



Deer Tracks

Deerfield Members Association Newsletter

JULY

Eddie's Tips:

Never Chunk it Again- Going Further! There are two key topics I want to cover in detail to make you a better chipper and pitcher of the ball than ever before: **grip and tempo**.

Grip was covered in detail in the previous Deer Tracks Newsletter now I'll go over how important **Tempo** is for good chipping.

Tempo: The Gravity Drill

You don't see the word **tempo** discussed a lot in instructional articles on chipping yet I believe this is one of the most important aspects in the skill of chipping. Many golfers misinterpret some of the information out there which ruins your tempo. You always hear phrases like, "You de-accelerated on that one or you didn't follow through!". In most cases these faults are all related to poor tempo!

Golfers who don't take the club back far enough force the club through the hitting area and finish almost like a full swing. Over acceleration is what actually leads to many poor shots around the green. These golfers struggle the most with chunking, double-hits, and a variety of other mistakes around the green.

Most players don't realize that great chippers use **gravity** to accelerate the club and hit consistent chip shots. If you don't have enough backswing, you will always force it and shove it toward the target. The best drill I know to feel natural acceleration of the clubhead is to swing with your lead arm (left arm if you are right handed). Just do some practice swings with your left hand on the club to feel gravity and natural acceleration.

One other tip for performing this drill and chipping in general is to always keep your weight on your front or lead foot.

Next time you're within 20 yards of the green, keep two simple things in mind:

1. Use a weaker grip to control the distance and trajectory.
2. Let gravity accelerate the club.



DAMSELS & THIEVES

This year's tournament presented a decent field despite the heavy winds. We had a field of 80 golfers versus last year's record of 95. We had 14 teams on the Thieves side and 6 teams on the Damsels side.

Before we get into the Winners of this year's event we had a very special accomplishment that also enabled all of us to benefit.

Special Congratulations to Alan Gray for a Fantastic Hole in One on the 9th hole. All Hole in One's are fantastic but this one specially so as it took place in a tournament as well playing into at least a 2 club win!!!!

Congratulations Alan!!!!

Now the tournament results:

The Number One performers on the Damsels side, with a total score of 88.3 was the team of Valerie Richardson, Alison Holmes, Judy Killeavy & Laurie Munro.

Congratulations to them for their excellent performance and the first prize. (BTW-Laurie Munro was on the first Place team last year as well- Hmm....)

Also performing very well but coming up a bit short were the second place finishers of Kelta Fleck, Drue Marriot, Monika Weismann & Jeanette Gray. They ended up with a total score of 90.0.

Congratulations!

On the Thieves side with a phenomenal score of 82.3 (surprised there was not an audit or drug test) congratulations to the team of Jay Shoemaker, Bob McCrudden, Don Charlebois & John Cheung. An Excellent Performance!

2nd place with a score of 86.8 went to the team of John McKenzie, Steve Novak, Joe Hew & Mark Beliveau. Congratulations!

3rd Place Team: with a score of 88.0 was Don Gemmel, Paul Richardson, Neil MacDonald & Alan Gray!

Pro Shop News:

A few of the guys have been showing interest in the FJ Contour Casuals line--Golftown selling at \$139.99--because they are quite comfortable and they want to get that TIGER look.

Footjoy has a few new flavours available--see www.footjoy.com--and click on Contour casuals on first screen. If interested I will sell to any member for \$129.99 for the month of July. Contact pro shop and we'll check if your colour and size is available.

There are a couple of styles of Deerfield crested caps(the actual crest) available this month at \$9.99--limited stock.



DMA Tournament's con't

Yes Alan Gray the same golfer that had the fantastic hole in one on 9. They are probably still wondering what could have been if theyb didn't have to put a 5 on their scorecard despite Alan contributing a "0"???

4th Place Team: with a score of 88.7 was Grant Parsons, Phil Kelly, Jochen Schmitz & Clayton Shold!

Lorelee and I enjoyed being the conveners and would once again like to thank all the people that devoted their time and were the real people responsible for making this tournament a great success. So all of you that got people to sign up, handicapping and picking the teams , pulling in single and double shifts as money handlers and the food and drink crews that allowed us to tastefully imbibe, we thank you!

Darryl & Lorelee

12th Annual "B" Flight Shootout June 12 – Winner Stewart Bryan & Leukemia Society of Canada

I'll Huff and Puff and blow all those Deerfield Golfers right off the course, so said mother nature on June 12 ,2012. As many will attest, the wind conditions during this competition were awesome and beyond challenging. It took a "great" Scotsman golfer to calm mothernature down and subdue eight of the finest Deerfield 13 and above handicappers to secure the win.

Stewart Bryan, (a fine gentleman) who honed his golf "wind" skills on the barren courses of Scotland needed all his cunning and courage to outlast a younger and talented Chris Malloy to capture the win.

Thanks to all the participants, and we look forward to next year's event.

The winner donates half the winnings to the charity of his choice, and Stewart has chosen the Leukemia Society of Canada.

John's Corner

I'm still convinced that wave-ups on Hole #2 do, indeed, move play along a little more consistently. I would strongly suggest that if a second group arrives at the tee before the group in front has teed off then said groups should agree to initiate the wave-up procedure.

Before beginning your putts, simply move to the back of the green and invite the group to tee off. All my Marshalls agree this helps the flow of play.

I've been asked this question several times so let's review. If you hit your ball into the 'long grass areas' or fescue you may attempt to play the ball as it lies-- no grounding of club allowed. Should after an attempt or two you decide to give up on any further shots of futility, you are allowed to return to the original point of entry--where the ball originally crossed the margin of the fescue-- and drop according to the same rule that governs red-staked lateral water hazards. It is a one stroke penalty to drop and, of course, you must count any shots attempted in the fescue. BTW, you cannot declare your ball unplayable in these areas and you cannot claim relief from any trees or seedlings even if they have ribbons or stakes on them.

The Putting Competition-June16, 2012

A very interesting track and pin placements were set by the John and John show (Ferguson & Phelan) And to everyone's surprise after all the extra holes and matches. After just arriving all the way from Scotland (I think to get some lessons) the **well deserved winner was Ron Fleck!**

Congratulations & very well done indeed!

All of you golf enthusiasts know that they say that it is very hard to put back to back good rounds together. And it is even harder and almost impossible to win tournaments back to back.

Well apparently not for Mr. Fleck!! Just prior to leaving on the other side of the pond to get back for our big tournament he won a notable putting competition in Scotland. I think notable because there was only him and one other Lad and the other lad had to use old Tom Morris' putter and a feather ball.

However a win it is!

Good stuff Ron!!

Canada vs. The world

Team Canada Triumphs

Our 14th Canada vs The World event saw the home team win for the tenth time in this annual friendly grudge match. Although the completion was intense, all matches were played in the true spirit of the game. For the English on the World team, it was a tough day as their football team also went down to defeat at the hands of the Italians! The pizza lunch was an appropriate choice for lunch.

As has been the pattern in recent years, the team that starts quickly usually comes out on the short end. This year, The World Team got off to a strong start but the middle 5 matches saw Team Canada take 13 of a possible 15 points in the Nassau format to turn the tide.

The final match of the day cemented the Canucks victory as Mark Belliveau and Paul Simpson took all 3 points from the World's anchor team of "Stevie Wonder" and "the World's Greatest Putter"!

As has been the tradition, all members of the winning team regardless of individual results are rewarded with vouchers.

Special mention goes out to: Bill Price for Best Hat; Phil and Gill Kelly for Best Shirts; Joyce Gordon for Best Kilt and Clayton Shold for Best Flag!

***Deer Tracks* would like to thank Celia and John Ferguson for organizing this event which has become a high light of our Deerfield season. Thanks also to John Phelan for scoring and gently "rubbing it in" for a despondent World Team.**

Ladies Better Ball

Thirty One Deerfield ladies celebrated Canada Day and the annual Better Ball tournament in our traditional red and white. The winners this year were Kelta Fleck and Paula Richards. Second low net went to Jessie Smillie and Anna Tang and third place to Celia Ferguson and Pam Belliveau. Closest to the rope was Sue Batting who got her game back and closest to the hole on #13 was Celia Ferguson. Special mention goes to Paula Richards with a chip in for a 0 score on thirteen. Well done.

Alison Holmes and Drue Marriott

Although it did not happen in June it is very important to note that ANOTHER FANTASTIC HOLE in ONE has been achieved. Congratulations Cindy!!

Cindy Maffei had a hole in one on July 2nd on number 11 using her driver. Witnessed by Cindy's brother Al and Alison Holmes. Cindy shot a 99. The first time she has ever broken 100. A watershed day all around.

Sunday is “Couples Knives” at Deerfield

It sounds a little ominous, couples and knives but on Sunday mornings that is the game at Deerfield. A number of couples tee off around the same time in this informal event. With Friday nights picking up and a number of new members in the club we wanted everyone to know that they are welcome to join in. Deerfield is meant to be about friends and fellowship. This is not a private group just an informal event that is growing in popularity which is why we wanted to get this notice into Deer Tracks.

Informal is to say that Knives occurs most Sundays when we have at least 3 foursomes interested in playing. To get involved all you need to do is be part of a foursome of couples and have a tee time in the area of 8:15 and 9:00 range (putting in for time of 8:30 or nearest should do it). Organization is minimal and you are responsible to get yourself into a foursome yourself and get your time booked on a ballot with the pro shop. When at the club on Sunday just let some of the other couples there know that you are in for the Knives game - yes before you start.

The format is easy, with everyone golfing their own game as usual. “Give Mes” are allowed within the leather of a regular putter but you can't pick up on a hole until you hit a max of 10 on a hole. Keep two cards per foursome, one card with Gross scores and the other with Net scores by hole by player to make it easier when you get in. We all throw in \$5 per couple into the prize fund and then sit down to enjoy some lunch and a beverage while all the teams arrive. So what is the Knives part all about.

Now is where the – KNIVES - comes in. We have player numbers and random scoring options written on 18 plastic knives – one per hole. This could be count the first players score on the card, the first and third player or two low nets, etc.. It now becomes a rather loud group with laughter and kibitzing as the drawing of the knives occurs. One team might miss getting their player's score of a net 9 picked or is

unlucky when their net 1 score isn't picked. This draw approach has added true randomness to the scoring and keeps everyone in the game. The draw aspect generates some real excitement on an otherwise quiet Sunday. Surprisingly, the final scores are usually very close as happened last Sunday with 4 teams in the game and a tie for first. Winner takes all.

It is not complicated and you should feel free get into a foursome and join us in KNIVES!!!

Deerfield "Thursday Night" Bowling League – Free Fun Nights

In a Deer Tracks article earlier this year we indicated that if you are looking for an excuse to get out for some fun in the fall and winter, a bowling league comprised of members, friends and family of Deerfield is now entering its 5th year. We currently have 30 full time players and additionally a number of spares that get together every week from Thanksgiving until mid-March. Want to see your summer friends – we are looking for a few more keeners to join in and expand the league for 2012.

We wanted to let you know again that we have two free warm up / introduce new players to the league nights this summer if you are interested in giving it a try. The next night is July 9th and the last one will be July 19th. These games like the regular season games are played at Classic Bowl on Dundas just east of Winston Churchill and bowling starts promptly at 6:30. You should be there at least 15-20 minutes early to get ready.

You can be a single or a couple and we are looking for new full time players as well as anyone that would be interested in sparing when folks head out to Florida, a cruise or a trip south for a week or so. Last year a few spares ended up filling in for about half of the games.

If you are not sure if bowling is for you come out for one of the free fun nights. We had about 15 players show up for the free night in June and most joined us for a bite and beverage after bowling on a nearby patio. Everyone is welcome but you do need to let us know that you want to attend so that we get the right number of lanes reserved for us.

Contact your convenors organizing things for 2012 - Ardeth and Phil Groff – at our email id Groff@Rogers.com or just reach out to us at the golf course.

Update your email Addresses if you would be so kind to do so!

In the RCGA Network site http://mem.golfcanada.ca/App_Themes/RCGANetwork/index.html this is the one we access with our GAOxxxx account IDs to enter our scores at home. After you logon you can go to the Profile tab and select My Profile. You then select the Edit Profile can can update fields like you email IDs and uour Phone Numbers. These are used to update the phone lists and by the games and section VPs to contact members.

UPCOMING DEERFIELD EVENTS

July 8	SUN		Turnbull Aquarium Charity Tournament - Stableford Competition	(Lunch)	Shotgun	8:00 am
July 21	SAT	T	Captain's Cup and Golden Boys			7:00 am
Aug 4	SAT	T	Men's Club Championship - 1st Round			7:00 am
Aug 4	SAT	T	Ladies' Club Championship - 1st Round		Following Men	
Aug 5	SUN	T	Ladies' Club Championship (Final Round for B & C Flights)			7:00 am
Aug 5	SUN	T	Men's Club Championship – Second Round		Following Ladies	
Aug 6	MON	T	Men's Club Championship - Final Round			7:00 am
Aug 6	MON	T	Ladies Club Championship A Flight - Final Round		Following Men	
Aug 12	SUN		Mixed Net Progressive	(Lunch)	Shotgun	8:00 am
Aug 25	SAT	T	Ladies' Field Day	(Lunch)	Shotgun	8:00 am
Aug 31	FRI		Memorial Classic - Draw and Parimutuel Betting			7:30 pm
Sept 1	SAT		Memorial Classic -1st Round (Dinner/Dance - cocktails at 6:30 pm)		Dinner at 7:30 pm	
Sept 2	SUN		Memorial Classic Final Round (BBQ at 18th Green)			7:30 am

FROM THE GALLERY:

In memory of Seve Ballesteros

(True story)

An economist who is also an accomplished golfer, recently told the following story.

He and two friends had made a pilgrimage to the birthplace of golf: the Old Course at St. Andrews, Scotland. They had managed to secure a tee time and were just about to tee off when the starter stopped them and told them to wait — he had a fourth player who would be joining them. The three friends were disappointed; what sort of schmuck were they going to get stuck with?

After brief introductions, the fourth player asked them what their handicaps were. A handicap in golf more or less corresponds to how many strokes you shoot over par on average. They told him their handicaps, which were three, four, and seven (which by the way, means they are exceptionally good recreational golfers).

The fourth player, who was standing on the tee with a set of right-handed clubs, said “O.K., great, I get my left-handed clubs” — the implication being that if he instead played left-handed, it would be a more even match. He headed back to his car, grabbed a set of left-handed clubs, and true to his word, proceeded to shoot a three over par 75. Who was this mysterious fourth player? None other than the dashing Spaniard [Seve Ballesteros](#). Golf fans everywhere have been saddened by Ballesteros’s recent passing losing his battle with a brain tumor.

Ballesteros, was a brilliant golfer who won three Open Championships, two Masters, and 82 other titles. He is best remembered for his flair and creativity: like hitting a shot from a car park in the 1979 Open Championship at Royal Lytham and St Annes.

My golfing friend conjectures that maybe playing left-handed on occasion helped Ballesteros learn to hit those creative shots which won him so many championships.

For instance, when your ball stops right next to a tree trunk, sometimes the only option is to flip a club around and try to swing left-handed. It is extremely difficult, because not only are you swinging left-handed, but you are using a club meant to be hit right-handed. My accomplished golfing friend has practiced this shot quite a bit, and says he once hit it 60 yards this way, but he averages about 20 yards.

He asked Seve that day how far he could hit it when in that situation. “About 150 yards,” Seve said. “It depends if I want a fade or a draw.”