TURKEY CREEK GOLF

"SCRAMBLED" VOL. 5

by Luke Kniseley

"Golf is deceptively simple and endlessly complicated; it satisfies the soul and frustrates the intellect. It is at the same time rewarding and maddening – and is without a doubt the greatest game mankind has ever invented"

- Arnold Palmer

Having spent 26 years in the golf business, I've been fortunate to meet many different people from many walks of life. One highlight that comes to mind is the 2004 Masters. In 2003 three fellow caddies from the Ocean Course at Kiawah Island and I formed a non-profit organization in hopes of traveling the country caddying with all proceeds going to the ALS Therapy Development Foundation. We chose this foundation due to its ties to Tom Watson and his legendary caddie, the late Bruce Edwards. Although our efforts never came to fruition, I still wanted to make a donation to the foundation albeit small. That's when I purchased a \$50 raffle ticket on ALSTDF's website for 2 tickets to the Masters and a house in Augusta for the weekend. My folks and younger brother were in Charleston visiting for Alex's spring break when I received a call from a familiar voice. Tyson Goodrich of ALSTDF was my contact, we had spent hours on the phone trying to secure sponsorship for our "ACT Now for a Cure" campaign. The "American Caddie Tour" showed promise yet turned out to be just a pipe dream. "You won!" Tyson proclaimed! Having nearly forgotten purchasing the ticket a month prior, I was shocked to say the least. Before you know it, we are heading west from Charleston on Friday afternoon to find our Augusta home for the weekend and pickup our prized badges that granted us access to Augusta National Golf Club. The King, Arnold Palmer missed the cut on this Friday and bid farewell to Augusta National as a competitor. Pops and I arose early and headed for the gates. We chose to walk the entire course first and foremost. Something I would recommend to anybody on their first trip to the Masters. 2004 was the first of 7 different years I was able to walk these hallowed grounds. It is one of my favorite places on Earth. Phil Mickelson went on to slip into his first Green Jacket that Easter Sunday, a memory I'll never forget.

September 7th saw a record breaking 59 golfers challenge the front nine in our Texas Scramble format. 59 players meant 15 teams, one of which had just 3 players. Fueled by a hole out eagle on #9, witnessed by many around the range and on the tee behind them, Wednesday Night Scramble rookies Michael Woodley, Dustin Low, and Seth

Bryant posted a silky 7 under number to walk away with last week's title. Great shooting fellas! 15 teams also meant we would pay 5 spots. A 3 way tie for second place at 6 under forced a scorecard playoff. The random number generated by a random person @ Creeks 19th this week had us going backwards from hole 7. Propelled by their Eagle 3 on the 6th hole Jody Marriott's squad secured 2nd place. Also firing 6 under were the likes of Dan Yoder's team and Bruce Gile's team. Rounding out the money spots was the Veraska/Boukari team, the only team in the field sporting 2 father/son combos. With such a big field it's no surprise that the closest to the pins were each claimed by a couple of fine golf shots. Jeff Adams stuffed one on #4 and Canadian PGA's own Alain Trudeau's approach on #8 was indeed extremely tight.

RESULTS SEPTEMBER 7th 59 PLAYERS

CTP #4 \$40 – JEFF ADAMS CTP #8 \$40 – ALAIN TRUDEAU

1st PLACE -7 \$190 MICHAEL WOODLEY DUSTIN LOW SETH BRYANT

2ND PLACE -6 \$140 ** SCORECARD PLAYOFF ** JODY MARRIOTT SCOTTY LANGFORD SOHN MOON MIKE REAGAN

3RD PLACE -6 \$80 ** SCORECARD PLAYOFF ** BRUCE GILES TONY FERRO RONNIE PIRTLE TYLER ERIKSON

4TH PLACE -6 \$60 ** SCORECARD PLAYOFF ** DAN YODER TOM OLIPHANT CHRIS HEISLER ALAIN TRUDEAU

5TH PLACE -5 \$40 ** SCORECARD PLAYOFF ** (COLLECT \$ THIS WEEK)
KEN VEJRASKA
KYLE VEJRASKA
ROBERT BOUKARI
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I hope everyone had a great weekend, and I look forward to seeing you Wednesday night. This newsletter is going out to over 150 people, many of whom may not know the story behind the Miracle at Turkey Creek. Having only lived in the Gainesville area for 2 ½ years I am extremely grateful for the efforts put forth by many unsung heroes around Turkey Creek. I have been visiting my older brother in Turkey Creek for about 15 years and never had the chance to play the course prior to its closing. I absolutely love the layout of the course and look to the future of Turkey Creek with great hope. Thanks for your support! If you'd like to hear more on how Arnold Palmer helped shape the 14th hole please check out this January 2021 article published by Golf Digest. The Miracle at Turkey Creek

GENERAL INFORMATION

FIX BALL MARKS FILL DIVOTS CARTS ON PATH ONLY ON PAR 3s CARTS NO CLOSER THAN 12 YARDS FROM THE GREEN RETURN CARTS TO THE CART RETURN AREA UPON COMPLETION OF YOUR ROUND THE GAME 4 PLAYER SCRAMBLE \$20 TO ENTER (golf shop)++++PLUS++++ \$10 CASH (your team captain) EACH PLAYER MUST USE THEIR DRIVE AT LEAST ONCE BALL MUST BE PLACED NO NEARER THE HOLE/1 CLUB LENGTH CANNOT MODIFY THE LIE CONDITION (sand>grass) (rough>fairway) AGE 65 AND UP >>>> PLAY THE RED TEES AGE 80 AND UP >>>>> PLAY THE GREEN TEES CAPTAIN: BRING SCORECARD AND \$40 TO ME @ CREEKS 19th HAVE FUN!!! ***** 5:45 SHOTGUN START THIS WEDNESDAY ***REGISTER BEFORE 4:00 PM*** Luke Knisely

THE GAME

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With Daylight Savings Time just around the corner, look for details next "Scrambled" for our finale. Wednesday night September 28th will feature 2 flights. The Creek Division (no handicap requirements, tournament tees, higher entry fee) And the Turkey Division (same format as normal) Both flights will play in 8 somes. More details to come!

The practice facility at Turkey Creek is the best around, it's almost always bustling with many people striving to find their swing. I thought I would share one of the most valuable lessons I've learned with y'all. Feel free to take notes, and even better yet apply what you learn in tonight's game.

I hope everyone had a great week, see ya later today

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