

# South Florida Bridge Player's Golf Tour

## 2005 Annual Report

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### Financial Report – Tour Leader

Stan became the tour leader in February, overtaking Mike, and held the lead into the late fall, fending off a charge by Marshall during the warmer six months of the year. (Marshall actually led briefly.) Stan was coasting into “the season,” up over \$400, when “Others” surged into the lead, led by Rita, Mike’s annual guest, and two nameless guests of Marshall’s who won \$180 over two rounds. Others “retired” in early December at +\$417, \$78 ahead of Stan. Could Stan overtake Others in the six December rounds he had left? The issue was in doubt going into the 18<sup>th</sup> hole of the last round of the year. Stan and Barnet, getting a stroke, needed to win the hole from John L and Mike. Stan’s bogie (net par) stood up for the win. He edged out Others by \$10, winning \$427 for the year.

This year’s \$10 margin was the closest ever. In 1997 and 1999 the tour leader edged out second place by about \$20. (See attached spreadsheet.)

As far as the 2005 betting went, I kept track of money gained or lost, which speaks for itself. Our thanks go to the losers, who obviously did not take as many strokes as they deserve. Where would the winners be without these generous underperformers?

Enclosed are the betting results since I moved to FL in 1996 and your money performance at particular clubs over the last five years. Except for Marc and Larry who are big winners at their home courses, it appears random where golfers win and lose.

If anyone is interested, I can provide (by fax or downloadable e-mail) the round by round records used to generate the home and away records and the money results, for 2005 or since 1996.

### Membership

A warm welcome goes to David Berkowitz, who joined the tour after moving to Florida in late September. After being homeless (reportedly occupying the homes of the Cohen’s, Kastle’s, Shenkin’s, Griscom’s, Becker’s and Tulin’s for various lengths of time), David and Lisa bought a lovely home in Stonebridge at year end. David becomes a host next year. Stan moved from Addison Reserve to the coast, making Boca Rio his home course. Stan is expected to play many more rounds in 2006, after he allegedly retires in the late spring.

On the minus side, Marc became a cash player rather than a host, so Weston Hills was lost as a host course. Still, few were willing to regularly make the trip there. Lee, Neil and Russ played a combined two rounds this year. Their absence, as well as the previous losses of Steve Levinson and Drew Casen has thinned out the ranks of players and the number of courses on the tour. Mike and Larry took a month off to play golf with Bernie in Utah – shades of things to come. There were very few rounds played during the summer. And, with the usual sporadic injuries to just about everyone, the number of tour rounds played declined dramatically. **In 2005, there were 503 recorded rounds by tour players (not counting “Others”), down from 703 the year before.**

## **2005 Most Improved Golfer Award**

Mike was the Supervisor of Elections for the M.I.G.A. Tour members who played 25 or more tour rounds were deemed voters: Bernie, John G, Larry, Marc C, Marshall, Mike. Barnet, Bob and John L, who were Electors last year, did not play the requisite number of rounds to be Electors this year. Electors could split their votes. After a few emails, the vote came down to a race between Others and No One.

OTHERS – (rounds in parenthesis) consisted of Bruce Rogoff (10), Rita Goldberg (7), Bob Sartorius (6), Dennis Kleinman (3), a guest of Mashall (2), George Who (1), Howard Perlman (1), and Messrs. Unknown (10). So Others played about 40 rounds. In the previous nine years, Others lost \$1,275, so “his” performance this year of +\$417 was a huge turnaround. More important for the purpose of awarding the M.I.G.A., Others played very well compared to “his” handicap.

NO ONE - would mean that no person would receive the coveted M.I.G.A. This would be unprecedented. However, the self-appointed keeper of the By-Laws of the South Florida Bridge Player’s Golf tour, me, said that it is not necessary to award the MIGA if No One qualifies. The theory is that No One has improved, so no award should be issued.

By a vote of 3.5 to 2.5, No One won. Congratulations therefore go to No One.

## **Home & Away Rounds Report for Hosts**

The attached spreadsheet details the number of guests playing at a "member's" home club -vs- the number of times that member played at other clubs. There is a summary for 2005 and a summary for all nine years combined.

The home and away summary assumes "others" (non-members) paid the member for their greens fees. I included 25 groups that I did not play in. If you reported your round, I recorded your round. A tour round is any round where two tour members wager some money, whether in Florida or elsewhere.

Counting all years, I owe 16 rounds and Stan has a credit of 16 rounds, but the rest of the group is pretty flat. I hope Stan likes Woodfield.

Greens fees differ significantly from club to club and by season and I took neither into account. What this means is by comping each other we wind up paying our home guest fee rates when we play at other courses.

Happy New Year!  
Mike  
The Great Organizer

Encl:  
Spreadsheet re: Financial Report and Home and Away Rounds Report (4 pages in .xls format)