

Utah June mini-tour

Michael, Victor, and his friend Jeff Fried flew to Utah for a week in late June to play golf. Local hosts were Howie Weinstein (the proud owner of a new house in Midway, Utah), Eric Robinson (the proud owner of a house in Glenwild Country Club), David Berkowitz (the not-so-proud in-law of Eric spending 3 weeks in Utah where his son Michael lives), and Larry Cohen (the renter of a 6-bedroom Deer Valley home).

The visitors did well, brining the first drop of rain seen in this drought in more than a month. But the one day it rained didn't affect golf; there were rounds on all 7 days.

Jeff, a "10" who often plays like a "1" – parring/birdieing many holes in a row at times, played all 7 days and won \$200. Victor hit the ball better than usual and played 5 rounds and won \$120. Mike played every other day and was the mini-tour winner with +\$230. Eric (a 13 who plays at times like Jeff Fried) won \$105. Both Eric and Jeff can hit 300-yard drives in Utah—they play further back than the others.

The hosts were generous. David was in a bad slump (losing lots of distance and not a threat to break 90) and was the big loser (0 winning days for the tour). Howie was in an awful slump and is temporarily not golfing until he can practice and/or take lessons. Larry shot some low 80's and was in great form at the end but was a small loser (due to getting schneidered).

The weather was great (as it will be in September). One weekend public round was excruciatingly slow, but all other rounds were normal/good pace. We have 2 private courses (Tuhaye/Glenwild) both very expensive \$150/\$210 respectively. Public courses are great layouts and \$50 – and shouldn't be crowded in September.

Make plans now for Sep 6-17 while airfares are still low. Great nonstops from Florida. Reservations/space is sort of limited and on a first come first serve basis. Already, the Cohen lodging is pretty much full. Planning to visit: Mike Becker, Victor, Jeff Fried, Gary, David, Bob J, Howard Perlman, maybe Bruce, maybe Jeff Wolfson maybe Yossi. Local golfers will be Eric, Larry, hopefully Howie, Bob Freer and in emergencies, Michael Berkowitz and maybe Tim Nelson. Maybe Mark Kohn if they can find a September rental.

Aging/dementia on tour:

- 1) Mike Becker can not play back-to-back and as it is, his back is iffy.
- 2) Victor can occasionally play back-to-back but not early morning.

- 3) David is/was dragging in the sun/altitude – struggling with the sometimes long/steep walks to/from the golf cart.
- 4) Howie lost his golf bag on the driving range.
- 5) David left his golf bag at Soldier Hollow and had to drive 80 minutes round trip to retrieve it.
- 6) Victor and Jeff showed up 2 hours before tee time (having not looked it up -- thinking 10:20 when it was 11:20).
- 7) Everyone asked ad nauseum “What is the tee time/where/when” – instead of just clicking on our webpage which answers such questions.