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POINTS TO PONDER

"Coming together is a beginning; staying together is progress; working together is success." ~ Henry Ford

It is a glorious achievement to master one's own temper. ~ Unknown



MOGTT NEWS - Kelly Cup and other stuff

There are 3 major MOGTT announcements to make at this time.

The first is that our President Charlie Henry will be taking over the newsletter effective after this issue. In relinquishing my position as Communications Officer, I did not want to add to the responsibilities of our President but I am happy to know that the newsletter will be in good hands. Best wishes Charlie in your new endeavor.

Second will be the results of the Executive Committee's annual meeting followed thirdly by the results of the Kelly Cup.

The rest of the newsletter will be my last attempt at passing along to you some info (as usual) and some of my thoughts and reflections. Be sure to check out the Computer topics this month.

[The Results from the Executive Committee's Annual Meeting](#)

1. New Captains for next years Kelly Cup were voted in. Congratulations to Brett McBride who will captain the Michigan team and to Dennis Babcock who will captain the Ontario team.
2. Brett McBride was also elected to the Executive Committee – nice going Brett. Brett's e-mail address is b_mcbride_2418@yahoo.com

3. Both Brett McBride and Brent Davies were named as Regional Directors for Michigan with Brent managing a SE Michigan event (most likely Lake Forest in Ann Arbor), while Brett will manage a NE Michigan event.
4. There will be an attempt to hold events closer to the border. Sites for 2017 are being worked on.....Saturday August 5 in Ann Arbor with USGTF Central Region Championship held the next two days at the same site....Lake Forest GC. Dates are Sun & Mon Aug 6 & 7. Another site near Port Huron is being worked on. Finalized dates and events will, of course, be sent out after the 2017 Schedule is finalized.
5. Our President Charles Henry, will be stepping back somewhat from running the Michigan events to provide a little more relief so as to concentrate on the tour administration duties and the newsletter..



THE KELLY CUP



Congratulations to **TEAM MICHIGAN** for capturing and holding on to the Kelly Cup once again and keeping it in the U.S.A.

The players from both teams should be congratulated for participating for their country and playing their best, it just so happened that the better team this year (Michigan) came out on top – yes, once again.

Day 1 – After day 1 play Michigan held a 6 points to 4 points advantage.

Day 2 – Michigan achieved 12 points and Ontario achieved 8 points.

According to my math (and Charlie's spreadsheet) that makes Michigan victorious by an 18 to 12 total for all matches played over the two days.

Top Point getters for Michigan were Chris Boka with a full 4 points, Jack Deming and Brett McBride with 3 1/2 points, and Brent Davies with 3 points.

Top point getters for Ontario were Dennis Babcock and George Harris with 3 points, and Michael Hunter with 2 1/2 points.

Congratulations once again to all the combatants (I don't care if that word is not politically correct) I know you get my drift!

I'm sure we will all be looking forward to another Kelly Cup in 2017.



SIDESPIN – Family Vacation

Preparing for a family vacation, my sister-in-law and her husband explained to their young children that they would be sitting in the car for a very long time. The kids were told they would not be arriving at their destination until after dark and they were warned not to keep saying, "Are we there yet?"

After a few minutes of peaceful driving, their five-year-old daughter perked up, "Is it dark yet?"



DID YOU KNOW THAT.....GOLF SWINGS

One of the best ways of executing a golf swing is to **"Get out of your own way!"** This however, is not the easiest thing to do. It may help if you think of your golf swing as swinging the club:

- WITH RELAXED AGGRESSION AND RECKLESS ABANDONMENT

In other words, swing TENSION FREE WHILE ACCELERATING SUBCONSCIOUSLY

Any thoughts while executing the swing must not be about positions or attempts at controlling body parts or the club. These thoughts will only prove detrimental to the result. If you must think of something during the swing think only of TARGET or FINISH!

To paraphrase Bobby Jones, the club should be swung as a "free flowing projectile". Any free flowing projectile will maintain its orbit unless acted upon by an outside force. Any attempt to control or re-direct the clubhead during the forward swing in a different path or any attempt to add to the force of the blow will only detract from the result.

For those seeking distance use the above thoughts while swinging the club as fast as you can ***without adversely affecting your physical BALANCE.***



MEMBER'S FORUM – GETTING STUCK by *Carl Abel*

We have all heard about "TIGER" getting stuck during his swing. This has become a favorite excuse for instructors to ask their students to slow down their forward hip turn so that their arm swing does not get stuck behind them and lead to blocked shots or attempts at mid-swing corrections with the hands. In my opinion - **BALDERDASH!** That may be fine for someone like Tiger or playing pros who do not lack in distance but, the average golfer does not use the hips enough nor with enough speed.

What most golfers require is more distance, and how can that be achieved by slowing down hip turn? What is required here for most golfers is to MAXIMIZE the speed of their hip turn on the forward swing while simultaneously INCREASING the speed of their arm swing so as to keep their arms in front of their torso during hip rotation.

If one is seeking distance, they must develop as much clubhead speed as possible and this does not result from slowing down the forward clearing of the hips! Swing as fast as you can with the hips **while maintaining balance** to a full follow-through finish. As Gary Player promotes – “**get those hips moving**”. As long as the body remains in balance it is impossible to rotate the hips too fast. If you are losing distance then check those hips but marry the arm swing to any increase in the speed of forward hip rotation.



TIPS – PLAY! PRACTISE! ENJOY!

Play as often as you can, practise your weaknesses to make them your strengths, and enjoy all your moments with your fellow companions while you can – some day you may not be able to.



COMPUTER CORNER – PLAY TIME! IT’S FREE (as usual)

It was my intention to have concluded this section with my previous newsletter but I have discovered a great download for those who are interested in relaxing with a few card games plus a simple computer trick for Windows 10 that will give you access to all your computer programs and drives with one click on an icon you put on your desktop.

Computer trick

1. Highlight the following red printed line and then right click on it and select copy:

All My Stuff.{ED7BA470-8E54-465E-825C-99712043E01C}

2. Go to your desktop and right click on an empty space and then select NEW and then FOLDER to place a new folder on your desktop.

3. Right click on the highlighted New folder name and then select Paste to name the folder with the “**All My Stuff.{ED7BA470-8E54-465E-825C-99712043E01C}**” line you copied previously - that’s it.

4. Now any time you left click on that folder all of your computer info will be displayed in menu style like the old Windows 7. This is much better than getting to your info any other way. I suggest that you all try this. I find this quite useful. If you don’t like it you can always delete the folder. This does not change anything in your computer but just gives you much better access to your info.

Note: If you do not like the words “ALL MY STUFF” as the name, you can change that part of the line to anything you want but be sure to not lose the . (period) after the word STUFF.

Game Download Info – 1000+ Games

This site <http://pysolfc.sourceforge.net/> will take you to the description page.

This site <https://sourceforge.net/projects/pysolfc/files/latest/download?source=files> will take you to the download page and the download pop-up should appear (just give it a few seconds).

There are more than a THOUSAND games with “HOW TO PLAY”, “RULES”, and “HINTS” etc.

NOTE: - Once you run and open the program, a game of regular Solitaire will pop-up and a screen saying ENJOY will also show up. Click off the Enjoy screen and then Left Click on the “SELECT” tab at the top of the game. Then left click on “ALL GAMES” and all of the folders will appear. Click on any folder and you will find many different games in each folder.

Spend a little time searching through the folders and you will be sure to be amazed at how many different games there are. Also, under the “SELECT” tab spend a little time looking at the other menu items other than the “ALL GAMES”. You can also make the games you like “Favorites”.

ENJOY!



CONCLUDING REMARKS - **MY REFLECTIONS**

Well folks, this is it, my last newsletter. It is my hope that at least a few of you will take a little of your time to read my last remarks here as I reflect on the years and my experiences with the MOGTT. Your “special” RULES QUESTION will follow after these reflections.

I have tried to make the newsletter informative about the tour, rules of golf, some computer stuff, some personal thoughts gleaned over the years about how to play, and perhaps have even created a smile or two with the Sidespin section of the newsletter.

In closing, I would like to say that I have made many valued friends amongst our members during my experiences with the MOGTT. I probably have stepped on a few toes during these past years and if yours are any of them I offer my apologies. Since my times on tour have been limited through physical problems these past few years I have not met many of you for a while and my limited talent with remembering names puts me at a disadvantage when we meet again. Please excuse me for this and don't hesitate to say your name if you come up to me (for any reason) at any of our events. To many of you new members I regret not knowing you better and competing with and against you.

To the members of the Executive Committee that shared the stage with me I wish to thank you for your embellishment of some of my ideas, your disagreement with some of my bad ideas, and for your patience in dealing with my forthrightness during our meetings while we all were contributing to the betterment of our tour.

Thanks to all those who have commented, responded, and contributed to my attempts with the newsletter – your comments have kept me going the last few years well past my intended resignation date.

Lastly, how can I say this? How can I say how much my life has been enhanced by my association with firstly the members of the Michigan Golf Teachers Tour and then our evolved MOGTT. The simple answer is I CAN'T. I won't start naming names here of the "special" friendships I have made because I may miss someone but, you all know who you are.

However..... to our President - Charlie Henry - It would be thoughtless of me if I did not say the following to Charlie.

"Charlie, I am proud to be able to call you my friend, I respect all your talents both on and off the golf course, and I can't thank you enough for your efforts towards enhancing the golfing lives of all our members by firstly inaugurating the Michigan Golf Teachers Tour and then allowing me the opportunity to work with you on assisting you in developing what has become the MOGTT and for all your work behind the scenes in keeping the tour viable. Charlie, you are the glue that holds the tour together and speaking for all, I thank you. And I especially thank you for all your time and e-mails to me as we worked together over the years on a multitude of topics".

Best wishes to all and I hope to see many of you on tour in the coming years. As I said when I resigned from the Ontario Directorship many years ago "**You haven't heard, and hopefully haven't seen, the last from me yet**".

Next up is my last rules situation for all of you to ponder. Do your best with it, I'm sure that you will find it interesting.



RULES QUESTION: - A challenge to all from me to you!

SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW THE RULES!

The following situations concerning the rules have resulted from an actual game that I was playing in when I holed out my third shot on a par four after taking a penalty drop from a lateral hazard. I will describe the situation and then propose a few different scenarios for you to contemplate as to the outcome of the hole.

Prior to starting the round, Carl was marking some of his Titleist balls with a black marker by placing a single dot over the second "I" in the word Titleist. Walter, a fellow competitor, asked Carl if he could borrow the marker to mark his own ball. Carl agreed.

Prior to teeing off, Walter and Carl compared balls and Walter had marked his ball in exactly the same manner as Carl but both agreed that was okay because Walter was playing a #2 ball and Carl was playing a #3 ball.

Description of play:

After both Walter and Carl parred the first hole Carl and Walter moved on to play the 2nd hole, a par four with an elevated tee and an elevated green, with a valley below the tee making the surface of the green a blind second shot from the valley below. There is a lateral water hazard on the right side of the hole. Carl's tee shot was blocked to the right and visibly splashed into the water hazard. Carl takes a one stroke penalty and after taking another ball from his bag plays his third shot to the green and is quite pleased because he made an excellent swing and the ball looks like it was heading straight at the flag.

Walter, after striking a tee shot down the middle of the fairway, then played his second shot and saw it heading straight at the pin and gleefully cried out “that could go in”. Seconds later you could hear the pin rattle when Walter’s ball hit it.

When Walter and Carl reached the elevated green there was only one ball to be seen and it was only a foot and a half from the hole – a mere tap-in.

Walter excitedly got to the hole first and said “I knew that had a chance of going in” and proceeded to pick a ball out of the hole. While holding onto the flag, Walter watched as Carl made the tap-in with the other ball and then, after taking the ball out of the cup, Carl started to walk to the next hole. Carl was pleased for Walter’s apparent eagle but also happy that he had apparently made a par with a penalty stroke.

As they are walking off the green to the next tee, Carl looks at the ball in his hand and discovers that it is not his ball. It was Walter’s ball. Carl lets Walter know and then replaces the ball on the green so that Walter can tap it in, which he does. Walter then exclaims “what a way to tie a hole”.

Situation 1 – MATCH PLAY- Is the hole halved or won? If the hole is won, who wins it and why?

Situation 2 – STROKE PLAY - What are the scores on the hole for both Carl and Walter and why?

Now what if? (see the following)

Situation 3 – MATCH PLAY – after Walter picked the ball out of the hole, he said to Carl “Yours is good” and proceeded to hit with his putter the ball that was a mere tap-in (which unknown to him was his own ball). As the ball headed towards Carl, he missed stopping the ball and the ball ended up in the bunker. Carl retrieved what he thought was his ball and then discovered it wasn’t his ball it was Walter’s. What happens after the error of misplayed balls is discovered?

Situation 4 – Carl and Walter did not discover the error of mixed balls and proceeded to the next tee which happened to be a par 3. Both players hit fine shots to the green but Carl was away. When Carl went to mark his ball that was when the error of mixed balls was discovered.

A) MATCH PLAY – How does this affect the scores on hole #2 which were recorded as a win for Walter with his eagle over Carl’s birdie; and also, how does this affect the play on hole #3?

B) STROKE PLAY – Both Walter and Carl decided to continue to putt out with 2 putts each for pars on the 3rd hole. How does the error affect their total scores for the round to this point?

AND NOW FOR THE LAST ONE! – Situation 5 - When Carl took out another ball from his bag to continue play after taking the penalty stroke for his ball in the water hazard on hole #2, he inadvertently put in play a #2 Titleist ball marked the same as Walter had marked his ball. When they were walking off the second green they discovered they were both playing the same ball and could not decide which ball was whose.

MATCH PLAY – How is this resolved? STROKE PLAY – How is this resolved?

For many years, I have been providing you with answers to the rules questions – now it is your turn! I wonder how many of you can resolve these situations with correct answers to at least some of them. If you have any solutions please send them to cabelusgtf@gmail.com I would be happy to receive them and perhaps send a few of them on to our next Communications Officer to be put in an upcoming newsletter. Be sure to identify the situation you are supplying answers to. GOOD LUCK!

ISN’T GOLF WONDERFUL? WHERE ELSE CAN YOU FIND SUCH DILEMMAS?

I wish Happy motoring, Good health, and Wonderful golfing to everyone.



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