. If you are not certain about the procedure then click on April's Newsletter tab and select page 2 to read the section on **How to Register for an Event in 2015** .



Verona Hills GC Results

Special congratulations to Brett McBride, low gross winner, for a great round of sub-par golf. Brett got off to a great start with an eagle on the first hole – doesn't get much better than that!

Also, congratulations to all the other winners who played some very fine golf on a really nice day.

It should also be mentioned that it was great to see the welcomed return of Jack Black to the winners circle after his recuperation – a place with which he is very familiar. Well done Jack!

Further, a big welcome to all our new participants – seems like a number of them cashed in!

1st Low Gross – Brett McBride with a total of 38 points – **THAT IS 2 UNDER PAR FOLKS!**

2nd Low Gross Tie – Drew Brining with a total of 34 points

2nd Low Gross Tie – Tim Hallwood with a total of 34 points

4th Low Gross – Brent Davies with a total of 32 points

1st Low Net – Chris Boka with a net score of 42.5 points

2nd Low Net – Jack Black with a net score of 38.5 points

3rd Low Net – Paul Chappel with a net score of 37 points

4th Low Net Tie - Tie, Mike Bogan with a net score of 36 points

4th Low Net Tie - Tie, Bob Buckley with a net score of 36 points

Skin winners were:

Hole #1 – Brett McBride (Eagle)

Hole #5 – Jack Black

Hole #8 – Brett McBride

Hole #9 – Mike Brogan

Hole #13 – George Harris

Hole #18 – Tim Hallwood

Our last regular season 2015 event is Sunday August 16th. Grant Gulych will be sending out more info later.

Remember to send a \$50 cheque In the currency of the country you live in to your Ontario or Michigan Director before the entry deadline. Your Director's addresses can be found on the website www.mogtt.com when you click on the "REGISTER" tab and scroll down to the center of the page.

If this is your first event in 2015 and you have not yet paid the Annual Tour fee then you will require an additional \$20 (US) funds at check in.

REMAINING 2015 REGULAR SEASON EVENT SCHEDULE*

Sunday, Aug 16, at Tarandowah GC, just east of London, Ont. - entry fee \$45.00

*(Each regular season event has optional entry fees: Prize Money - \$50; Skins - \$10)

*(Starting times are 12 noon with registration between 10:30 and 11:30)



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: - Hole liner removed when flag tender lifts flag

Larry had a 70 foot putt. He asked Bob, his playing partner, to tend the flag. Much to the surprise of both, the putt ran true to the hole. Bob yanked the flag from the hole and in the process, pulled out the cup liner. Larry's ball rolled into the hole, but not into the cup liner.

What is the correct ruling?

A. Larry's ball is holed. No harm, no foul.

B. Larry is responsible for the action of his designated flag tender. Larry incurs a **one stroke penalty** and must replay his putt from its original position after the liner is replaced. If it's not in the cup, it's not in the hole.

C. Larry is responsible for the action of his designated flag tender. Larry incurs a **two stroke penalty** and must replay his putt from its original position after the liner is replaced. If it's not in the cup, it's not in the hole.

D. Larry must replace his ball and replay the stroke with **no penalty** after the cup liner has been replaced.

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



SIDESPIN – Doctor's visit

When my doctor asked me about what I did yesterday, I told him about my day:

"Well, yesterday afternoon, I waded into a pond, escaped from a mountain lion in heavy brush, marched up and down a mountain, stood in a patch of poison ivy, crawled out of quicksand, and jumped away from an aggressive rattlesnake"

Inspired by my story, the doctor said, "You must be an awesome outdoors man!"

"No," I replied, "I'm just a crappy golfer."



DID YOU KNOW THAT.....BLIND GOLF!

One of the many joys that some blind people have is playing golf! Some of them play very well shooting even in the 70's. How can that be? And, what can we learn from that?

The one thing that a blind person has in huge quantities when making a golf swing is “TRUST IN THEIR SWING”. We can all learn something from that. A blind golfer cannot align themselves or aim their clubhead without assistance but.....once they have been assisted into their correct positions they can swing without the ball exerting any influence on their swing path.

Most non-blind golfers see the ball and then try to swing at it by manipulating a path they think the club needs to travel on rather than just swinging to their finish position. Most golfers are ball-bound!

Your best golf will be played by simply TRUSTING your swing after you have aimed the club and aligned yourself to the ball and target line and then just swing through the ball without any thoughts of manipulating the club.

Build yourself a swing at the range and then trust it on the golf course.



MEMBER'S FORUM – Is anyone out there? by *Carl Abel*

Last month I made a submission about the “FLAIL”, as requested by a member. I have wondered if any of you had any thoughts/comments about what I had written. I would be happy to hear from any of you on that topic or any other topic that you might like to present to our Forum. Don't be shy, and please.....submit something. Otherwise, you will just have to put up with my writings (a sorry thought indeed). As of this date, there has been only one submission by a member other than myself.

I am going to give you all a respite this month from my ramblings and do something a little different.

This month I am going to ask you all a question and it will be interesting for me to see how many of you will respond. My question concerns the rules of golf.

I have included many Rules situations over the years in my newsletters and they have been well received by our members – you seem to like them from the comments expressed to me. Now it is your turn!

Question - Which rule of golf would you most like to see changed and, how would you like it to read after you changed it? Would the change speed up or slow down play?

Please send all replies to cabelusgtf@bell.net



TIPS – First things first!

Ready! Aim! Fire! This may be good instruction for some things but for golf the sequence should be: AIM! READY! FIRE!.

As Harvey Penick said in his book – TAKE DEAD AIM. Aim first, then align everything to your aim. The only thing we aim in golf is the clubface; everything else is aligned to that.



COMPUTER CORNER – Viewing Golf Videos

I have been trying to work with golf videos that I have taken with my new camera and have recently downloaded an EXCEPTIONAL free program called “VLC”. This is a video playing program.

I was using Windows Media Player but its functions are quite limited – no slow motion or frame by frame etc.

This VLC program allows you to view videos in a) slow motion b) slow motion at various speeds c) quick return to regular speeds and d) frame by frame.

The website for you to go to for the free download is: <http://www.videolan.org/vlc/index.html>

I suggest you download the program and then run it.

When you first run it you may not see how you can do frame by frame but that is because you have to open up that toolbar. You do this after loading the program by left clicking on "VIEW" (top toolbar) and then selecting "Advanced controls". This will place the tool bar second from the bottom left of the screen.

The frame by frame button is the little square one on the right end of the 4 button toolbar. This frame button works as soon as you begin a video. You can click on it anytime a video is playing and then advance each frame by clicking on it again and again etc. You can toggle between the "Play" and the "Frame" buttons at any time to speed to a section that you want to study frame by frame.

To play in "Slow motion" you have to open a video and then left click "PLAYBACK" on the top toolbar and then in the pop-up menu click on "SPEED" then "SLOWER (fine)". Each time you do this it selects the next slowest speed. If you want to go back to regular speed then you simply select "Normal Speed" rather than "Slow (fine)".

If you have taken any golf videos of your swing or anyone else's swing and have only been able to view it in normal playback then this is the program for you.

Oh Yes, I did mention that it is FREE didn't I. Go to the site and check it out.

Hope you understand this and make it work. It really shows you all the details of a swing - wish I had known about that long ago!



CONCLUDING REMARKS – Season!

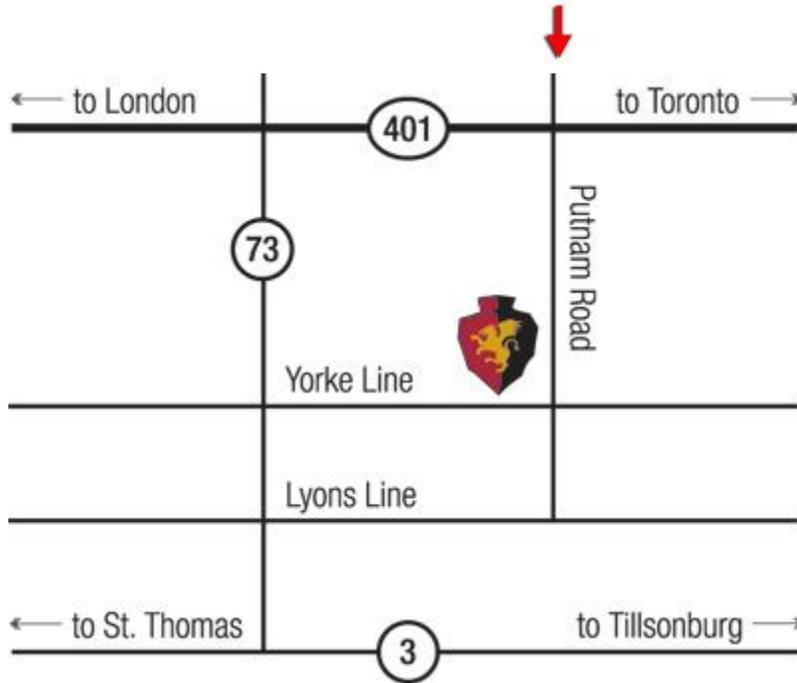
Where does the season go? I don't know about any of you but I haven't played nearly enough golf yet this season. Hopefully, the weather will be good for our last regular season event and great for the season ending Kelly Cup in September. I hope to see a lot of you there. Let's close out the season on Sunday, August 16th with a great turnout at Tarandowah – a short distance east of London. If the website photos are any indication of the course then it could really be an

experience for those who get to play it. Check it out on our website www.mogtt.com by clicking on the Tarandowah listing and then doing some exploring on the Tarandowah site.

Tarandowah Golfers Club

15125 Putnam Road
Springfield, Ontario N0L 2J0

TAKE EXIT #208 SOUTH



Driving Directions:

Coming east or westbound on Highway #401 take the Putnam Road exit (#208). Follow Putnam Road south for approximately 8 minutes and the golf course will be on your right hand side.

GPS Coordinates: 42.90816, -80.933533



RULES QUESTION ANSWER – The correct answer is:

A Larry's ball is holed. A hole is not required to contain a lining as long as it is the correct diameter. That is one of the reasons that the liner is sunk below the surface of the ground to give the proper diameter of the hole at the top for the ball to drop in.

See Rule 17, The Flagstick, more specifically decision 17/7 and the definition of hole pertains to that situation.

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