

RULES

Hackfest 89': You're Jammin' Me

FRONT NINE:

Foursome 1

Team 1

Jeff Carter

Gary Mullen-Schultz

Team 2

Mike Sauer

Steve Blake

Foursome 2

Team 3

John Kast

Tim Hidani

Team 4

Brett Johnson

Steve Lyford

-Your score on the front nine will be based on your performance (as a team) in a nine hole "two-man best-ball" format. For the purposes of this tournament "two-man best-ball" is defined as:

- Both players on a team drive the ball, they choose the best shot out of the two drives and both hit their next shots from where that "best" shot lay. This process is repeated to include all shots on the front nine excluding putts. Putting duty for each twosome will be done on an alternating hole by hole basis (i.e. Jeff hits all putts at hole 1, Gary at hole 2, Jeff at hole 3 etc.).
- Within each foursome, each twosome may force the other twosome to play their "worst-ball" a total of 2 (two) times. This includes any shot excepting putts, and the first tee shot.

-Honors are by team (based on the best individual score from the previous hole).

-All other rules of golf and the Chomonix Golf Course apply (ie lost balls are not penalty enough).

-Both you and your teammate will receive the same score for the front nine.

BACK NINE:

The make-up of the foursomes will change between nines, and will be decided by Brett Johnson after the designated drivers (explanation to follow) have been determined.

-All golfers will play for individual scores.

-Designated Driver rule. For scoring and prize eligibility purposes the losing (highest scoring) twosome will be eliminated from the competition after the front nine (ties will be decided using the 9th, then 8th, then 7th etc., holes as total team score tie breakers). These two golfers will however have the destiny of the tournament winner in their hands because of their new role as Designated Drivers. Each will be the

Designated Driver for his respected foursome on the back nine. Said designated driver will be the only person to hit from the tee on the back nine. He will drive three balls (one for each of the other members of the foursome) at each tee. Successive shots will be played by the respective ball owners (in accordance with USGA and course rules) until the hole is played out.

-Each player has 1 (one) exemption from the Designated Driver rule which must be used somewhere on the back nine. This simply means that you, instead of the designated driver, will hit your ball from the tee. It can be used at any hole on the back nine but must be called before the Designated Driver hits any shots on that particular hole (the only exception to this is when the Designated Driver exemption and the Mulligan are used together, see below).

-Each player will be allowed one "mulligan" which he may use on any shot excluding putts.

****Note:** The "mulligan" and Designated Driver exemption can be used in conjunction with one another:

Example: Steve Lyford is the designated driver for your foursome. At the 17th hole he duffs your designated drive off two trees and into the pond. If you still haven't used your Mulligan and Designated Drive exemption there are three ways you can play the shot. 1) No excess rules invoked: Steve drives another of your balls from the tee (stroke and distance penalties assessed). 2) Use your Mulligan: Steve drives another of your balls from the tee (No penalties assessed). 3) Use your Mulligan and Designated Driver exemption: You (not Steve) hit your own ball from the tee (No penalties assessed).

-All other rules of golf and the Chomonix golf course apply (Again, lost ball is not penalty enough).

-The two "Designated Drivers" are of course encouraged to play along on the back nine even though their dismal performance on the front nine exempts them from the final standings and/or prizes.

-The winner will have the lowest total score (team score and individual score combined).

-In the case of a tie, the winner will be decided using the traditional "Rock, Paper, Scissor" method.

-In accordance with the theme of this year's tournament (as a mental as well as physical test of golfing skill), all forms of verbal abuse are strictly encouraged. Disparaging remarks about a player's clothing or family are especially encouraged during that player's backswing.

Biographies/Predictions

Jeff Carter: A former "Hackfest winner (1987) Jeff was soundly defeated last year. In fact, ever since his inaugural victory at the Hackfest, Jeff's life has sort of fallen apart. He wrecked his car, his company was sold, and he paid about a buck a stroke to play some really shitty golf at a course in California. However, Jeff does seem to be slowly piecing things back together. He has a new Town Home and a new (relatively) girlfriend, both of which are fortifying him for another run at the Hackfest title. Unfortunately, the experts all seem to agree that Jeff will crack under the competitive pressure and fail miserably. Predicted final score: 97.

Mike Sauer: Also a past winner with a new (relatively) girlfriend, Mike will try to defend his title. Known to his golfing peers (of which he has many) as "Mr. Easyswing," this mild mannered and courteous hotel Charge de Affairs will roar up to the Chomonix course in his resplendent, white Cougar. However, like his automobile, Mike seems to be slightly out of tune. The experts predict he will succumb to "repeat pressures." Going down in flames on the first three holes of the back nine Mike will shoot a 94.

Tim Hidani: Once a dominant local player, this self-made engineer's golf game has, like his landscaping skills, fallen into disrepair. The owner of two homes and a recent "pick-six" winner (\$8,000 on a \$2.00 ticket), he will no doubt attempt to apply his economic acumen to his golf score. However, despite recent forays to various courses in search of his old game, and even though his drive and fairway woods will prune a few strokes from his score, Tim too is destined for also-ran status. After a horrendous back nine he will shoot a mediocre 93.

Gary Mullen-Schultz: Gary is undoubtedly the biggest mystery coming into the tournament this year (the experts can't even spell his name, so how are they going to predict his score). It is known that for several years his silky-smooth stroke and adonis-like features haunted the fairways and greens of the posh Oak Ridge Country Club, and it has been subsequently rumored that he is the only living sports figure whom Sid Hartman doesn't consider a close personal friend. However, merely rubbing elbows with celebrities isn't enough to guarantee victory at the Hackfest. In his first tournament back from a long hiatus, after an inspired front nine, Gary will crumble (albeit with dignity) blasting his way through 70% of the sand on the course to record an eighteen-hole total of 96.

Steve Lyford: A roommate once said of this up-and-coming player, "I think he's from Wisconsin . . . but I'm not sure." A macho but self-deprecating fan of the "Village People," Steve is still waiting for his breakout year in golf. Unfortunately, he will have to wait until the year 2096, when he will be reincarnated as a dominant player in the Japanese Women's Golf Tour. In the meantime, his keen chemical awareness will only help him relieve the post-tournament headache which will result from his finishing lower in the standings than Steve Blake. The experts predict a truly bleak performance and a final score of 97.

Brett Johnson: As organizer of the Hackfest Brett continues to stun the local golf intelligencia with his spectacularly dull play. Known in most sporting circles as "Mr. Oatmeal," Brett the Bland," or "The 'B' in Boring," this young man has made a career of uninspired play in virtually every sport, at virtually every level. His lackluster play will continue in Hackfest 89. The experts predict that meek drives, submissive iron play and unoriginal chip shots will guarantee another dull dull dull performance. After an uneventful round which critics will later call "not too good . . .not too bad" Brett will fire a snoozing 93.

John Kast: Seeded seventh this year the cheerful Biomedical engineer is a golf star on the rise. Always the most engaging player on the course (who can forget his engagements with various stands of trees and shrubbery), John will doubtlessly come out smoking and set a blistering front nine pace that nobody will (dare to) follow. An experienced shooter from the rough (and I mean rough!), John will stun the gathered eight by carving out a 19 over par 90, good for second place.

Steve Blake: Without a doubt the most successfully erratic player in the tournament, Steve has never finished higher than eighth (out of eight). He holds the distinction of playing the "four most entertaining hole of golf ever witnessed" (talk to Mr. Lyford about it), and is also the only player in the tournament to consistently use a driver in the fairway. Despite all, the experts pick him to win this year's Hackfest. The foundation is there, he has started landscaping again, he's tan, he's wan, and he "doesn't have time to bleed." "The Predator" will slingshot his way through the course firing 10 bogies, 2 double bogies, 2 triple bogies, 2 birdies, 1 eagle and 1 par for an 18 hole score of 87. An unbelievable three stroke winner for an unbelievable tournament.

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Dear Mr. Mullen-Schultz,

I sense, and the tarnished reputations of past "Hackfest" participants demand, the need for another pain filled Saturday of manly and meaningless golf. This year's event Hackfest 89: "You're Jammin' Me" will be held at the Chomonix Golf Course in Lino Lakes: 18 holes, par 72; 6,337 yards; wildlife preserve setting with nesting geese and plenty of places to lose golf balls; green fees \$12.75; Ph. 482-8484. I have tentatively scheduled it for Saturday, August 12th. I would appreciate your immediate response as to the appropriateness of this date (schedule conflicts can be worked out if you tell me right away) and whether morning or afternoon tee times would be preferred.

Once again I believe I have assembled an elite group of top-quality hackers to compete for top honors. Our field this year includes (that is, if you can make it):

Steve "The Predator" Blake
Jeff "A-Buck-a-Stroke" Carter
Tim "TKO" Hidani
Brett "Dr. Dull" Johnson
John "Bone Crusher" Kast
Steve "AAAAAAAAAARGH!" Lyford
Gary "Free-for-all" Mullen-Schultz
Mike "Mr. Easyswing" Sauer

I'm looking forward to hearing from you. Please call me as soon as you receive this letter, so I will know you got it and so we can discuss your status for the tourney. By the way there will be a \$2.00 or \$3.00 entry fee this year to cover the cost of prize(s). Enclosed please find a copy of the rules along with participant Biographies and expert predictions.

Sincerely Yours,

Brett Johnson
Tournament Student