



"SCRAMBLED" VOL 8

by Luke Knisely

"There is no truth in the idea that the person who hits the most balls will become the best golfer. Golf is a bizarre sport.

You can work for years on your game, without making any improvement in your score"

~ Fred "Boom Boom" Couples

Travel with me back to 1997. The **Chicago Bulls** beat the Jazz to win their fifth NBA Title. The **Packers** oust the Patriots in the Super Bowl, and The **Marlins** of Florida beat the Cleveland Indians in a riveting game 7. A certain **Stanford** alum slipped on his first Green Jacket in April by lapping the field by a mere **12** strokes. It was very easy to be a **Tiger Woods** fan, he made golf look much easier than it really is. Golf exploded in the US and beyond fueled by his energy, in the form of his patented fist pumps. When **Eldrick** was playing "*Tiger Golf*" it actually resembled art as much as it did Golf. Although Tiger fever was sweeping the globe, 15-year-old me pledged my allegiance early and often for one fella. This guy, from the Pacific Northwest, was the reason I nearly dropped a chunk of my high school savings on *Ashworth* stock. **Boom Boom** played **Lynx Black Cat Irons**, and to this day those sticks are atop my Christmas List. Words you may use when describing **Fred Couples** would include: effortless, smooth, silky, and even the occasional "buttery". The gumption he put on display to win the 1992 Masters cemented him in golf lore for **eternity**. The fact of the matter is women wanted him; men wanted to be him. Or at least swing like him. To be quite honest I fully expected that by 2022 there would be a fully submersive virtual reality experience that actually would allow a hacker like me to feel what Freddy feels, if only just once. In 2002 Kiawah Island played host to a one-day "Delta Maxfli Celebrity Charity Classic". **Johnny Bench** played, **Charles Barkley** attempted to play, **Jim McMahon** played barefoot and averaged a beer a hole, and even busted out a "Super Bowl Shuffle" on the 16th tee. Before sunrise, 32 Ocean Course loopers gathered around a hat in the **Caddyshack**. In the hat, numbers 1 thru 32. Suspense mounted, the number you drew was your spot in the "draft". Needless to say I drew **#27** and had to follow around my buddy Mark for two hours trying to get him to sell me his **#1** slot. In hindsight, I realize he had absolutely no intention of handing off his loop for Boom Boom, but he loved seeing me *squirm*. From the "bottom of the barrel" I selected **Esteban Toledo**. A **Mexican boxer** turned professional golfer, was basically the opposite of Mr. Couples. The lone bright spot lie in the tee times, we were off a full 2 hours before Freddy and Mark. Boom, my afternoon was set. A nice cigar while I

followed the dude that epitomized "cool", especially for a *golf-smitten* dork from northern **Indiana**. Toledo had plenty of game, yet had zero of the charisma Fredrick possessed. Really though, at the end of the day, who could honestly say they had Couples Charisma? Who is *your* favorite golfer?

As far as numbers go yesterday's turnout was mathematically ideal. 9 teams, 9 holes, 36 golfers. Last but certainly, definitely, absolutely last place went to my group. All of whom have requested to be left out of this edition of Scrambled! I really thought we had a chance until the unheard-of back-to-back bogeys in the middle of the round. Hey, to all the winners, we were happy we could donate! Making his debut in the event was **Parker Severance**, so he decided to make a statement by sticking his 8 iron on #14 to scoop \$30. The best shot I witnessed yesterday came from phenom **Eric Payne**, I cannot confirm or deny whether or not I witnessed this feat as a passerby or a concerned teammate. Eric's near-perfect shot on 17 was needed to get inside of local legend **Robert Boukari Sr**. Roberts's shot was very classy in his attack to the back left pin, but Payne hoisted a shot that had other passersby's thinking it was a **1**. After easily tapping in a 2 footer for Deuce and a natural birdie, Eric's team still stood no chance. The team of **Keith Miller, Chris Lewis, Craig Tomlinson** and **Clayton Eiland** was able to separate themselves from a gaggle of teams at 6 under when they carded 7 under. They scooped \$60 for their solid play. We had a tie atop with two teams firing stellar 8 under 28s. Kitchen staff member *Parker* was our *Random Number Generator* for the evening and next thing you know we are going backward from 16 to see who took the title this week. We didn't need to go backward at all though because our winners this week made an impressive birdie on 16. First-hand accounts report Cory Brown holing between 45 and 60 feet of putts. Impressive stuff from the big fella! He takes **MVP** on the victorious team of **Charlie Shays, Ryan Kirkman, Brown** and **Severance**. Nice playing fellas, you guys divvied up **\$140** smackers! Equaling the 8 under number was the team of **Alain Trudeau, Mike Christie, Austin Nichols** and **Jerre Carr**. They walked with \$100usd. It's only a matter of time till some squad puts up the elusive 9 under number. 8 under is still the lowest score of the year. Next week we will go at 5:00 as well and I am going to promote a Registration Deadline of 3 pm, which if adhered to may just allot yours truly enough time to perhaps hit a few balls prior to go time. Once upon a time, when I used to actually play some decent golf, I could hit a couple of balls on the range and say to my playing partners jokingly, "it



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doesn't take long to warm up a Rolls Royce". An accurate description of the current state of my game might just be a *1991 Geo Prizm*.

The field is filling for the Glow Ball Night Golf on Wednesday, November 9. A fun-filled evening open to anybody... Grab a team, a couple of headlamps, and come fire at the flagsticks in the dark!



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3RD PLACE -7 \$60
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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!!!

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

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