

CHIP SHOTS

SAFE AND SOUND – Barbara Eden, playing a newspaper reporter in an episode of the Virginian said, “Do not let the facts interfere with a good story.” It is a code of ethics followed quite often especially from political correspondents. I am not one to adhere to this philosophy. Only the facts come from my pen. Sometimes, however, I am not privy to all the facts. That is the case with this paragraph. The facts I know about the recent Geneva Open indicate the weekend concluded and not one participant fell victim to covid-19. It is an accomplishment of which I am most proud. The health and well-being of the Geneva fraternity is of utmost importance, much higher on the scale than one’s handicap and partner. Although there were no reports of covid-19, there were evidence of Coronaitis and Bud Lightist. Am I getting old? There was once a day when other things about Barbara Eden would have distracted my attention and I would not have heard a word she said.

NO DIFFERENT – Some things proceeded per usual during the Geneva weekend. Events taking place at Maple Ridge and the Geneva course occurred as if safely protected in our own bubble. Mark, Geneva’s golf superintendent, welcomed the field with no restrictions and rules. The Commissioner’s Dinner at the shelter house, only a long putt from the police station, was another successful endeavor. Back at Pera’s, the golfers checked in with a mandate from Sherry and her female band of servants about mask wearing. Once the order was directed, their backs turned and it was life as always around Pera’s village. They love us in Geneva and look forward to our return.

DIFFERENT – Those who ventured outside our imaginary bubble needed patience and an ability to adjust from the normal. Nary a live band could be found. Staples like the Swiss Chalet and the Cove were deafly silent of screeching guitars and pounding drums. These joints became sort of comedy clubs as they turned to karaoke. Thank God the booze was not affected. The saloons could still stay open until 2:30. Mary’s Kitchen eliminated tables making for long waits of a half an hour or so just to be seated. Several golfers nearly missed tee times on Saturday. They learned their lesson. Despite sporting hangovers they were first seated in Mary’s diner come Sunday morning. That speaks volumes about the quality of Mary’s rations. The other breakfast option, Madsen Donuts, drew a line

along the Strip as if folks were waiting for hundred dollar handouts. Dining areas at Chops (aka known as the Restaurant Lounge) were blocked and waiting at the bar for a table to open was not an option. A Genevian could die of thirst. Here is hoping a vaccine is concocted rather quickly.

ALCOHOLIC OR DRUNK – Over the years, I thought I raised my boy, Legend Vince Gatto, in my image and likeness. It hurt me when Shannon Boothe called him a drunk. Vince has been known to over indulge sometimes, but a drunk? I pictured Otis Campbell staggering into Andy Taylor's jail in Mayberry and locking himself in a cell to sleep off his bender. Despite Shannon's harsh accusations, Vince insisted he was an alcoholic but not a drunk. In the laws of the State of Ohio, most all of us at Geneva are alcoholics. But drunks? Whether alcoholic or drunk I really like Vince' philosophy. "Why limit happy to an hour?"

A CHRISTMAS CHEER

FROM THE COMMISH

The Holidays are always special,
A fact few will deny,
Why just once a year?
There is Geneva in July.

Don't take my word,
Ask golfer Tim Hughes,
Annual crusades to Geneva
Relieves one's societal blues.

Five months before Christmas,
The grass a Geneva green,
Matched with blood shot red eyes,
Paint a Yuletide scene.

Those Christmases in July
Creating memories compiled,
Like boys among breasts
With girls that gone wild.

The legacy of Black's ace
Will forever be coddled,
As Vince Gatto's short drive
Teed from a Michelobe bottle.

There's Noggy's pin ball shot
Inside the shelter house walls,
Or the famous Godiva stomps,
A feat that took balls.

Some make Santa's bad list
From true deeds not fable,

There was Frank's drunk destruction
To Pera's antique table.

Colored lights out my window
Gleam in December's wind,
All I ask for Christmas
Is a lone Geneva skin.

The Holiday tradition
Of good wine and roast beast,
Makes me think back to July
To our Geneva feast.

There is something Christmasie
At the Commissioner's steak dinner,
Santa Frank passes envelopes
To the weekend's big winners.

Deer jerky from Boggess,
Yoli's thunderous wails,
Squid's encyclopedic mind
Recounts many a tales.

The Legends are living pillars,
Fritz delivers the goods,
Blaise plays like John Daly,
Dagon like Tiger Woods.

A long list of personalities
From past to present day,
Joe Casa and Doc Welby,
In spirit still play.

Fun times with Wally and Riffle,
Steve Hoffman and Huck,
We miss all these dudes,
Roy, Ralph, "G", and Chuck.

But the games play on,
No past in our way,
When June rolls around,
Come register with Jay.

Season Greetings from the Commish,
Drink your fave cheer,
Merry Christmas to all,
I'll see you next year.

A LETTER FROM THE COMMISSIONER

Howdy Fellas,

I am thrilled to introduce a new Geneva webpage. This is a project we ventured in the past but rising cost from our provider brought that exercise to an abrupt end. A new opportunity became available with a new webmaster. Ron Szymczak, a Geneva fraternity brother, approached this office and volunteered to handle the publication aspect of this exciting endeavor. It took me all of five minutes to jump on board.

This is the first installment of the new Geneva webpage. My experience with the past Geneva website and creative, fresh insights from Ron gives this new project better odds of success than Cincitucky's Bungles. Each new entry will set higher goals to make our website full of information and entertainment in a most classy display. As its editor, any input Geneva brothers send forth will be considered as part of the next issue.

At this time, I am uncertain how often this site will be updated. Expect new material at a quicker pace during Ohio's golf season than during the dreary winter months. Each edition will be announced via e-mail as they are refreshed. I will send the link to access the Geneva site. Copy to your phone, computer, or any data device to be sure not to miss Geneva words, stats, and pictures of interest.

Plans continue to proceed for Geneva 2020. July 24 will be day 1 at Maple Ridge. I am confident Geneva will take place as it annually does. I look forward to seeing all of you.

Words Of Confidence,

The Commissioner

Frank

GENEVA 2020

Thursday – July 23

Practice round at Maple Ridge or Geneva-on-the-Lake

Draw for Gavin Cup partners

Friday – July 24

First round at Maple Ridge (noon)

Opening round for Gavin Cup play

Skins Game

Saturday – July 25

Golf at Geneva-on-the-Lake (8:30 A.M.)

Moving day for Gavin Cup tournament

Skins Game

Skill Shots

9 Hole Scramble

Commissioner's Dinner at 7:00 P.M.

("A" players draft Best Ball teams)

Sunday – July 26

Golf at Geneva-on-the-Lake (9:00 A.M.)

Best Ball Tournament

Final round in Gavin Cup competition

GENEVA 2020 RESULTS

BEST BALL

- 1st PLACE – Pat Dorn – Tony McGuckin – Irv Schumaker – Don Rutherford \$640
- 2nd PLACE – Matt Mazzocco – Nick Boggess – Dagon Abdon – Gary Mazzocco \$370
- 3rd PLACE – Todd Abdon – Tom Black – Fritz Ford – Ray Ballard \$100
- 4th PLACE – Nate McCorkle – Bill Boggess – Jacob Davis – Bob Rutherford
- 5th PLACE – Blaise Plageman – Dick Plageman – Shawn Dorn – Mark Johnson
- 5th PLACE – Andrew Badea – Paden West – Craig Marshall – Shannon Boothe
- 7th PLACE – Jack Berger – Mark Spangler – Mike Spangler – Tom Prunte
- 8th PLACE – Gary Glanzman – Tim Black – Tim Hughes – Kerry Joyce
- 8th PLACE – Keith Boggess – Mike Pagnanelli – Vince Gatto - Frank Alexander
- 8th PLACE – Michael Badea – Jarod Boling – Jim Kuban – Steve Miller

GAVIN CUP

- 1st PLACE – Jack Berger – Tom Black -18 \$200
- 2nd PLACE – Todd Abdon – Gary Mazzocco -17 \$100
- 3rd PLACE – Gary Glanzman – Tony McGuckin -16 \$80
- 4th PLACE – Dick Plageman – Kerry Joyce -13 \$10
- 4th PLACE – Jarod Boling – Tim Black -13 \$10
- 6th PLACE – Mark Spangler – Frank Alexander -12
- 7th PLACE – Shawn Dorn – Craig Marshall -6
- 7th PLACE – Nate McCorkle – Mark Johnson -6
- 9th PLACE – Matt Mazzocco – Irv Schumaker -3
- 10th PLACE – Mike Pagnanelli – Tom Prunte -2
- 11th PLACE – Fritz Ford – Ray Ballard 0
- 12th PLACE – Dagon Abdon – Jacob Davis +1
- 13th PLACE – Vince Gatto – Jim Kuban +5
- 14th PLACE – Nick Boggess – Bill Boggess +9
- 15th PLACE – Pat Dorn – Tim Hughes +12

16th PLACE – Michael Badea – Bob Rutherford +14

17th PLACE – Paden West – Mike Spangler +19

18th PLACE – Andrew Badea – Don Rutherford +26

19th PLACE – Blaise Plageman – Steve Miller +27

20th PLACE – Keith Boggess – Shannon Boothe +40

SCRAMBLE CHAMPIONS

Dagon Abdon – Shawn Dorn – Bob Rutherford – Mike Spangler \$280

FRIDAY SKINS (\$57 each)

Dagon Abdon #2

Craig Marshall #3

Dagon Abdon #8

Craig Marshall #10

Pat Dorn #13

Gary Glanzman #14

Nick Boggess #16

SATURDAY “A” SKINS (\$26 each)

Michael Badea #4

Nick Boggess #8

Blaise Plageman #11

Vince Gatto #13

Michael Badea #14

Blaise Plageman #16

Nick Boggess #16

SATURDAY “B” SKINS (\$67 each)

Irv Schumaker #2

Tony Prunte #3

Irv Schumaker #9

SKILL SHOTS (\$50 each)

Closest to Pin #3 Andrew Badea

Longest Made 1st Putt #9 Keith Boggess

Longest Drive #11 Shannon Boothe

Closest 2nd Shot to Pin #15 Tim Hughes

Closest to Pin #16 Michael Badea

JACK BERGER AND TOM BLACK

MAKE SISTER GAVIN PROUD

It was a year of last minute changes and much confusion but in the end the right two men claimed the Gavin Cup Trophy. Mini-Legend, Jack Berger, was a model student during Sister Gavin's rule back at Wehrle High School in the 70's Tom Black never experienced the witchy nun's insistence on strict discipline but his father, Tim, did. Watching from above, she must be very pleased those two classy men are keepers of her prized trophy they earned playing three grueling days of golf better than every other team. The Gavin Cup is in good hands. The golf gods found the right twosome to display, brag, and care for this symbol of success. Expect the trophy to return to Geneva next July spit shined like a pair of Warren Buffett alligator shoes.

There was much concern if Shannon Boothe won the prize. He was far from her favorite student. Sister Gavin prohibited him from serving as Student Council President although he was the choice of the student body. Her dictator ways often clashed with Shannon's free spirited personality. He still holds a grudge. He promised to piss on the trophy if given the opportunity. Pat Dorn prayed to Sister Gavin for forgiveness as Shannon revealed his plan. Her dominate will and control still commands our lives even as she rests six feet in a hole. Shannon finished last in the GAVIN CUP TOURNAMENT.

180 degrees on the opposite end of the spectrum is Mini-Legend Jack Berger. Since the initial GAVIN CUP TOURNAMENT nearly 20 years ago, he watched the rotating trophy passed back and forth like a spectator at midcourt following the ball travel to and fro over the net in a world class tennis match. Jack was on hand and witnessed Legends Gary Glanzman and Fritz Ford as well as Mini-Legend Jerry Graves (twice) capture the coveted hardware but never even caught a sniff as the tournament's winner. Next year his name will be immortalized on the Gavin Cup and he could not be prouder. Our Short Buddy, Mini-Legend Jerry Graves, called as Jack was in route home after the outing and could hear the excitement in Jack's voice as he spoke about the accomplishment.

Jack could not have won without Tom Black's play. Truth be told, Tom was the horse on this team. Last year, Tom's dad, Tim, earned headlines with the only hole in one in Geneva's 44 year history. That hole, No.16, is now referred to as "The Black Hole". This year it was Tom's turn to headline. His net score of 188 catching 26 strokes a round made him 28 under par. The

team finished 18 under par. The field caught a break when Jack shot a 97 on Sunday, highest round ever for Mr. Berger at a Geneva Open. Over the years, Jack was consistent like knowing the Ohio State band would perform Script Ohio and a tuba player dots the "I". We count on Jack shooting in the 80's. Tom was not going to allow Jack' poor golf cost them the GAVIN CUP title.

Tom was on fire. Berger and Black trailed last year's winners, Todd Abdon and Gary Mazzocco by three shots after round one. On moving day, they raced past the defending champions taking a 5 stroke lead into Sunday's closing 18 holes. A fantastic finish ensued. Mini-Legend Jack Berger pulled himself together in time to par the last hole to match Gary Mazzocco' par and Tom Black birdied the 18th hole to match Todd Abdon' four. When the final results were tallied, Jack and Tom finished one stroke better than Todd and Gary. Tell me Sister Gavin had nothing to do with her favorites winning this tournament. Next year, we will see how much she helps Jack Berger and Tom Black defend their trophy.

MANY THANKS

The book on the 2020 Geneva Open has damn-near been written. All that is left is the epilogue. With the world pandemically frightened and folks ordered to cover their faces like Wild West bandits, the boys at Geneva deserve recognition as we proved life need not be lived in a bunker. After three days of intense participation on both the golf course and socially around the Strip and Pera's luxurious veranda, it was all smiles despite the fact we were about to return to the chaotic world. Taking off from the parking lot, there was high anticipation for next year's tournament. From an organizer stand point, putting together this year's event was like fixing holes in the dam. We almost ran out of fingers to plug all seepage.

Great work from Jay Green on the Registration Committee and Mike Weilbacher leading the Scramble Committee although neither could make this year's tournament. Last minute changes were necessary when several withdrew during Geneva week. Each obstacle was like throwing a plugged in Sony TV, power on, into hot bath water. ZZZZZZZ! I want to thank Blaise Plageman for his input in helping restore order. We should probably pay homage to Crown Royal for dulling our anxieties.

The Commissioner's Dinner was also affected. With the late scratches, I was forced into the SCRAMBLE shortening prep time for dinner and divvying the cash winnings. A big "thank you" to Kerry Joyce for stepping to the plate as sous chef and very involved in the clean up after dinner. Kerry learned firsthand rooming with the Commissioner is not always an escape from household chores. Grill Chef Mel Voll was low on iron and stamina and was encouraged to stay home because of lack of immunity to fight the coronavirus. Three cheers for Fritz Ford and Bob Rutherford for picking up Mel's grilling duties. They did a nice job but will be thrilled to relinquish the tongs to Mel next year.

For Fritz, Friday and Saturday were two days of emotional agony. Friday came with his auto breakdown. Worried it may be his transmission and finding a mechanic free enough to fix his problem the tow dragged his vehicle to Painesville. Following his annual Legend's golf match on Saturday, Fritz raced to Painesville to retrieve his car and returned in time to compete in the SCRAMBLE.

All this occurred before he found himself orchestrating the grill at the Commissioner's Dinner.

If that is not enough, we need to thank Fritz for providing the fantastic coolers and caps we received. The way he produces as head of the Merchandise Committee is why he is a Geneva Legend. If only the coolers were filled with cold beer. I was just saying.

The efforts of Blaise Plageman and his assistant Shawn Dorn handling the scores is a godsend. Every winner appreciates their work. Without their contributions, I may not had time to award prize money. From Friday through Sunday Blaise and Shawn calculated the results and were instrumental in naming the new champions.

The biggest thanks goes to the 40 participants. Each and everyone of you deserve a pat on the back. Geneva would be like a seamstress class without your happy and infectious personalities. There is enough hell on this earth but for three or four days, Geneva gives us a preview of heaven sans the hangovers. I am already looking forward to next year. Some do not want to wait. Sunday, after the final round and home in Columbus, one player called and asked if we could do it again the following week. Those kind of reactions makes all of us proud. Thank you! THANK YOU! **THANK YOU!**

Geneva Tee Times - Maple Ridge - Friday 7/24/2020

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| 12:00 | | 12:32 | | 1:04 |
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| G. Glanzman | | Frank Alexander | | Tommy Black |
| V. Gatto | | Kerry Joyce | | Jacob Davis |
| Jack Berger | | Shannon Booth | | Tony McG |
| Fritz Ford | | Bob Rutherford | | Tim Hughes |
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| 12:08 | | 12:40 | | 1:12 |
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| Dagon Abdon | | Gary Mazz | | J. Boling |
| Todd Abdon | | Matt Mazz | | T. Prunte |
| Paden West | | Irv Schumacker | | Nate McCork |
| Nick Bogges | | Jim Kuban | | Craig Marshall |
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| 12:16 | | 12:48 | | 1:20 |
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| Bill Bogges | | Jander | | Mark Spangler |
| Keith Bogges | | Bill Kirk | | Mike Spangler |
| Blaize | | Ron Syz | | Jim Centorbi |
| Shawn Dorn | | Tim Black | | |
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| 12:24 | | 12:56 | | |
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| Mike Pags | | Ray Ballard | | |
| Pat Dorn | | Mark Johnson | | |
| Dick Plageman | | Don Rutherford | | |
| Steve Miller | | Mile Badia | | |

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GENEVA IS ON – In case there were doubts about the 2020 edition of the Geneva Open, wipe it from your mind. The course supervisor assured me all systems are “go” and the event will take place per usual. The secure times of 8:30 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. on Saturday and the traditional 9:00 A.M. start on Sunday are locked into the Geneva-on-the-Lake computer. The shelter, a half wedge from 18 green, will be ready for the Commissioner’s Dinner. Our main concern will be tracking Chef Mel Voll at the appropriate time to grill the steaks. If there is a doctor or veterinarian in the field, I would like to discuss the possibility of installing a chip in Mel’s gum for GPS purposes. Some years tracking Mel after an afternoon on the Strip or lounging in Pera’s pool is much harder than finding your wayward Titleist in deep fescue. The only request from the course is we ride two to a cart to insure enough vehicles for all.

WEBSITE LINKS FILLED – Once finished reading this column, may I suggest checking the links entitled “GENEVA HISTORY” and “GENEVA 2020”. The article in the “GENEVA HISTORY” link first appeared on the old Geneva website. Some read it before. I refreshed and brought it up to date. In today’s world, often the righteous want to change history and mess with legend despite never a part. You will not find me changing legend or history. I was involved. The “Birth of Geneva” article recounts how it all began. Consider that piece Gospel. The “GENEVA 2020” link is about this year and provides an itinerary of the weekend. Awards for the first two days golf will be distributed at the Commissioner’s Dinner. BEST BALL and GAVIN CUP winners collect after completion of Sunday’s round.

EARLY COMMITMENT APPRECIATED – Our Committees are hard at work to gather enough of a head count to prepare for the coming outing. By Independence Day, prep duties swing to concocting gourmet feasts. Tee times are added and subtracted according to numbers. BEST BALL, GAVIN CUP, and SCRAMBLE participants can rightly and fairly be teamed. Enough merchandise and steaks can be supplied to assure everyone is included. Finally, the Commissioner can save a few years of life from less stress. To commit to this year’s Geneva Open contact Jay Green at 614-237-5703. If unable to reach Jay, my number is 216-702-0110. If I do not answer, please leave a message. You can always e-mail the

Commissioner at calexander1@sbcglobal.net. Yes or no and how many in your group would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your cooperation.

YUTES ARE THE FUTURE – Last year, we had a record number of players reaching the 44 mark. I do not expect as many for the 2020 outing. Aches, pains, and disabilities both physical and mental from the old geezers is slowly taking its toll. Do not get me wrong, there is still life in Geneva's senior set just far less capable to keep up with the younger lads who have enough stamina and gumption to party hard for three straight days. Old age ailments look to sideline Mini-Legend Jerry Graves, Dick Barrett, Ralph DiCarolus, and John Skunza this year. We turn to the Blaise Plageman's, Shawn Dorn's, Nick Boggess', and Craig Marshall's to keep Geneva alive. They are "Geneva Worthy" and so are their friends. It is good to know Geneva will be in good hands for years to come. Remember, change is inevitable except from a vending machine.

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GENEVA FIELD – Leaders of many of the Geneva Committees are vigorously working to make the 2020 Geneva Open as successful as the others despite these perilous times. Once the field is set, the other Committees can kick into gear. Work for the BEST BALL, GAVIN CUP, and SCRAMBLE tournaments cannot commence until we know the players. Less than a month from Maple Ridge, final commitments are appreciated. Below is a list of perspective participants in alphabetical order. If anyone wants added or eliminated please inform me soon.

2020 PROSPECTIVE GENEVA FIELD

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| Dagon Abdon | Jacob Davis | Nate McCorkle |
| Todd Abdon | Pat Dorn | Tony McGuckin |
| Frank Alexander | Shawn Dorn | Steve Miller |
| Andrew Badea | Fritz Ford | Mike Pagnanelli |
| Michael Badea | Vince Gatto | Blaise Plageman |
| Ray Ballard | Gary Glanzman | Dick Plageman |
| Jack Berger | Tim Hughes | Tom Prunte |
| Tim Black | Don Jander | Bob Rutherford |
| Tom Black | Mark Johnson | Don Rutherford |
| Bill Boggess | Kerry Joyce | Irv Schumaker |
| Keith Boggess | Bill Kirk | Mark Spangler |
| Nick Boggess | Jim Kuban | Mike Spangler |
| Jared Boling | Craig Marshall | Ron Szymczak |
| Shannon Boothe | Gary Mazzocco | Paden West |
| Jim Centorbi | Matt Mazzocco | |

DIFFERENT GENEVA – For over 45 years we have learned what to expect from the Geneva Strip. Each year may bring minor changes but most establishments remain constant. Because of the coronavirus, this year's event will undergo a more exploratory zone. Bars, restaurants, tattoo parlors, Capo's Pizzeria, Madsen Donuts, and Mary's Kitchen among others depend on tourists. Will the masses come despite the fear health officials elucidated about the need for self-distancing? If alarming numbers stay away then businesses suffer enormous financial damages and summer will look like winter without the snow possibly leading to America's next ghost town. That is a nightmare of colossal magnitude. Honestly, that scenario is taking the pandemic to extremes. The fact remains, the Geneva Strip will be different. One thing fairly certain, the oddsmakers have given a 20-1 line that Geneva will be protest free.

ADJUSTING SPARE TIME – If the Geneva Strip looks more like downtown Obetz than Bourbon Street, changing game plans from our normal routine will be required. Sitting on the veranda at Pera's or gathering at Club Rutherford's, consuming alcohol, laughing about the past, solving present problems and predicting the future will proceed per usual. It is the cold Bud Lights at the Swiss Chalet listening to Good Question, the shots of Fireball or Jello Shots with the bikers at the High Tide Tavern or the head banging tunes from the stage at the Cove that are jeopardized. For the first time in Geneva history a cornhole court appeared on the Pera's parking lot during the 2019 outing, far from the ching-ching of the Strip. If any of us are sober enough to stomp to Strip's end near the State Lodge, go-karts and zip-lining are available. Please tell me it will not come to those measures for the sake of the Craig Marshall's, Jacob Davis' Tom Prunte's, and Dagon Abdon 's of the outing.

ROOMS AVAILABLE – Checking the names on the list above, notice several familiar faces are missing. Having to cancel because of coronavirus concerns are the Green brothers and Mike Weilbacher. Their absence opened two rooms. The biggest rookie field in years is set to join the fun. All the newcomers have sponsors but do all the newcomers have beds? Exposing the rookies to the luxurious ambiance of the half star rated Pera's Motel comes with a Bates Motel

feel. Do not consider it hazing. The State lodge at the corner of the Strip does not offer the same commodities or share the same cohesive cozy atmosphere. Contact Jay or Squid if a room is needed. Lets make these freshmen at Geneva as comfortable and "Geneva Worthy" as possible. Just remember, a clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

RESTED DORN TEAM CAPTURES BEST BALL

Sunday's BEST BALL Tournament commenced with high expectations from the Super Team and a play and see attitude from the rest of the field. The defending champions of Matt Mazzocco, Nick Boggess, Dagon Abdon, Gary Mazzocco, and Don Rutherford scorched the competition with a record breaking 16 under par score in 2019. Nick Boggess shot a 66 himself. In the clubhouse before the round, Legend Gary Glanzman expressed a concern about a dynasty. Realizing his "give up" philosophy, he immediately attempted to hide his defeatist thoughts by saying "unless we can beat them." No matter how he sugar coated his feelings, he teed off No.1 a beaten man. I remember thinking this was very abnormal behavior for the Geneva Legend.

The Super Team played the round catching 17 strokes, 11 less than the second lowest handicap. Without Nick shooting another 66, they were just another team, not super just good. Several teams have successfully defended their Gavin Cup win but only once has the BEST BALL Tournament had a repeat winner. Nearly 20 years ago, a foursome led by Legend Gary Glanzman (the same guy who gave up before he started) with deputies Jim Nogawick, Jay Green, and Don Rutherford ruled the BEST BALL world for two years. Never before and never since has this feat been accomplished.

Not without a fight did the Super Team go down. They closed birdie-birdie on the last two holes and finished one shot from the tie. The four holes (13 thru 16) stymied the chance to repeat as they were unable to birdie.

Those same four holes (13 thru 16) saw Pat Dorn's foursome play 3 under par. It was the Pat Dorn-Tony McGuckin-Irv Schumaker- Don Rutherford show. Yes, he is the same Don Rutherford who was part of the Super Team in 2019. Since there were no fivesomes this year, Don reentered the draft pool and was a key choice of Captain Pat. Irv' par on three kept the team from starting over par. That save boosted Pat Dorn into gear. His natural birdie on No.4 scored eagle on the score card and the captain awoke from his long slumber.

The night before the BEST BALL Tournament after participating in the Commissioner's Dinner, Creature settled into bed for the night amidst intense partying outside his room. The Geneva Open photographer managed to sneak past Pat's body guards to capture the moment despite the threatening words of the former homicide detective. "I have a gun" Dorn yelled as if apprehending a criminal. The intimidation did not stop the photographer from doing his job. Braving the possible fatal outcome, the photographer managed to photo what could very well

be the key to victory. Another example of Geneva forces going the extra mile to make the Geneva Open the best.

Back to golf, while the Super Team struggled on 13, 14, 15, and 16. Creature's outfit played those holes three under par. Add a birdie on 17 and they moved out of reach. Contributions from each team member and Team Creature marched toward victory unhiccapped like Grant's foot soldiers stomped from Vicksburg to Richmond. They avoided the dreaded bogey all afternoon.

Next year the foursome of Pat Dorn-Tony McGuckin-Irv Schumaker-Don Rutherford will attempt to be the second squad to repeat as BEST BALL Champions. "D" players will pick their competition. Don Rutherford has earned six champion hats and will not be available. The challenge is on.

SCRAMBLE – SKINS - SKILL SHOTS 2020

THE SCRAMBLE – Some years the 9 hole SCRAMBLE is the most exciting event of the weekend. Many SCRAMBLES from the past lasted several holes longer than the scheduled 9. The finished participants gather at the top of the hill behind No.9 green, a perfect vantage point to watch the others complete their rounds. It is Geneva's concept of stadium golf. Cat calls from the gallery try to unnerve the players. The Ryder Cup could take a few lessons. It is a football crowd at a golf venue. This year's Tournament did not need the extra holes to determine the winner. The team of Dagon Abdon-Shawn Dorn-Bob Rutherford-Mike Spangler played well enough to win without needing overtime. They cashed in on the \$280 prize money. In the early years of the 21st century, Chuck Rotter was the beast of the SCRAMBLES. It was often profitable to be his teammate. Lately, Dagon assumed that role. His SCRAMBLE team in 2016 was thought to be the winner but he disqualified his foursome when he learned they played the wrong tees. That did not deter his 2017 outfit from taking first prize playing the correct tees. He can now notch the 2020 SCRAMBLE crown to his accomplishments.

FRIDAY SKINS – Five individuals won a total of seven SKINS on Friday at Maple Ridge. The pot of \$400 was distributed \$57 per SKIN. Dagon birdied three holes on the front side, 1,2,&8. There were numerous birdies on No.1 and no SKIN was awarded. His play on 2 and 8 pocketed him \$114. Not to be out done, Dagon's fierce rival, Nick Boggess, birdied three holes on the inward side but only managed a SKIN on No.16. Craig Marshall cashed on two SKINS with birdies at No.3 and No.10. Pat Dorn earned his \$57 on No.13. Legend Gary Glanzman still has game and his birdie on 14 proves it.

SATURDAY "A" SKINS – The trend of winning multiple SKINS continued on Saturday. The difference between this SKINS game and the one played at Maple Ridge is the field is divided into "A" and "B" pools, thus the totals are divided from a \$200 ante. The "A" crowd who earned SKINS pocketed \$28 per. Four golfers scored better on seven holes. Rookie Michael Badea birdied #4 and #14 cashing in with \$56. Nick Boggess birdied the one and two handicapped holes (No.17 and No.8) for his \$56 collection. Six birdies recorded by Blaise Plageman on the day but only two won him SKINS, #11 and #16. In case you are interested, Blaise shot 77 which is why he looks, plays, and drinks like John Daley. Legend Vince Gatto

snuck his lone SKIN when he birdied No.13. It was a birdie barrage from the “A” pool around Geneva’s hallowed grounds.

SATURDAY “B” SKINS – Much different payday on the “B” side. Only three SKINS were earned making each worth \$67. This year’s Geneva was about mask requirements, social distancing in public and multiple SKINS on the golf course and Irv Schumaker fell right in step with the latter. His birdie on No.2 and par on No.9 brought him a \$134 nest egg. Tom Prunte cashed the other SKIN tallying a par 3 on #3. That was a \$67 par.

SKILL SHOTS – Every year, Mini-Legend Jack Berger peeks into the Commissioner’s office and offers his assistance. “If there is anything I can do to help,” Jack performs his lines like a Broadway Tony Award winner, “don’t hesitate to ask. I am here for you.” This year, the Commissioner took him up on his offer. When the Commissioner arrived on No.10 green, the pin shot for Closest to the Pin on a 2nd shot was nowhere to be found. Jack Berger was derelict in his duties. The stake was found stuck in No.15 green. Of course the first name on that card was Jack Berger. His ploy did not materialize and his shot was beaten by Tim Hughes who captured \$50 for his achievement. The other \$50 prizes were distributed as planned. The Badea twins each won 50 bucks by rendering the closest pin shot on the two par 3’s. Andrew staked one on #3 and Michael pocketed his money on #16. Keith Boggess collected his dough for making the longest putt on No.9 green. A change was made by the Competition Committee (not Jack Berger) to make No.11 the Longest Drive hole instead of No.12 because the fairway is harder to hit and golfers who are not as long as the so called big hitters have more of a chance. It helped that Don Jander who seemingly wins this feat yearly was not in the field. We thank Don for giving someone else a chance. Shannon Boothe took advantage of this opportunity and turned it into \$50 of unexpected spending money. His Long Drive proved once more he has godly powers. All hail the Almighty Boothe. Jack Berger is not off the hook. The Commissioner promises to give Jack another important chore next year. The man needs to learn responsibility.