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Are you aware that the oldest form of competition in golf was pretty much all match play? As far back as the 1500's one on one matches were the way the game was played, with a gentleman's wager on the side of course. Some matches were played for a little more than just a few schillings. In fact, many was the time that a young lad might make his living travelling around in singles or partner better-ball matches. Old Tom and Young Tom Morris travelled around in many exhibitions pitting their partnership against the Park brothers, Willie and Mungo amongst many others. And Bobby Jones won two of his four major victories in his 1930 Grand Slam by match play, the US and British Amateurs. That's why, even today, our Men's President's Cup is match play and often pairs gents of varying handicaps versus each other which makes it interesting to see who might prevail... the one giving or the one getting the strokes. Check out our website to see who used his handicap to best advantage; Oliveira vs Phulps for the crown, or Gelb vs Fox for third place.

The Derby last Thursday had another first, I believe. The winning team of Tom Doll and Romeo De Guzman parred every hole and won the chip off. Second place were Steve Slifka and Tim Conroy and third the team of Garth Small and Craig Olson. It was a strong field with a bunch of pretty good shots!

Putt 'em out!

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