

SHANKS AND FLOPS

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Heat, Quotas, and Patio Stories Carry the Week at LaTourette

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The Latty Ledger apologizes for missing last week's edition. The presses were down because of the heat, which was fitting, since the newly introduced game, "**The Heater**," turned out to be a success. Six teams took part, and only five points (two net pars and a bogey) separated first place from last. Expect to see that format again.

This week began with plans for another Heater, but after Lenny was sidelined by serious stomach issues, the field shifted to a three-man quota game. The pace of play was not awful by the clock, but the group between Shawn Hicks' group and ours managed to fall three holes behind. That tells the story.

Game Report

15-Man Game: Three-Man Team Quota	
Overall	John Scaglione, Vin DiCrescento, and Dominick Sciandra (+3)
Front Nine	Pete Aloisio, John Kelly, and Mike Falcone (-1)
Back Nine	John Scaglione, Vin DiCrescento, and Dominick Sciandra (+6)
Par 3s and 5s	Vin DiCrescento — 16 points

Closest to the Pin

- **#3 Falcone**
- **#12 Sciandra**
- **#16 Jim Bones Jr**
- **#5 Dave Eller**
- **#11 Aloisio**

Aloisio Goes Low as DiCrescento Heats Up

Aloisio fired a 67, and the kids went nuts for it. That also netted him a 68. DiCrescento shot a 75, net 65 with new irons, including a one-under-par back nine and an eagle on #8. Fareri Jr. posted an 83, which, given the circumstances, was good for the third-best net score of 71 as only three players managed to play to their handicap.

The golf course remains in fine shape, and the field played the ball down. The stats are still being compiled, but since Round 1 of the Club Championship, when an adjusted rule was briefly contemplated, there has not been a single complaint about playing it down.

Johnny Pep played a solid round of 89. Tom Lally was heard mumbling that he would be taking a couple of weeks off after his 95, and of course, he was the first one to say he was in for next week.

We also cannot publish this without mentioning Big Dom shooting 91, Johnny Scags shooting 80, and Eric Wood posting a 73 on 06/28/2026.

From the Patio: Stories, Heat, and One Wrong Ball

Lally and the Keystone Cops, DiCrescento and O'Leary were holding court and telling stories.

Lenny was really missed on the patio. The man showed up Saturday morning to play after being up for three hours with bad stomach pains. He played 18 holes and we did not have the heart to ask how he did on 12, but as of this article's publication, he is still in the hospital. Keep him in your thoughts. His daughter is getting married Friday.

Jim Fareri Sr. shot a 92 that according to him could have been an easy 84. Chin played so well that Davy Eller hit the wrong ball on 15 because Davey said there was no way he had outdriven Chin. Well, he did, and it cost him two.

Speaking of Lenny and the heat, eight guys played Friday. Joey Pallotta Jr. walked 18 holes. Maniac. It was even too hot for his personal caddy, Joe Pallotta Sr., to show. Anyway, Lenny was on a heater after parring 9, making a nervous par on 10, and adding another on 11. Then came the dreaded 12th, where he dunked one in the water for a 6.

Club Memorial Set for July 12

Next week, 07/12/2026, is the Club Memorial, where we honor those who have passed on. Fareri Sr. said he does not have a sign yet which is a bonus. Tough to tell the man he is not a tenured member and would need a club vote to actually get on one.

There will be food after the round and a putting contest. We will play a regular game, but there will also be low gross and low net prizes to crown our Memorial winners, plus a blind-draw two-man best net ball for the Team Memorial winner. It is always a great day, so please sign up early to help us prepare.

SIGA Two-Man Ringer Comes to LaTourette

On 07/19 and 07/20, the SIGA is running a two-man Ringer at LaTourette: 85% handicap, best two-round net score on each hole. The defending champs are our very own Johnny Scags and Fish.