

GENEVA RESULTS 2021

BEST BALL

1st PLACE -11 \$500

Tim Hughes

Blaise Plageman

Nate McCorkle

Tom Prunte

Vince Gatto

1st PLACE -11 \$500

Ben Lloyd

Nick Boggess

Matt Mazzocco

Ron Szymczak

3rd PLACE -9 \$60

Jay Green

Mark Spangler

Shawn Dorn

Richie Heskett

4th PLACE -8

Bob Rutherford

Jared Boling

Tom Jech

Gary Mazzocco

5th PLACE -7

Frank Alexander

Fritz Ford

Jerry Graves

Dave Novotny

6th PLACE -6

Pat Dorn

Tony McGuckin

Irv Schumaker

Don Rutherford

6th PLACE -6

Dan Green

Jack Berger

Keith Boggess

Steve Miller

6th PLACE -6

Kerry Joyce

Tom Black

Tim Black

Jacob Davis

9th PLACE -5

Ray Ballard

Dick Plageman

Todd Abdon

Rick Jonas

10th PLACE -1

Craig Marshal

Greg Gudenkauf

Mike Pagnanelli

Bill Boggess

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.”

BEST BALL

FIT TO BE TIED

Number 1 at Geneva is the easiest hole on the course. It is listed as the 18th handicap. The Geneva Open has proof. It registered six birdies and fifteen pars on Sunday. With 41 golfers that means over half the field scored par or better. Those of us who bogeyed should be ashamed. Three of those six birdies came from the Tim Hughes team. Blaise Plageman, Nate McCorkle, and Tom Prunte all birdied No. 1 but it only counted as minus 1. It was a great beginning to a sizzling round. Tim Hughes and Vince Gatto the other members of the team help put together a front nine that flamed like a Mell Voll tasty strip steak. Blaise birdied the difficult 4th hole catching a stroke giving his team an eagle tally on the score card. Blaise parred 5 catching another stroke. His blazing hot utensils continued to chop the field like a Japanese chef at a hibachi table and he sautéed the scorecard with a natural birdie on the 6th hole. Another par on 8 left an opening on No. 7 for help and Tim Hughes obliged. Tim's parred 7 carrying a 14 handicap gave the team another net birdie. Blaise played the outward side in 33 strokes and the team finished nine holes with a 7 under score.

The sizzle fizzled slightly on the backside playing the inward nine at 4 under par. After a disappointing par on 12, the easy par 5, Tim Hughes (missing from the photo but not missing on the course) gathered the team on his shoulders and parred holes 13 and 14 getting a shot on each. The "Geneva Factor" was taking a toll playing on their fourth day in a row and having consumed four cases of beer apiece, the team dug deep for their last bit of energy to finish strong. Blaise and Nate both parred the 400 yards 17th hole labeled "The Widow Maker" by John Skunza. With their handicap the team headed to the 18th sporting a 10 under par score. A natural birdie by Blaise on the 445 yards finishing hole and they then signed their score card totaling 61 strokes and looking good to capture the Best Ball title. Blaise closed with a score of 70, the best round of the day.

The Tim Hughes team finished early and gathered around 18 green watching the other foursomes end their round. One by one they were eliminated. Victory was in their sights. Then, out on the fairway, lurking like hungry and

confident beasts, were Ben Lloyd's team. Big guns Nick Boggess and Ron Szymczak prowled the grounds as if protecting Fay Wray (Matt Mazzocco and Ben Lloyd). Ron and Nick both roared to 37's on the backside. Remember Tim Hughes' team opened with three birdies on No. 1? Ben Lloyd's club began with three pars and Nick Boggess bogeyed on the first hole. That bogey got Nick's attention and he followed with a birdie on No.2 and an outward side of 36. Net birdies on the 3rd and 4th holes by Ron whipped the team into gear. Matt Mazzocco closed the front side with two pars catching a stroke on both. A team total of 5 under par after 9 holes meant much work was still needed to catch up.

Szymczak, Mazzocco, and Lloyd provided more than just roars to begin the backside chewing up the course with net birdies on 4 out of the first 5 holes. This set up an exciting climax. Nick Boggess lives for these moments. It is the stuff that created Geneva Legends in the past. Facing a 25 footer to tie for the win, Nick Boggess sunk his putt. A proud grin lit his face like a gorilla around a banana tree. I thought I saw him beat his chest. It was a classic finish.

Third place money went to the team of Jay Green-Mark Spangler-Shawn Dorn-Richie Heskett. They carded a nine under par 63 score.

Next year the co-champions will team to defend their titles. A footnote about this year's Best Ball Tournament came from Legend Vince Gatto who partnered with the Tim Hughes team. He shot an 83 and said, Blaise won't let me drink any alcohol." Hell, he had enough until his first tee shot that his pissing raised the water level of Lake Erie a quarter of an inch. The "B" and "C" players will draft squads to dethrone the champions. Don Rutherford who has been part of six winning teams will be back in the draft pool. He could be the first draft pick.

SKINS & SKILL SHOTS 2021

INDIVIDUALLY SPEAKING

All post Geneva articles have been about team competitions. Here is a piece directed towards individuals who earned honors and wine change without help. It may have been for only one hole but these men exercised precision and masterful execution of their weapons like Samurai Futaba (portrayed by John Belushi) handled his Samurai Katanas sword. The intent of this piece is to give these golfers their due.

Friday at Little Mountain yielded 5 Skins worth \$80 apiece. Mike Pagnanelli captured the first Skin with a birdie 2 on the tough 4th hole, a 166 yard par 3. Out of 44 golfers, six managed par, Pags birdied, and 37 shot over par, big numbers for a par 3. Jay Green won Skin No.2 with his birdie on 7. Nate McCorkle birdied No.9 and Nick Boggess deuced the par 3 No.12 hole. The last Skin of the day came via Mini-Legend Jack Berger when he nailed a 100 yard eagle on 16. His eagle bettered Todd Abdon's birdie. Jack glowed all night like a proud Papa at his first born son's birth and he refused to apologize of his success. For the past 50 years Jack's swing has been compared to Iron Byron and this eagle is a testament how a Byron Nelson swing pays dividends.

As life would have it, Friday swings into Saturday. There are always a few who have no clue Saturday is a new day. For the rest sunrise brings a fresh start and another Skins game. The difference with Saturday's Skins is the field is divided by "A" and "B" players. Twenty-one golfers consisted of the "A" flight and the ante topped at \$210. Six players won seven Skins pocketing \$30 per Skin. Birdies by Blaise Plageman on No.1, Legend Vince Gatto on No.2, and Nate McCorkle on No.4 dug deep into the pot early. Nick Boggess needed a total of 5 strokes with his birdies on 8 and 9 back to back. Mike Pagnanelli started the backside with his Skin on No.10 with a birdie. Irv Schumaker won the final Skin with a birdie on 17, the hole called "The Widow Maker".

The "B" ledger played this way. Twenty golfers battled the course, good luck, and each other for a piece of \$200. It did not take Ben Lloyd long to get his hands on some of the pot. He birdied No.1. Tom Black's birdie on the par 5

seventh hole was a Skin. Mini-Legend Jerry Graves earned his Skin on No.9 with a masterful birdie. The inward side produced two more Skins, one by Craig Marshall's three on the par 4 fifteenth hole. Steve Miller played the 18th hole as if strumming "Fly Like An Eagle" on his Les Paul guitar, not missing a chord for a birdie 4. Those five Skins put \$40 into their pockets.

Five holes were chosen to house the Skill Shots competition. Each hole paid \$50. Blaise Plageman won his half of buck by hitting closest to the pin on No.3. The 9th hole proved extremely generous to Mini-Legend Jerry Graves. Besides his \$40 Skin, he pocketed another 50 bucks by sinking a 35 footer to record his birdie and captured the prize for the longest made first putt. On a personal note, his play on No.9 cost Vince Gatto and myself three press bets, a pocketful of money and plenty of pride. Tim Black hit the closest to the pin on his second shot designated to the 13th hole and Keith Boggess staked his tee shot on 16 to win that closest to the pin award. The longest drive on No.11 was hit by Mountain Man Nate McCorkle.

I wish to take this opportunity to comment on the longest drive. Year after year this accomplishment seemed automatic. It felt like Don Jander won every time. The last couple years Don has been a scratch opening the gates for someone else. In 2020, Shannon Boothe drove the farthest on 11 fairway and this year Nate won. Should we thank Don? Without Jander something is missing from the Geneva tournament. We became aware last November how eerie the Masters without the roar of the gallery echoing through the magnolias and gardens of azaleas. That same emptiness is felt in Geneva without Jander's hearty laughter crooning through the oak and maple trees, harmonizing with the beat of the woodpeckers. Here is hope Don returns even if he makes winning longest drive unattainable.

GENEVA 2021

TEE TIMES FOR LITTLE MOUNTAIN

NOON Fritz Ford Vince Gatto Jack Berger Jerry Graves	12:48 Tom Jech Tim Black Ron Szymczak Mark Spangler
12:08 Todd Abdon Shawn Dorn Nick Boggess Blaize Plageman	12:56 Ray Ballard Mark Johnson Greg Goudenoff Ben Lloyd
12:16 Bill Boggess Keith Boggess Jay Green Dan Green	1:04 Mike Pagnanelli Richie Heskett Rick Jonas
12:24 Bob Elflein Pat Dorn Dick Plageman Steve Miller	1:12 Tom Black Jacob Davis Tony McGuckin Tim Hughes
12:32 Frank Alexander Kerry Joyce Don Rutherford Bob Rutherford	1:20 Jarod Boling Tom Prunte Nate McCorkle Craig Marshall
12:40 Gary Mazzocco Irv Schumaker Dave Novotny Matt Mazzocco	

2021 SKINS & SKILL SHOTS WINNERS

FRIDAY SKINS at LITTLE MOUNTAIN - \$80

Mike Pagnanell	Birdie 2	Hole #4
Jay Green	Birdie 4	Hole #7
Nate McCorkle	Birdie 3	Hole #9
Nick Boggess	Birdie 2	Hole #12
Jack Berger	Eagle 2	Hole #16

SATURDAY "A" SKINS at GENEVA - \$30

Blaise Plageman	Birdie 4	Hole #1
Vince Gatto	Birdie 3	Hole #2
Nate McCorkle	Birdie 3	Hole #4
Nick Boggess	Birdie 3	Hole #8
Nick Boggess	Birdie 2	Hole #9
Mike Pananelli	Birdie 3	Hole #10
Irv Schumaker	Birdie 3	Hole #17

SATURDAY "B" SKINS at GENEVA - \$40

Ben Lloyd	Birdie 4	Hole #1
Tom Black	Birdie 4	Hole #7
Jerry Graves	Birdie 2	Hole #9
Craig Marshall	Birdie 3	Hole #15
Steve Miller	Birdie 4	Hole #18

SKILL SHOTS - \$50

Blaise Plageman	Closest to Pin	Hole #3
Jerry Graves	Longest Made 1 st Putt	Hole #9
Nate McCorkle	Longest Drive	Hole #11
Tim Black	Closest to Pin 2 nd Shot	Hole #13
Keth Boggess	Closest to Pin	Hole #16

A TRIBUTE TO AN INFLUENTIAL 3

JOE B, WELBY, and G

So many traditions, so many highlights during a Geneva weekend. Each participant adds more nuggets with every act. This piece is about three men who played an important role in shaping Geneva, Joe Casa (aka Joe B), Mark Markovich (aka Welby), and Gary Miller (aka G). These men left their mark, introducing new concepts which have withstood time and we continue to practice today. Unfortunately, these men were taken from this world too early. They may be gone but I intend to be sure they are not forgotten.

If anyone exemplified Geneva's behavior, Welby would be the example. He could be the Geneva poster emblem for both its golf and late night partying. That skinny dude who could hide behind a telephone pole and not be spotted, pounded down spirits glass for glass with anyone. Puffing on cigarettes and blowing smoke like a steam engine, he left a dent in a bottle of 7 Crown at every bar on the strip. Seven and Sevens were his drink. Though he was not the first to portray a constant thirst for Geneva's nightlife, he may have been the best. Jay Green talking about Geneva once said, "Golf gets in the way of a good drunk." Not so with Welby. He returned to his room at 3 A.M. every morning after the saloon doors were locked, the chairs sat atop the tables, and alcohol was no longer served. The following morning you would find Welby at Mary's Kitchen soon after they opened, preparing to do it all over. Hungover like Dolly Parton's breasts, he would stumble to the first tee and still play "A" caliber golf. He was a man who consistently overcame "The Geneva Factor" and never complained no matter how bad his head hurt. Any animosity or frustration with any person, place, or thing remained bottled inside him. He never met a man or a liter of 7 Crown he didn't like. The young guns who follow in Welby's footsteps today, need to toast this man for creating this Geneva trail.

Geneva grew into a three day event because of the initiative of G. Just a year or two before the new millennium, G landed a job in the Cleveland area. During his short stint on the North Coast, the idea of golf on Geneva Eve ate away at him. Unfamiliar with Northeast Ohio courses, he contacted Joe B. Together they scoured the available venues and G made tee times at Manakiki. The success

of year 1 brought on a year 2, then 3, and 4. Friday's players grew with each year and soon nearly all of Geneva's field played. The growth occurred during the Tiger Woods phenome which peaked interest in golf. Manakiki made it difficult to secure so many tee times and the Commissioner grabbed the baton and raced to new horizons. Hemlock Springs in Geneva served as host for several years before the concept of rotating tracks began. Eventually, the official tournament expanded to three days. Personality wise, G was easy going and always enjoyable company. Little rattled him. Mike Weilbacher recalls and later verified by Jay Green, while returning home from Geneva one year, a group of motorcyclists weaved in and out of traffic like a swarm of bees causing a more erratic drive. G's bags were not so securely tied to the luggage rack. The strap gave way and G's clothes ended on the berm of I-90 West. Instead of retrieving his belongings, G laughed and said something about a homeless guy in Cleveland will be wearing his clothes. There was a sense of pride to help the poverty stricken.

Another tradition credited to G and his friend Joe B is the practice of giving away Geneva participating favors. They collaborated with Legend Fritz Ford and each year the Geneva field received a new golf towel. Their complimentary contributions were quality productions. Each version differed in color and design but never lacked style. After years of towels, the Merchandise Committee adopted an alternate plan and the towels have been replaced by diverse products, most recently yetis, coolers, lounge chairs and clubbrellas.

Joe B had one more Geneva dream. Influenced by Lord Stanley's Cup, he commissioned me to have such a trophy constructed to be passed each year to the winners of the three day event. Several hundreds of dollars invested from Joe B's pocket were donated for the project. The perception of a trophy capable of holding a fifth of tequila for the champions and their comrades to gargle in triumph could not quite be fulfilled. Still, the trophy stands proud and glorious like the Statue of Liberty and is an honorable representation for the fireplace mantel after a spectacular week at golf.

I tried naming the trophy the Joe B Cup but he would not have it. His success in business was evident among his colleagues but never towards his friends. At a Commissioner's Dinner when held at the Restaurant Lounge he ordered a round of Cuervo Gold for the table of 28. Embarrassed about the fact

he could not show his appreciation to his Geneva family when told they did not have 28 shot glasses. He calmly looked the manager in the eye and said "Get 'Em". As nice of a guy as Joe B was I believe he could have backed down Saddam Hussein. Just minutes later we toasted another successful Geneva trip with shots of Cuervo Gold. Despite all his success, he stayed close to his long time buddies and politely thanked us in his humble way whenever invited. An avid biker, Joe B would render his car keys to John Skunza after Sunday golf and bicycled 75 miles home.

These three remarkable men left behind a Geneva Legacy still cherished today. The first year after Welby's death the Geneva caps had an inscription which read "Play Like Welby". The champion's hats given to the Best Ball winners had inscribed "Played Like Welby". Those who knew these men miss them. The unfortunate who missed these men are now introduced. Anyway we look at it, Joe B, Welby, and G are still a part of Geneva.

GENEVA OPEN SCRAMBLE 2021

ANOTHER OVERTIME FINISH

It is difficult to place an exact reason for its popularity but the SCRAMBLE quite often shines a bit brighter than the other competitions. It is the first event of the weekend where foursomes are scrambled and participants often play with individuals never together in the past. The gallery gathers atop the hill behind No.9 green like the crows on the electric wires in the Hitchcock thriller "The Birds". Cheers and jeers are shouted at each group as they finish, reminiscent of the throng around the 17th hole at the Waste Management. The better they know you, the harsher the gibe. It is the sign of strong friendships amidst a competitive competition. I do not recommend you try this method on your wife. I have come to realize women think differently and this behavior will more than likely result in a sore jaw. So often the SCRAMBLE finished the scheduled nine holes tied. Unlike the other events, a playoff ensues until a winner is determined.

This year a sudden death playoff occurred. Two teams finished the round at 5 under par. Jared Boling-Mike Pagnanelli-Steve Miller-Bob Elflein were one team and Nick Boggess-Fritz Ford-Jacob Davis-Dan Green were the other. After a grueling day of 27 holes of golf these eight golfers were forced to slip their gloves back on their hand and returned to No.9 tee to settle the matter. It took two extra holes to produce a winner. Amidst the jeers and cheers of a football sounding crowd, the SCRAMBLE ended in dramatic fashion.

You may have read about the exciting finish of THE BEST BALL TOURNAMENT and the ending of THE SCRAMBLE is proof history does repeat itself. As Yogi Berra proudly said, "It's déjà vu all over again." Nick Boggess lives for these moments. It is the stuff that created Geneva Legends in the past. Facing a 25 footer for the win, Nick sunk his putt. A proud grin lit his face like a gorilla around a banana tree. I thought I saw him beat his chest. It was a classic finish. Don Rutherford caught the spectacular putt from putter to hole and the boastful reaction. It goes to show we come to expect sensational play from Nick Boggess.

The roar from the crowd could have scared the King of the Jungle but on this day, the loudest cheers came an hour earlier. There was an earth shaking

uproar from behind the 9th green when Tony McGuckin knocked his tee ball nearly pin high twenty feet or so from the hole. The initial shouts from the onlookers were followed by the chant “Jelly! Jelly! Jelly! Jelly!” These were songs of praise and Tony ate it up. Not to displease his fans, Mr. McGuckin knocked in the putt. The enormous voice explosion preceded another chorus of “Jelly! Jelly! Jelly! Jelly!”

Why was the mob yelling “Jelly! Jelly! Jelly! Jelly?” Tony McGuckin was more than happy to explain. When he was much younger in the youth of his life, friends called him Jelly Bean. They told him his head was shaped like the Easter candy. Some nicknames from our past stick to us until the day we die. In today’s world of instant notifications, lazy grammar to save time, ten month marriages, and fast food, we do not have time to say Jelly Bean. Subsequently, the Bean was dropped and Tony is known now as simply Jelly. Geneva 2021 proved that Jelly is a form of respect and only those who have life-long friends keep their nicknames. Tony McGuckin can be very proud.

Ten SCRAMBLE teams finished within three shots of winning. The final tally showed three teams lost by one stroke and two more squads were two swings behind the leaders. Could these close competitive matches be the reason for the SCRAMBLE’s popularity? Whatever the reason, the SCRAMBLE is a major hit.

GAVIN CUP RESULTS 2021

1. Nate McCorkle Craig Marshall	\$200 409	12. Rick Jonas Gary Mazzocco	442
2. Keith Boggess Ben Lloyd	\$100 413	13. Tom Jech Ray Ballard	443
3. Vince Gatto Tim Black	\$40 415	14. Shawn Dorn Jay Green	444
4. Pat Dorn Tony McGuckin	\$20 418	15. Mark Spangler Tom Prunte	446
5. Blaise Plageman Frank Alexander	423	16. Bill Boggess Jacob Davis	451
6. Jared Boling Steve Miller	425	17. Todd Abdon Frank Alexander	455
7. Richie Heskett Jerry Graves	429	18. Mike Pagnanelli Tim Hughes	470
8. Ron Szymczak Kerry Joyce	430	19. Irv Schumaker Dave Novotny	476
9. Jack Berger Tom Black	431	20. Dick Plageman Bob Rutherford	493
10 Nick Boggess Dan Green	436	21. Greg Gudenkauf Don Rutherford	499
11 Matt Mazzocco Fritz Ford	441		

GENEVA 2021 ITINERARY

THURSDAY – JULY 22

Practice Round

FRIDAY – JULY 23

COURSE – LITTLE MOUNTAIN C.C. – (noon)

Opening Round of Gavin Cup

Skins

SATURDAY – JULY 24

COURSE – GENEVA-ON-THE-LAKE – (8:30 AM)

Round Two of Gavin Cup

Skins

Skill Shots

Scramble – (3:00)

SATURDAY – JULY 24

Commissioner's Dinner at Shelter House – (7:00 PM)

SUNDAY – JULY 25

COURSE – GENEVA-ON-THE-LAKE – (9:00 AM)

Best Ball Tournament

Final Round of Gavin Cup

GENEVA 2021 SCRAMBLE

Nick Boggess Fritz Ford Jacob Davis Danny Green (won on 2 nd playoff hole)	-5	Pat Dorn Jack Berger Jerry Graves Ben Lloyd	-3
Jared Boling Mike Pagnanelli Steve Miller Bob Elflein	-5	Dick Plageman Matt Mazzocco Tim Black Kerry Joyce	-3
Richie Heskett Mark Spangler Irv Schumaker Dave Novotny	-4	Ron Szymczak Shawn Dorn Tom Black Ray Ballard	-2
Blaise Plageman Greg Gudenkauf Don Rutherford Tony McGuckin	-4	Todd Abdon Vince Gatto Gary Mazzocco Craig Marshall	-2
Rick Jonas Keith Boggess Tom Jech Tom Prunte Bob Rutherford	-4	Nate McCorkle Bill Boggess Jay Green Tim Hughes	-2

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SCRAMBLE TEAMS

TEAM #1 Nick Boggess Fritz Ford Jacob Davis Danny Green	TEAM #6 Blaise Plageman Greg Gudenkauf Don Rutherford Tony McGuckin
TEAM #2 Nate McCorkle Bill Boggess Jay Green Tim Hughes	TEAM #7 Richie Heskett Mark Spangler Irv Schumaker Mark Johnson Dave Novotny
TEAM #3 Rick Jonas Keith Boggess Tom Jech Tom Prunte Bob Rutherford	TEAM #8 Dick Plageman Matt Mazzocco Tim Black Kerry Joyce
TEAM #4 Pat Dorn Jack Berger Jerry Graves Ben Lloyd	TEAM #9 Ron Szymczak Shawn Dorn Tom Black Ray Ballard
TEAM #5 Todd Abdon Vince Gatto Gary Mazzocco Craig Marshall	TEAM #10 Jarod Boling Mike Pagnanelli Steve Miller Bob Elflein

GENEVA 2022 SCRAMBLE RESULTS

GAVIN CUP

MARSHALL LAW

Who was that man in Craig Marshall's Foot-Joys and what did he do with Craig? We know Craig was in attendance because he was often spotted Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights stumbling throughout the Geneva Strip. The photo of Craig hugging the Gavin Cup like a proud mother protecting her newborn certifies his golfing success at the 2021 Geneva Open if it truly was Craig who played. His rounds of 90 at Little Mountain, 87 and 95 at Geneva-on-the-Lake were as unlikely as DeChambeau and Koepka breaking bread together any time soon. The only logical explanation was this was the workings of the full thunder moon which hovered over Geneva that weekend and took control of Craig's body and sold his soul to Satan himself. What else could it be?

Craig teamed with Nate McCorkle who had quite an adventurous weekend himself. Nate's days did not end with his final putts on 18 green each day. Like Craig, he took to the Strip after dark enjoying the gaiety of the village. Neither Craig nor Nate were cheated this weekend. No one accused either of sleeping on their lead and they led from start to finish, well sort of. Nate bogeyed No.1 and Craig double bogeyed. Both birdied the second hole and it was a wall to wall lead thereafter.

Much has been discussed about Thursday's practice round at Little Mountain. The conception was hockey and lacrosse were the sports played with a stick deemed more injury prone. Not with this group. Mark Johnson's accident was the most serious. Leaping over a 6 inch rill, he popped an Achilles tendon. Those are too painful to continue. Surgery was performed and Mark promises to return next year. By the way, even at his age he made it across the rill he just landed wrong.

Oh! There was more. Living up to the name Little Mountain, Nate McCorkle also found the slopes treacherous. During his round, Nate lost his balance and rolled down one of Little Mountain's steep hills. For those of us who did not see it, we picture him rolling downward like Brutus in a Popeye cartoon coming to rest in one of their many sand traps, his body covered with sand looking like

powdered sugar topping a cannoli. We do know his fall caused irritation to a rib and certainty of his status for the Tournament was in question. Nate is a tough man. Instead of complaining about his hurt, he put a hurting on the field shooting the day's best score, 71. He followed Saturday and Sunday with rounds of 76 and 77.

The goal every year is to create new and lasting memories. One of the Geneva fraternity, Mike Smith, wrote me saying, "Memories tucked between the pages of my mind. Memories sweetened thru ages just like wine." Spending three days harping about the past, Legend Vince Gatto reminded everyone within ears length how good he use to play and each sip from his adult sippy cup brought back more memories than anyone wanted to hear. He told memorable stories of legendary shots followed by the statement he is now a "chop". Adding it all up, I'd say we heard about 100 anecdotes from different periods of Geneva's 44 year history and that doesn't include the tales repeated 5 different times. Vince partnered with Tim Black for his Gavin Cup team and they kept pressure on the McCorkle-Marshall duo all weekend. In one sense it was the quietest and in another it was the loudest challenge for the Cup. A win for Legend Vince Gatto in this event would have been fitting in a year Phil Mickelson at 51 years old won the PGA Championship. In the end the Gatto-Black team finished third.

McCorkle and Marshall needed to wait until the final group finished 18 to claim their title. A 75 score by Keith Boggess would have catapulted the Keith Boggess- Ben Lloyd team past the M&M boys. Having coasted to a smooth 39 on the front side, Keith looked ready to close the deal. A triple bogey on the 14th hole created a deficit too deep to climb out. Still, it was a fine showing for Keith and Ben finishing second in the competition.

Whatever potent Marshall found in 2021, we will be anxious to see if it works in 2022, providing that was really Craig Marshall on the golf course. McCorkle and Marshall will defend their crown next year. We know Nate will play his game as he sports a 4 handicap. Whether we want to believe Craig's mystified rounds or not, he and Nate will be forever honored as the 2021 Gavin Cup Champions and their names will be engraved on the trophy to prove it.