

THE SKINNY - Week Four (Outside Nine)

OBSERVATIONS FROM THE FIRST TEE: (Greg Waldie)

Howie Peston was in his usual black shirt and long dark pants and was happy to tell me that he had not swung a club in 2014 until that very moment. He had reason to think that, with it being his first time out, his swing would be smooth and defect-free. In fact, he attempted to intimidate me with that thought. Unfortunately, his smoothness disappeared quickly and he had a very tough night. He may have been the tree-hit king on this night with wood contact on at least five holes. He was also "lucky" enough to hit the 150 yard marker with his second shot on #2. In addition, his push cart kept getting away from him...at one point it rolled into a swamp and at another time caused him to back off a shot as it had its own idea of when to start moving.

QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK:

Carl "Gold" Bond had a couple of good quotes on this fine evening.

We were in the last group and on the first tee, we patiently waited (not) for our first shot. We were slightly later than our assigned tee time, as we hit our opening tee shots. As we walked off that tee, Carl blurted out with concern in his voice "I hope they don't close the bar before we get in!"

On #8, after Howard Peston had suffered through a very tough seven holes, he found himself laying up to the creek for his third shot. He hit a perfect four-hybrid to about five yards short of the creek. As we walked up to his ball, Howard was pretty relieved about it stopping short and Carl says, "You gotta know your game."

But...Tom "The Prez" Burnie was speaking of Bond when he said, "He always plays well and loses every week!"

OBSERVATIONS FROM VARIOUS ROVING REPORTERS:

A Day in the Life of Laban's Partner: (contributed by cub reporter Troy Boy Burnie)

Having only actually played as Laban's partner for 3 weeks, I have grown used to seeing his consistent shots and attitude. Never one to implode after a bad shot like others in the league, * cough cough * dad. I thought this was all going to come to a screeching halt on #4 this week. After having to punch out from the trees on the right, Laban was hitting his 3rd shot into the green from around 100 yards out. After lining up and taking his swing he lets go of the club on his follow through and exclaims "c'mon Jerry hit the ball". Having lost the ball in the air I start to scan near the green area in hopes to see it land. Sure enough it comes down on the right side of the green and takes a nice left bounce setting him up for an easy 10 foot par putt (which he made). I looked over to Laban and said "Well you are on the green looks good", he was quick to reply "Well it is in a lot better shape than it deserved to be!"

Another group had fun on #4. Bean & McKenney were playing Reed & Kammann and Andy stuck his second shot. So, Kammann breaks out in his rendition of "Knock, Knock, Knocking on Heaven's Door". As if the others did not hear him, he kept on obnoxiously "singing" it...rather off-key. Finally, Sue had heard enough and said "If you don't stop singing that, I am going to Knock, Knock, Knock you out of the cart."

GOLF HUMOR:

During my physical examination, my doctor asked me about my physical activity level. I described a typical day, "Well, yesterday afternoon, I took a five hour walk about 7 miles through some pretty rough terrain. I

waded along the edge of a lake. I pushed my way through brambles. I got sand in my shoes and my eyes. I avoided standing on a snake. I climbed several rocky hills. I took a few 'leaks' behind some big trees. The mental stress of it all left me shattered. At the end of it all I drank about 6 beers." Inspired by the story, the doctor said, "You must be one hell of an outdoors man!"

"No," I replied, "I'm just a lousy golfer."



THIS WEEK IN GOLF:

HOLE PRIZES:

Andy "Garbanzo" Bean was Closest to the pin on #4

Carl Bond had the Closest to #6 Green but Not On (just inside of GB)

NASTY GOLFER AWARD:

Howard Peston struggled through much of the round and ran away with this "honor".



Word has it he is planning to make an addition to this memorable trophy...more to come.

SKINS BREAKDOWN:

Hole 1: Candace "LS" Schomisch wins a Net Skin on the opener (this is getting to be a habit)

Hole 2: Carl "James" Bond makes a very nice putt for a 3 and wins a Skin here

Hole 3: Chad Ghantous makes net hole-in-one and wins a Net Skin

Hole 4: Two birdies on this by Gibbs and Bean, so it's like we all birdied.....NO SKIN OUT!

Hole 5: Jim "Bean Counter" Vedder makes a birdie here and wins a Skin

Hole 6: Rob "Retired" Earley scores a net eagle and wins a Net Skin

Hole 7: Plenty of pars here.....NO SKIN OUT!

Hole 8: Several pars here as well.....NO SKIN OUT!

Hole 9: Pars galore on this closer.....NO SKIN OUT!

Poker Hand: Andy "Refried" Bean had a full-house of 5s over 3s and wins a share of the pot

Final Tally: 27 players in the game for a total pot of $\$54/6 = \9.00 for each share

Thanks for participating in the Skins game!