

OBSERVATIONS FROM THE OXYGEN TENT: (Dave Leisure)

Welcome to the 2011 golf season, league members and guests. A raw day, mixed with wet grounds and the North Nine = priceless!

Along with stinky golf, I had to suffer through the debut of the new carry bag that my wife got me for Christmas (so I could “get some more exercise”). Doesn’t she know how old I am? Near the end of the round, it seemed more like a “drag bag”.

STORIES FROM THE ON-COURSE REPORTER: (Dave Leisure)

The highlight of my round was watching my partner, Andy “Beaner” Bean, “launch” a two and half foot beauty off the first tee and follow it up with 15 foot “screamer” off the eighth tee (see below). It was interesting to hear the analysis from Peter Kostis’ Minolta Biz Hub Swing Vision (super slow motion): “In each case, notice how the ball tracks exactly along Andy’s intended target line, after the club head passes the ball in flight...”.



HOLE PRIZES:

Closest to the pin on #5 - **Steve “NachoBoy” Walker**

Best Skinny story (determined by the Skinny Editors) – has to be **Andy Bean**

FROM THE 19TH HOLE: (Dave Leisure & Greg Waldie)

At the 19th Hole, Andy “Near Miss” Bean was overheard having a discussion on why a “whiff” was still considered a more inferior golf event than two “near misses”.

Also heard from Art Kelly at the 19th. He was lamenting the fact that Stevie Jimmy was no longer a league regular. He was worried that the “Worst Golfer” award would now be in play for him this year, due to the loss of SJ. Art quickly changed subjects after he heard that he had just won the first, of potentially many to follow, Shirt holes.

We had an interesting mix in the clubhouse last night. On my right, Bryan “Newbie-Baby-Face” McKenney who has been at “The Farm” for less than a month and on my left Carl “Golden Years” Bond, 10 years into retirement. This spawned a lot of story-telling about the good old days.

Word has it that Chad “Bo” Breugh hit the par 3 fifth green in regulation and had 3 putts, but made a double-bogey. Figure that one out.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK: (Greg Waldie)

“I hit my drive 47 yards on #3 and still made par.” This was none other than Steve “Forrest” Walker, discussing his exploits.

In my group last night, Matt “Happy” Allen had some issues with his shot direction, so he often “disappeared” at the tee and met up with the rest of us at the green. As we approached the 4th tee, after another lengthy disappearing act, Matt said “I like to see the whole course”. I know I am as directionally challenged as most, but I couldn’t help but say, “I wouldn’t call some of that territory you’ve been through, the golf course.”

Tom “Mr. Secretary” Burnie and Rusty “Swing” Meska were having a hoot of a time discussing Andy Bean’s near misses and shared the term they used to describe them “Extreme RNIs”, because they not only didn’t make it to the “women’s” tees, they weren’t even close to making it off the men’s tees.

FASHION CORNER:

Finally, the Skinny Editorial Staff wishes to give a “shout out” to Andrew “Knickers” Rademacher (photo below), for his choice of outfit. He looked resplendent in knickers, tie, and other Walter Hagan-ish attire. We have uncovered one piece of additional information on the “Big Pladie Boy’s” outfit. Seems like Andrew went to the tailor to have his knickers custom made. Evidently, he had difficulty explaining to Yow Ming what knickers were (not a lot of golfers in Vietnam). During construction of the outfit, Yow mistook the name on the order as “Andrea” and created a fine pair of Capri’s for Andrew (otherwise known as “Andre the Giant” to WWF fans).



Here's the recap:

#1 – John “Jethro” DeRose starts the season very nicely with a chip-in birdie and a Skin.

#2 – A few pars here.....NO
SKIN OUT

This was also a Shirt hole and there were dueling 8s, soNO
SHIRT OUT

#3 – Several pars.....NO
SKIN OUT.

#4 – Plenty'o pars...NO
SKIN OUT

#5 – More pars.....NO
SKIN OUT

#6 – Only two pars, but that is enough.....NO
SKIN OUT

#7 – Only pars
here.....NO SKIN OUT

This was also a Shirt hole and Art “MoneyMan” Kelley makes a high number (7) and wins a Shirt.

#8 – Three
pars.....NO SKIN
OUT

#9 – Three pars here as
well.....NO SKIN OUT

For the poker hand, the holes were 3, 4, 7, 8, and 9. Rusty Meska had four 6s and a 5 kicker (which won over Larry Cool with four 6s and a 4 kicker), to take a share of the pot.

Final Tally: 27 players in the game for a total pot of \$54

1 Skin, 1 Shirt, and Poker Hand paying off.

$\$54/3 = \18.00 for each share

Thanks for participating in the Shirts and Skins game!

Happy Golfing

Greg & Dave