

Great Weather – Guaranteed!

(The 13th Annual TUG Golf Classic)

By *Richard Dolewski*

How do you ensure you will have a sunny day when you book a day off from work? Easy. Attend the TUG yearly golf classic. Once again Mother Nature did her thing. Sun, sun and more sun. Not to hot, yet warm enough for a nice refreshing beverage.

The 13th Annual TUG golf tournament was launched by the sound of a gunshot. That was the queue for all 140 people (a sellout) for this year's golfer s to windup, keep their eye on the ball and swing the club with the greatest authority.

The results would vary for each of the golfers. For the beginner it was a sigh of relief for just making contact, for the seasoned veteran it was the usual nod of approval after witnessing a good shot. For me it was the great feeling of knowing another Tug golf event went off without a hitch. For Wende it was time to sit down and enjoy a glass of Zinfandel and put her tired feet up.



Wende Boddy

The venue was once again Nobleton Lakes. This is a course we have called home for some 5 years. A tough yet challenging course with a few water hazards that we all seem to know quite well. Every year it's the same story – total optimism leading up to the big day. Somehow we all share that “oh so close on this hole”, “rimmed that put on that hole”, “bad bounce here” ... Well you know the rest of the story. They say that life is a lot like golf – don't believe them! Golf is a lot more complicated. But we all love it. It keeps us coming back for more.

A job well done coming in with a tremendous -8. My team was a distant 15 shots off the pace. We obviously require some changes in our group. **Tiger Woods** was busy practicing for the US open, but I have first dibs on him for next year.



Richard Dolewski (right), with prize winner Ned Kicic



TUG Tournament Winners: “The Killer Bees” – Rob Herst, Gerry Hoffe, Joe Spencer, and Ros Bautista, receiving trophy from Richard Dolewski

Tournament pressure, what pressure? All the pressure was on the defending champs lead by their fearless leader and our President **Léo Lefebvre**. However lady luck would not strike twice. This year the former champions from 1999 have wrestled away the ADC/Gord Jackson Memorial trophy. The winning team once again was **Gerry Hoffe, Rob Herst, Ross Bautista, and Joe Spencer**.

This tournament although competitive has become a focal point for many novice golfers. The format has allowed the occasional yearly golfers to come out and enjoy themselves at this very popular social event. Keep coming!

Throughout the golf course, the golfers had the opportunity to enter into a vendor-sponsored charity. The contest offered a



golfer to the ball and the target, ensuring correct position during the addressing of the ball. From this point, it is up to the blind golfer to execute the correct mechanics of a good golf swing, and if done so, a good shot is made. If not, then the coach gets “blamed” for improper set up. If the ball goes in the cup, you know who gets the credit. It’s a great system and a lot of fun, as both golfer and coach work as a team to play the best game possible. A great cause. This year’s golf tournament raised \$2,600.00. A special thanks to everyone participating and our sponsors who made it all possible.


Time to eat. The look on many of the golfers said it all and we entered into the dining room for our much anticipated dinner. This was the longest prize table ever assembled in a TUG tournament. It was over 50 feet in length and featured a wide array of prizes – from high end items and those of the practical variety. But first, it was time again for our “Elimination Draw for a free trip to Las Vegas.” This has been a very popular and tension filled event to say the least. All the golfers put their names into a hat and Richard the ruthless Master of Ceremonies withdrew them. (Some have referred to him as sadistic.) If your name was drawn you were out. Painful, to say the least! As we got to the last 10 names, all of the remaining participants were called to the front of the room. Richard took out a giant hammer (air inflated of course,) with

chance to win a big-ticket prize like a mountain bike, TV, etc, in return for a donation to our special charity. All you had to do was put the ball on the golf green, (1 shot) and your name was entered into the draw. The charity chosen this year was the Ontario Visually Impaired golfers. It seemed fitting that proceeds from one group of golfers would help another. We all know the importance of events for disabled individuals. The OVIG allows many visually impaired and blind individuals to participate in the great game of golf, that they otherwise could not afford to do.

For those who don’t know how blind people golf, it is quite simple. A “coach” aligns the





Dinner was a chance to swap stories of all those missed puts. Myself, I don't fear anything ...but I sure do hate those two footers. All in all, another fine day! We all had a great time, so book yourselves early and see you next year. Remember, how do you know if your next day off from work will be a sunny one? Check the date of next year's golf tourney. 

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John Neretljak, Richard Dolewski, and Eugene Sears

which to bonk the loser over the head as each name was removed. Finally it was 2 men standing: Eugene Sears from Glaxo SmithKline and John Neretljak from Precision Logic. Both men faced each other in the stare down. The men shook hands and wished each other luck. The winner is... John Neretljak. Sorry Eugene, better luck next year. I offered to accompany the winner, but "no dice." Nice prize! Special thanks goes out to **Wende Boddy** for keeping this event together. When you see her at the next MOM be sure to tell her what a great job she has done.



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