



## **JUNE 2016** - *Prepared by Carl Abel*



### **POINTS TO PONDER**

If a lot of people gripped a knife and fork the way they do a golf club, they'd starve to death. ~ Sam Snead

90% of being smart is knowing what you're dumb at - unknown



### **MOGTT NEWS** - Half Way Through the Season Already!!!!!!

#### **Otter Creek Summary** – Prepared by Grant Gulych (Ontario Director)

Again the weather conditions were a factor at the second event of the year. Very strong winds and difficult pin positions led to high scores. It was great to see another good turnout with a field of 20 players participating while another 6-7 usual members unable to play.

There were some great holes played at Otter Creek. Mike Terrill eagled the par 5 18<sup>th</sup> and the shot of the day was by Jack Black with a Hole-in-One on the 5<sup>th</sup> hole.

The winners were, gross 1<sup>st</sup> Jack Black, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grant Gulych, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dennis Babcock. Winners on the net side were, 1<sup>st</sup> Pete Willems, 2<sup>nd</sup> George Harris and tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> Daryl Sinden and Paul Chappel.

Skins winners were:

- Hole #5 Jack Black (Hole in One)
- Hole #9 Jim Helmke
- Hole #12 Carl Abel
- Hole #17 Grant Gulych
- Hole #18 Mike Terrill (Eagle)

**Next Event---** Sunday July 24 - Verona Hills, Bad Axe, MI

Golf course information, directions, etc can be found at:

<http://www.veronahillsgolf.com/> or go to our website [www.mogtt.com](http://www.mogtt.com) and click on the Verona event icon.

### **How to Register for Verona Hills**

#### **A. BRAND NEW TO TOUR:**

1. Go to the website: [www.mogtt.com](http://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, 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](http://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, Charlie Henry at: [clh3@comcast.net](mailto:clh3@comcast.net) . 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.

**2016 Standings---Kelly Cup Qualifying Points after the second event**

2016 Kelly Cup Qualifying
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		EVENT SITES		
Last	First	Prestwick	Otter Creek	Total Points
<b>CANADA</b>				
GuyIch	Grant	3	3	6
Babcock	Dennis	2	3	5
Harris	George	2	3	5
Hunter	Michael	2	1	3
Willems	Pete		3	3
Sinden	Daryl		2	2
Kelly	Paul	1		1
Cisternino	Vito		1	1
Abel	Carl		1	1
McGrath	Wayne		1	1
Christner	Ron		1	1
Goodman	John		1	1
Wong	Tung		1	1
<b>USA</b>				
Davies	Brent	3	2	5
Henry	Charlie	3	2	5
Chappel	Paul	3	2	5
Black	Jack	1	3	4
Lopez	Jeremie	3		3
Helmke	Jim	2	1	3
McBride	Brett		3	3
Deming	Jack	2		2
Boka	Chris	1	1	2
Terrill	Mike	1	1	2
Hyslop	Jerry	1		1
Ruley	Rob	1		1
Shoup	Brian	1		1
Michaels	Joel	1		1
Buckley	Bob	1		1
Benjamin	Jerry	1		1
Janosky	Joe	1		1

**2016 MOGTT – Remaining Schedule of events** see also our website [www.mogtt.com](http://www.mogtt.com)

Sunday July 24 - Verona Hills, Bad Axe, MI  
 Sunday August 14 - Tarandowah, Springfield, ON\*\*

\*\* Note: - there will be a "FUN DAY" event on Saturday Aug.13th, at "The Bluffs" - Port Stanley, ON

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



### **RULES QUESTION: - More Water Rules!**

A player hits his ball into a water hazard marked by YELLOW stakes but due to a severe recent drought, the water bed is dry.

Which of the following is correct?

- A) The player must proceed under the rules for water hazards and drop outside of the hazard
- B) The player may enter the water hazard and play the shot from the water bed.

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



### **SIDESPIN – Doctor Visit**

You're in incredible shape," the doctor said. "How old are you again"?

"I am 78," the man said.

"78!" remarked the doctor. "How do you stay so healthy? You look like a 60-year-old."

"Well, my wife and I made a pact when we got married that whenever she got mad, she would go into the kitchen and cool off and I would go outside for a walk to settle down," the man explained.

"What does that have to do with it?" asked the doctor.

"I've pretty much lived an outdoor life" he replied.



### **DID YOU KNOW THAT.....missed shots!**

Most golf shots are missed due to a change in height during the swing than for any other reason. This of course results in FAT or THIN shots! Maybe even a whiff or two.



## **MEMBER'S FORUM** – GRAVITY GOLF? by *Carl Abel*

Over the years, many new theories about how to swing a golf club have been espoused. A few of these are “Square to Square”, “Natural Golf”, “Reverse C”, and “Gravity Golf” along with others. In my view, Gravity golf has been very misleading to many trying to learn the game. I have come across a number of adherents to this method and all of them have been short players off the tee (not short in physical stature).

Why is this? Well, we have all heard many times that in the transition from Backswing to Forward swing we should just let the club drop and let Gravity take over. Well that may be fine to a point but to hit the ball far one must develop clubhead speed. I will leave it up to a mathematician to calculate the exact speed that could be developed in a clubhead by just allowing it to drop from shoulder height to impact but with the acceleration rate of gravity acting upon the clubhead alone I venture to say that clubhead speed would not approach the 100+mph necessary for long drives. The average clubhead speed on the PGA tour is around 115 mph – some are at 120+mph.

To obtain speeds anywhere near this rate, we MUST swing the clubhead with a force that “We ourselves create”. That is achieved of course by a well timed action sequence of a) lower body b) upper body, c) arm swing d) wrist hinge/unhinge, e) forearm rotation and f) yes, even gravity!

OK! Let the club fall at the start of the transition but once it is in the slot then fire away with all the other factors mentioned above and enjoy that long ball.



### **TIPS** – Balance

Never do anything in the swing that upsets your balance. That includes mental balance as well as physical balance folks.



### **COMPUTER CORNER** – ZIP FILES

Many of you may have used Zip files.

If you're just tired with WinRAR/WinZip bugging you to buy the full version then 7-Zip is your solution. It's completely free and compresses files a lot better than the aforementioned programs.

You can use 7-Zip on any computer, including a computer in a commercial organization. You don't need to register or pay for 7-Zip. The website to go to for downloading is:

<http://www.7-zip.org/>



## **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

Just a reminder that the Tour is still looking for a replacement Communications Officer at the end of this year. At this point in time the position is open. 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.

Oh yes, one more thing! The remuneration for the position is set to be doubled after this year's Kelly Cup. Right now the remuneration is \$0.00 per month. That is NOT a typo folks.



## **RULES QUESTION ANSWER:**

**B** is the correct answer. A player may enter a water hazard to play a shot if the player deems it possible to do so. Just because the hazard is marked with Yellow stakes, that does not mean the player must drop outside of the hazard.

### **2014 MOGTT Executive Committee Members are:**

President (also Michigan Director) – Charles Henry [clh3@comcast.net](mailto:clh3@comcast.net)

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