

## **FAIRWAYS AND GREENS FOR FEBRUARY 2 WEEK**

Did you ever wonder how many dimples there are on the average golf ball and how they impact the flight of your shots? Well, being an old school golfer, I remember when there were 280 dimples and they were lined up in rows so that you could easily see the seam where the two halves came together. Nowadays the average number is 336 dimples and of course they are in random arrays. This creates less drag and a more easily controlled ball flight, theoretically. If you've ever seen or played an old feathery ball, you would truly appreciate the difference in distance and control that the modern ball affords us. The evolution of the ball has even created some interesting rivalries over the years. The very first one was between Allan Robertson and Old Tom Morris. Robertson, one of the first golf professionals, made his money making feathery balls, a very painstaking process. When Old Tom started playing the new gutty ball, which was cheaper, easier to make and lasted longer, they parted ways, permanently. Similar things have happened today when a tour player switches ball brands without the knowledge of his ball sponsor. There goes that little contract!

Enough about our little dimpled darlings. Have you signed up for the Two Man Scramble on February 11<sup>th</sup>? It's one of our most enjoyable formats. Do you want a partner who hits it long or putts well? I prefer one who's fun to play with. Either way, let's tee it up!

Putt 'em out!

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