

Men's Golf League News

June / July – 2023

The Florida summer season is in full swing. Less traffic on the roads, shorter lines at the supermarket, no waiting at the gas station, no back-ups on the golf course and you don't need a tee time if you want to play Lake Fairways at 2:00. Ahhh, nothing better than a Mulligan on the 1st tee and having the whole course to yourself. Summer Life in Lake Fairways is great !

The Lake Fairways golf course continues to improve through the tireless efforts of our Superintendent, Scotty Helmig. Following aeration, fertilization and extended watering, the greens have improved significantly with fewer weeds. Fairways are thicker and greener while some of the teeing areas are under renovation, we expect more improvements as the summer progresses. Rain has not lived up to June expectations according to Scotty, but says he has further plans for weed spraying, and aeration scheduled in July. Keep up the good work, Scotty.

Their Baaaaaack ! 2 of our dedicated Men's League soldiers, **Ron McManus** and **Paul Falcone**, although not completely free of the ravages brought on by their battles with cancer, both have taken back control of their lives and are now regular fixtures at the weekly Men's League meetings on Thursday mornings and the Green Saturday events hosted by Fred Kline. Although, I have not had the pleasure of



playing with Ron since his return, I hear through the Men's League chatterverse, that Ron has not lost a beat. That classic swing has stood the test of an 8-month's lay off and continues to serve Ron well in the highly competitive LF Men's League.



Paul Falcone, on the other hand, whom I *have* had the “pleasure” of playing with, is struggling with every club in his bag. Maybe not all on the same day but one day he can't putt then the next he can't chip, then the next day, he can't get off the tee. The guy's a mess and he can't catch a break. So, if you see Paul around the course or in the community, put an arm around his shoulder and let him know “it's

OK to suck at golf”. Sorry Paul, this is the price of being my friend and getting caught up in the FAKE NEWS. Paul is actually playing quite well and often, while he seems to have recaptured all the golf course magic that has been his trademark throughout the years. Welcome back boys!

Hole-In-One Report Rarely does a month go by without some complete hack getting a hole-in-one at Lake Fairways or Pine Lakes and this month was no exception.

Andy Lague, I know he's not in the Men's League, I know he's not a member at either Lake Fairways or Pine Lakes, I know he doesn't live in this state, and I doubt he even paid for the round. But he's my brother and he got his first



lifetime hole-in-one while visiting, April 20, 2023 on the Pine Lakes 139 yard 14th hole from the blue tees with a choke down 8-Iron. Yes, he's better than me. Witnesses, Dave Broad and Ron Faria along with myself watched the high draw turn towards the front left pin and while Andy, after a nifty club twirl, was looking down to pick up his tee like a pro when his Kirkland ball, with a single hop left, disappeared into the hole and he unfortunately didn't see it. Beers were consumed behind the 18th green to fulfill the alcohol requirements associated with a hole-in-one after Andy was advised by playing partners not to bring this news into The Pub because the motley crew sitting at the bar would quickly empty his wallet. What's funny is, when my brother arrived for his visit, I told him this would be a good opportunity to get his 1st hole-in-one. Finally, it happened. Good shot Andy.

Larry O'Brien, I know what you're all thinking. Really ? Well, there were witnesses, although of dubious character and equally corruptible, yet technically still "witnesses". Rich Neuner, a long time O'Brien crony, Ron Faria, who seems to be witnessing more than his share of holes-in-one lately and John Hunter, who will go



along with any scheme if there is money in it, were present on May 2nd at the Burnt Store Marina, Pelican Course, 124 yard 3rd hole where Larry hit a lofting 7-wood which bounced twice and rolled into the cup completing his 7th lifetime hole-in-one. Unlikely that anyone other than the "witnesses" received the compensatory beers following the Ace as O'Brien is known to keep his wallet buried deep in his golf bag. Regardless of the circumstances, our congratulations are due. Way to go, Larry !

Mike Williams, with a late entry into the Hole-In-One Arcade recently reported a March 14th ace on the Lake Fairways 5th Hole. According to witnesses, Jerry Jaromin, who is known to get a little too excited when witnessing an ace, Al Keefer, who has never admitted to a good shot and Fred Dissmeyer, who hasn't made Informer headlines in a long time; Mike hit a lofting 9-Iron to a left-center pin location which landed just short and right of the flag, then hopped forward



and directly into the hole off the backboard and nothing but net ! This was Mike's 3rd lifetime hole-in-one and 2nd hole-in-one at Lake Fairways where he'd once brought the tricky 12th hole to its knees. There are no reports that Mike did in fact buy drinks following his ace so I will be watching for him in the Sand Trap to collect mine. Good one Mike. We'll expect to see your name in this space again before too long and hopefully, you can find yourself a better 4-some this summer. You're too good to be playing with that lot.

A man was walking down the street when he was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless man who asked him for a couple of dollars for dinner.

The man took out his wallet, extracted ten dollars and asked, "If I give you this money, will you buy beer with it instead of dinner?" "No, I had to stop drinking years ago," the homeless man replied.

"Will you use it to go fishing instead of buying food?" the man asked.

"No, I don't waste time fishing," the homeless man said. "I need to

spend all my time trying to stay alive."

"Will you spend this on greens' fees at a golf course instead of food?" the man asked.

"Are you NUTS!" replied the homeless man. "I haven't played golf in 20 years!"

"Well," said the man, "I'm not going to give you the money. Instead, I'm going to take you home for a terrific dinner cooked by my wife."

The homeless man was astounded. "Won't your wife be furious with you for doing that? I know I'm dirty and I probably smell pretty disgusting."

The man replied, "That's okay. It's important for her to see what a man looks like after he's given up beer, fishing and golf.",