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### NEXT TOURNAMENT

#### Orange Lake Legends, Sunday August 19th, 2007

Shotgun Start at 7:45 a.m. Tournament Format Individual, Three or Four Flights. Entry Fee:

**\$50 .00 (Includes greens fee, cart, prize certificates, blind bogey, and hole-in- one pot, and range balls.)**

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Well, Stoneybrook worked out to be a great day, although it started out with a few minor hiccups regarding covering some tasks performed by the board members that had to miss the event. If most of the glitches were invisible to you guys. man, are we good. Anyway, several board members missed Stoneybrook due to schedule conflicts, vacations and such and operating shorthanded while putting out fires was not fun for the directors that were there. But hey, nobody said running tournaments was going to be easy for EVERY event. Well, steering clear of any pre and during the tournament mishaps was **Dan Thompson**, locking down **Low Gross** with a **74**. Dan finally returns to the winner's circle, after how long? Long time AGO member **Norb Bobay** had one of those rare (for some of us) 'put it all together' rounds that most mid to high handicappers get their Depend's all soggy from just thinking about one! Norb played some great golf, firing a sweet **84** for **Low Net of 58**. Good work guys, and feel free to share your golf tips with any of us on the board. We can use the help! I can't say enough about our next event this month at Orange Lake Legends. Many years ago, the 3 original nines built there offered a great challenge for all skill levels and it was a relatively well kept secret offering good golf cheap. With the maintenance, time-share influx of money, and some of it being spent on course improvements in recent years, we may want to consider this a higher end course on our AGO agenda. Make sure you get there plenty early, check in first, and then head to the range. If we can tee off on time or earlier, we can beat most of the heat! See you at check in and *hit 'em straight, not often!*

### Results for Stoneybrook West

**Low Gross** Dan Thompson 74 \$45.00  
**Low Net Overall** Norb Bobay 84 26 58 \$45.00

FLIGHT A	Gross	HCP	NET	\$\$\$	FLIGHT B	Gross	HCP	NET	\$\$\$
1. Ron Behe	77	12	65	\$35.00	1. Gene Denny	81	15	66	\$35.00
2. Jay Durant	77	12	65	\$26.00	2. Bill Laufenberg	84	17	67	\$26.00
3. Rob Czechowski	77	10	67	\$22.00	3. Paul Singhofen	84	17	67	\$22.00
4. Jerry Fusco	76	8	68	\$18.00	4. Greg Howe	83	16	67	\$18.00
5. Marcus Hogan	78	8	70	\$14.00	5. John Atkinson	84	17	67	\$14.00

FLIGHT C	Gross	HCP	NET	\$\$\$	FLIGHT D	Gross	HCP	NET	\$\$\$
1. Doc Hebebrand	95	25	70	\$35.00	1. Mike Frazer	97	34	63	\$35.00
2. Jerry Mosley	95	25	70	\$26.00	2. Sal Malandrino	95	28	67	\$26.00
3. Jim Noon	92	21	71	\$22.00	3. Arnie Wolberg	103	36	67	\$22.00
4. Balbino Farina	92	21	71	\$18.00	4. David Gubert	94	26	68	\$18.00
5. Tony Lopez	93	21	72	\$14.00	5. Bill Crowe	103	33	70	\$14.00

#### CLOSEST TO THE PIN - \$10 each

#3 Craig Jensen #11 Jerry Geier  
#8 Jay Durant #16 Mike Hill

**Low Putts:** Norb Bobay 28 Putts \$10.00

**Gross Skins:** \$405 in pot 9 Winners \$45 each  
#1 & #6 Behe #2 & #5 Paxson # 3 Jensen #8 Durant #15 Fusco # 16 Hebebrand #17 Thompson

**Net Skins:** \$225 in pot 7 Winners \$32 each  
# 9 and # 15 Bobay #12 John Ingram #11 Mike Frazer #14 R.Miller # 7 Atkinson # 3 R.Smith

**Blind Bogey: Pot = \$ 97 # 71 6 Winners:** Behe, McKenzie, Goodman, Farina, Noon, and Smelser.

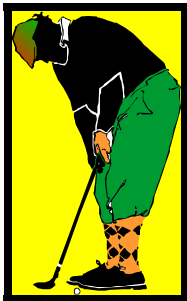
**Rule of the Month- Embedded Ball.** Now here is another common event during a round. What should you do? Do we drop it, place it, clean it, buff it, spit on it, hit it as it lies, kick it out, or just cuss at it? Pasted below is the text from the USGA web page for the rule 25.2

From USGA : Rules of Golf

#### 25-2 Embedded Ball

A ball embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground in any closely mown area through the green may be lifted, cleaned and *dropped*, without penalty, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green. "Closely mown area" means any area of the course, including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less.

### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



By Rick Harris Sr.

Be sure and read this one!

As most of you are aware, the price of just about everything has gone up, including greens fees, cart fees and tax. (Can you believe many of us used to play at Disney for less than \$50 for our annual Championship) Recently AGO Board member Larry Prill asked you to rank the courses as to where you wanted to play and what you'd be willing to pay. Quite frankly, some of the places requested in earnest were out of the question. 1) Because of the clubs policy regarding outside play on weekends, 2) were totally unrealistic rates for what FL residents would pay during ANY month. A local pro recently told me his rates were going up Oct. 1, as that now was the beginning of their 'winter season'!!

You have probably noticed that some courses have kept their spring rates well after Memorial day, and yet they question why they are not getting the player head count that other courses are getting. ( gee, you think it might be the \$10 or so rate difference?)

So, your AGO board and I are constantly looking for new and exciting venues to play that will charge a fair and reasonable rate based on the numbers of players we can commit to and the time of year we book. As a result, we have booked some great courses in the past, and we will continue to use stroke play handicap formats, with an occasional Stableford and even rarer 2 man best ball event thrown in. It still follows that you must play 3 times in the AGO calendar year from May through March to be eligible for trophies and certificates in the Annual Championship.

Finally, at this months AGO board meeting, we spent a good portion of time discussing handicap policy for new or 'returning' members. To sum it up, a) if a new member has a verifiable USGA GHIN handicap, we will accept it as his starting handicap.

b) If one does not have an established or proof of handicap we request 5 of his most recent scores, and determine his starting handicap with a secret password deluxe, double decoder ring method only the board knows about! ☺ c) In the rare occasion that a prospective member has no scores to report or a verifiable handicap, we will assign a temporary handicap determined after hours of interviews and interrogation. Regardless of which category above a new member falls into, our current handicap Chairman, John Atkinson, and with our boards assistance, will monitor the players scores for the next several events. Adjustments will be applied in order to

'protect the field'. You may or may not know that on occasion we have had some guys come in with what appears to be a legitimate handicap, win their flights for several events (our handicap mgmt software is modified to react as quickly as possible for our 1x a month group), then vanish. Trust me, this has happened in AGO history.

Keep in mind that the purpose of a handicap system is an attempt to enable golfers of all skill levels to compete on an equitable basis. It may sound silly but the ultimate level of satisfaction that can be obtained for a person or a group in charge of handicaps, is when the event is over that everyones net score after deducting the handicap from their gross is the same or within a stroke of each other. When someone shoots a net score 8 or 10 strokes below par, light-years ahead of the rest of the flight, well.. as Neal Boortz says, "somebodys gotta say it", something is wrong!

To end this on a positive note, I am looking forward to seeing how we all do at the Legends course at Orange Lake this month. I will see you there.- Rick

**WEBSITE:** We have revised and updated some of the info on our website. We try to get updates and revisions posted as quickly as possible. Posting the pairings is done as a courtesy, are subject to change, and are rarely posted before Friday afternoon, as they are not finalized for print until Thursday PM or on the a.m. of the Friday just before the tournament.

Typically you should see current handicaps unless our Webmaster or Secretary is out of town. If you see an error in any of the text, or wish to make a suggestion regarding layout, user convenience, etc. please do! Check us out at

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A dog joke not about Michael Vick!

The 4th grade teacher had just finished saying how the human being was the only species that could stutter. Little Cathy raised her hand and said, "I don't think that's true, I used to have a cat that stuttered". The teacher, knowing how these stones can turn into gems, let Cathy explain. "Our neighbor next door has a big Rottweiler. One day I was playing in the back yard with my kitty. The Rottweiler saw my kitty, got a running start, broke his chain, and leaped over the fence. Kitty saw the dog coming, stood up, arched his back, and went fff, fff, fff, but before Kitty could finish saying f \*@ %, that dog swallowed Kitty with one bite!

#### **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ENDS ON 8-31.**

If a guest becomes a member and indicates he was referred by you on their application, you receive a credit for 1 free round with AGO for each member recruited after they join AGO!

***Beginning in June 2007***, free rounds earned for recruiting a member during our membership drive, will be awarded in the form of an AGO prize certificate good for free entry to any regular AGO tournament. Recruiting ends August 31, 2007.

**Range balls ARE included at:** Orange Lake Legends. Ridgewood Lakes is not verified at time of printing.

**USGA Rules of Golf apply during all AGO events. Period.**



**\$\$ TREASURER'S CORNER \$\$**

**SEVERAL PEOPLE HAVE A CREDIT COMING, AS OF July 1, 2007. IF YOU HAVE A CREDIT, YOU CAN DEDUCT IT FROM YOUR NEXT TOURNAMENT APPLICATION OR APPLY IT TO YOUR ANNUAL DUES. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CALL TREASURER JOE WINGERTER FOR ASSISTANCE AT 407-273-7798. ☺**

**Amounts listed are in dollars \$.**

B.ADAMSON 22	R.BATEMAN 39	KEN COLE 5	JIM CURLEY 1
W.ESHLEMAN 62	MARK FRAZER 10	BOB GORDON 35	M. HILL 12
C.JENSEN 6	KEITH JONES 8	CHRIS KNORR 16	PHILLIP KNOTT 19
B.LAUFENBERG -39	MCGINNIS 38	T.J.MCKENZIE 14	B.MORTON 5
J.NICOLLE 10	LARRY PLATT 1	M.REYNOLDS 37	MIKE RICE 9
RICK RUSSI 17	C.SHEFFIELD 10	BOB SIMPSON 13	RICH WATRY 2
R.WHITNEY 39			

**Look here too -> AGO HOTLINE # IS- 407-273-7798**

**UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS**

- Orange Lake Legends      Sunday, Aug 19    \$50
- Ridgewood Lakes          Sunday, Sept 16    \$41
- Providence                  Sunday, Oct 21    \$47

**EARLY BIRD ENTRY: Ridgewood Lakes, Sunday Sept. 16th, 2007**

**7:45 A.M. SHOTGUN START, FORMAT: INDIVIDUAL, 3-4 FLIGHTS. ENTRY FEE: \$41. (GREENS FEE, PRIZE CERTIFICATES, HOLE IN 1 POT, BLIND BOGEY, CART)**

MY NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PAIR ME WITH \_\_\_\_\_

My TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ or EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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**EARLY BIRD ENTRY: Orange Lake Legends, Sunday Aug. 19th, 2007**

**7:45 A.M. SHOTGUN START, FORMAT: INDIVIDUAL, 3-4 FLIGHTS. ENTRY FEE: \$50.00. (GREENS FEE, PRIZE CERTIFICATES, HOLE IN 1 POT, RANGE BALLS, BLIND BOGEY, CART)**

MY NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PAIR ME WITH \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DIRECTIONS TO ORANGE LAKE: LEGENDS**

Take Interstate 4 West (toward Tampa) Continue on Interstate 4 to U.S. Hwy 192 (18 miles from Downtown, 7 miles from International Drive) Take U.S. Hwy 192 West (exit 64\*), towards Disney World \*Please note that exits have recently changed; Exit 64 is now the only exit to 192 from I-4 West. Merge onto U.S. Hwy 192 West and then merge to the two left-hand lanes. Continue U.S. Hwy 192 West for 5 miles to the stoplight at Orange Lake Boulevard. Turn Right into Orange Lake

**TELEPHONE: (407) 905-1330**

**TRAVEL TIME: APPROX. 30 MIN TO COURSE**

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## **DIRECTIONS TO Ridgewood Lakes**

**Take Interstate 4 West (from Orlando) to exit 55, South 2.5 miles on US Rte.27**

Look for the entrance on your left.

**TELEPHONE: (863) 424-8688 Toll free 800-684-8800**

**TRAVEL TIME: APPROX. 40 MIN TO COURSE**

## **TOP FIFTEEN MONEY WINNERS, 2007-2008**

**(THROUGH JULY 2007, INCLUDES TOURNAMENT WINNINGS, CLOSEST TO THE PIN AND LOW PUTTS)**

THOMPSON, D.	\$81	SINGHOFEN, P.	\$56	BEHE, R.	\$53
SWANSON, M.	\$80	INGRAM, JU	\$56	WINGERTER, J.	\$52
ROGERS, T.	\$65	JENSON, C.	\$55	GEIER, J.	\$50
HEBEBRAND, D.	\$57	BOBAY, N.	\$55	LOPEZ, T.	\$49
BRETZ, L.	\$57	FRAZER, MI.	\$53	ROYCE, J.	\$48

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