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POINTS TO PONDER

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. Embrace all equally. ~ Unknown

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us. ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

NOTE: Before getting into this month's newsletter I would like to let everyone know that my e-mail address has been changed. If you have sent me any e-mails recently and not had a reply then please re-send them to my new address.

My new address is: cabelusgtf@gmail.com. It can also be found at the end of each newsletter beginning with this one.

NOTE: I am abandoning my usual newsletter format this month and will be omitting a few categories BUT.....like MacArthur, they will return!



MOGTT NEWS





CONGRATULATIONS TEAM MICHIGAN – 2015 KELLY CUP CHAMPIONS

I have just recently received the tabulations from our President (thanks Charlie) for the Kelly Cup competition as well as the report he will be submitting to the USGTF for publication. I am including the individual results in an additional attachment with this newsletter for your information. Our President's report follows below.

The event was played at Shepherd's Hollow, on an intriguing, tough course with very undulating fast greens and tremendously sloping fairways with constant elevation changes. The rough was very penal due to the course not being able to cut it due to frequent rains prior to our event – an unfortunate occurrence.

Needless to say, some of us found scoring somewhat difficult (others maybe not) what with many partially blind tee shots required. It was a fine course but required knowledge of where to place your shots if you wanted to score well – practise rounds would be a big help at this course!

This is a fine course to play at least once if you want to have an experience like none other – especially if you play all three nines.

Our President's Report:

MICHIGAN RETURNS KELLY CUP TO U.S. A.

Clarkston, Mich. -- Team Michigan jumped out to a first day lead, then held off a Canadian charge on Day Two to bring the Kelly Cup back to the United States in the 12th annual competition. Team Ontario had held the Cup for two years. Team Michigan leads the 12 year old series 7 – 5.

The 10-member Michigan squad surged to a 7-3 lead at the extremely tough but well-conditioned Shepherd's Hollow Golf Club in Clarkston, Michigan. Their first-day success came from the strong play of three Kelly Cup "rookies." Paul Chappel (Cass City, Mich.) and Tim Hallwood (Bad Axe, Mich.) put the U.S. on the board with its first point in the morning round. Brett McBride (Pigeon, Mich.), teamed with tour veteran Charlie Henry (Caseville, Mich.), earned the second point of the matches. It was a lead Team Michigan never relinquished.

Both Chappel and McBride had been Michigan/Ontario Golf Teachers Tour players in past years but this was their first Kelly Cup. Chappel carded four birdies in his 9-hole Four-ball match and McBride had his own birdie explosion. "I might have helped on one or two holes" said McBride's partner and former high school golf coach, Charlie Henry. "I just watched in amazement at the shot-making Brett displayed that morning. I think he birdied three straight holes to win the match 5 & 4," said Henry.

The tournament format on Day 1 was 9 holes of Four-ball or Best Ball followed by 9 holes of Foursomes or Alternate Shot. Day 2 matches were 9 holes of individual Stableford followed by 9 holes of individual Match Play.

According to Michigan Captain Brent Davies (Clarkston, Mich.), two other Kelly Cup rookies also scored points on Day 2 of the matches. They were Bob Buckley (Port Austin, Mich.) and Mason Richardson (Shelby Twp, Mich.). Davies said "all of our guys hung in there and played hard. Five of the final six matches came down to the last hole." The final tally was USA 15 ½ - Canada 14 ½.

Other notable play on Day 2 was a 2-under par round by Henry and a 1-under par performance by Grant Gulych (St. Thomas, Ont.) in the Stableford format.

The other members of Team Michigan were: Jeremie Lopez (Champions Gate, Fla.), Jack Black (Canton, Mich.), Jim Helmke (Highland, Mich.), Chris Boka (Canton, Mich.), and Rob Ruley (Toledo, Ohio).

Top point-getters for the US team were Charles Henry, 4 points; Brett McBride and Rob Ruley, 3 ½ points; and Jack Black, 2 points.

Team Ontario Captain, Bob Richardson (Keswick, Ont) added, "I was happy with the fight the team showed on Day 2 on a very challenging golf course. While we came up a little short the event was terrific and the fellowship exhibited by both teams makes the Kelly Cup a very special event. "

Other members of Team Ontario were: Dennis Babcock (Chatham, Ont), Vito Cisternino (Woodbridge, Ont), Michael Hunter (St. Thomas, Ont), Carl Abel (Essex, Ont), George Harris (London, Ont), Paul Kelly (Uxbridge, Ont), Wayne McGrath (Oakville, Ont), and Cesare Sisti (Maple, Ont).

Top point getters for Team Ontario were: Vito Cisternino, 3 ½ points; George Harris, 2 ½ points, Paul Kelly, Carl Abel, and Captain Richardson, 2 points each.

Another highlight of the Kelly Cup was Dennis Babcock's Hole-in-One on Hole #24 during the Match Play competition. Babcock used an 8 iron on the 150 yard par 3 hole. It was the 6th ace of his career.

The Kelly Cup matches have been played in honor of tour member, Thomas Kelly, who died suddenly on the golf course "with the fellas" in 2003. In 2009 the tour awarded a \$1,400 scholarship to the Kelly grandchildren for their college education. Thomas was very active in teaching golf to underprivileged kids in metro Detroit and was very proud of his USGTF membership. His USGTF bag tag was prominently displayed from his casket at the funeral. His widow Barbara still lives on the 10th hole at Thomas' course, Gateway GC in Romulus, Mich. A memorial stone displayed at Gateway, commemorates his contributions to junior golf.

At the team dinner, the Andrew G. Carrigan Order of Merit Awards, which recognize loyal participation to the tour and solid play without much financial gain, were presented to Rob Ruley

and Jack Black. In attendance were Thomas Kelly's widow Barbara Kelly and son Thomas Kelly, Jr.

The 2016 matches will return to Ontario at a yet-to-be-determined site. Chris Boka will Captain the U.S. side while Wayne McGrath will lead the Canada side.

Regular season events are currently being planned for next summer and will be posted on the website www.mogtt.com by the end of this year.

Further recognition of MOGTT members is due to five players who competed admirably at the CGTF Championship held recently outside Toronto. Brent Davies captured the overall Championship while Bob Richardson won the Senior Division Championship. Grant Gulych, last year's champion, was 5th overall while Vito Cisternino was Runner-up in the Senior Division.

For more information about the Michigan/Ontario Golf Teachers Tour, go to www.mogtt.com or contact Charlie Henry, Michigan Tour Director (clh3@comcast.net) or Grant Gulych, Ontario Tour Director (grant@ggolfs.com).

Your Executive Committee had their annual meeting at the event and the results of that meeting have been sent to me by our President for inclusion in this newsletter. See the following details to see how they affect you for next season.

Exec Committee Notes:

\$50 Pre-Registration Fee Discontinued- The Executive Committee decided to discontinue this procedure. Not only is it extremely cumbersome administratively for the Tour Directors due to the exchange rate, but it also penalizes 99% of the members who register in good-faith at the website or by email and show up at an event ready to play. Members who have a history of "not showing up" after registering will be required to pre-pay \$50 to their Tour Director.

2 for 1 to continue—It was also decided to continue the 2 for 1 member incentive program for another year and to encourage each tour member to recruit one new member from their circle of friends in the golf biz----coaches, teachers, pros, golf reps, course superintendents & greenskeepers.

Continue with Sunday Events-- It was also decided to schedule for Sunday events so members with other full time jobs wouldn't have to take vacation days to attend.

2016 Kelly Cup Captains Selected---Each country's past captains caucused and nominated Chris Boka (US) and Wayne McGrath (Canada) to captain their respective squads in 2016 in Canada. Both men accepted the position.

Kelly Cup Qualifying Formula---The current formula will continue as outlined in the MOGTT Charter.

2016 Kelly Cup Site ---- Grant looking at sites near London as possible site. Dates are Sep 11 & 12 at Noon on Sunday and 10 am on Monday. Details to follow

2016 Regular Season Events --- The tentative schedule for next year will be May & August in Michigan and June & July in Ontario.

Possible Michigan sites:

- Prestwick G & CC, Highland, MI
- Verona Hills GC, Bad Axe, MI
- Metamora CC, Metamora, MI
- Grosse Ile GC, Grosse Ile, MI (May only be available on a Monday)

Possible Ontario sites:

- Firerock GC, Komoka, Ont
- Ambassador GC, Windsor, Ont
- Tarandowah, London, Ont
- Pine Knot, London, Ont



SIDESPIN – The Alphabet

After being married to Tom for forty years, Sally asked him to describe her. He looked at her for a while, then said: "You're an alphabet wife...A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K." She asks: "What the heck does that mean?"

He said: "Adorable, Beautiful, Cute, Delightful, Elegant, Foxy, Gorgeous and Hot".

She smiled happily and said: "Oh, that's so lovely, but what about I, J, K?"

He said: "I'm Just Kidding!"

The swelling in his eye is going down and the doctor is fairly optimistic he will be out of the full body cast in a month!



DID YOU KNOW THAT..... Playing golf (of course you did)

The harder that you try to play good golf the more difficult the game becomes! It must be some kind of a law or something!



MEMBER'S FORUM – by *Carl Abel*

With this year's golf season coming to an end, I am backing away from contributing any further articles in the Member's Forum until the spring of 2015. I think all our minds could use a rest. However, if any of you wish to contribute an article then please send it to me at my new address mentioned above.or on the last page of each newsletter beginning with this month's edition.



TIPS – Swing with complete confidence in your choice of club or don't swing at all. Indecision only leads to disaster!



COMPUTER CORNER – WINDOWS 10 – yet again

I just bought a new computer and it has Windows 10 – another new learning curve for me. I have learned from my computer supplier that the FREE version of Windows 10 will end in July of 2016 (I think it is the 1st of July but not certain). If you want the FREE version then I would suggest you download it before spring ends in 2016; after July you will have to pay for it (it is not cheap)!

CAUTION! Be sure to backup any important files on an external drive BEFORE installing Windows 10 to be sure you don't lose anything such as documents, e-mail addresses, pics, videos etc. You will also probably have to re-install many of your favorite programs so be sure that you know where to go to get them – it might be good for you to make a list.

I made a list in a word document of all my favorite web sites, my program sources, exported all my e-mail contacts into a file for importing into Windows 10, put everything plus many other important things to me in one new folder, and then transferred the folder to an external hard drive,

You should then check the folder in the hard drive to make certain that all the info was transferred correctly!!!! Open up everything to make sure it is there!

Best of luck with Windows 10 to all those moving forward – I am still learning about it and will probably include a few tips in future newsletters about things I learn.



CONCLUDING REMARKS – GONE!

Another MOGTT season is over! Summer is coming to an end! Not much golfing left! Where do the seasons go? Where do the years go? Too bad, so sad, I'm mad!!!

2015 MOGTT Executive Committee Members are:

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