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POINTS TO PONDER

"Instead of wondering when your next vacation is, you ought to set up a life you don't need to escape from." ~ Seth Godin

"Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it." ~ Lou Holtz



MOGTT NEWS - ONLY ONE LEFT!

Three quarters of our annual events for 2016 are now in the record books. Our next and last regular season event is in the middle of next month on Sunday August 14th. That will be your last chance to gain qualifying points for the Kelly Cup September 2-day event pitting the Ontario members against the Michigan members – see remaining schedule below for details of the last annual event, the “Fun” event preceding the last event, and the Kelly Cup dates and times.

It is my pleasure to be able to tell you that at the last event (Verona Hills), our President was presented with a framed certificate declaring that he be declared a “LIFETIME HONORARY MEMBER” of the MOGTT and exempted from further annual dues. This is our first such award, and likely to be our last, but no one is more deserving than Charlie Henry. Charlie has worked tirelessly since he began the Michigan Tour many years ago and then oversaw its development to the MOGTT and kept the Tour viable to date. I personally want to thank the MOGTT Executive members for voting for this award to Charlie and making it happen. We all owe you a sincere thanks Charlie and we will always be indebted to you for all the enjoyment we have received from participating on YOUR Tour.

I have included an attachment with this newsletter showing you the members, the certificate (minus the frame) that Charlie was awarded – please take a moment to look at it.

And now on to the results of the recent event at Verona Hills.

VERONA HILLS Summary

Again, competition was keen as usual for low Gross honors.

1st place winner Grant Gulych with a nice round of 33 points was followed very closely by Charlie Henry in second place a stroke behind grant with 32 points, followed by Brett McBride just another point back of Charlie with a third place finish with 31 points.

In the Net Division, it was again very close with 1st place going to Joe Janosky with 37 points, then there was a tie for 2nd place between Dennis Babcock and Michael Hunter with 36 points, and closely behind in 4th place was Jim Helmke with a net score of 35.5 points.

Congratulations to all the winners.

In the Skins section 4 players were awarded skins. On hole # 1 with an EAGLE for 4 points was Tim Hallwood – what a way to start your round Tim! The 4th hole was won by Joel Michaels, the 10th hole was won by Charlie Henry, and the last skin was won on the 13th hole by Joe Janosky. Well done guys.

2016 MOGTT – Remaining Schedule of events see also our website www.mogtt.com

Sunday August 14 - Tarandowah, Springfield, ON**

** Note: - there will be a "FUN DAY" event on Saturday Aug.13th, at "The Bluffs" - Port Stanley, ON. Check out the website for details by clicking on the "FUN EVENT" icon.

KELLY CUP DATES - Sunday and Monday, September 11/12th at Pine Knot GC, Dorchester, ON

A. BRAND NEW TO TOUR:

1. Go to the website: www.mogtt.com... Click **"Join The Tour"** tab and complete a Tour Agreement form. Click Submit. You don't have to submit a tour agreement form each year....unless there has been a dramatic change in policy.

2. Click **"Register"** tab and complete the form. Click on the circle for all the events in which you're planning to play. If you plan to compete in the Prize Money game and/or the Skins Game, then click on the appropriate circles. Click Submit. That's it---you're in. Details will be sent to you by email from the Tour Director. If you need to withdraw from an event, merely send an email to the host Tournament Director at least 7 days prior to the event.

B. PREVIOUS TOUR MEMBER

1. **Go to the tour website: www.mogtt.com....Click **"Register"** tab and complete the form. Click on the circle for all the events in which you're planning to play. If you plan to compete in the Prize Money game and/or the Skins Game, click on the appropriate circles. Click Submit. That's it---**

you're in. Details will be sent to you by email from the Tour Director. You can also enter by sending an email message to Tour Director, Grant Gulych at grant@ggolfs.com.
If you need to withdraw from an event, merely send an email to the host Tournament Director at least 7 days prior to the event.

How to Pay Annual Tour Fee

The annual tour fee is \$20.00 U.S. and can be paid upon check-in at your first event of the year.

"Buddy Plan" still in effect (2 for 1)

If you have a buddy, who is or was a golf teacher, coach, professional, or in the golf business, invite him to join the tour. Not only can you share travel expenses, but his Annual Tour Fee is free!! Or he can pay and yours is free....or you can split the fee.

Kelly Cup Qualifying

The easiest way to qualify for your country's side is play in as many events as possible. Each event played earns 1 qualifying point. Play in all four events and earn another bonus point for a total of 5 qualifying points. Players that finish in the top 5 (actual scores) at an event, earn 2 additional points. Players that finish 6-10 (actual) earn 1 additional qualifying point. So play well and play often.....best way to earn a spot.

Charlie Henry has prepared the updates for the qualifying points to date – see below.

2016 Standings---Kelly Cup Qualifying Points after the third event at Verona Hills

| | | | EVENT SITES | | | |
|------------|---------|--------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Last | First | Team | Prestwick | Otter Creek | Verona Hills | Total Points |
| Gulych | Grant | Canada | 3 | 3 | 3 | 9 |
| Babcock | Dennis | Canada | 2 | 3 | 3 | 8 |
| Harris | George | Canada | 2 | 3 | | 5 |
| Hunter | Michael | Canada | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Willems | Pete | Canada | | 3 | | 3 |
| Sinden | Daryl | Canada | | 2 | | 2 |
| McGrath | Wayne | Canada | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Wong | Tung | Canada | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Richardson | Bob | Canada | | | 2 | 2 |
| Kelly | Paul | Canada | 1 | | | 1 |
| Cisternino | Vito | Canada | | 1 | | 1 |
| Abel | Carl | Canada | | 1 | | 1 |
| Christner | Ron | Canada | | 1 | | 1 |
| Goodman | John | Canada | | 1 | | 1 |
| Henry | Charlie | US | 3 | 2 | 3 | 8 |
| Davies | Brent | US | 3 | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| McBride | Brett | US | | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Chappel | Paul | US | 3 | 2 | | 5 |
| Black | Jack | US | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| Helmke | Jim | US | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Janosky | Joe | US | 1 | | 3 | 4 |

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|----------|---------|----|---|---|---|---|
| Lopez | Jeremie | US | 3 | | | 3 |
| Deming | Jack | US | 2 | | 1 | 3 |
| Boka | Chris | US | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Terrill | Mike | US | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Benjamin | Jerry | US | 1 | | 2 | 3 |
| Hallwood | Tim | US | | | 3 | 3 |
| Hyslop | Jerry | US | 1 | | 1 | 2 |
| Ruley | Rob | US | 1 | | 1 | 2 |
| Michaels | Joel | US | 1 | | 1 | 2 |
| Shoup | Brian | US | 1 | | | 1 |
| Buckley | Bob | US | 1 | | | 1 |



RULES QUESTION: - OUCH! I kicked my ball into the water!

Scottie drilled his tee shot onto a bank inside the water hazard stakes but saw no splash. He decided to look for his ball on the bank inside the hazard line. While walking about in the weeds on the bank searching for his ball, Scottie accidentally kicked his ball and it bounded into the water and became irretrievable.

Which of the following is/are correct? Note: - There may, or may not, be more than one correct answer.

- A) Scottie must proceed under the rules for water hazards and drop outside of the hazard incurring a one stroke penalty since the ball was inside the water hazard.
- B) Scottie must proceed under the rules for water hazards and drop outside of the hazard incurring a one stroke penalty plus an additional penalty for moving his ball
- C) Scottie must replace his ball without penalty with another ball because the ball was moved while searching in a hazard and is irretrievable. Scottie can then play the ball as it lies.
- D) Scottie must replace his ball and add a one stroke penalty to his score for moving his ball. He can then either play the ball or, under the rules for water hazards, drop outside of the hazard incurring an additional one stroke penalty.
- E) Since Scottie cannot retrieve his ball it must be deemed as being lost and he must return to the original spot from where the original ball was played and put another ball in play from there with a 2 stroke penalty.

And the answer is....**for the correct answer(s) look in the section “Concluding Remarks” at the end of this newsletter.**



SIDESPIN – First Responders

A fire started on a patch of prairie grasses near a farm. The county fire department was called, but the fire was more than they could handle. Someone suggested that the nearby volunteer bunch be called. Despite some doubt that the volunteer outfit could really help, the call was made.

The volunteers arrived in a dilapidated old fire truck that rumbled straight into the middle of the flames. The firemen jumped off the truck and frantically started spraying water in all directions. Soon they had snuffed out the center of the fire, breaking the blaze into two easily controlled parts.

The farmer was so impressed and so grateful that his farm had been spared, that he presented the volunteers with a check for \$1,000 on the spot. A local news reporter asked the volunteer fire captain what the department planned to do with the funds.

"That ought to be obvious," he responded, wiping ashes off his coat. "The first thing we're gonna do is get the brakes fixed on our fire truck!"



DID YOU KNOW THAT.....OH NO! I STEPPED ON MY BALL!

If you happen to step on your ball and embed it into the ground.....too bad, so sad, I bet your mad and not glad. You will incur a one stroke penalty for moving your ball and must replace it in the nearest similar lie to the original lie.



MEMBER'S FORUM – Power and Accuracy by *Carl Abel*

A challenge to you all! Take a piece of paper and at the top draw a straight line across it. At the left end of the line place the word Accuracy and at the other end place the word Power. Now under each of these two words write the name of the club that you would use for the most accuracy and the most power. If you don't write down "PUTTER" for accuracy and "DRIVER" for power then I would be very surprised to say the least. To continue with this short exercise put a dot in the center of the line between the two ends and this would represent an equal preponderance of power and accuracy – this would indicate the need for a middle iron.

So What?

Well, if you think about it, all golf shots lie somewhere along this line. There is always a trade off between accuracy and power. The golf architects realized this and thus made the landing areas for the ball correspond to those two factors. When using a driver – a very unaccurate club, you

have a wide fairway to have the ball land in whereas when using a putter – a very accurate club, you have a small hole (sometimes too small). When using a mid-iron then you have a landing area called a “Green” which is a lot larger than the hole but a lot smaller than the fairway!

So what?

Well, have you ever considered the factors that are different in golf when the shot requirements are different? What are the power factors in a swing and what are the accuracy factors?

Another challenge to you all! Take that same piece of paper and from the mid-point of the line draw a vertical line from top to bottom dividing the page in half. Now on each half start listing the factors required under “Accuracy” and then under “Power” for example:

Accuracy----- Mid point -----Power

1. No body movement
 2. No shoulder turn
 3. No weight shift
 4. No wrist action
- Etc, etc. etc.

1. Maximum body movement
2. Maximum shoulder turn
3. Full weight shift
4. Full wrist hinge and unhinge

Continue listing this exercise as far as you can go. This should focus your attention on how you should set up for shots requiring different levels of power and accuracy. Take your feet for example. In a powerful setup for a driver you may want to have a closed wide stance whereas for an accurate flop shot you may want an open and narrow stance. For a driver you probably want a more rounded swing and for the flop shot a more upright swing (positioning of the feet will have a direct bearing on this).

As you move in club selection from a driver down to a mid-iron (5 or 6 iron) then you are now in the mid point range where both accuracy and power demands are about equal and thus, corresponding setup positions should be considered.

Many players use power setup positions when they are in an accuracy situation and sometimes do the reverse. For one example, I’m sure that you all have seen golfers using a wide stance for a short iron shot and then have to decelerate at impact because they would develop too much power; thus creating a poor shot.

The combinations are endless and that is one thing that makes the game both fascinating and frustrating. Knowledgeable players will adjust their setups in accordance to the shot being played after determining where along the line between power and accuracy the shot falls.

Have fun making your list guys!



If you seem to be hitting your iron shots straight on the driving range but not so much on the golf course, it’s probably because you’re not aiming at anything at the range. Always pick a target!



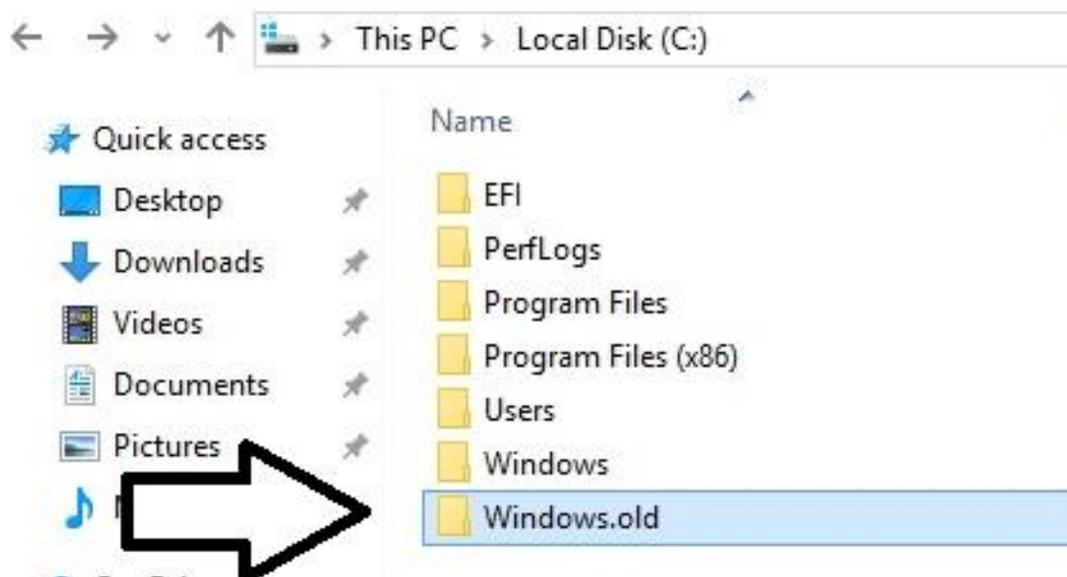
COMPUTER CORNER – Windows 10: Will My Old OS Stick Around?

If you haven't switched to the free download of Windows 10 by now, then it most likely is too late. It is my understanding that July 29th was the last day for free downloading.

For those of you who recently switched take note about the time you have to switch back to your old system if you don't really want to keep Windows 10 – read the article below!

Here's a question about Windows 10. ***“After one installs Windows 10 does the prior Operating System remain?”***

If you do an upgrade from Windows 7 or 8.1 to Windows 10, the files for your previous OS will stick around in a file called “Windows.old” on your C drive. But they won't stick around forever.



Microsoft lets you switch back to your previous operating system during the first 30 days. After that period, those files will be automatically deleted by Microsoft – at least that is what has been said – you may want to check it out after the first month to see if the old operating system files are actually gone.



CONCLUDING REMARKS Another reminder plus the Rules question answer.

Carl's newsletter (that's me folks) service to the members will end with 2 more newsletters August and September (after the Kelly Cup). I know how anxious you all are to fill the position – yeh right!

Nevertheless, someone will have to jump in for 2017 so why not seriously consider taking a part in YOUR Tour's operations by submitting your name to our President Charlie Henry clh3@comcast.net showing interest in taking on the position?

Once again, the main function of the position is the preparation and sending out of this monthly newsletter. Anyone accepting the position would have flexibility in presenting the structure and would not have to follow my format – that would be up to them. However, it should be noted that each month's newsletter is ALWAYS presented to our President prior to dispersement to the members for the President's approval and opportunity for input.

Don't hesitate to let our President Charlie Henry (also Michigan Director), or Grant Gulych – Ontario Director, know if you are willing to serve your tour in the capacity of Communications Officer.



RULES QUESTION ANSWER:

D is the correct answer. A player may move a ball while “PROBING” for it inside a water hazard without being penalized Rule 12-1, if the ball is moved then it must be replaced. Since Scottie was not probing for it with his hands or a club then he is assessed a penalty for causing his ball to move Rule 18-2(a) and it must be replaced. There is no additional penalty for replacing the ball with a different ball because the first ball is not retrievable. After replacing the ball, Scottie can then play the ball or invoke the water hazard rules with an additional penalty stroke.

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