

The Erlenmeyer Flask

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CONCEPT:

The Erlenmeyer Flask (EMF) contest is an 18 hole competition held just before, during or just after any regularly scheduled Major Tournament. The EMF contest is not compulsory. It may or may not be held. But, if it is held, it will be held in conjunction with the associated Major. Lack of participants and lack of enthusiasm are just two examples of reasons for why an EMF contest may not be held.

The format for the event is a four-man scramble consisting of two or more teams. One team will be made up of the four current Tournament Directors of the four Major Tournaments. It will be called The Syndicate. The other team(s) will consist of the top qualifiers that are willing to play. If four qualifiers are willing to play, it will be a two team contest. If four more willing qualifiers exist, a third team will be added and so-on. *The competing teams will be called The Bureau, The Great Mutatos, Big Blue, The Roswell Greys and the Arctic Worms.* The teams compete against each other and compete against the tournament record.

The entry fee for the contest is \$20 per player or \$80 per team. The prize money for winning is described below...

If the winning team sets a new tournament record that is net 16 under par or better, it receives 100% of the entry fees and 100% of the contents of the Erlenmeyer Flask.

If the winning team does not set a new tournament record that is net 16 under par or better, it receives 75% of the entry fees. The remaining 25% of the entry fees is placed inside the flask.

If two or more teams tie for low score, 100% of the entry fees is placed inside the flask. This concept is referred to as "win or walk".

The handicaps for the contest will comply with the USGA suggested 20-15-10-5 rule for A, B, C, and D players in a scramble. Majors Handicap Tsar Brad Tilly will compute and assign said handicaps. As such, each team will have one team handicap.

In determining qualification for the contest, a player's participation in the previous four Major Tournaments is considered first. Next, and to break ties, money won in the previous four Major Tournaments is considered second.

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FAQ:

Q: What about the first time the EMF contest is held?

A: The first time the EMF contest is held there will be no money in the flask. Also, no previous tournament record will have been established. The winning team will set the first tournament record. If this first record is net 16 under or better, the winning team collects 100% of the entry fees.

Q: Will money pile up fast in the flask?

A: The rate at which the money accumulates in the flask is a function of how often the contest is held - it could be up to four times per year. In that case, for example, up to \$160 per year or more could be added to the flask.

Q: How much money can the flask hold?

A: Scholars believe that the capacity of the flask is somewhere between \$5,000 and \$10,000 in US \$100 Federal Reserve Notes.

Q: Is there a limit to how much money will be allowed to build up in the flask?

A: There is no limit. If the flask gets full, options exist. A bigger flask, Treasury Notes, etc.

Q: Is it fair that the Tournament Directors get to compete for the contents of the flask every time the contest is held?

A: Yes. The directors will be competing for the contents of the flask with a frequency directly proportional to the rate at which their entry fees are potentially deposited in the flask.

Q: Is it fair for some relative newcomer to compete for a large amount of flask money without having had to deposit fees into the flask in past contests? He hasn't "paid his dues".

A: Yes. It is fair. Fees that have accumulated in the flask represent failed opportunities of past participants. A new qualifier shall not have it held against him the fact that past participants have failed to capitalize on their opportunities to win the flask contents.

Q: What if, for example, there are only three qualifiers and one other person who has not played in any of the past four Major Tournaments - can that person fill the fourth spot on the team?

A: No. In this case, the team could not be assembled. Four qualifiers do not exist. Exception: In

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the very rare event that the fourth person holds the position of Wise Old Elder, a team could be assembled. Since only one Majors participant holds that position, this possibility is remote indeed.

Q: How much notice is required to assemble a qualified team and hold an EMF contest?

A: There is no minimum notice required in theory. In practice, time may be needed to figure team handicaps, get tee times, etc. However, there is no reason that an EMF contest could not be held "on the spot".

AMENDMENTS:

Team names will be (in order), The Syndicate, The Bureau, The Great Mutatos, Big Blue, The Roswell Greys, The Arctic Worms, Flukemen, and The Lone Gunmen.

In determining order of qualification for the contest, a player's participation in the previous four Major Tournaments is considered first. Next, and to break ties, money won in the previous four Major Tournaments is considered second. To break money ties, a participant's place in the order of finish in the prior Major tournament is considered. For example, for an EMF associated with the Mondo at Royal Madison, if two players have competed in the same number of the last four Majors and also have won the same amount of money, each player's place in the order of finish for the previous Unfrozen Caveman will break the tie. (Assuming the UFC was the Major played prior to the Mondo). For further ties, keep going back a Major at a time to compare place finishes. If all else fails, the Majors War Deck will be determinant.