



DOODLEBUG TIMES 2003

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Spectacular Doodlebug Weather

Spectacular weather was the main story at this year's highly successful Doodlebug. Although forest fire smoke caused a general background haze, Thursday through Sunday it was sunny, with temperatures nudging 30°C on Thursday and Friday. Perhaps more importantly, there were no frost delays, resulting in pleasant rounds of golf that started on time, every day.

Full credit for the marvelous weather must be given to Oliver Kuhn, Vice-Chairman. "I really don't have any other responsibilities besides the weather, so I put all my energy into it. I can't go into details, but it involves a lot of shamanistic ritual sort of stuff. The knowledge is handed down from Vice-Chairman to Vice-Chairman under a code



of silence. You don't want novices messing around with it – it's a serious business."

The flip side of the hot dry weather was the poor conditions experienced by the Guest Tournament in Hinton. Only the greens are wa-

tered on this course, so the fairways were dry and dusty.

The hot weather, while making for fantastic golf, seemed to curtail the nocturnal activities of the normally energetic Doodlebuggers. Energy levels were noticeably down at the Friday and Saturday evening functions, as people seemed to be feeling the effects of full days under the sun.

It's hard to believe that heat, sunburn and dehydration would be issues in the Rockies in the fall. However, locals will tell you that in Jasper, September is considered to have the most stable weather; not necessarily warm, but not turbulent. Add in the fact that Jasper is at a lower elevation than Calgary, and it is understandable that Jasper can be this beautiful in September.

Mitch Peters wins Mr. Doodlebug

An ecstatic Mitch Peters was named Mr. Doodlebug this year. Although he had won ceramics in 1998 and 2001, this was the first time Mitch had hoisted the trophy awarded to the top flight winner. And it wasn't easy—Mitch's score of 76 just edged out Doug Borgstrom's 77. Splendid in his ceremonial brown victor's jacket, Mitch delivered a gracious and moving victory speech that drew heavily on the tournament's rich history, and the legacy of the late Bob Won.



Chairman Bruce "Zeus" Gawalko presents Mitch Peters with winning trophy.

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Some 2003 Doodlebug facts:

- Number of countbacks required on Saturday: 4
- Steve and Barb Stretch's low combined gross score in the Mixed: 167!
- Amount raised for charity this year: \$3,635
- Number of committee members to win ceramics: 3
- Number of first time ceramic winners: 8
- Number of goats present Saturday night: 1



Martin Armitage's ceramic— Supervisors 2003

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Ray MacDonald inappropriately fondling someone else's ceramic. By the way, who does he remind you of?



“Ace” Armitage brings A-game

There have been few single day performances in the history of the Doodlebug to match it: a ceramic, a hole-in-one, two KPs, \$90 in skins money, and low gross score for the day! And not only that, Martin Armitage even had the time to be a Good Samaritan, picking up someone's lost sand wedge, and hanging on to it until the owner could be found (more below).

Martin, ever the gracious competitor, had this to say,



“This was by far the most exciting day of my 36 year golfing career and something I would hope everyone could experience once. The Doodlebug tournament is the best social event the CSEG has and being able to celebrate that day with so many friends and colleagues made it even more memorable. My thanks to Bruce Gawalko and the rest of this year's committee.”

Strange Case of the Lost Wedge

Email exchange:

Sept. 11—Brian... One more item... in all the excitement I forgot about a sand wedge, RH Macgregor that I found on the 17th hole... I thought it was from the Championship flight playing right in front of us but they said no. It was on our golf cart as we moved up to the clubhouse after 18 and I guess one of the staff placed the wedge in my bag and I did not notice until last night. It must be from someone playing in the tournament, so can you send out a note to everyone and I will get it to the owner?
Thanks, Martin

Sept. 11—Guys... Can someone from registration follow through with a general email to all Doodlebugs for the golf club found on course (sand wedge, RH Macgregor that Martin found on the 17th hole)? Martin is quite the guy, a hole-in-one, a second KP, and lost golf club retrieval to boot!
Thanks, Brian

Sept. 16—Dear Fellow Doodlebug Golfer: In addition to his hole-in-one on the “Bad Baby” (hole #15), Martin Armitage also found someone's RH Macgregor Sand Wedge. If you are the owner of this Wayward Club, please send a reply to this email and we will make arrangements to return your club.
Regards, Allan Chatenay

Sept. 16—Should the Golf Committee be notified?? Perhaps Mr. Armitage finished his round with more clubs in his bag than regulation??!! Further, Mr. Armitage may have been in possession of a borrowed club, that of some other player on the course.. all this in contravention of Rule 4)4)a) of the Rules of Golf!!!! "Say it ain't so, Martin." Scandal at the Doodlebug!!!! Where is Sandy Jenkins when you need him!?!?!
Ken....

Sept. 17—Allan...the sandwedge is mine after bad baby it needed a scolding temporarily orphaned...
thanks borg

Sept. 17—Al...not mine but I remember Borgie tossing his club into the forest that day!
Daryl

Sept. 29—Just to clear the air... I found the club after the 17th hole and placed it on our golf cart (**not** in my bag which would be an obvious rule infraction possibly jeopardizing my ceramic win,

Lost Wedge (cont'd)

KPs that day, \$90 in skins and the hole-in-one prize... gulp!) It was placed in my golf bag after completion of the tournament by the Jasper Park Lodge staff and I have a witness to verify my story... Alan Starkoski, whom I can establish as an expert witness... not only is he a trained observer, like myself, but also a man of great integrity, compassion, and swings a mean golf club too... Alan can you please verify this? Alan... Alan? **Alan?!**

Borgie... I'll bring the club into my office tomorrow... call me and we can arrange for delivery/pick-up? **Martin**

Sept. 29—Got your message Martin, and being a "man of integrity", now that I think about it, I have a slightly different recollection of the sequence of events. I thought that you had picked up the wedge on the fringe of the 14th green because I now recall you saying something to this effect on the 15th tee, "This wedge I found is a lot better than the crap equipment I'm playing with. I think I'll give it a try on this little par 3." Then on the next hole Pod borrowed it for his shot into the green. Based on this recollection, that I must have earlier blocked out of my memory, wouldn't that lead to the disqualification of both Martin and Pod? In that case both the ceramic and money would go to the third place golfer in that flight. I'm sure that Brian could look back at the final results to determine the new winner. Gee, could that have been moi?

Alas, Martin speaks the truth as stated, damn-it. Hope I elevated your heartbeat a few notches though! **Al**

Winner's Gallery

This year's Doodlebug saw first time winners take a full 8 out of 15 ceramics. Four of these winners have been long overdue—Alan Richards (15 years), Greg Groten (10), Dan McArthur (10), and Gord Johnson (9)—so their elation was mixed with relief.

The competition was close in many of the flights, with four 2 stroke winners and two 1 stroke winners; Dan McArthur shot an 86 and then needed extra holes to defeat Jim Ross in the Surveyor flight, and Eric Blakely (79) required extra holes and a count-back to beat Jim Carr for the Party Chief ceramic.



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| 1. Doodlebug: Mitch Peters (76) | 9. Rod Man: Oliver Kuhn (94) |
| 2. Supervisor: Martin Armitage (75) | 10. Observer: Brian Robak (95) |
| 3. Party Chief: Eric Blakely (79) | 11. Line Truck Driver: Trevor Packard (91) |
| 4. Interpreter: Doug Stewart (84) | 12. Party Manager: Don Poruchny (93) |
| 5. Processor: Danny MacDonald (83) | 13. Shooter: Gary Martin (98) |
| 6. Shothole Inspector: Alan Richards (88) | 14. Driller: Gordon Johnson (103) |
| 7. Surveyor: Dan McArthur (86) | 15. Bird Dog: Wayne Wheeler (111) |
| 8. Permit Man: Greg Groten (84) | 16. Hole Plug: Conrad Lackner (104) |



A typical post-golf scene in front of the Milligan Cabin (above), and three golfers enjoy a quiet moment of camaraderie (below).



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2003 Chairman Bruce "Zeus" Gawalko receives engraved hip flask as a token of thanks and appreciation from Vice-Chair Oliver "Neptune" Kuhn.



The success of each year's Doodlebug is a responsibility that rests on the shoulders of the committee members. It is not a light burden—the event itself covers the best part of five days, not to mention the months of planning and hard work that precede it. The total budget is.....well let's say it's extremely large!

This year's committee did an outstanding job in all areas, and they had a lot of fun while they were at it. In addition to the committee members and spouses (above, Shannon Niemi missing), thanks to Steve Fuller and the Earth Signal gang for running the pari-mutuel, and all the very generous sponsors.

2003 Doodlebug Committee

Bruce Gawalko	Chairman
Oliver Kuhn	Vice Chairman
Steve Fuller	Past Chairman
Marty Sommerville	Secretary / Treasurer
Peter McCann	
Shannon Niemi	Housing / Registration
Allan Chatenay	
Jack Bull	Prizes / Sponsorship
Dan McArthur	
Derek Boeckx	Golf
Brian McCue	
Steve Farnar	
Greg Groten	Entertainment
Glenn Larson	
Barb Shortreed	Guest Tournament
Erica Boeckx	
Teresa Gawalko	Ladies Convenor



Ric "The Waiter" Lewis gets up to apologise for his indiscretions.



A pair Greek peasant gatecrashers—later identified as George & Shirley Kostashuk.

Doodlebug Entertainment Sizzles

As all Doodlebuggers know, golf is a great excuse to throw one big three day party! Greg Groten and Glenn Larson, this year's Entertainment Committee, really outdid themselves.

The fun started with Thursday's Mixed Tournament BBQ lunch. Food, drink and sun was enjoyed by all, not to mention the many funny awards and prizes.

Thursday evening featured a well-attended Registration Reception held in Jasper Park Lodge's Great Hall. The Doodlebuggers enjoyed delicious food and drink as they got a first look at both the new ce-

ramics, and the opponents standing in their way to win one.

After Friday morning's match play, the gorgeous weather made it easy for golfers to spill over onto the Milligan Cabin deck for some informal socializing.

Friday night's dinner and entertainment will be talked about for years to come. Known only to the committee, one of the waiters was actually the entertainer in disguise. His behaviour went from odd to bizarre, evoking a variety of responses: "I demand to see the manager!"

"He's a special needs employee." "I prefer Sweet 'n Low for my soup." When all was revealed (literally) later on, the laughs and fun were unbelievable.

The climax of the weekend (no, not in the goat) was Saturday's Greek God banquet and dance. The costumes were spectacular, and the food was, well, fit for the gods. The celebrations carried on into the early hours, with dancing to "The Urbanites". Great job! Great fun!

Guest Tournament

The Guest Tournament is always a highlight, and this year was no exception. Sixteen teams competed in a Texas Scramble (best ball) format. The competition was extremely close, with three

teams finishing with the identical low score. After a count back, the team of Lillian Romanchuk, Bev Brisebois, Linda Towler was awarded first place.

Food and drinks were enjoyed

by all. The tournament contained a charity aspect to it, with \$410 being raised towards the Women's Shelter. Many thanks to organizer Barb Shortreed and her assistant Erica Boeckx.