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POINTS TO PONDER

Practice is the best of all instructors. - Publilius Syrus

The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong. - unknown



MOGTT NEWS - TWO'S and more!

Two down and **Two** to go! How many Kelly Cup points do you have already? You have **Two** more events to accumulate qualifying points. If you haven't been able to make either of our first **Two** events then hopefully you will be able to make the last **Two**. It may be **Too** bad if you can't! Hopefully, all who wish to play in this year's Kelly Cup will be able to play and hopefully no one will be unable to play due to the need for qualifying points if one team has fewer entries. The venue this year at Shepherd's Hollow is a great venue! It's not **Too** late to enter our remaining events and earn some points! You get one point for participating at each event and can earn more by how you place in the Gross division.

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** .

I am asking that all of you take the time to read my personal article this month in the "MEMBER'S FORUM" section entitled "The Flail". I am not trying to change anyone's thinking about their golf game but I hope some of you will find it interesting.

GREENHILLS RESULTS – Synopsis by Grant Gulych (Ontario Director)

It was a grey and wet day at Greenhills but the second event of the season almost finished. Due to the amount of rain some groups only finished 15 holes so the event scoring was based on that amount of holes. The players liked the course and the speed of the greens and found the layout was fair.

Congratulations to Grant Gulych and Bob Richardson for finishing 1st and 2nd low gross. There were also a few new players in the money as well. Results for ALL winners are shown below.

Greenhills Results (based on 15 holes)

1st Low Gross - Grant Gulych with a total of 31 points

2nd Low Gross - Bob Richardson with a total of 28 points

3rd Low Gross - Dennis Babcock with a total of 27 points

1st Low Net - George Harris with a net score of 35 points

2nd Low Net - Jim Helmke with a net score of 30.5 points

3rd Low Net - Paul Kelly with a net score of 30 points

4th Low Net - Tie, Rick Wilson and Carl Abel with a net score of 29 points

Skins winners were:

Hole #3 - Michael Hunter

Hole #4 - Grant Gulych

Hole #5 - George Harris

Hole #7 - Rick Wilson

Hole #13 - Wayne McGrath

Hole #15 - Grant Gulych

Next Entry Deadline – Verona Hills – submitted by Charles Henry President

The third event of the 2015 season at Verona Hills GC in Bad Axe, Michigan is fast approaching and a special practice round event and reception is being planned for players and spouses.

A block of tee times has been reserved on Saturday July 25th at 1:00 pm for \$30--- including cart.

After golf Saturday, the Michigan Tour is hosting a complimentary hors d' oeuvres reception with a cash bar at the beautiful Verona Hills clubhouse and patio overlooking the 18th green. So make your travel plans in advance and plan to arrive in Bad Axe on Saturday. Hotels in the area are the Franklin Inn, Holiday Inn Express, and Ameriway Suites.

The tournament is on Sunday July 26th with tee times beginning at 12 noon. To register, go to the website www.mogtt.com and follow the instructions. If you're interested in the practice round and/or the reception, please email Charlie Henry at clh3@comcast.net. The entry deadline is Sunday July 19th. More information will follow for those entering the event.

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Remember to send a \$50 cheque (US) 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 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 July 26	Verona Hills GC, Bad Axe, MI	\$42.00
Sunday Aug 16	Tarandowah near London, Ont	\$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: - Ball against out of bounds **FENCE**

Josh and Sam were playing a match when Josh hooked his drive which ended up resting against the inside of a chain-link out-of bounds fence.

Josh, seeing an opening in the fence a short ways away told Sam "I'm going to go outside the fence and play my next shot by hitting against the outside of the fence rather than take an unplayable lie penalty. Sam replied "You can't do that! You will not even be on the golf course!. You have to take an unplayable lie, or return to the tee, or play the ball from inside the fence as it lies."

Which of the following is correct?

- Josh is correct and is allowed to play the shot he described to Sam
- Sam is correct
- Sam is correct but is penalized 2 strokes for giving Josh advice

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



SIDESPIN – **And then the fun began!**

Syd's wife Alice asked Syd "What are you doing?"

Syd replied "Nothing."

Alice said "Nothing...? You've been reading our marriage certificate for an hour."

Syd then answered "I was just trying to find the expiration date."



DID YOU KNOW THAT.....SPIN! (of course you did)

When on a golf course many amateurs are trying to make their ball spin like the pros and are frustrated when they can't achieve that. What they don't realize is:

1. The fairways are very closely mown on the courses the pros play (somewhat like our greens)
2. The greens the pros hit to are the finest in the world – try receptive as an adjective
3. The pros are using pretty much NEW balls (most change every 3 holes)
4. The pros replace their wedges often to keep the grooves sharp – try FREE clubs here
5. The pros have accelerating clubhead speed coming through the ball – many amateurs don't
6. The pros usually take proper divots (downward striking)
7. The pros have, in one word, TALENT!!!!!!



MEMBER'S FORUM – The Flail - a requested submission - by *Carl Abel*

What is a flail? When most people are “flailing away at the ball” it is not likely to be a good thing. However, in the hands of a good golfer, flailing action is highly desired but rarely understood and incorporated into their swings. Fortunately, good golf can be played without the use of the flail. One PGA player making good use of the flail today is Sergio Garcia – there are many others.

My interest in the Flail began when I read an article in the GOLF Magazine's issue June 1964 (**that is 51 years ago folks**) with the cover showing the skeleton construction of the arms, wrists, and hands with the title on the cover reading **“YES. YOU ARE BUILT FOR POWER!”**

If one “GOOGLES” the word “Flail” they may get an explanation such as this:

Flail

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



An example of a grain flail

A **flail** is an [agricultural](#) tool used for [threshing](#) to separate [grains](#) from their [husks](#).

It is usually made from two or more large sticks attached by a short chain; one stick is held and swung, causing the other (the swipple) to strike a pile of grain, loosening the husks.

Non-agricultural uses

As with most agricultural tools, flails were often used as weapons by farmers who may have lacked better weapons. The flail is proposed as one of the origins of the two-piece baton known in the [Okinawan kobudō](#) weapon system as the [nunchaku](#).

SO WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH GOLF?

Farmers discovered that by tying one stick to another with a piece of rope between them they could increase the speed and power of the outer stick immensely and thus impart greater impact to the striking action when harvesting crops such as wheat..

If the flail is used in a golf swing it is most likely focused in the area of the wrists. If, when swinging, the arms are considered one stick and the club the other stick then the wrists must become soft and pliable like a piece of soft leather to represent the rope holding the two sticks together (without any tension). If this is achieved by a golfer, then when the transition move is initiated at the top of the backswing, the club will lag behind when the arms start forward. The wrists will achieve maximum cocking and, if nothing further is done with the hands then the wrists will automatically un-cock in the hitting area (due to centrifugal force) and imparting tremendous speed to the clubhead while maintaining the correct arc created by the swinging of the arms and turning of the hips, torso etc.. MORE SPEED = MORE DISTANCE!

When using the flail in a golf swing the wrists do not act but rather REACT to the centrifugal force created by the swinging of the club.

It has been my good fortune to have discovered a book years ago (when I was in my forties) entitled “**Secrets of the Perfect Golf Swing**”. This book was written by Phil Galvano as was the article in the Golf magazine previously mentioned.

Without going into details, it was a life changing event for me when I adopted Phil’s swing method and, it was my great fortune to have been able to contact him while he was alive and, along with my wife, to be invited down to Florida and into his home for a free swing diagnosis as well as dinner with his wonderful wife Betty. We became friends through phone calls and correspondence over the years until his passing in 1996.

I give credit to his swing method for allowing me to become a Golf Instructor and to continue to play good golf even at my age of 78 next month (I hope to be able to start practicing once again soon to improve physically and get back to my best golf).

Probably none of you have ever heard of Phil but he was the highest paid golf instructor of his time and taught many PGA pros as well as Hollywood stars such as Bob Hope, Johnny Carson, Joey Bishop etc. He had his own golf studio in New York City and had his own golf program on Radio (unheard of in those days)! Big City, Big Stars, Big Pay!

In the last chapter of his book, the chapter which is only written for the accomplished golfer, Phil instructs on the “ULTIMATE” golf swing where the first stick of the flail is from the feet to the hips, the soft pliable leather (rope) is everything else up to the handle of the club which is the second stick. That then becomes the largest human flail possible.

As Phil says “You do nothing from the waist up. Everything between the waist and the club is driven by the feet, legs, and hips. The hips are controlled by the feet and the legs. The closer to the soles of the feet the main source of energy is derived, the greater the power delivered to the ball.”

Almost heresy by what is taught in many places today but what a swing it has been for me!

In conclusion, I don’t expect anyone to change their swing because of what I have written here but, if you are getting older and are losing distance, then the flail of the wrists may be something you might want to try – I couldn’t golf without it!

It is possible to get good wrist hinging by manipulating muscular effort (and much good golf is played that way) but the free release of the wrists will make the best use of the centrifugal force created by the swinging of the club – not the easiest thing to do. You must give up complete control of the club with the hands and just let the flailing of the wrists take over.

A “HIT” has to be perfectly timed whereas a “SWING” will time itself!

I have included only a small portion here of my experiences with Phil Galvano, the “GALVANO SWING”, and its impact on me. As I once told Phil, “I shall never get out of your debt!”



TIPS – False Fronts

Not too many courses have false fronts with their greens but some do – my course does. Usually the approaches to the putting surface are uphill from the false fronts requiring a pretty hefty putt with the putter. I have found it more advantageous when presented with one of those shots to leave the putter in the bag, choke down on a utility club or five wood and use that as a putter. It takes only a small swing and thus less chance of error. It does take a little practice to get used to the distances but it has become a very effective method for me to use here at home when I do get out on the course. You might want to try it (or not).



COMPUTER CORNER – YOU TUBE

How many of you have never used “You Tube” (www.youtube.com) I wonder? I find it a great source of enjoyment. It is NOT a social site but rather a download site. Once on the site you can enter anything into the search box. I use it to listen to my favorite singers, videos, some movies, and searches such as “England’s Got Talent”. If you haven’t been to the site yet, then you may want to go and give it a try. When watching videos and songs etc it is very easy to download by clicking on the provided download tab.



CONCLUDING REMARKS

It is a revelation to me how much enjoyment I can get by being back on Tour with my peers. It must have been fate that allowed me way back when to come upon what was then the Michigan Teacher’s Tour. I have been truly blessed by this game of golf what with the number of friends I have made on Tour and while instructing my students.

Perhaps we should all take a moment sometime to think about all those who have made our enjoyment possible. As for our Tour, I have to acknowledge that without Charlie Henry’s input into the Michigan Teacher’s Tour way back, then I would never have stumbled upon the opportunity to play amongst my peers and meet and make friends with so many wonderful people. I also appreciate the opportunities Charlie allowed me in order to make my contributions to the MOGTT that we have now.

Too many others to thank here but most of you whom I have made friends with plus all my other acquaintances know whom I am talking about. So thanks to all – hope to see many more of you again soon at future events.



RULES QUESTION ANSWER – The correct answer is:

A is the correct answer. Josh may play the stroke as he described it to Sam. It is permissible to stand out of bounds to play a shot as long as the ball is in bounds. It is immaterial that the fence will be struck by the club. Also, under the rules of golf, it is permissible to give advice on the rules at any time so Sam would not be penalized.

It pays to know the rules!

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