

# South Florida Bridge Player's Golf Tour

## 2006 Annual Report

January 1, 2007

### **Financial Report – Tour Leader**

Joe overtook Larry to become the tour leader in October and held the lead to the end. He never had to fight off a December challenge because Larry was sidelined with a bad back. Joe coasted to victory, going plus almost every time he played, ending the year +\$702. Unlike 2005, there was no December (and certainly no last-round) drama.

As far as the 2006 betting went, I kept track of money gained or lost, which speaks for itself. Stan went from tour leader in 2005 to next-to-last this year. Maybe he tanked it in attempt to win next year's MIGA. The tour thanks Stan & Victor for providing the prize money—but we want to see them in the plus column in '07.

Enclosed are the betting results since I moved to FL in 1996 and your money performance at particular clubs over the last six years. This year was the best-ever for home course performance. Joe and Marshall were plus more than \$400 and \$300 at their home clubs, respectively. David, Larry, Mike and yes, even Stan & Victor were all plus at their home clubs.

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 2006 or since 1996 (if your computer has extra memory capacity).

### **Membership**

David, who joined the tour late last year, became a host this year. Congratulations to Stan, who finally retired in December – we expect more tour rounds from him in 2007. We had more disabled-list time than ever this past year (a sign of things to come?). Most notably, Bernie had foot surgery and was off the tour for 5 months, Larry was on the D.L. for a month with a bad back, David and Mike were out for three weeks with kidney ailments, and Joe played through a few months with pleurisy, but all ended the year in “good” health. Marshall's chronic shoulder improved dramatically, playing pain-free over the second half of the year. As usual, the healthiest golfer of the year was the oldest—John G, we don't know how he does it. (We suspect he's in as bad a shape as the rest of us, but just complains less.) In 2006, there were 547 recorded rounds by tour players (not counting “Others”), up from 503 the year before, all due to David's increased tour activity. John Lewis played a paltry 7 rounds, devoting his time to managing Miami Beach Fitness, the Gym he purchased in mid-2005. Marshall led the tour in on-course phone calls. Again.

Since inception of the South Florida Bridge Player's Golf Tour in 1996, more than 5400 rounds have been recorded – nearly 500,000 strokes taken. How many putts were missed? How many penalty strokes? How many birdies? I wonder. I believe Larry has the only on-tour hole in one. John G shot his age several times. We've all had highlights and lowlights. Wait 'til next year.

### **2006 Most Improved Golfer Award**

Tour members who played 25 or more tour rounds were deemed voters: Bernie, Dave, John G, Larry, Marc C, Marshall, Mike, Stan, Victor. The winner, in a landslide, was Joe. He can never give enough strokes. Joe was consistent all year, shooting within a few shots of 80 almost every time out. He gets far more pars than anyone on tour. He had a great year driving, hitting long and straight on almost every hole. Combined with a good iron game and short game, he was the best (and most improved) player on tour. Congratulations, Joe on winning the coveted M.I.G.A.

## **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 2006 and a summary for all 11 years combined.

The home and away summary assumes "others" (non-members) paid the member for their greens fees. I included 48 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.

With Bernie and David hosting at the same club, it will be hard to keep their home and away rounds level, as evidenced this year, where David came up 15.5 rounds short. In 2007, enjoy Stonebridge, as you will be playing there quite often. Mike, Larry and Bernie also have some rounds to make up, while Stan and Marshall will be playing abroad more often [see bottom of spreadsheet].

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.

## **New Year's Gift**

Here's a shortcut [all of you should put on your desktop](#), to check on the weather before you leave to play a round.

Current Miami Nexrad Radar Map [Weather Underground.url](#)

Double click the fine print above. If you can't see it, wave your cursor in the empty area above and it will appear! The site will open in your web browser. Then, right mouse-click and select "Create Shortcut." The shortcut will appear on your desktop. How about that? Highlight the "zoom in" feature above the map. Then drag your mouse to create a smaller rectangle over Boca. Also, near the bottom you will find "related weather links" where you can obtain the Boca forecast.

Happy New Year!  
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The Great Organizer  
(assisted by Larry)

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

