Commentary . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . David Failuretee, Editor

Here I am in the nicely air conditioned media center at Baltusrol C.C. and covering the upcoming PGA Tournament. So far no sighting of the ghost of Baltus Roll. Who he? Well, Baltus was a farmer who owned much of the land the club is now located on. Back in the 1800's old Baltus met an untimely demise, getting bonked on the head by a still unknown assailant. It's said his ghost roams these famous fairways, which would be just slightly less scary than the short, tight dresses Paulina Gretzky wears while following Dustin Johnson around the course.

But on to a more important golf tournament. The final match of the 2016 RIGC President's Medallion Match Play Championship was contested on 7-27-16. And while here in the nicely air conditioned media center I was being provided with regular text updates as the action unfolded. My special report follows.

Stay cool . . . . . . . . . . . DF

Whitty Wills Way to a Win . . . . . . . . Wears the President's Match Play Medallion for 2016

Mike Whitty is the Webmaster for RIGC, but now he has an additional title, President's Medallion Match Play CHAMPION for 2016! Congratulations Mike! He squared off in the championship match at Greystone on 7-27-16 against Jim Walenczak and Mike was getting 5 strokes to even things up. Mike got off to a torrid start and found himself up by 5 strokes after 7 holes. That's a tough deficit to make up, even with 11 holes left. Mike says his goal was to win the match on hole #15, mission accomplished. When asked what his strategy was he attributed it to something he learned from Frank Salucci, place your tee shot in the fairway to put pressure on your opponent. That usually works in match play, and Salucci will expect something to "wet his beak". And hats off to Jim Walenczak for making it to the finals, certainly this experience will make him a more formidable match play opponent next year. So now Mike is the only member who can accomplish the RIGC Grand Slam: Match Play Champ, Net Score Club Champ, co-winner of the Member-Member, and co-winner of the Club Invitational. He should be a factor in all of them. Meanwhile I'll hold on to the ticket for picking Mike to win the Match Play, and cash it the next time I'm at the sports book at the Wynn Casino in Las Vegas.

Bravo Performance By Hansinger at Greystone

The match play finals weren’t the only competition held at Greystone. Also happening were the usual exciting features and on this day it was Dennis Hansinger who out shown the other members as he carded a very nice round of 91 leading to a net score of 64 and first place in the overall net score competition. Good job, Dennis and nice to see your name on the leaderboard. In Flight A there was a tie between Diedrich and John Stencel who both had respectable net scores of 69. In Flight B good friends Landis and Grace battled for first place and Landis prevailed with a net score of 65 while Grace came home with a 67. In Flight C it was Hansinger taking the top prize while Hill was close behind with a net score of 66, good enough for second place. The CTP winners were Kanaan with 2, Polizzi, and Sands. Flight Skins are too numerous to talk about, you can find them on the web.

**Quest For The JUG" Update**

It's time for an update on the competition for the coveted Jug. You're now more than half way to the end of the competition and the field is starting to separate. At Greystone on 7-27 the following were the top point getters in their flights: Diedrich and John Stencel in the Palmer, Hansinger in the Nicklaus, and Palazzolo in the Woods. What about for the season? Here are the point leaders for each flight and the number of points they've accumulated: Walenczak in the Palmer (140 pts), Hagedorn in the Nicklaus (125 pts), and Lederman in the Woods (140 pts). Remember, the top eight in each flight will qualify for the two round JUG Championship on 10-5 and 12. A more complete JUG update will be on the website soon.

From the Publisher/Tournament Chairman-----------------------------------------------R Cooper

The conclusion of the Match Play marks the middle of the season for RIGC. It also ushers in the beginning of the RIGC Club Championships. This year GAM eliminated the division of Super Senior. RIGC is following suit and eliminating that division. This year we will go into a three division system:

 OPEN DIVISION: Open to all members of RIGC. Two rounds, stroke play. All participants will play from the “TIPS”. Winner of this division will represent RIGC at the GAM T of C C. RIGC pays the entry fee.

 SENIOR DIVISON: Open to all members who are at 60 years old and over. Two rounds of stroke play. All participants will play from an assorted tee positions that will equal 6300 or more yardage but not to exceed 6500 yds.. Winner of this division will represent RIGC at the GAM T of C C. entry fee paid by RIGC.

 MASTERS DIVISION: Open to all members who are 70(or approaching 70 for 2016) and older. Two rounds of gross scores played from the forward tees.

 NET CHAMPIONSHIP: All members eligible, two rounds of championship play adjust to the net score. Lowest combined scores, win.

Let’s start this second half with a bang. There are 10 more weeks of RIGC competition, and I see it heating up each week. Jug Points on all these events…..

You can get all the inside information on our website. Good Luck to all the players and Congratulations again to

Mike Whitty on his win for PMMPC. See you all at Metamora Aug 3 shot gun start at 9.30 with breakfast at 8.30am