

SKINS & SKILL SHOTS WRAP UP

INDIVIDUALITY

The past three articles have recapped the team games from Geneva. I would like to take this opportunity to give pats on the back to those who bested the field with their individual play. Several of the names regularly win one of these honors. Some will surprise you. One name guaranteed not to appear for stellar performances is Frank Alexander. His golf is like a tangled strand of Christmas lights constantly fighting to unjumble his game and, try as he does, cannot hit two good shots on a hole. He brings to light Judge Smails philosophy in Caddy Shack when he said;

It's easy to grin
When your ship comes in,
And you got the Stock Market beat.
But the man worthwhile
Is the man who can smile
When his shorts are too tight in the seat.

Tell me if you heard these names before. Collecting Skin money were Legend Gary Glanzman, Nick Boggess, and Pat Dorn. They were three of the five winners at Madison on Friday. Pat earned his Skin with an eagle on No. 8. Two others pocketing \$90 for a Friday Skin were Tim Black and Rick Jonas. What amazes us about Rick's play is he subscribes to Carl's (Bill Murray character in Caddy Shack) daily agenda. "This is a hybrid," Carl said talking about the different grasses on the golf course. "This is a cross of blue grass, Kentucky blue grass, featherbed bench, and Northern California sinsemilla. The amazing stuff about this is that you can play 36 holes on it in the afternoon, take it home, and just get stoned to the bejesus-belt that night on the stuff." That is why Rick Jonas is known as a Doobie Brother.

Could that stuff be magical? Rick captured another Skin on Sunday with his birdie on No. 5 at Geneva. He was one of three winners in the "A" flight. He shared the \$240 purse with Nick Boggess and Dagon Abdon. Nick birdied 10 and Dagon eagled 7. The "B" flight provided a different list of winners in the Skins game. Paden West, Shawn Dorn, Ben Lloyd, Gary Mazzocco, and Jamie Vernon hit the jackpot with their play filling their pocketbook with an extra \$60 apiece. Shawn won with a par on the tough 8th hole. The others carded birdies for their payday.

Those are the guys who played a hole better than everybody else. Here are the fellows who hit the best shot on designated holes. Todd Abdon, Ron Szymczak, and Shawn Dorn hit Closest to the Pin on the par 3's. Miraculously, not one player hit 14 green. Shawn's pin shot onto the 16th green was close enough to award him the prize despite Mike Pagnanelli moving the marker which was in his line then forgetting to replace it. Mini-Legend Jerry Graves made the Longest Putt on No. 9, a flat, straight on 10-footer. Dagon Abdon belted the Longest Drive. The Closest 2nd Shot on the 15th hole was hit by Gary Mazzocco which set him up nicely for his Skin. Skilled shots from skilled golfers. Notice Frank Alexander was not listed. Feeling frustrated at my performance I reminded myself of the line by Ty Webb (played by Chevy Chase in Caddy Shack) to Judge Smalls when he said, "Don't sell yourself short. You're a tremendous slouch."

Ahhh! But I do have something to brag upon. I beat Nick Boggess in a \$5 Nassau match. O.K.! I got 30 strokes, 15 a side. I buried him. Nick's 74 was no match for my 97. Sure, I will be more than happy to give him a chance to chase his money next year. Truthfully, Frank Alexander is not cut out to be a golfer. If you see my game, then you know few dig up a course as well as me. Perhaps I should try my hand at something else. As Judge Smalls so elegantly stressed, "The world needs ditch diggers too."