

## CHIP SHOTS

# FINAL WORDS

DISHING OUT “THANK YOUS” – If you did not have a good time in Geneva you have only yourself to blame. There was an overabundance of opportunities to gather bags filled with laughs and fun to store in our memory box that will be rehashed to the less fortunate who did not attend. Many deserve mention for their contribution in making Geneva a must attend event. As Jed Clampett says, “Lets quit blowing the fur and bite into the meat.” Legend Fritz Ford is instrumental in supplying hats, yetis, and other merchandise for the outing. His job never ends and we are already in discussion for next year’s giveaways. The effort Jay Green puts in confirming commitments is invaluable. He must perform his task quickly and precisely so the other Committees can execute their duties. Blaise Plageman and Ben Lloyd control the Geneva scoreboard figuring skins and Gavin Cup totals with immediate and precise efficiency. How about a slap on the back to Shawn Dorn for his Scramble work and organizing Thursday’s practice round at Little Mountain? Mel Voll works the grill like a Master Chef and I need mention Ron Szymczak for his high tech expertise on this website. The biggest “thank you” is extended to everyone who comes to Geneva. Nearly 50 different personalities amass at this playground community and spend three days intoxicating oneself with good vibes and not a hint of animosity. “THANK YOU”

VENUE COMMENTARY – The hallowed grounds of Geneva have never painted a greener picture. The rainy July weather was a major factor. For the past three years several trees have been removed allowing sun to stimulate thicker fairways and better kept greens. The maintenance crew appear to finally have a handle on golf course care. Do not take me wrong, Geneva will never be in Augusta shape. Still, the course is better. Throwing His good graces on the outing, God provided perfect weather giving us His stamp of approval. It may have been the only four day stretch in July nary of precipitation. Improvements to the Bates Mo....err, Pera’s Motel was recognizable. The new windows installed displayed a more modern look as if shedding the John Lennon specs for the wider, rounder style of the times. Gone is the table Frank destroyed while showing off his Foster Brooks impression and replaced with a sturdy Amish design covered by a fancy

table cloth. And the beds....for the first time in 47 years that I can recall we crashed on new beds. They were not Sleep Number but better none-the-less. Management seems determined to keep them for another 47 years. Plastic protection sandwiched between the mattress and box springs crackled with every movement. Don Rutherford said, "It's like sleeping on a bag of potato chips." More improvements are scheduled for next year including a brand spanking new swimming pool. We cannot wait.

GENEVA SICK BAY I – I heard from two of the Geneva fraternity who were forced to miss the outing due to physical ailments. About a week before we gathered at the hallowed grounds, Legend Gary Glanzman underwent back surgery. Despite his pain, Gary played golf until his procedure and recorded two holes in one just weeks prior. That is fact. Since the surgery, he played a few 9 hole rounds but zero holes in ones. On his road to recovery, Mr. Glanzman developed a gastronomic condition bringing on a severe case of acid reflex, diagnosed as an acid lining inflammation. Damn-near landed him in the hospital. He overcame this discomfort. Next up is a knee replacement. Gary is quickly building into a bionic man. After all this, if he chooses to move to the senior tees (he is eligible you know), he may become a terminator to all the young guns in Geneva.

GENEVA SICK BAY II – The story of Mark Johnson has been well documented. His surgery to repair his torn Achilles tendon took place in August. How is he doing? I will let Mark tell you. I received this e-mail. "I am doing good. About 6 to 8 weeks of the boot and physical therapy. I hope to be back golfing by Thanksgiving. Hope for a mild fall!!!" That is good news. We look forward to seeing Mark next July.

CAPPING 2021 – As we seal the lid to Geneva 2021, we turn our attention to 2022. The dates next year are July 22 thru July 24. Look for more surprises from Blaise Plageman. Last year he piloted a drone taking wonderful overhead pictures of Geneva. This year he trailered his very own golf cart, licensed for street travel, a new way to tour the Strip. If he stayed sober enough, he could taxi the overindulged participants back to their rooms. Fat chance of that happening. Maybe he will have a boat for the Lake Erie waters next time. Stay tuned.

Nevertheless, I suggest you make plans to join us for all the fun and games. As the late Bobby Bowden would say, “Don’t go to the grave with life unused.”