South Florida Bridge Player's Golf Tour

2007 Annual Report

January 1, 2008

Financial Report – Tour Leader

Stan took an early lead and held it throughout the year. By Dec 7th, Stan was +$554, with David at +$211 and Larry +$101. Then David won $116 from Stan to close his gap to $111 by sinking a 50 foot, $96 putt on the 18th green. Over the next week, Larry quietly won $114 while Stan lost $23 and then Larry won $135 from Victor at Broken Sound on December 18th while Stan took a week off for his daughter's wedding. (Where were his priorities?) This set up a showdown at Stonebridge on December 20th, with Stan now +$361, Larry +$350 and David +$329. The tour leadership was up for grabs. Larry shot a scorching 77, tied for his best round ever, winning $129 from them, and seizing a commanding lead at +$479 to David's +$306 and Stan's +$255. In 13 days Larry had gone from $453 behind the tour leader to $173 ahead of second. But it was not over. Larry leaked some $5 bills while Stan and David gathered some in, and after the Xmas round, the tour leadership was again up for grabs with Larry+$369, David +$339, and +Stan $320. In another showdown among them, Larry crushed his competitors with a 79, and finished the year +$581, with Stan a distant second at +$290. December was Christmas for Larry: +$480. (96, $5 bets). Congratulations, Larry.

As far as the 2007 betting went, I kept track of money gained or lost, which speaks for itself. Marshall and Victor bobbled around the bottom all year, while Mike, in 2nd place before the summer, plunged to close to bottom by year end. Oh, how the steady have fallen. Bernie had a solid plus year for a change. Joe, last year's tour leader, fell into mediocrity without playing badly. Maybe he was just unlucky.

Tour Leaders

1996	**Others**	**123**	
1997	**John L**	**247**	*
1998	**Lee**	**448**	*
1999	**Barnet**	**403**	
2000	**John L**	**440**	
2001	**John L**	**459**	*
2002	**John L**	**712**	*
2003	**John G**	**597**	
2004	**Marc C**	**894**	*
2005	**Stan**	**427**	
2006	**Joe**	**702**	
2007	**Larry**	**581**	

= Record, up until then

Enclosed are the betting results since I moved to FL in 1996 and your money performance at particular clubs over the last seven years. Note that Mike, Marc, Joe, Stan, David and especially Larry do VERY well at their home courses. For the minutia minded, there is a wealth of information in the spreadsheets. 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 2007 or since 1996 (if your computer has extra memory capacity).

Membership

No new members joined the tour and no “old” members left the tour. The players were fairly healthy, especially considering that everyone was a year older. In 2007, there were 514 recorded rounds by tour players (not counting “Others”), down from 547 the year before, due to Mike’s longer stay in Utah. Bob, Barnet and John L played only 32 rounds between them. Marshall made fewer on-course phone calls, due to the sale of his Boston building, but seemed to run into someone he was dear friends with at every course on the tour. 6,149 rounds have been recorded, and about 550,000 shots taken.

2007 Most Improved Golfer Award

As usual, tour players who logged 25 or more tour rounds were deemed Electors: Bernie, Dave, Joe, John G, Larry, Marc C, Marshall, Mike, Stan, Victor. The vote was unanimous: Larry. He is clearly better than last year, while all except perhaps David were either the same or worse. Larry, took a week or so to return to form after every road trip, but played marvelously when in form. He finished the year giving everyone about three more shots than when he started the year. His drives were straighter and his putting and chipping improved. He used fewer golf balls.

	M.I.G.A.	
2001	Drew	
2002	John G	
2003	Mike	
2004	Marc	Tour Leader
2005	No One	
2006	Joe	Tour Leader
2007	Larry	Tour Leader

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 2007 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 a record 60 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. Stan and Marshall over-hosted while David and Joe owe a lot of rounds.

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, hosts wind up paying their home guest fee rates when they play at other courses.

Have a Happy and Healthy New Year!
Mike
The Great Organizer
(assisted by Larry)

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