



# Deer Tracks

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## New Club Champion

Congratulations to **Larry Salvati** who is the **2021 Club Champion**. Men's Games Captain, **Al Ferguson** (above left) presented the plaque to Larry. Larry shot 248 over the three days (83, 81, 84). The second day was a very wet one and it would appear Larry thrives in adverse conditions.

Eleven golfers started out in the three day championship event, with two not finishing. The score sheets and "A", "B" and "C" flight results can be found on the following pages.

## Ladies Eclectic Tournament

The ladies played a two day Eclectic Tournament under beautiful weather conditions. The format is each lady played their own game using 100% of their handicap. The lowest score for each hole after the 2 days was recorded and the lady with the lowest net score won.

In addition, on Saturday there was a prize for closest to the hole in 2 on #9 and on Monday a second prize was awarded for the lady who hit her ball closest to the hole on #11 in 2 shots.

Below are the winners!

1st Low Net 61 – Jackie Bickerton \$50.00

2nd Low Net 62 – Mary Cochrane \$30.00

Closest to #9 on 2nd shot – Carla Shold \$15.00

Closest to #11 on 2nd shot – Sandy Furlotte \$15.00



## Club Championship Winners



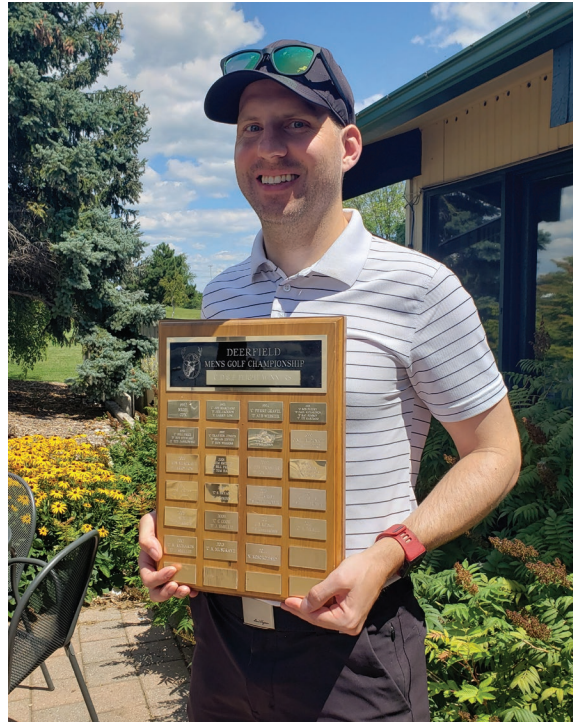
**Alex Kerr - Low Net (222)  
Championship Round**



**Mike Choma - "A" Flight Winner  
Net - 149**



**Neil MacDonald - "B" Flight Winner  
Net -140**



**Andrew Flynn - "C" Flight Winner  
Net - 128**



#1 ball in golf.

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|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|-----|-------|-----|-----|
| SIMPSON    | 75 | 33 | 46 | 67 | 34 | 64 | 36 | 44 | 67 | 47  | 88 | 13 | 15 |     |     |    |    |    |    | 146 |       |     |     |
|            | 64 | 33 | 44 | 53 | 37 | 45 | 55 | 43 | 63 | 55  | 46 | 44 | 55 | 47  | 84  | 13 | 15 |    |    | 158 |       |     |     |
| SALVATI    | 54 | 43 | 34 | 66 | 74 | 2  | 64 | 54 | 54 | 44  | 54 | 83 | 4  | 79  |     |    |    |    |    | 158 |       |     |     |
|            | 64 | 5  | 36 | 44 | 43 | 39 | 43 | 5  | 46 | 4   | 45 | 42 | 81 | 4   | 77  |    |    |    |    | 158 |       |     |     |
| MARSHALL   | 64 | 42 | 56 | 55 | 41 | 54 | 5  | 47 | 54 | 59  | 48 | 89 | 13 | 76  |     |    |    |    |    | 158 |       |     |     |
|            | 65 | 46 | 46 | 73 | 49 | 45 | 46 | 4  | 45 | 47  | 48 | 75 | 13 | 82  |     |    |    |    |    | 158 |       |     |     |
| BERGER     | 94 | 65 | 55 | 66 | 34 | 49 | 83 | 5  | 26 | 4   | 45 | 84 | 17 | 77  |     |    |    |    |    | 154 |       |     |     |
|            | 75 | 53 | 56 | 59 | 34 | 47 | 82 | 5  | 47 | 54  | 45 | 47 | 49 | 17  | 72  |    |    |    |    | 154 |       |     |     |
| RICHARDSON | 73 | 54 | 54 | 56 | 44 | 36 | 63 | 6  | 36 | 3   | 63 | 55 | 6  | 88  | 18  | 70 |    |    |    | 143 |       |     |     |
|            | 75 | 63 | 45 | 53 | 43 | 63 | 7  | 45 | 5  | 45  | 4  | 59 | 4  | 81  | 18  | 73 |    |    |    | 143 |       |     |     |
| BRTAN      | 74 | 63 | 75 | 44 | 45 | 73 | 4  | 49 | 5  | 56  | 8  | 51 | 9  | 82  |     |    |    |    |    | 150 |       |     |     |
|            | 63 | 4  | 54 | 55 | 4  | 40 | 5  | 3  | 4  | 4   | 7  | 6  | 5  | 72  | 82  | 14 | 68 |    |    | 150 |       |     |     |
| RANDHAWA   | 85 | 8  | 36 | 45 | 85 | 52 | 74 | 6  | 49 | 4   | 44 | 6  | 49 | 101 | 148 |    |    |    |    | 229 |       |     |     |
|            | 54 | 4  | 35 | 45 | 73 | 40 | 76 | 4  | 38 | 4   | 6  | 45 | 45 | 85  | 14  | 71 |    |    |    | 229 |       |     |     |

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|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|----|----|-----|-------|-----|-----|
| AUCOIN       | 63 | 53 | 55 | 66 | 3  | 42 | 8  | 45 | 47 | 5   | 4  | 7  | 8  | 15 | 74  |    |     |    |    | 152 |       |     |     |
|              | 84 | 63 | 55 | 66 | 4  | 48 | 4  | 34 | 47 | 6   | 56 | 6  | 45 | 93 | 15  | 78 |     |    |    | 152 |       |     |     |
| RYDLEWSKI    | 62 | 43 | 34 | 65 | 33 | 66 | 36 | 3  | 75 | 5   | 45 | 44 | 80 | 9  | 71  |    |     |    |    | 150 |       |     |     |
|              | 74 | 63 | 46 | 55 | 3  | 43 | 57 | 3  | 38 | 4   | 4  | 7  | 45 | 88 | 9   | 79 |     |    |    | 150 |       |     |     |
| COCHRANE     | 73 | 4  | 36 | 55 | 5  | 43 | 74 | 4  | 3  | 7   | 5  | 58 | 48 | 91 | 16  | 75 |     |    |    | 150 |       |     |     |
|              | 64 | 5  | 3  | 45 | 75 | 4  | 43 | 74 | 7  | 4   | 6  | 4  | 55 | 6  | 48  | 91 | 16  | 75 |    | 150 |       |     |     |
| INCENT REALE | 9  | 5  | 4  | 58 | 5  | 49 | 8  | 3  | 53 | 10  | 5  | 5  | 7  | 53 | 102 | 13 | 89  |    |    | 190 |       |     |     |
|              | 74 | 5  | 3  | 56 | 5  | 5  | 45 | 6  | 5  | 6   | 5  | 9  | 4  | 5  | 4   | 14 | 138 |    |    | 190 |       |     |     |
| RICHARDS     | 85 | 4  | 35 | 45 | 75 | 46 | 73 | 4  | 46 | 6   | 56 | 56 | 46 | 92 | 15  | 77 |     |    |    | 150 |       |     |     |
|              | 94 | 6  | 34 | 46 | 44 | 44 | 74 | 5  | 36 | 4   | 4  | 44 | 88 | 15 | 73  |    |     |    |    | 150 |       |     |     |
| MIHAESCU     | 73 | 4  | 44 | 46 | 8  | 44 | 6  | 55 | 3  | 75  | 5  | 45 | 45 | 89 | 12  | 77 |     |    |    | 152 |       |     |     |
|              | 75 | 4  | 34 | 36 | 45 | 41 | 6  | 34 | 4  | 76  | 5  | 4  | 4  | 68 | 12  | 75 |     |    |    | 152 |       |     |     |
| CHOMA        | 74 | 7  | 34 | 45 | 55 | 4  | 63 | 5  | 46 | 5   | 43 | 6  | 42 | 86 | 14  | 72 |     |    |    | 199 |       |     |     |
|              | 5  | 35 | 4  | 34 | 58 | 42 | 74 | 4  | 68 | 6   | 45 | 4  | 49 | 91 | 14  | 73 |     |    |    | 199 |       |     |     |

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| B. TEUNISSEN | 65 | 8 | 44 | 77 | 4  | 52 | 66 | 5  | 78 | 6   | 45 | 6  | 53 | 10 | 27 | 76 |    |    |    | 160 |       |     |     |
|              | 64 | 7 | 47 | 78 | 55 | 10 | 65 | 4  | 84 | 4   | 67 | 5  | 10 | 27 | 72 |    |    |    |    | 160 |       |     |     |
| A. RANDHAWA  | 65 | 6 | 55 | 65 | 4  | 6  | 53 | 65 | 4  | 56  | 4  | 49 | 8  | 78 |    |    |    |    |    | 218 |       |     |     |
|              | 53 | 4 | 46 | 45 | 63 | 40 | 55 | 44 | 64 | 5   | 4  | 4  | 81 | 7  | 74 |    |    |    |    | 218 |       |     |     |
| A. KERR      | 74 | 4 | 35 | 45 | 44 | 40 | 74 | 5  | 4  | 57  | 6  | 48 | 88 | 15 | 73 |    |    |    |    | 144 |       |     |     |
|              | 54 | 6 | 43 | 44 | 63 | 39 | 63 | 46 | 55 | 5   | 4  | 78 | 6  | 15 | 71 |    |    |    |    | 144 |       |     |     |
| S. NOVAK     | 74 | 4 | 45 | 66 | 3  | 45 | 73 | 6  | 4  | 4   | 45 | 7  | 48 | 93 | 18 | 75 |    |    |    | 152 |       |     |     |
|              | 76 | 5 | 37 | 55 | 63 | 47 | 65 | 6  | 35 | 6   | 65 | 48 | 95 | 18 | 77 |    |    |    |    | 152 |       |     |     |

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| N. McDONALD   | 54 | 5 | 34 | 55 | 64 | 41 | 74 | 6  | 3  | 74  | 4  | 5  | 84  | 8  | 19 | 76 |    |    |    | 140 |       |     |     |
|               | 93 | 5 | 26 | 48 | 53 | 45 | 54 | 5  | 38 | 4   | 54 | 64 | 48  | 9  | 71 |    |    |    |    | 140 |       |     |     |
| R. JORDAN     | 74 | 5 | 55 | 63 | 4  | 6  | 74 | 5  | 4  | 64  | 4  | 67 | 4   | 93 | 17 | 76 |    |    |    | 149 |       |     |     |
|               | 64 | 4 | 34 | 56 | 54 | 41 | 73 | 5  | 37 | 4   | 76 | 7  | 49  | 90 | 17 | 73 |    |    |    | 149 |       |     |     |
| R. BATTING    | 64 | 6 | 46 | 57 | 3  | 46 | 55 | 3  | 75 | 5   | 57 | 4  | 92  | 17 | 75 |    |    |    |    | 160 |       |     |     |
|               | 65 | 6 | 36 | 47 | 96 | 52 | 65 | 3  | 96 | 4   | 57 | 50 | 102 | 17 | 85 |    |    |    |    | 160 |       |     |     |
| D. CHARLEBOIS | 85 | 4 | 36 | 66 | 53 | 46 | 73 | 5  | 48 | 4   | 49 | 45 | 17  | 73 |    |    |    |    |    | 148 |       |     |     |
|               | 84 | 5 | 24 | 5  | 74 | 54 | 63 | 4  | 36 | 4   | 47 | 64 | 38  | 17 | 70 |    |    |    |    | 148 |       |     |     |
| D. McISAAC    | 64 | 5 | 25 | 56 | 42 | 83 | 74 | 85 | 65 | 75  | 8  | 95 | 18  | 77 |    |    |    |    |    | 149 |       |     |     |
|               | 63 | 4 | 34 | 56 | 65 | 42 | 62 | 54 | 7  | 56  | 67 | 48 | 90  | 18 | 72 |    |    |    |    | 149 |       |     |     |
| V. DOUPE      | 73 | 8 | 46 | 45 | 65 | 48 | 84 | 7  | 48 | 4   | 65 | 55 | 19  | 18 | 81 |    |    |    |    | 156 |       |     |     |
|               | 75 | 4 | 35 | 47 | 53 | 43 | 65 | 3  | 46 | 3   | 56 | 10 | 50  | 93 | 18 | 75 |    |    |    | 156 |       |     |     |
| C. SHOLD      | 84 | 3 | 45 | 74 | 6  | 74 | 89 | 4  | 54 | 6   | 66 | 63 | 51  | 99 | 18 | 81 |    |    |    | 156 |       |     |     |
|               | 54 | 3 | 35 | 58 | 3  | 41 | 54 | 7  | 4  | 10  | 5  | 65 | 62  | 93 | 18 | 75 |    |    |    | 156 |       |     |     |

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| A. FERGUSON | 84 | 5 | 44 | 55 | 74 | 46 | 64 | 64 | 85 | 64  | 85 | 97  | 23  | 72 |    |    |    |    |    | 149 |       |     |     |
|             | 73 | 6 | 45 | 56 | 75 | 48 | 74 | 75 | 45 | 49  | 54 | 102 | 25  | 77 |    |    |    |    |    | 149 |       |     |     |
| M. DANIELS  | 85 | 5 | 37 | 66 | 77 | 54 | 83 | 7  | 58 | 6   | 54 | 8   | 108 | 28 | 80 |    |    |    |    | 161 |       |     |     |
|             | 84 | 5 | 38 | 77 | 76 | 55 | 85 | 5  | 38 | 5   | 67 | 75  | 109 | 28 | 81 |    |    |    |    | 161 |       |     |     |
| M. COOK     | 10 | 4 | 63 | 55 | 63 | 47 | 85 | 6  | 39 | 5   | 57 | 53  | 100 | 25 | 75 |    |    |    |    | 147 |       |     |     |
|             | 74 | 6 | 45 | 55 | 64 | 46 | 54 | 7  | 28 | 5   | 69 | 51  | 97  | 25 | 72 |    |    |    |    | 147 |       |     |     |
| A. FLYNN    | 64 | 6 | 35 | 6  | 46 | 44 | 53 | 5  | 37 | 4   | 64 | 9   | 46  | 90 | 32 | 58 |    |    |    | 128 |       |     |     |
|             | 84 | 5 | 43 | 68 | 4  | 50 | 54 | 4  | 49 | 6   | 78 | 5   | 102 | 32 | 70 |    |    |    |    | 128 |       |     |     |
| B. MCBAIN   | 77 | 5 | 58 | 57 | 53 | 52 | 64 | 74 | 86 | 5   | 68 | 54  | 103 | 75 |    |    |    |    |    | 147 |       |     |     |
|             | 74 | 5 | 26 | 47 | 64 | 45 | 75 | 6  | 69 | 5   | 85 | 7   | 103 | 72 |    |    |    |    |    | 147 |       |     |     |
| L. LON      | 86 | 5 | 46 | 66 | 64 | 51 | 95 | 6  | 48 | 7   | 76 | 85  | 110 | 32 | 78 |    |    |    |    | 152 |       |     |     |
|             | 94 | 6 | 37 | 4  | 66 | 65 | 75 | 6  | 48 | 6   | 66 | 75  | 106 | 32 | 74 |    |    |    |    | 152 |       |     |     |
| S. MICK     | 74 | 5 | 35 | 46 | 64 | 44 | 74 | 6  | 37 | 5   | 58 | 5   | 94  | 21 | 73 |    |    |    |    | 144 |       |     |     |
| K. MUSGRAVE | 63 | 5 | 35 | 45 | 53 | 39 | 64 | 7  | 59 | 4   | 65 | 7   | 53  | 92 | 21 | 71 |    |    |    | 144 |       |     |     |
| K. MUSGRAVE | 73 | 5 | 34 | 64 | 53 | 40 | 85 | 4  | 57 | 6   | 46 | 10  | 55  | 95 | 20 | 75 |    |    |    | 154 |       |     |     |
| S. MICK     | 64 | 5 | 35 | 55 | 65 | 44 | 63 | 7  | 47 | 5   | 88 | 55  | 91  | 20 | 79 |    |    |    |    | 154 |       |     |     |



# More Championship Snaps



**Club Pro, Lee Beauchamp** having his math skills tested.



**John Wright, Earl Cochrane and Don Charlebois** telling it like it is.



**Rick Batting, Neil MacDonald, and Paul Richardson.**



**Alex Kerr, Mike Daniels, and Bob MacDonald.**



**Brent Teunissen, Maria, Luka Brtan and Darryl Berger** enjoying a cool one. Maria caddied for Luka!





# Net Progressive Tournament



| EVENT         |  | NET PROGRESSIVE |   |    |   |   |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | IN | FINISH | NET |    |    |     |
|---------------|--|-----------------|---|----|---|---|----|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|--------|-----|----|----|-----|
| NAME          |  | 1               | 2 | 3  | 4 | 5 | 6  | 7 | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16     | 17  | 18 | 19 | 20  |
| C. SHOLD      |  | 4               | 4 | 11 | 7 | 9 | 4  | 9 | 10 | 6  | 2  | 3  | 5  | 12 | 2  | 11 | 12     | 4   | 6  | 15 | 70  |
| C. SHOLD      |  |                 |   |    |   |   |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |        |     |    |    | 132 |
| P. BORG       |  | 6               | 6 | 10 | 2 | 7 | 12 | 3 | 8  | 12 | 6  | 6  | 4  | 7  | 15 | 3  | 11     | 12  | 4  | 8  | 19  |
| D. MCISAAC    |  |                 |   |    |   |   |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |        |     |    |    | 149 |
| P. SIMPSON    |  | 4               | 5 | 8  | 2 | 6 | 6  | 9 | 12 | 4  | 5  | 5  | 10 | 2  | 4  | 11 | 3      | 8   | 15 | 73 |     |
| A. WAINWRIGHT |  |                 |   |    |   |   |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |        |     |    |    | 137 |
| M. COOK       |  |                 |   |    |   |   |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |        |     |    |    |     |
| A. SCHARFKA   |  |                 |   |    |   |   |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |        |     |    |    |     |
| S. BATTING    |  | 4               | 5 | 8  | 2 | 6 | 6  | 9 | 12 | 4  | 5  | 5  | 10 | 2  | 4  | 11 | 3      | 8   | 15 | 73 |     |
| K. BATTING    |  |                 |   |    |   |   |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |        |     |    |    |     |
| A. NIGHT      |  |                 |   |    |   |   |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |        |     |    |    |     |
| S. MICK       |  |                 |   |    |   |   |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |        |     |    |    |     |
| L. SALVATI    |  | 5               | 4 | 10 | 2 | 6 | 3  | 4 | 7  | 8  | 5  | 9  | 4  | 5  | 14 | 3  | 10     | 8   | 4  | 5  | 17  |
| B. MARSHALL   |  |                 |   |    |   |   |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |        |     |    |    | 129 |
| K. MUSGRAVE   |  |                 |   |    |   |   |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |        |     |    |    |     |
| E. WILSON     |  |                 |   |    |   |   |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |        |     |    |    |     |
| A. KERR       |  | 5               | 6 | 12 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 4 | 8  | 6  | 5  | 9  | 4  | 6  | 14 | 3  | 10     | 3   | 4  | 11 | 83  |
| J. BICKERTON  |  |                 |   |    |   |   |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |        |     |    |    | 142 |
| M. DANIELS    |  |                 |   |    |   |   |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |        |     |    |    |     |
| A. HOLMES     |  |                 |   |    |   |   |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |        |     |    |    |     |

WINNERS: L. SALVATI, B. MARSHALL, K. MUSGRAVE, E. WILSON \$30 each

RUNNERS UP: CARLA SHOLD, CLAYTON SHOLD \$20 each

Five teams battled it out on August 8th in the Mixed Net Progressive Tournament.

Congratulations to **Larry Salvati, Eileen Wilson, Ken Musgrave** and (please don't leave before we get the team photo or you'll be pasted in) **Bob Marshall**. Their net 129 was enough to earn them \$30 each and better the second place team of **Paul Borg, Don McIsaac, Carla Shold** and **Clayton Shold** who pocketed \$20 each.



The net progressive format proved to be a challenge on the scorecard for some so kudos to **Lee Beauchamp** for getting everything sorted out.

Thank you to the talented and very lovely Mrs. Shold for convening the event!





## More Twins!



After our last edition of Deer Tracks it came to light we have another set of (legitimate) twins as members.

**Amar** (left) and **Robby Randhawa** are new to the club this year. Both competed in the club championship round. Robby tells me Amar is taller, is the better golfer, is more popular with the girls and has a nicer job with better pay. Then he added, "but he doesn't have a beard!" Both great guys with a great sense of humour.

It is really quite amazing how many people have come up to this cub reporter, to claim they too are twins. These two insisted they are twins. They said "we are in fact identical twins. We both golf with yellow balls. We wear fancy wide-brimmed hats, and our cars both have four tires. Not only that, our wives are both beautiful, and we both hit a mean golf ball."

**Ross** (left) and twin brother **Bill** also said, just like in the womb, they are mirror images. One hits right handed and the other left. What more proof does one need?



## Name this twin!

Lastly, this photo came my way with a note saying, "loved the twins story. I'm a twin too." The twin on the right is a Deerfield member. Do you recognize him? Hint: he is a bit older now.

Send your guess to [clayton@shold.ca](mailto:clayton@shold.ca)





## PUTTING CHAMPIONSHIP 2021

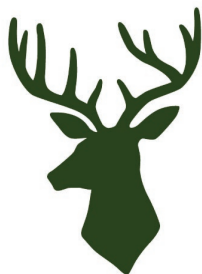
The vaunted Shatford Trophy was presented to **Bob Marshall**, after a very close match with **Clayton Shold**. This was Marshall's 7th win in the Putting Challenge, which began in 1994 and he credits his many wins to a putting secret told him by his former mentor, a 94 year old Scotsman. When asked about the secret, Marshall declined comment, only to add that it has been uppermost in his mind while putting.

The Shatford Trophy was donated to Deerfield in perpetuity by **Bob Shatford**, Marshall's good friend and a member of his group for 20 years. Shatford molded the wooden head from a piece of koa - almost rock-hard - which he found in Hawaii. A few years later, Shatford drained a 60 foot putt on the 16th and was so elated he tossed his putter high in the air. His ecstasy soon turned to agony when the putter fell and cracked in half. An expert craftsman, Bob worked long hours to epoxy the head back to normal and now it resides in a corner of The Loft.

While being interviewed by Deer Tracks, Marshall acknowledged his 7 victories and then admitted a strange thing. "I may have the most wins, but I am not Deerfield's top putter. The best putter I ever saw was my friend **John Ferguson**, a 5-time club champion. John's putts all had that "go-in" look and it was astonishing if he missed. John didn't just putt, he actually caressed the ball with an almost loving stroke. John played here recently with old pals **Bryce McBain**, Jim Harries and me and I hasten to add that his putting was still tops."

Marshall added that the other puttists in the finals this year – **Ken Musgrave**, **Vern Doupe** and **Clayton Shold** - were all excellent putters.

We look forward to next year's putting contest with a return to the fun 5 pm event and large gathering of putterists and hecklers.





## The Art of the Gimmie

By Mick Kemper

I attended the 2002 US Senior Open at Caves Valley Golf Course in Maryland. While standing in a large crowd behind the 11<sup>th</sup> green, I saw Arnold Palmer and his army round the corner of the fairway. He proceeded to hit his second shot onto the green about 30 feet from the hole. As he reached the green and surveyed his putt, a spectator yelled, "it's good, Arnie, pick it up." Short putts are the Bermuda Triangle of golf. Just ask Scott Hoch who missed a 2 foot putt to lose the 1989 Masters. Missing a short putt is like fumbling at the goal line, dropping a pop up for the final out, or driving across the country to discover Wally World is closed. It is devastating.

Fortunately, amateur golfers have a vaccine for these blown putts, a get out of jail free card, it's called a "gimmie". It works like this. You are standing over a three foot putt to save par. Sweat is running down your back into your Tommy Johns and dread is creeping into your fragile psyche. You are agonizing over the proverbial question, "Do I ease it in or ram it home?" Then suddenly you hear those magic words, "That's good, pick it up."

Accepting a gimmie is easy. Before your conscience sets in, quickly pick up your ball and slink off the green like a shoplifter exiting a convenience store.

On the other hand, conceding a putt is more complicated than judging figure skating. Is the golfer worthy? Is the ball within the so called circle of friendship or just a distant cousin? What is a reasonable distance? An arms-length? A size 12 golf shoe? The height of your average circus midget? There is no definitive rule. It is an art.

Some guys are generous and hand out gimmies like after dinner mints, sometimes even before the lag putt has stopped rolling. I love these guys. They are the Mother Theresa's of golf.

The other mothers of golf are the players who would rather donate a kidney than concede a putt. These are the guys who keep score in ink, who use a pocket calculator to split the lunch tab, and who believe a gimmie is an assault on the integrity of the game. Keep in mind, this is a game typically played by hackers in baggy shorts who have already taken two mulligans and several foot wedges just to survive the front nine. What integrity?

So, if you struggle with administering a gimmie, here are some helpful guidelines:

### **Daylight Savings Time**

The foursome waiting in the fairway has been watching your group blast from one greenside bunker to another, chunk chips, plumb bob, and debate who putts next. This is more frustrating than waiting for a senior citizen to back out of a parking space at Walmart or watching Joe Biden trying to complete a sentence. Just grab your balls and get off the green. All putts are good.

### **Code Blue**

You're playing partner is on life support. He has landed in every bunker, splashed in every pond, and bounced off more trees than a squirrel on crack. You cannot bear to see him take another stroke. It is your civic duty to stop the bleeding and administer the Kevorkian gimmie. No range limitations in this case. If his ball is closer to the hole than to Akron Ohio, it's good. Knock it away before he tries to hit it again.

### **Nothing at Stake**

Pros putt out because they are playing for big money, coveted trophies, and trophy wives. For the average golfer, missing or making a short putt is more meaningless than a cup of decaf coffee or a political campaign promise. Give him the putt. There is no good reason not to.

### **Reward**

The guy has stroked a winding 125 foot putt from just off the green to within three feet of the hole. Reward him. Let him pick it up. He earned it. It is better than watching him lip out, melt down, and try to disembowel himself with his putter.

### **Human Kindness**

Your buddy helps you tune up your car, mows your lawn when you are on vacation, and laughs at all your dumbass jokes. You owe him that testy three footer as a gesture of friendship. It is golf's version of sending a fruit basket.

### **No Mercy**

If you are embroiled in a highly competitive match and your opponent has been talking smack, there is no such thing as a gimmie. Make him putt every putt. It's Cobra Kai time, it's time to sweep the knee.

### **Retribution**

If the player is an obnoxious blowhard, an arrogant know-it-all, a despicable cheat, or a relative of Governor Cuomo, there are no gimmies. The circle of friendship only extends to the rim of the cup.

Gimmies have been prevalent throughout history and occur every day of our lives. The Ruler of Greece once told famed sculptor, Calamitous, that his Venus di Milo statue was so beautiful there was no need to finish the arms. True. A gimmie is when a traffic cop pulls you over and only gives you a warning or when the grocery store clerk honors your expired coupon without price checking your Adult Depends over the store microphone.

So, remember, if someone does not graciously accept a gimmie, do not be offended. Understand that sometimes in the game of golf and in life, to derive a full sense of satisfaction, a man needs to hear the rattle of the ball at the bottom of the cup.

Sometimes, you just need to putt out.

Thank you to **Bill Marriott**, **Neil MacDonald** and **Mike Daniels** who each submitted this article.



## First Ace on #4

**Phil Groff** bagged the first hole in one on the new fourth hole on August 15th. No details were recorded as he was speechless when asked about this achievement. This cub reporter was able to play the last three holes of the day with Phil, who was good enough to stick around to “buy a drink” for those members golfing that morning.

In the, ‘you won’t believe it’ category. Our Assistant Club Pro, **Ed Maunder**, aced the same hole at 7 pm that same day!



| HOLES            | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7  |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| BLUE             | 546 | 197 | 316 | 173 | 314 | 324 | 43 |
| WHITE            | 526 | 188 | 301 | 160 | 302 | 312 | 41 |
| RED              | 404 | 164 | 286 | 143 | 275 | 302 | 40 |
| PAR Men's/Ladies | 5   | 3   | 4   | 3   | 4   | 4   | 4  |
| MEN'S HANDICAP   | 6   | 8   | 12  | 16  | 10  | 14  | 4  |
| Phil             | 6   | 4   | 6   | 1   | 6   | 4   | 5  |
| Ed Maunder       | 7   | 4   | 7   | 3   | 5   | 5   | 5  |
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## Walking on the grass

The room was full of pregnant women with their husbands.

The Instructor said, "Ladies, remember that exercise is good for you. Walking is especially beneficial - it strengthens the pelvic muscles and will make delivery that much easier.

Just pace yourself, make plenty of stops and try to stay on a soft surfaces, like a grass path.

"Gentlemen, remember -- you're in this together. It wouldn't hurt you to go walking with her.

In fact, that shared experience would be good for you both."

The room suddenly became very quiet as the men absorbed this information.

After a few moments a man, name unknown, at the back of the room, slowly raised his hand.

"Yes?" said the Instructor.

"I was just wondering if it would be all right if she carries a golf bag?

Brings a tear to your eye, doesn't it?

THIS LEVEL OF SENSITIVITY CAN'T BE TAUGHT

For the privacy of the submitter - our DMA secretary's name won't be used.



## Upcoming Events ...

**3 Club Championship & Wednesday League Dinner  
September 22nd**

**Mixed Closing Tournament - September 25th**  
Look for the sign-up sheet in the Pro Shop

**Mixed Harvest Tournament & Hot Potato  
October 23rd**

**Sniff & Snort Scramble  
November 13th**



*That's what friends are for.*



*"AFTER SPENDING ALL THAT TIME PLANNING...  
HOW DO YOU STILL MISS IT?"*



## Swan Flight Training in Progress

Apparently our not so young anymore swans have begun flight training. Phil Groff reported that Ardeth Groff has seen them "flight training" on hole #10 this past week. They get running and flapping their wings with lots of squawking going on, and were able to get airborne a couple of feet above the ground. It won't be much longer before they are all flying over head.



Catching some shade on #11 watching the Memorial Classic



Preening on #11 pond. Dad is in the pond.



## The Back Page

### Guest Editorial

This year Spike and his crew have done a tremendous job of maintaining the golf course, especially considering all the heat we have had.

COVID protocols moved to stage three how many weeks ago? Still no water in the ball washers. Just plastic hanging down. Seriously, how much labour is involved in filling the washers?!

I honestly can't remember playing on a golf course that didn't have a garbage bin at every tee box.

This is the view members and paying public get frequently. People drop their garbage where they think a garbage can should be.

What an embarrassment.



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