

# BIRDIES AND BOGEY

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**How Are We Doing?** At our golf meeting in August, there was a lot of discussion around pace of play. Every once in a while, our club has tried to make changes or find ways to remind everyone that there are several things that each of us can do to speed up play without really effecting our game. We also talked about the fact that handicap and speed of play do not seem to be related. We then discussed an addition to our 2010 golf policy to address this ongoing issue. Currently under our **(12) Pace of Play section**, we have the

following goal;

### **a) Goal**

i) One of the goals of the Club is to stage golf events in which all members have a fun and enjoyable time. One key to this is to ensure all players are able to complete a round in a reasonable amount of time ... something well under 5 hours.

In support of that Goal, the board members are planning to add an additional section to Pace of Play that will require all members to complete a round of golf within 4 hours and 50 minutes or be disqualified for that round. We are currently writing the details of how that will work. This new policy will be in place for 2011. In the meantime, we will start the clock as soon as we have clarified the process and get that information to you. I think you will find that 4 hours and 50 minutes really is more than enough time to complete a round of golf at whatever pace you want to play as long as you keep track of **"How Are We Doing?"** p.s. Once the policy is completed, we will review it at our golf meeting, so if you want to know more or add your comments, join us!

**Speaking of Golf:** If profanity had any influence on the flight of the ball, the game of golf would be played far better than it is. -- Horace G. Hutchinson **Don**



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From time-to-time members come up to me to report so-in-so didn't count all his strokes, include some penalty or some other such lapse in count his strokes. There's not much I can do about it weeks after the event in which it occurred. However, as a reminder to all, we do have a procedure in place to substantially minimize such occurrences. It's the Marker.


The Marker's role is not an insignificant one. When you sign your fellow competitor's score card, you are attesting to the accuracy of the score. That means you didn't merely write down what ever was reported, but you also kept track of his strokes on each hole and agree with what was reported. If, at the end of the round, you don't agree with the score don't sign the card. An unsigned card will trigger a call/s from me to find out what's the problem.

I know even as a junior player, chronologically speaking, I have trouble keeping track of anything greater than a 4 or 5 on a hole. Fortunately my Marker will remind me of the one or two or three balls I pumped OB and my reported score is adjusted accordingly. Pretend you're playing a \$1 Nassau, that always sharpens my memory ... at least in counting my opponents strokes! **Marty**



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Asst. Tournament Director Don Whalen got himself a brand new knee. He's at Manor Care Convalescent Center facility for a couple of weeks. He is doing well and expects to be at our September meeting.

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