

DECISIONS MADE

SOMETHINGS DIFFERENT – Have you heard? Geneva will be different this year. The necessity to move Saturday's early round from the famed Geneva course to Hemlock shook up a few traditions and probably introduced new ones. With an 8:30 starting time at Hemlock it becomes important that tee times and pairings are predetermined to assure all play. If you have a foursome, threesome, or twosome for Saturday, let me know. I will pass your information to the Pairings Committee. The intent is to keep this round as close and as enjoyable as in the past. Those without a game will be joined together with like personalities and like skills to fill the groups. I have already received a few entries. Another change will be with the Skill Shot competition. A different venue dictates different challenges. Earmark to claim \$50 bounties for best golf shots are all four par 3's for Closest to the Pin, No.6 for Closest Second Shot, Longest Drive will occur on No.12 fairway, and Longest Made First Putt will take place on the 16th green. That adds two extra Skill Shots from past Geneva's. The Competition Committee added one more addendum to this year's curriculum. A Skins Game will become part of Scramble's agenda. A \$240 pool will be divvied for each team's Skin. The thought is earning a Skin during this tournament will be as hard as finding a plant-based barbecue in Texas. Got all that? If not, I am here to keep it straight. You will know at the Commissioner's Dinner if you won.

SOMETHINGS SAME – After all the mumble jumble in the previous paragraph on changes, many traditions remain intact. Best Ball Champions (Ben Lloyd, Nick Boggess, Matt Mazzocco, and Ron Szymczak) will defend their crown. In case you forgot, they shot a Geneva record of 16 under par. "A" players pick their squads to attempt to defeat the champs at the Commissioner's Dinner. Two-man teams, drawn on Thursday night, will compete to capture the Gavin Cup from current holders Ron Szymczak and Tony McGuckin. They promise it will not be easy. Per usual, there will be Skins games on Friday and Saturday. The Scramble will be back on the hallowed grounds of Geneva starting at 3:30. The Commissioner's Dinner will follow in the Geneva shelter with steaks hitting the grill around 7:30

and winning stipends distributed throughout the feast. The practice round on July 27 has a noon tee time at Madison for anyone interested in scouting the course. Skins will be played. Shawn Dorn's number is 614-778-9560 to be part of this warmup. See! Not everything is new. I have it on good authority that plenty of beer and booze will be available up and down the Strip. Not sure what Doc has in store to serve at Lumpy's Gathering House. His Manhattans and Old Fashions are exquisite.

JELLY'S BRAINCHILD – Picture this, A scene we witnessed many times, revitamizing after a round of golf, this time in Kentucky, with a cocktail in one hand and a joint in the other. Off on one of my space adventures, I have believed for 50 years this combination would be beneficial to settle many conflicts from Beijing to Washington and all across the world. Intoxicants have been vital throughout the history of mankind including its creative effect on documents like the Declaration of Independence, songs like White Rabbit and Purple Haze, and movies like Fantasia. Okay! I get it. I am off on one of my wild tangents. But maybe, on this May afternoon, a new seed fermented. There was a gleam in Tony McGuckin's eyes when he suggested a golf trip to Las Vegas, a gleam as bright as the midday sun in the Sonoran Desert. Why did he pick me to reveal his dream? I can only guess. "Whoa!" I said. Count me in but I made it very clear I am not organizing such a tedious undertaking. He asked if I would endorse the jaunt and I promised I would. Jelly's first order of business is to see if there is interest. Here is a call to think seriously about golf and gambling in Vegas and let Tony know if such a junket is feasible. Interest is priority to make Tony's dream come true. I know two of us will commit.

SETTING THE FIELD – It is that time. Below you will find a list of committed and possible participants of the 2023 Geneva Open. The sooner we know the field, the better the outing. Merchandise can be ordered. Tee times can be adjusted at the three courses. Pairings can be devised for Madison and Hemlock and the Scramble teams can be created. If your name is on the list and you are not attending or if you plan to play and your name is absent, please let me know. I am looking for that light at the end of the tunnel. Of course, it is important to heed the words of Metallica who sang, "Be careful of the light at the end of the tunnel. That soothing light may be the light of a freight train coming at you."

POTENTIAL FIELD

Dagon Abdon	Shawn Dorn	Mark Kovachy
Todd Abdon	Fritz Ford	Bob Elflein
Sam Kovachy	Gary Glanzman	Ray Ballard
Frank Alexander	Ben Lloyd	Gary Mazzocco
Dick Barrett	Greg Gudenkauf	Matt Mazzocco
Jerry Graves	Alex Ballard	Jack Berger
Nate McCorkle	Tim Black	Vince Gatto
Richie Heskett	Tom Black	Tony McGuckin
Steve Miller	Brian Hughes	Bill Boggess
Craig Marshall	Jay Green	Keith Boggess
Mike Pagnanelli	Tim Hughes	Blaise Plageman
Don Jander	Dick Plageman	Nick Boggess
Dick Plageman	Richie Heskett	Jared Boling
Bob Rutherford	Tom Jech	Jacob Davis
Pat Dorn	Tom Prunte	Mark Johnson
Rick Jonas	Don Rutherford	Ron Szymczak
Kerry Joyce	Paden West	Zack Jonas
Kyle Willis		