

Mother's Day Massacre on the Hill as Tempers, Scores, and Sanity All Took a Beating

It was a full blown Mother's Day Massacre at LaTourette on Sunday, where the only thing colder than the weather was the mood, and the only thing higher than the rough were the scores. The Latty Boys shattered a holiday attendance record with 18... well, 17 players, a far cry from the usual six brave souls who usually show up on Mom's Day. We missed Pondie Aldycki. More bodies meant more pressure, more feelings, and more fuse lighting than a Staten Island fireworks display.

The course? Pure. The greens? Rolling beautifully. The rough? NYC Amateur-style jail. And the scores? A crime scene.

Well, for everyone except Lefty Pedro Aloisio, who delivered a bogey-free, surgical 3-under 69, one of only two players to actually shoot his handicap (net 70). The other was one half of the inseparable duo, Jack Ricciardi, who clearly picked the right arrows for his season debut, firing 84 for also a net 70. His other half, John Garland, refused to ride with him, and the golf gods punished him accordingly. As always, they arrive together, leave together, and apparently don't ride together.

FIVE STRAIGHT WEEKS OF INDIVIDUAL QUOTA — AND THE EDITOR IS LOSING HIS MIND

Despite the "team" game being posted 17 hours in advance, out of sight meant out of mind, and once again the field defaulted to an Individual Quota game for the fifth straight week.

Quota is simple: If You want to win? Play to your handicap. Doesn't matter if you're Tiger Woods or Charles Barkley, everyone starts equal off Tee 1.

"Debatable but that's what Quota is".

Some say the Swampy Game is better. The Editor disagrees. Many say, "He's always right." That He agrees with.

RESULTS : LEFTY AND JACK TAKE THE TOP SPOT

Overall Winners (T1):

- Pedro Aloisio (+2) - plus one handicap
- Jack Ricciardi (+2) - fourteen handicap

Two wildly different games, identical net results. That's the point.

T3 (Even):

- Mike Falcone
- Guy Pennisi
- Dom Sciandra

Front Nine

- Winner: Sciandra (+3), scooter-free and thriving
- T2: Falcone & Ricciardi (+2)
- 4th: Lefty (+1)

Back Nine

- Winner: Pennisi (+2)
- 2nd: Lefty (+1), yes, the "best player in the club" winning a net game again
- T3: Ricciardi & John Scaglione (E)

Par 3 & 5 Contest

- Winners: Tom Lally & Ricciardi (14 pts)

GOOD SHOTS

- **Falcone collected three net scats, including a fist-pumping natural birdie on 5. That concludes the "good shots" portion of the program.**

BAD SHOTS

The two worst nets of the day were forced to spend extra Mother's Day bonding time together:

- Jim Bones Jr.: net 83
- Jim Bones Sr.: net 89

As Junior walked off 18, he was overheard muttering about abandoning his wingman and riding solo, just like Garland ditching Ricciardi.

RAKE YOUR BUNKERS — AND SHOW UP ON TIME

“Sign in” means arrive at that time, not “leave your house then.” If you're running late, text someone. If you need my number, ask.

The sign-in table needs time to:

- wrap up the money
- pay cart fees
- hit one or two putts
- perform 45 seconds of Richard Simmons stretching
- and maybe, just maybe, be mentally ready to play golf

Help them by “signing in”

SIGA DAY :

WE NEED COMMITMENTS BY THURSDAY

The Esquire Club is running SIGA Day on Saturday. If you want in, we need to know by Thursday or risk being shut out.

THE RAT SITUATION

The Editor apologizes for the GroupMe rant, but there's a rat among us. And he hates rats.

If you have an issue with how the game is run, say it directly. He'll explain the reasoning. He has experience. He thinks things through. Most others shoot from the hip. This is why it *appears* he's "always right." It's not arrogance, it's preparation.

SEE YOU SUNDAY, HOPEFULLY FOR A REAL TEAM GAME AND ON TIME!

Thanks for coming out on a chaotic Mother's Day. Let's hope next week brings normalcy, teams, and fewer emotional casualties.

THE PLEASURE, AS ALWAYS, IS ALL YOURS.