

Lake Limerick 2015

2015 Eighty Eight is the Magic Number in Each Division as Meagher, Doc Harding and Textor Dominate.

Putting was the name of the game in D1 and D2. Word has it that Meagher had 10 flaggies over the weekend and Doc Harding had 9. In D.3, Textor will have no chance to repeat as he will swiftly be moved to D.2, likely on his way to D.1.

Each of the winners had scores that were historically high. This was really impressive as I have been working hard to try and lower the overall scores and even up the divisions. These were the highest totals in each division for the last 5 years.

In the area that we can all have hope of one day winning the jacket, all of the winners were not close to winning last year. Meagher finished 9th, Harding finished 11th and Textor did not play last year but finished 11th in his last tourney in 2012. Another interesting thing is that the last time either Meagher or Doc Harding finished better than 9th, they both won (hmm...). Also, In both division 1 and 2, the second place finisher scored over 80 points (McManemy and Fiedler). Their totals would have won in most years.

In Division 1, Meagher had a Leprechaun in his pocket. He had numerous times where he hit a tree on his drive and ended up in play. In his round at Limerick he burned both mulligans by hole 5 (his 4th hole). He also had flaggie birdies on both 9 and 18.

In Division 2, Doc Harding scored an absurd 49.5 points at Druids. This almost matched our version of Wilt Chamberlains 100 pts in a basketball game, when Scott Eilertson had 50 points at Golf Mountain. Like Meagher, Doc Harding had Tom Eilertson riding shotgun during his round. Shows what a positive attitude can accomplish.

I believe that Mark Textor truly believes that he is a 100+ golfer, but his 89 at Druids will quickly change this. I witnessed his domination first hand. He went out in 41, and likely had it wrapped up before he teed off on 10. In his defense, his last round at Limerick he had a handicap of 92 and did not come close to breaking 100. Just another example of great athleticism coming out of Decatur. Hard to imagine with all that talent we didn't dominate the Nisqually and SPSL leagues back in the day. Must have been the coaching...

2015 Highlights

As in 2014, we started the day with a time to remember one of our players that passed away. Johnny Redcoat did a great job giving us a rundown of the "Trenchcoat's" life. As we get older it becomes more impressive that he was able to hold his own at our tourney in his 80's. He shot an 86 in 2008. That likely put him within 10 strokes of his age back then.

We also tried something new...day 2 was north of most of our houses. Not sure if this is why we had a light turnout at the Saturday night dinner...but I know that more than a few people went home and had a good nights sleep in their own beds.

We had 39 players, while missing some "lifers" in Kurt Sutton, Lee Kibbe and Mike Mesick. Great chance we will be at 42 next year.

We tried a new contest with limited success. As Coach McCully stated, it was my attempt at trying to encourage bonding. We had a "Track Meet" where teams of 5 competed in 4 "events". They included day 1 rankings, scramble, day 2 rankings and also total. The winning team included Meagher, Textor, Wood, C Long,

and Erickson. It appeared that this contest still was a bit hard to follow for everyone. We will try it again next year, and hope to make some adjustments to make it more fun.

In scramble there were 4 teams that tied for first with a 12 under score. They split the money (\$2500) in the Calcutta and we had a “chip off” to determine the winner on the 9th hole at Druid’s. The winning team was Meagher, Textor, Ditlefsen, Fiedler and “Uncle Mark” Sievert. The competition was very tight as the worst score was -9.

As per usual we had outstanding prizes. We have been blessed again with prizes way beyond what our tourney deserves. The Oakley collection was at its best, with new items and incredible selection. Jerry Heinlen also provided knives for each of the winners, and Chris Long gave everyone some great socks.

In keeping with a current trend, the winners in the tourney also cleaned up in other contests. As stated before Meagher and Textor were on the winning scramble team, and Doc Harding also was on a scramble team that tied for first. Meagher and Textor were on the winning “track team” and Doc Harding won two KP’s.

K.P. winners included: Limerick, Harding #13, Logue #7, and Harding #3 and Sean Minahan #12 at Druids..
L.D. winners included: Limerick, Sean Minahan and Tom Eilertson, and Carlson and McColgan at Druids.

For Next Year...

We are going to be on Saturday July 31st and August 1st. I know this is a bit off...but we need to make it work that weekend. Please adjust your calendars.

Check out the handicaps, I through this all together in basically one day...hopefully not too many mistakes. I am also going to have better systems for posting scores nest year...

Mike

P.S. I am sending you all division results, Track Meet, scramble results, 2015 proposed handicaps, all time scores and Limerick Records. Hope that you like looking at this kind of stuff...