**COMMENTARY . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . DAVID FAILURETEE, EDITOR**

The guys on the PGA Tour are complaining about the jammed schedule of events, Open Championship, PGA, Olympics, FedEx playoffs, Ryder Cup. Heck, that’s nothing. Look at the jammed schedule of RIGC events: two round Club Championship, Member-Member, “The Sweep”, Invitational, Yellow Ball event, your Editor is looking forward to a lengthy vacation after covering all of this golf, maybe a river cruise down the Danube, two weeks in a tiki hut in Tahiti, a couple of weeks in Pittsburg, something, anything. But for the time being I’ll plug away and will start with a report of the RIGC Member-Member Championship held on 8-24 . . . . . . . . . stay rested, DF

**Exciting Member-Member at Twin Lakes . . . . . . . . . . Two More “Mr. 59”s**

The 2016 RIGC Member-Member tournament (MM) was held at Twin Lakes (TL) on 8-24. The course was in very good shape with some of the speediest greens the members have encountered in 2016. A total of 28 teams teed it up for the “Shamble” event. Most of the teams finished with scores in the high 60’s or low 70’s, except for one team. Now please extend a laurel, and hardy handshake to the 2016 RIGC MM Champion Team . . . . . . . Dennis Hansinger and George Karam! Their score . . . . . . . 59! Thirteen under par! Excellent playing by them. So now the club has two more “Mr. 59”s. On the way to that score the team shot an absurd 26 on the Estates Course! Your Editor should have seen it coming. Hansinger has been a hot golfer lately, finishing near the top of his flight in the last four JUG events. And Karam has been a steady Eddie golfer all year. Look out for this team next year. In my predictions I said to keep any eye on teams consisting of TL regulars, and I was right about that as TL’ers Kemp and Small teamed up to take second place with a net score of 63. An excellent round by two members who both had slow starts to the year but have recently rounded into shape. This is another team to be concerned about next year. Two teams tied for third place with scores of 64: McKay/Palazzolo, and Salucci/Smith who did an excellent job of defending their championship from the 2015 MM.

There were a total of five skins won in the event by: Landis/Plumley, Quintana/Fournier, and Goldner/Gross. Your Editor picked the team of Phillips/Phillips to win it all. That didn’t happen, however, they did win two of the five skins, making my selection of them appear to be somewhat justifiable.

 I’ve been asked to extend special thanks to Ed Phillips for hosting and arranging the picnic which followed the competition. And also to the other TL’ers who helped with the setup. I’m told the food was excellent and plentiful (with not one veggie or piece of fruit in sight), the drinks were cold, and the wine of good quality. There are also reports that significant monetary funds were seen being exchanged on the bocce ball court.

Congratulations too all involved on a fine event!

**Up Next . . . . . . . “The Sweep” at Cherry Creek on 9-7**

Wednesday, 9-7, will see the introduction of a new and exciting event on the RIGC schedule. It’s being called “The Sweep” and it will be contested at Cherry Creek. “The Sweep” will be a four-person team competition with teams consisting of A, B, C, and D players. For each hole, the two best individual net scores will be totaled and that will be the team’s score for the hole. But, on the 9th hole and the 18th hole the net scores of all of the

team members will be totaled to arrive at the team score for those two holes. The team with the lowest overall net score total will take home the top prize. IMPORTANT: since this is a team competition it’s essential that you communicate to Rod Cooper your intentions to play, or not, as soon as possible. The teams will be put together on 9-1. I’ll have to see the teams before I make any predictions about the winner of this event. But count on me looking at the teams which include hot golfers getting strokes such as: Hansinger, Schiff, Lederman, Whitty, Landis, Smith, Polizzi, J. Phillips, just to name a few. No pressure guys.

**“Quest for the JUG” Update**

The JUG competition is getting down to the bitter end and I have been asked by Wynn Miller to bring you up to date on some recent developments. The event on 8-31 was cancelled, therefore that leaves two JUG event left on the schedule, 9-7 and 9-28. That’s correct, the event on 9-7 is a team event (see above), but you will record your gross scores so that JUG points can be awarded. Because of the loss of the event on 8-31 the JUG points will be increased for the final two events to this: First place will get 45 points, second 35, third 30, fourth 20, fifth 15, and sixth 10 points. Remember that the top eight players in each of the three flights (including ties) will get a ticket to the JUG playoffs on 10-5 and 10-12. The field for the event will be at least 24 golfers, meaning that if one of the top eight doesn’t play someone from further down the list in the flight will get the invite. Because of this there are not very many members who are totally out of the competition, even at this late date. So my advice is, hang in there and shoot well in the final two events, and you might get to sign the JUG.