Ode to Kenny Reinach

He only had one shot, though it worked pretty well
He aimed to the right, came so far over the top
That when he finished his swing he almost fell.
His left to right old faithful darth fader
Made Trevino look like he was hitting it straighter.
Even for his pitches and chips his aim was so askew
You sometimes thought he was aiming at you.
With Kris's help his long flowing backswing
Reduced to a minimum, controlled his short shots from taking wing.
In all he had a most curious golfing motion
That obviously required a great deal of devotion.
But oh how he could putt, sinking 30 footers like he owned the cup
Only he could turn a bogey into a par, a par into a birdie even from afar.
But the most outstanding thing about his whole game
Were the sayings he used again and again.
When he thinned a chip shot and it looked like a wreck
He'd yell "check waiter please, check waiter, check!"
When his high slicing approach shot appeared coming up short
Out came his cry, "run like you stole a purse", and it would usually work.
When hitting one of his patented fades that drifted like a shy actor onto the stage
Landing right next to the pin, he'd say with a grin and some gratitude
"Not a bad shot for a guy with a bad swing and bad aptitude".
I don't know if selling Zippos helped him to play with such flare
But he was always a delight to play with, like walking on air.
if you had a bad round and were threatening to leave
He'd say 'Stay out here and suffer with the rest of us" as if a stern reprieve.
It seemed somehow appropriate that his 9th ace
Came shortly before his leaving this earthly race.
We know he's found his fairways to heaven
Now a better pairing with the Father, Son and Holy Ghost
So, it's time to raise our glasses in a glorious toast
To a guy whose friendship we valued the most.

FAIRWAYS and GREENS

NOVEMBER 2

How do you make a comeback from a bad first round in the Club Championship? Two ways… take a tune up lesson from Shelly and then go out and ace number 15 with a seven iron! That's exactly what Bill Heffern did last Wednesday in the second round of the tournament. From an 85 in round one to a 71 in round two, he now leads by five shots going into the final round on November fourth. Way to go, big Bill, and thanks for the beverage. Between you and Marty, I haven't had to buy a drink for a while. Who'll have the next ace in the Championship?

And the leaders in the Championship Flight are Bill Heffern at 156, Steve Slifka 161, Steve Kim 163 and Tom Doll 165. For those playing from the white tees, the leaders are Jeff Davis at 139 net, followed by Garth Small at 142 net and JJ Kim at 144 net. From the green tees John Soule leads the pack at 143 net followed by Jae Lee and Mark Sigler at 144 net. And finally in the Super Senior crowd, Larry Green has the lead by five shots at 143 net over Hank So at 148 and Fred Vogt at 149. It's interesting how scores seem to soar a tad when you have to put that little ball in the hole 18 times, no gimmees or mulligans! Final round on November 4th.

May the course be with you!