



MAY 2016 - Prepared by Carl Abel



POINTS TO PONDER

Golf tips are like aspirin; one may do you a lot of good but if you try to swallow the whole bottle you will be lucky to survive! – Harvey Penick

If it is to be, it is up to me! – Ben Hogan (note that each word has only 2 letters – Ben at his concise best!)



MOGTT NEWS - OUR FIRST 2016 EVENT! Synopsis prepared by Charlie Henry

Prestwick Village Recap

Twenty one guys survived the cruel winter blast on May 15. “Stocking Caps” off to all of the participants. Temps were in the 30s-F, winds 20-30 mph, and yes snow flurries throughout the day. First of all---a special welcome to new tour members Jerry Hyslop and Brian Shoup, who joined under the “buddy plan” with Brent Davies. And welcome back to Joe Janosky (2010 member) who has re-joined the tour.

Kudos to Jeremie Lopez and Brent Davies who were the tournament medalists at 31 points (77). Third low-gross went to Grant Gulych with 30 points (78). Even par is 36 points.

On the net side, host Jim Helmke carded a 36.5 (25 gross) for 1st place. Rookie Jerry Hyslop was 2nd with a 35 net. Chris Boka, Kelly Cup Captain – Michigan, was 3rd with a 34.5. Tied for 4th net were Jack Deming & Paul Chappel at 34 points net.

\$35.00 Skin winners were: Charles Henry #2; Jeremie Lopez #9 & 16; Brent Davies #12; George Harris #13; Joe Janosky#15.

Next Event---Sunday June 12th –Otter Creek GC, Otterville, Ontario

Tee times begin a bit later than normal.....1:00 pm

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

<http://www.ottercreekgolfclub.com/index.htm>

How to Register for Otter Creek

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, 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 county'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

USA

Jeremie Lopez	3 pts
Brent Davies	3
Charles Henry	3
Paul Chappel	3
Jim Helmke	2
Jack Deming	2
Jerry Hyslop	1
Chris Boka	1
Jack Black	1
Joel Michaels	1
Joe Janosky	1
Brian Shoup	1
Mike Terrill	1
Rob Ruley	1
Jerry Benjamin	1
Bob Buckley	1

Canada

Grant Gulych	3 pts
George Harris	2
Dennis Babcock	2
Michael Hunter	2
Paul Kelly	1

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

Sunday June 12 - Otter Creek, Otterville, ON

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: - ROB (Ran out of balls)

Joe and Jason were playing in a tournament event. Joe had lost a couple of balls on previous holes and then while playing the 12th hole hit his tee shot into the lateral water hazard. Unable to recover his ball, Joe searched his bag and to his dismay realized that he had not re-filled his ball pocket before heading out onto the course and thus had used his last ball. Knowing that his playing competitor played the same ball, he asked Jason if he would loan him a couple of balls to finish out the event.

Which of the following is/are correct?

- Jason told Joe that under the rules of golf he could not lend Joe any balls.
- Joe would be disqualified for using Jason's equipment if he borrowed balls from Jason.
- Joe would not be disqualified but would be assessed a maximum of 4 strokes (2 strokes for each hole played with the borrowed balls up to a maximum of 4 strokes).

- d) Jason would be disqualified as well as Joe for assisting a fellow competitor.
- e) Jason is allowed to lend Joe (or give to Joe) as many balls as he wants to without penalties.

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



SIDESPIN – Diaper Duty

The young couple had just brought their new baby home. The wife suggested, "Perhaps you should try your hand at changing diapers."

"I'm busy. I'll do the next one" The husband replied.

The next time came around. Once again, the wife suggested that the husband change the baby's diaper.

"Oh! I didn't mean the next diaper. I meant the next baby" he responded.



DID YOU KNOW THAT..... USGTF Central Region Championship!

Brent Davies has sent me the following information with regards to the USGTF Central Region Championship. Please take a look at the information reprinted here and see if you might like to participate. Brent would welcome and encourage any Canadian participants to sign up for the event.

Eligibility: Any USGTF, CGTF, or WGTF members in good standing living anywhere in the world are welcome to participate.

Date: Sunday & Monday August 7th & 8th 1st tee time on Sunday at 1:00 pm 10:00 am start on Monday.

Location: Lake Forest Golf Club 3110 W. Ellsworth Road, Ann Arbor MI 48103 (734) 994-8580 EXT. 1 for Pro shop

Format: 2 day total stroke play event with Tee decks set 10 yards apart for open 49 & under, Seniors 50 to 59, Super Seniors 60 to 69, and legends 70 and over

Prizes: Prize monies will be paid to the top finishers on the actual and net side (35% of the field) you can only win on 1 side. There will be an optional skin game of \$10 a player per day

Cost: \$199 per player which includes 2 rounds of golf with cart, range balls, Prize money, and buffet style lunch after golf on Monday

Practice Rounds: Practice Rounds can be played on Saturday August 6th starting at 1:00 pm for \$30 with cart and a small bucket of range balls (they gave us a very good deal)

Host Hotel: Holiday Inn & Suites with restaurant, bar, pool, etc. minutes from golf course cost: \$119 per night single bed \$129 double (price during this time of the year is normally \$179) there are also 20 other hotels in the area.

Registration for Tournament: Is now open and will end on Friday July 29th 2016 Contact: Brent Davies at (248) 701-6843 or e-mail at btkadavies@comcast.net

Make Checks Payable To:

**Brent Davies
5223 Parview Drive
Clarkston, MI 48346**

If you would like to go the website, go to the link below:

<http://usqtf.com/central-region-championship/>



MEMBER'S FORUM – Distance and aging! – by *Carl Abel*

As one gets older, it becomes harder and harder to maintain the distance one gets when striking a golf ball. We all know that distance is not the only factor in great golf shots and that the other factor is accuracy. Fortunately, some of the distance loss can be made up through that increased accuracy but.....only to a point! Hitting it straight is great but if you cannot reach greens in regulation and are always pitching or chipping to save pars then your competitive days will soon be a thing of the past.

When you are younger, you should strive to make the longest and deepest swing that your body can promote because as you age, your swing will become shorter. In fact, you yourself will become shorter! I personally have shrunk in height almost 2 inches as I have aged. I also have lost some flexibility as arthritis and aging sets in. The change in height means that my swing is most likely flatter than it used to be and so the lie of my clubs may not be as appropriate as they should be. Perhaps I should have them checked and altered – hmmmhmmhmm!

If you are young with a short swing then, if you don't take steps to lengthen it now, you will suffer with it in the future. The idea that having an accurate swing while you are young and not striving to add distance will rear its ugly head sooner than you think and you will become a much shorter hitter than you ever thought possible as you age. Age happens to all of us so try to make that swing of yours as long and fluid as possible to lengthen your competitive days!

The point I am trying to make is that we should all try to maintain a deep swing that can produce clubhead speed for as long as possible. A favorite saying of mine is “LEARN TO TURN TO EARN!” Don’t let your shoulder turn become minimal. If that means you have to raise the heel of your lead foot on the backswing to aid in your turn then do so – many of the past greats always did this – Sam Snead, Tom Watson, Jack Nicklaus, Ben Hogan etc. If you have never done this in your swing and are getting shorter with your distance then perhaps you should try it out!

I am still pleased at my age to be able to get out onto a golf course and at least try to compete; even though I have had to move up to more forward tees. All of my other playing partners here at home have reached the point that they can no longer even play the game – I feel saddened for them and for the loss of their companionship on the golf course when I go out to play (not as often as I would like). I know the day awaits me when I also will have to put my clubs away for the last time but I am going to try to put that date as far in the future as possible – you should also!

Value your times on the golf course or range and more importantly value your friends. Do not be too distraught with a few bad swings, bad holes, or bad scores – just keep smiling and keep playing. Give that ball a whack!



TIPS – Flexibility

To maintain flexibility in a swing and balance out muscular development, it is advisable to have a golf club of the opposite type - left-handed if you are a rightie and vice versa if you are a leftie. Then add one of those weights that slip over the shaft and slowly make swings in **BOTH** directions with a club such as a mid iron.

One should always spend a little time swinging in the opposite direction to their normal swing pattern to counter-balance the muscular development of the body when making all those practise and playing swings. In fact, it is a good idea to even practise at a range developing an opposite swing that is at least good enough to make contact with a ball and propel it reasonably. Many pro golfers on the PGA Tour do this regularly.



COMPUTER CORNER – Windows 10 – Weather App

I wonder how many of you have experimented with the weather app in Windows 10. I find it very useful and here is how I use it.

Once you have opened the App by clicking on the weather App on the desktop, you will see a 3 bar icon in the top left corner – this is the menu icon. If you left click on it then a menu pops up with a list of items labeled Forecast, Maps, Historical weather, Places, News, Send feedback, and then down near the bottom are 2 more items which are Sign in, and Settings.

If you click on Settings then that opens up a screen where you can choose between Fahrenheit and Celsius and you can also set your default location.

After doing that, click again on the 3 line menu bar and then click on Places. Here you can set as many places as you like for quick reference to the weather in those different places. I like to set up the places where we are going to hold our events or that I plan to visit so that I can see what weather conditions will be on the day I will be there. To delete any places, just right click on it and click on remove from favorites. To add a new place just click on the plus sign and add the information.

By clicking on the menu bars and selecting Maps, you get a radar image of the weather in the area that you have selected. If you have 4 or 5 places to look at just click on the one you want and then select the Maps and it will show for that place.

Take a little time and check this out – I find it quite useful.



CONCLUDING REMARKS

Just a reminder that the Tour will be looking for a replacement Communications Officer at the end of this year. Don't hesitate to let our President Charlie Henry, or one of our Directors Grant Gulych or Brent Davies know if you are interested in serving your Tour in that capacity.



RULES QUESTION ANSWER:

E is the correct answer. You may borrow balls from a competitor. The rules of golf pertain only to the clubs as far as using other equipment is concerned. USGA Rule 4-4a is the applicable rule that prohibits a player from borrowing a club from another player playing on the course but the Rules do not prevent a player from borrowing other items of equipment (balls, towels, gloves, tees, etc.) from another player or an outside agency.

It pays to know the rules!

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