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THE SUMMIT

14TH ANNUAL MILLENNIUM INVITATIONAL GOLF SUMMIT

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In a surprise performance in the most unexpected of years, Bo knocks the monkey from his back decisively and sheds the moniker 'Best Player Never to Win the Summit' once and for all. No doubt, he has a clear vision of what he wants as he registers for Summit 14 and prepares to defend his Title. Whether he'll be tappin' that again in 2013 is anybody's guess, but it's no wonder he's so excited to be signing up for another crack at it.



By Bart Edmunds
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& Director
Two-Time SMC Champion

A Word from the Director

Racin' n Such

Each Summit can be characterized and remembered for its own collection of themes and memorable incidents— some humorous, some pitiful— the 2012 Millennium Invitational Golf Summit was no different.

It started with the first-ever departure of a defending Champion, Kevin Dill, who underwent “knee surgery” in late 2011, thus precluding him from defending his long-sought and hard-fought Title. Some point to sightings of Kevin on the golf course in late-February/early-March of 2012 as evidence that his absence from the Summit may have been less about nursing his recovering knee and more to do with the mysterious ‘peck marks’ all over his body.

While the truth may never be known, the debate over whose orders he was following in sitting-out the ‘12 Summit will rage on for years.

The other departure from the 2012 Summit lineup was that of the ever-lovable Jeff Parker. Jeff made his Summit debut at the commemorative 10th Summit celebration in beautiful Hilton Head Island, SC in 2009. Controversy erupted immediately as political correctness met common sense. Jeff and Ken have since developed a deep respect for one another and have recently been known to share intimate dinners in the Charlotte area. 2013 celebrates not only the return of Jeff to the Summit family, but with it, the highly anticipated play-in matchup against his old nemesis and new friend, Ken, in what promises to be a shootout of epic proportion with a record-setting 51 shots between them. Bo and Ben were the lucky beneficiaries of the random drawing which awarded them front row seats to this showdown that will, no doubt, be talked about for years to come.



Like a lovable Lab, it was quickly apparent that, despite his imposing size, Big Phil was no threat.

They say that with the closing of one door, another opens. So was the case at the ‘12 Summit wherein the openings left by Kevin and Jeff were quickly filled by two newcomers known as ‘The Phils’ and distinguished by the nicknames ‘Big Phil’ and ‘Little Phil’. Big Phil is a gentle giant that putts so fast, it looks more like hockey than golf as his ball barely stops rolling before he’s whacking it again. His astounding athleticism keeps him alive, but unpredictability is the Achilles heel that may prevent him from ever taking home the big Prize.

On the other hand, what Little Phil lacks in athleticism,



Little Phil shows off royalty payment from his stunt double work on the set of ‘The Curious Case of Benjamin Button’.

he more than makes up for in craftiness. Like the wily old competitor that has become well-acquainted with his weaknesses, Phil has learned to compensate in order to survive and thrive. Years of compensation have resulted in a level of lifetime achievement seldom seen in West Virginia. Small adjustments such as platform shoes or teeing his ball up 4” in front of the tee-marker on every hole begin to add up, leaving those around him scratching their heads as to how he’s done so well in so many areas of his life. Neither waning-athleticism nor backwoods-craftiness, however, could overcome the Rookie jitters, and both Phils suffered decisive losses in their play-in matches at the hands of craftier and/or more athletic Summit veterans— Bo and Chris (in no particular order).

With the introduction of new blood, came a whole new dynamic. Big Phil’s #1 fan, Ben, in an effort to exploit Phil’s unique skillset, masterminded a new competition at the ‘12 Summit called *The Case Race*. Like Professor Charles Francis Xavier, the X-Men’s wheelchair-bound, paraplegic founder/leader who possesses no physical skills himself, but does have a mutant brain, Ben set out to surround himself with a team of skilled individuals capable of vanquishing all comers. To that end, he immediately drafted Phil and John and loudly and flamboyantly threw down the gauntlet to me, Bart, who, as usual, was simply minding my own business. In a risky move, he then suggested that I align myself with Steve* and Little Phil** and plan on ‘bellying-up’ in Myrtle Beach. After debating and agreeing on terms, conditions, rules, and regulations, it was on!

Ben quickly became apoplectic to find John had left the building to pick-up pizzas with Bo right at post time, thus shifting the burden back to him and his ringer. After seven, count ‘em *seven*, phone calls from Ben, John finally returned to join the fray. By then, the race was well under way with Big Phil having downed, by Joe’s official count, 8 beers to Ben’s 4; while across the aisle, Little Phil was leading the ‘good guys’ with 5 beers to Steve’s 3 (I, Bart, graciously agreed to wait for John, so as not to gain an unfair advantage.). When the dust finally settled and the photo-finish had been examined from all angles, Ben, John, and Big Phil eked out a narrow, bang-bang victory over the huge underdogs referred to in the media as ‘The Good Guys’. [Final Official Tally: Big Phil: 11.5; John: 6.5; Ben: 6, vs Little Phil: 9; Bart: 8; Steve: 6.5***]

While *The Case Race* was entertaining, what ensued in its aftermath made it all worthwhile. Steve, in what appeared to be an alcohol induced state of catatonia, proceeded to administer rear naked



Ben, who proclaimed himself ‘The King of Beer’ after his team won 2012 *The Case Race*, proudly sports his new ‘crown’. Earlier in the day, Ben participated in a bra-burning demonstration in support of the group ‘Men Who Love Cookies a Little Too Much’.

*Steve’s drinking ability is legendary. It’s been said that, pound-for-pound, no one on the planet can drink less alcohol than Steve Hale. To date, he is verified to be allergic to three types of liquor as well as most wheat beers. In his own words, “I pride myself on my ability to pick things up quickly and get pretty good over time. But, I’ve been drinking since college, and I’m no better now than when I started.” General consensus would say that ‘no better’ is an overstatement.

**For those unfamiliar with Little Phil, he’s a 5’8” former athlete and frat-boy that still fancies himself a big drinker. My first exposure to Phil’s ‘drinking ability’ came after a Virginia Tech football game when he, Steve, and I decided to have few beers at one of the many local establishments inclined toward that sort of thing. After only one beer, ‘last call’ was announced, so, as per normal protocol, we all promptly ordered three more beers each. Steve and I were finishing the last of our third Corona as bouncers began clearing the tables. As we put on our coats to leave, I happened to glance over at Phil who looked like a kid secretly feeding his broccoli to the family dog as he sheepishly tried to hide two full beers behind the “Daily Specials!” table-tent. I don’t think he threw up that night, but he may have.

***Though Steve gagged on nearly every sip for an hour, it was never conclusively determined that anything ever actually came back out of his mouth (at least not beer or the truth), so his official beer count of 6.5 was upheld.

chokes to what he perceived as the most likely victims— namely, Ben and Ryan. Due to his vertical challenge, a chair was procured to properly execute this maneuver on his more normal sized subjects. Surprisingly, Ben took it like a man and let Steve get it out of his system. Shortly growing bored, Steve let Ben go and staggered away. Apparently, his hunger not satisfied by his first encounter, Steve thought it might be good idea to poke a different bear and try out his maneuver on Ryan. Evidently not so fond of the idea, Ryan provided Steve with a more enthusiastic response and proceeded to go ape-sh*t, causing them both to fall to the floor— narrowly missing the door jam and breaking a folding door in the process. With visions of split skulls and emergency room visits dancing in my head, I called off the dogs, and Steve let go.

Once everyone was dusted-off and settled down, we inquired of Steve as to what he was hoping to accomplish with his little endeavor. Upon deciphering his nearly incoherent mumbling about superior athleticism, we asked Steve to give us a short demonstrating by performing a few simple jumping-jacks and squat-thrusts. It would be kind to say that he exhibited poor form with both exercises. It would be more accurate to say that he could perform neither exercise at all, and, that based on what we saw, Otis Campbell may have bragging rights over ‘Mr. Red Hat’ in the all-round athleticism category. Fortunately for Steve, his friends were

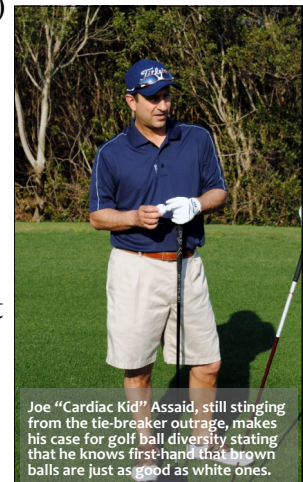


Anatomy of a Beat-Down

looking out for him and took him for a ride in the Tahoe, so that he could nap in the back on the golf clubs. Nothing like a good nights sleep to clear out those ole cobwebs!

Other off-course shenanigans pitted an underhanded Bo (literally) against an overhanded Joe in what amounted to the second leg of a punt, pass, & kick competition. The long and short of it can be summarized as follows— Bo: long; Joe: short. When asked what happened, Joe mentioned a sore shoulder, wind, under-inflation, hyper-inflation, Obamacare, and a variety of other outside factors that inhibited his ability to perform.

Unfortunately, Joe’s on-course experience was not much better. After building a comfortable lead in his match against John, Joe went into the prevent defense which, as so often happens on the gridiron, prevented him from winning another hole. Though Ken dutifully performed the Heimlich between each shot, Joe was unable to hold on and lost bitterly in a tie-breaker. Joe was incensed at having be-



come a casualty of a brand new tie-breaking system of which he had never been informed. Not one to hold a grudge, Joe let the whole tie-breaker thing go pretty quickly after only mentioning it 50 times or so over the next three days. Eight months later, at a gathering this past November and having not seen John in months, he greeted John with the conciliatory words, “If I had made that last putt, I wouldn’t have gotten



Woody finds himself at the center of controversy yet again with inflammatory comments about handicap limits while secretly negotiating for the use of Senior tees.

screwed by that tie-breaker.” Speaking of conciliatory words, this year’s prize would have to go to our elder statesman, Woody, who “congratulated” Chris on his hard-fought victory over Ryan in the second round with the utterance, “Hard to believe you can play that bad and win... Well, unless you get that many shots.”

There was no shortage of kind words at the ‘12 Summit— just ask the marshal at Heathland who politely asked Bo’s group to pick-up their pace of play. Bo graciously, but passionately, explained (as only Bo can do) his perspective on the matter. The marshal promptly turned his cart toward the clubhouse— never to be seen again. [Editor Note: Sources tell The Summit that, as a result of this interaction, The Legends Group now requires all of their marshals to attend a Fred Pryor workshop entitled ‘Dealing with Difficult People’, and that the marshal in question is progressing nicely in his PTSD counseling.]

This incident aside, pace of play continues to be a serious issue at the Summit. In poker, they say that every game has a sucker, and that if you can’t figure out who it is, it’s you. Our group is slow, and if you can’t figure out why, then you need to pick up your pace of play. One of the items in this year’s writing assignment was for each participant to rate his own pace of play. As I compiled the results, what became painfully obvious was that nobody thinks they are slow. There is a gentleman at the RAC who is cursed with the worst case of body odor that I have ever encountered. It is so bad, that when he walks by, I have to pull my shirt over my nose lest I gag. This poor soul lives with that stench every day and is either unaware or doesn’t care. In dealing with someone who doesn’t care, there is not much one can do other than avoid that individual. In this case, I suspect he isn’t aware of how bad it is. He has, quite clearly, become accustomed or numb to what others around him experience. Unfortunately, slow play is a lot like body odor— either you don’t know you’re guilty or you don’t care. If someone honestly doesn’t know that they are slow and/or they don’t know why, it is everyone’s duty to the group, and the rest of the course, to politely inform them and offer suggestions as to how they might improve their pace of play. If you have been accused of slow play at some point and dismissed or denied it, then you really don’t care, and that is a problem. **Denial is not an acceptable response.**

There are a variety of ways both to play slowly and to speed up. People are slow in either their preparedness, their pre-shot routine, or their analysis. The only player that gets a bit of a pass on preparedness is the player hitting first from the fairway (or rough, as the case may be)— the other three should be mentally preparing, making shot and club selection, and getting into position while the first is doing the same. If you’re prone to chit-chat or periodic visits to La La Land, please make every effort to do that on your own time, so that when it’s your turn, you are not starting from scratch.

Part of preparedness might also include segments of a pre-shot



Chris passes the time chatting with John on the range while his group patiently waits on the first tee. When told it was his turn to hit, Chris was quoted as saying, “Hold on a sec, I’m almost done with my story. Gees! Why’s everybody’s in such a hurry!”



Ever relaxed, Ken fishes for his glove after having been awakened to hit his tee shot. When asked if certain players were being unfairly targeted for slow play, Ken responded, "It's only fair that high-handicappers are given a little extra time. Maybe some of these low-handicappers should pick up the pace to accommodate us. That would be a fair and reasonable way to speed things up."

routine. If you happen to require three practice swings before each shot, for example, maybe you could take two of them while you're waiting your turn (provided it doesn't disturb other players). If you wear a glove, be aware that, while everyone loves watching you dig it out of your pocket and wrestle it on at the last minute, it may save time if that's done in advance. Club selection, by the way, should *not* be part of your pre-shot routine. That would fall into the preparedness category. Whereas, not having your club in hand when it's your turn to hit would clearly fall into the *UN*-preparedness category. We are all aware that it's a woman's prerogative to change her mind, and, so too, is it all of ours on occasion; however, if changing clubs becomes part of your pre-shot routine, then you may want to go back and work on Step 1.

With regard to pre-shot routines, no one disagrees that we all need one. Pre-shot routines are what prepare us to actually execute our shot which is, after all, the whole point. The point of this narrative, however, is that all pre-shot routines are not created equal and hiding behind the rationalization that "that's my routine" is not, in itself, a defensible position. Sergio Garcia had a fascinating routine until he was medevac'd to a sports psychologist. Jim Furyk has a really neat (albeit annoying) routine on the green that would probably prevent him from being invited back to play in most groups. Calling it a 'routine' does not make it right. Telling the judge that speeding is 'routine' for you is not likely to get you out of a ticket. 'Routinely' belching while eating is not likely to make you a very popular dinner guest. And, 'routinely' taking too long to do hair and makeup has been a source of strife in nearly every relationship involving a woman since Marc Antony waited for Cleopatra to arrive from Tarsus in 41 BC. Everyone is entitled to, and should have, a pre-shot routine, but like freedom of speech, there are limitations beyond which your rights begin to infringe on those of others.

Our third category of slowness involves over-analysis. In a match where potentially every shot counts, any competitor worth his salt will want to make sure every shot counts. Having said that, like our last category, there are limits beyond which, returns start to diminish and it begins to get a little silly. Most of us would agree that when we were kids, we were all pretty good putters. We didn't get into our own heads. We didn't 'study long, study wrong'. We didn't suffer from 'paralysis by analysis'. We simply stepped-up, looked at the hole, and hit the ball toward it. Now, it seems, after watching one too many PGA events, more and more players feel the need to examine each putt from four sides, plumb-bob, check the grain, and consult with a partner/caddie before ever stepping up to the ball. Some will offer the argument that they spend their lives rushing, and the golf course is their opportunity to gear-down and relax a bit—a point with which any intelligent, sensitive man would agree and sympathize wholeheartedly. In case the common theme here isn't yet clear—*there are limits*. A player's right to 'relax' on the course, is directly related to the pace of play of those in front and behind. If the group ahead is in sight, and the group behind is not waiting, relax away. But, if neither is true, then the right to relax is replaced by the obligation to wipe the sleep from your eyes and pick up



Ryan makes a bold fashion statement and shows team spirit by sporting his favorite player's jersey while Ben flashes gang signs and rebelliously wears the baby blue horizontal stripes he received as a parting gift from his recent appearance on 'What Not to Wear'.



Ben enjoys a slice of pizza during the awards presentation.



Ben enjoys another slice of pizza during the awards presentation.

the pace. [Editor's Note: One incidence of over-analysis that falls outside the traditional definition was experienced at last year's Summit when Ben heard a report that lightning had been sighted in a neighboring county. He became so distraught, that he was able to finish only through the coaxing of John who promised him cookies in the clubhouse after the round.]

It would be nice to be able to say that pace of play is not an issue at the Summit. But, to borrow the famous (and slightly misquoted) words of Apollo 13 astronaut, John Swigert, Jr., "Houston, we have a problem." As evidenced by last years embarrassment at Heathland, the Summit has a *serious* problem. Having played golf for over 35 years now, the 2012 Summit was the first time that this author has ever experienced or has even heard a first-hand account of three groups being moved on a golf course due to slow play.

Before the finger-pointing and 'who shot John' starts, everyone needs to ask themselves the question, "What can I do to enhance my group's pace of play?" The first, and simplest, answer is to play 'ready-golf'. Except for down the stretch in a tight match, I'm not sure that hitting out of turn will provide much, if any, advantage or disadvantage and would dramatically speed up play in most groups. A local rule that has been utilized in the past and will be in effect for all four rounds of the '13 Summit, will be to play all unmarked wooded/marshy areas adjacent to fairways as lateral hazards. Under this rule, a lost ball does not necessitate returning to the tee with the usual stroke and distance penalty, but simply requires a consensus as to where the ball entered the area in question, from which point the player drops within two club lengths no closer to the hole with a one stroke penalty. The hope is that by suffering a lighter penalty, there will not be as much pressure to avoid a 'lost' ball, and thus shorten the amount of time spent looking for that 'lucky' X'd-out Trevino Gold that has worked so well since losing that-shiny optic-yellow Pinnacle in the pond two holes earlier. One suggestion has been that each cart be responsible for their own balls, so as not to tie up an entire foursome looking for one ball. Hopefully, each foursome can decide what is reasonable and help out when time permits and it makes sense. By the way, areas marked with white stakes as 'Out of Bounds' will be played as such using normal USGA rules.



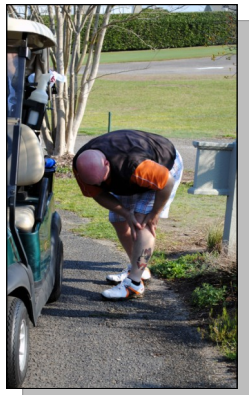
Woody takes a moment from his match to rewrite some of the more ambiguous rules of golf. (Those pesky things can be so confusing . . . and inconvenient)

With regard to USGA rules, most will be followed, with the exception of those specifically outlined in Summit bylaws or by custom (ie: ready-golf, wooded areas, putts in the leather, etc.). Woody will be in charge of answering rules questions as well as making sure they are applied consistently from group-to-group, match-to-match, and person-to-person. Golf is full of unfortunate turns of events, and the rules are in place to eliminate the chaos of debating what's 'fair' in various situations. Sometimes those rules work in ones favor, sometimes, not so much (see Ryan vs. Steve; Sea Trail: Jones; 2010). The only thing that's not 'fair' is inconsistent application. Though sometimes defying logic or common sense, individual groups and/or players have the obligation to interpret and enforce the Rules of Golf, but neither has the right to pick and choose when they are applied—

no matter how seemingly ‘unfair’.

Other notable events at the ‘12 Summit include Chris’ shocking Quarter-Final upset of Ryan, followed by his shocking Semi-Final come-from-behind, near-upset of Ben, and his even more shocking 18th hole greenside collapse whereby he, somehow, was inexplicably able to extract defeat from the secure jaws of victory and send a gasping Ben to the slaughterhouse known as the Summit Finals where he suffered the worst defeat in MIGS history at the hands of his bloodthirsty father and mentor, Bo.

Off the course, Bart accompanied Chris and Ken, and Little Phil and Steve on a double-date to King Kong Sushi where Steve and Bart caused a stir with Phil by sharing a delicious adult beverage (separate straws). *[Editor’s Note: Apparently, Phil was at a heightened level of sensitivity due to implicit promises Steve had made earlier in the trip that were looking less and less likely to be fulfilled. The brouhaha began when Steve failed to evenly apply sunscreen to his hyper-vulnerable noggin.*



In response to Phil pointing this out, Steve, in a sensual tone, turned and gave him a detailed description of what he had in store for Phil’s donkey (who knew Phil even had a donkey) and 8 ounces of what, judging from Phil’s reaction of delight, must have been some sort of magical elixir.] Meanwhile, the group as a whole was

captivated by the beautiful waitress, Nicole, though Steve seemed more smitten by a Pauley D. impersonator that he tried to fix-up with his daughter. Needless to say, Nicole was never seen again and the Pauley D. relationship fizzled as is the fate of most long-distance relationships.

On a more somber note, though both showed a lot of heart prior to their ultimate defeat at the ‘12 Summit, the cause of weakness in Joe’s left arm and Chris’ knees is now painfully apparent with both suffering cardiac incidents this winter. While both are doing well now and have taken positive steps toward modifying and moderating their extreme/alternative lifestyles, the ‘13 Summit has been proactive in making arrangements with the Crow Creek Resort for a makeshift ‘cardiac wing’ equipped with an AED and an on-call nurse to tend to anyone in need of special treatment. In addition, as a precaution to on-course infarctions, each group will have a ‘crash cart’ and nitroglycerine tablets. Also, John will conduct a short, pre-Tournament



The root of controversy



Steve and Nicole enjoy a moment together (Well... At least Steve enjoyed a moment together.)

workshop demonstrating proper CPR techniques on Ryan.

Regarding positive lifestyle changes, John has convinced Ben to follow his lead and trade-in both his Branch Davidian compound key-card and Hale-Bopp Secret Decoder ring for a membership to Ryan's new gym. While John has followed Ryan's teachings religiously for nearly a year now and benefitted by having to purchase all new 34" pants, Ben is new to the ~~club~~ club, and has vowed to "eat clean" and workout twice a week until the Summit in his quest for evidence of underlying muscle. A new 'mecca' will be a refreshing change for John and Ben's golf games and wallets after suffering significant technical and financial setbacks at the hands of a diabolical Richmond scammer posing as a golf professional.

In addition to opening a gym and tending his flock, Ryan made a positive career move to the mortgage industry wherein, by all appearances, he has found true success. Ryan is sharing his success by spreading the word of his revelation that the same principles of hard work and consistency that resulted in his Herculean physique may lead to similar success in other aspects of life. Only time will tell if his teachings beget results amongst his followers. Like the ancient Chinese proverb says, "To know and not to do is not to know."

With regard to following positive leadership to success, Ryan, in a beautiful tribute to one of his role models and mentors, hit his first drive of the '12 Summit in a commemorative Michael Vick jersey. Onlookers stared in admiration at this remarkable expression of love for a tragic hero that most people really don't like all that much. I think I speak for everyone when I say, 'Way to go, Ryan! Keep that torch burning.'

No commentary on the 2012 Summit would be complete without mentioning the long-awaited breakthrough victory of one of the original "Great Eight", Bo, who secured his first SMC Title by shellacking a seemingly defenseless Ben in, by far, the most lopsided Final Match in Summit history. *[Editor's Note: Rumor has it that Bo stopped by Wal-Mart after the third round to look into having a plate engraved with his name for the Summit Trophy. When asked if this was true, Bo responded that he "just thought [he'd] look while [he] was out. You know. . . Save a trip and all."]* Bo's victory is significant in two ways: he finally silenced the critics who said he could never win the 'Big One'; and it leaves Chris as the only active member of the original "Great Eight" not to have won at least one SMC Title. Could 2013 be Chris' year?

Chris made a believer of a lot of people last year with his near miss run, but will have to get past the gregarious Steve in the play-in round if he hopes to have another crack at knocking the monkey from his back. Other featured play-in matches pit father/son team, Bart and John, against one another; fellow former Van-Klanners, Woody and Joe; and, as previously mentioned, the mother of all handicapped matches, Ken vs Jeff (not that they're actually physically handicapped, just that they both have high handicaps not directly related to or explainable by any apparent physical impairment).

As participants prepare for the rigors of four nights and five days on the Grand Strand with close friends, golf, and no responsibilities, the Summit Committee has been diligently planning



Never one to hide his beliefs—even when unpopular—Ryan offered to donate his Summit winnings to the Michael Vick Foundation, a not-for-profit association established to help Michael with his legal fees.

and preparing for what is shaping-up to be the greatest Summit Event ever. The well-rounded field is set, initial handicaps have been established by the revered SHS[®], courses have been hand-picked to challenge golfers of all abilities, a highly evolved set of contests are in place to test and reward participants' skill and performance, and *The Case Race* is back by popular demand with a slight modification to more inclusive four-man teams (though, apparently, Steve is not drinking this year based on words straight from his own lips. Oh, wait . . . never mind.). Any way you slice it, the 14th Annual Millennium Invitational Golf Summit will be four days you won't want to miss and will be difficult to forget! See you soon at The Summit!

- Bart Edmunds



Lodging & Arrangements

The Woodlands at Crow Creek

South Crow Creek Drive
Calabash, NC

Participants will share a luxury villa conveniently situated in the heart of beautiful Calabash, NC. Crow Creek is the #1 selling golf condominium community in the area. Located on the northern end of the Grand Strand, Calabash and Crow Creek are convenient to a variety of fabulous golf courses and restaurants. The result is a terrific combination of world-class golf and well-appointed, spacious condominiums.

Community Amenities Include:

- 6 miles of trails
- Amenity Centers w/ wireless internet access
- Zero entry swimming pool
- Jacuzzi
- Tennis Courts
- Exercise Facilities
- Game Room w/ pool and card tables
- Lounge areas w/ big screen TV & fireplace
- Meeting rooms



Plan to arrive at the resort by noon on the afternoon of Friday, March 15, 2013 for a complimentary practice round arranged and negotiated for by Mr. R. Benjamin Fry. We will checkout prior to the final round on the morning of Tuesday, March 19, 2013.

In addition to the aforementioned accommodations, tournament entry fee includes a practice round on Friday plus four Tournament rounds of golf with cart on three luxurious Grand Strand area courses, free range balls, free breakfast each morning, free lunch each day, some free drinks, tournament banquet, tournament gifts/souvenirs, taxes/tips, and over \$1,000 in daily and tournament cash prizes.

Balance of entry fee is due one month prior to the event— February 15, 2013 (As in NOW!). Final payment of \$500.00 should be made payable to Bart Edmunds and can be mailed to P.O. Box 20392, Roanoke, VA 24018.

Over \$100.00 in prize-money will be awarded each day with another \$250 awarded to the individual winners on the final day of the Summit.

Afternoon rounds are the responsibility of individual participants for those interested in prolonging the experience. The only additional expenses relate to out-of-pocket expenditures for food, drinks, souvenirs, the Calcutta, wagers and side-action, and/or entertainment (if you like that sort of thing).

Handicapping, etc.

The Summit Handicap System®

Initial handicaps have been determined by calculating 90% of last year's tournament ending handicap. Individual handicaps will be adjusted daily by one-third (33%) of the difference between a participant's actual score and his most recent handicap.

EXAMPLE: 2012 Ending Handicap = 11. 2013 Initial Handicap: $11 \times 90\% = 10$. 10 handicapper shoots 14 over par. Adjustment would be 1.33 ($(14-10=4)/3=1.33$), rounded down to 11.

Amendment 2012-01: Participants receiving a bye in the Play-in Round, will neither suffer nor benefit from a handicap adjustment as a result of their Day One score. In other words, their handicap will not change for Day Two.

Amendment 2010-01: FOR HANDICAPPING PURPOSES ONLY, once a match is closed-out, neither competitor may score more than a bogey on any remaining hole in that round

Amendment 2009-01: FOR HANDICAPPING PURPOSES ONLY, no more than a double-bogey will be counted on any individual hole for single-digit handicappers, and no more than a triple-bogey will be counted on any individual hole for double-digit handicappers.

General Information

1. USGA rules prevail
2. No mulligans
3. Ball may be moved one club-length in *own* fairway
4. When in doubt about lost or out-of-bounds ball, play provisional
5. Double-par stroke limit per hole (No limit for match play purposes)
6. In case of rules disagreement, play second ball. Committee will decide after the round
7. Tie breaking procedure:

Where permitted by *PRIOR* approval of Pro Shop, matches tied after 18 holes will be decided by sudden death playoff to begin immediately following completion of the 18th hole at the sole discretion/direction of the Pro Shop. If a playoff is not permitted and/or reasonable for completion *IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ROUND*, the classic Summit tie-breaker will be applied as follow:

- A. Last three holes
 - B. Last six holes
 - C. Back nine
 - D. Low net for round
 - E. Low net on *randomly* drawn hole
- Two out of three "Rock, Paper, Scissors" (no dynamite... that's silly).

Daily Contests

SKINS

TOTAL PURSE: \$144.00

- Classic \$2.00/hole skins game with carryovers
- Skins awarded for winning a hole outright versus the field.
- Orphaned skins at the end of a rounds 1-3 will be carried to the next day
- Orphaned skins at the end of the round 4 will be awarded to the individual winning the most skins for the tournament
- Skins will be paid at the end of each round
- Full handicaps will be used in this event.

STABLEFORD (4-Man/2-Man)

TOTAL PURSE: \$100.00

- Points are awarded to team based on individuals' scores as follows:

DOUBLE EAGLE:	16
EAGLE:	8
BIRDIE:	4
PAR:	2
BOGIE:	1
DOUBLE BOGIE:	0
TRIPLE BOGIE+:	-1

- Team accumulates points throughout round
- Highest cumulative point total wins
- No tie-breaker. All ties split purse
- Full handicaps will be used in this event.

Daily Contests

FOUR-MAN BEST BALL

TOTAL PURSE: \$60.00

- Best 2 individual scores from four-man team on each hole used for team score.
- No tie-breaker. All ties split the purse
- Full handicaps will be used in this event.

DUAL-DAY, DOUBLE-DUDE DUEL

TOTAL PURSE: \$90.00

(1st: \$60/2nd: \$30)

- At the conclusion of Round 2, two-man teams will be objectively determined for the final two rounds in this net best ball event.
- Best individual score each hole is used to determine team score. Team with the lowest total net best-ball team score for the final thirty-six holes wins.
- No tie-breaker. All ties split the purse.
- Full handicaps will be used in this event.

Daily Contests

THE MELEE

TOTAL PURSE: \$45.00

(1st: \$30/2nd: \$15)

- Final day event for the ten individuals eliminated from Matchplay competition.
- Low net individual score for the round wins
- No tie-breaker. All ties will split the purse.
- 1st Place: \$30.00; 2nd Place: \$15.00
- Full handicaps will be used in this event.

FACE-OFF

TOTAL PURSE: 6 Sleeves of Pro-V's

(Bring both a solid BLACK and a solid WHITE shirt for this Event.)

- Based on final day pairings, two teams will face-off in a series of six head-to-head matches.
- Low net score wins the hole.
- Each match is worth 1 Team point.
- Competitors in matches ending 'all square' will each receive 1/2 Team point.
- Full handicaps will be used in this event.

Calcutta

Participation optional. . . but encouraged

This is the only event that requires additional monetary commitment. Not for the faint of heart, this auction style event allows you to profit from the success of others—regardless of your own abilities.

ENTRY FEE: \$10.00

How It Works

- Contest is based on individual scores over two-day period consisting of Sunday and Monday morning rounds only
- Adjusted Summit handicaps will be used for this event.
- Calcutta participants bid on Summit contestants based on their anticipated performance.
- Calcutta participants must open bidding on themselves at \$20.00. Bidding then proceeds in \$5.00 increments.
- Calcutta participants are required to own at least 25% of themselves.
- Purchaser is obligated to sell up to 50% back to contestant at his request.
- Purchaser will receive a 20% discount on total amount invested in participants other than himself.
- Purchaser is responsible for all money related to their transactions.
- All purchases must be settled in cash at conclusion of auction.
- Prize-money will be paid as follows:

		2012	2012	2012
		<u>Prizes</u>	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Owners</u>
1st Place:	55%	\$1,050	Joe	Ken
2nd Place:	30%	\$573	Woody	Bart
3rd Place:	15%	\$285	Bo	John

The Majors

The Majors are multi-day events designed to distinguish individuals with extraordinary talent and tenacity. Major events are printed in **PURPLE**.

SUMMIT MATCH-PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP (SMC)

REIGNING CHAMPION: Bo Blankenship

'12 Runner-up: Ben Fry

PURSE: \$100.00

Runner-up: \$50.00

- Series of three (or four) individual matches beginning Day 1 (or 2)
- All individual matches will be match-play format
- Seeding determined by combination of prior year finish and Round 1 results
- Full handicaps will be used in this event

LOW NET

DEFENDING CHAMPION: Ryan Crush

'12 Runner-up: Joe Assaid

PURSE: \$50.00

- Awarded to individual with lowest four-day net score using full handicap

INDIVIDUAL TEAM CHAMPION

DEFENDING CHAMPION: Phil Dick

'12 Runner-up: Steve Hale

PURSE: \$25.00

- This oxymoronic title is awarded to the individual collecting the most team points over the four-day event

HIGH NET

DEFENDING CHAMPION: Ken Rogich

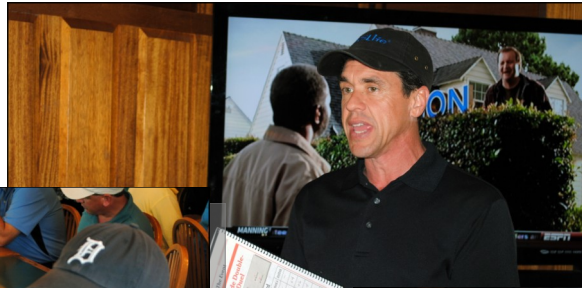
'12 Runner-up: Phil McQuain

PURSE: \$25.00

- Awarded to hapless sap with the *highest* four-day net score using full handicap

NOTE: Player can win only one major. Prizes awarded as follows: SMC Champ, Low Net, Individual Team Champ, High Net Champ.

The Gallery



Here Comes the Bride

After suffering years in the role of bridesmaid, Bo Blankenship, finally closes the deal and brings home the Prize in 2012. Bo won the '12 Summit Matchplay Championship in decisive fashion by obliterating his underling, Ben Fry, in a battle that will be remembered for weeks if not days. What follows is a blow-by-blow account from a Champion's perspective.



As three-time Short Game Champion, Bo more than made up for swing-woes in his 7/6 dismantling of his protégé, Ben, in the SMC Finals. [Editor's Note: 'Swing-woes' may be somewhat misleading for it implies that Bo's problems tee-to-green are associated with a golf swing. No evidence of said swing has been witnessed/produced to date.]

How does it feel to join the ranks of Summit Title-holders?

Like being accepted at Augusta National and putting on the green jacket or being accepted into another elite club that only a

select few can ever experience.

Why do you feel it's taken so long, and were you surprised that this was your breakthrough year?

It's taken so long because of the unique nature of the event. When players are rewarded with additional strokes for playing poorly or punished severely by reducing strokes for playing well you get strange outcomes.

[Editor's Note: In an effort to be fair and balanced, it must be noted that while Bo heaps praise on the Summit and its format, it is not without its shortcomings or detractors. Like all Majors, the characteristics that make them special, often prevent them from being more like other tournaments and thus more attainable to the masses. It is clear that if the Summit ever desires to be more like other events, major changes are in order.] I was surprised that I won this year because I was struggling with my game more than ever, but again, with the unique nature of the event, anything can happen.

In your opinion, why have a handful of individuals dominated the list of Summit Champions when so many haven't come close to

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The Courses

Crow Creek

240 Hickman Road
Calabash, NC

Par: 72 Yardage: 6,679 Rating: 72.1 Slope: 129

Since Opening in February 2000, Crow Creek Golf Club has become one of the most popular destinations for golfers visiting the Myrtle Beach area. Created by architect Rick Robbins, a former Jack Nicklaus design associate, Crow Creek Golf Club is a scenic layout set on developer Jerry McLamb's 500-acre family homestead.

Golfers that have experienced Crow Creek have made it a "must play" on their return visits to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Comments are received on a daily basis praising the imaginative layout, undulating L-93 bent grass greens, manicured TifSport Bermuda fairways and genuine hospitality of the entire staff. "We will definitely tell our friends to play Crow Creek the next time they are in Brunswick County or Myrtle Beach", is a comment heard quite regularly.

This track combines two styles of design, with a windswept links-style front nine with mounding and bunkers rolling through what had been tobacco and vegetable gardens, and an old style fishing shack on No. 8. The back nine cuts through an old forest and features tree lined fairways and rolling contours for a decidedly wilder environment. This course quickly became one of the most popular courses in the Myrtle Beach area with golfers regardless of their handicap, but then slipped a tad, but with their clubhouse finally open they're back on track.



The Courses

Rivers Edge Golf Club

2000 Arnold Palmer Drive
Shallotte, NC

Par: 72 Yardage: 6,440 Rating: 70.9 Slope: 134



Situated upon one of the most breathtaking pieces of property that you'll ever see is one of the most spectacular courses you'll ever play, designed by one of the most humble men you'll ever meet. The very first day that Arnold Palmer gazed out across the Shallotte River, he remarked that this site had the potential to be something very special. He assigned one of his top project managers, Erik Larsen, to the job and the result is sensational. At Rivers Edge, experience playing on the same grass on which the pros play. We are one of only two courses in the Myrtle Beach area that feature **Paspalum grass greens**.

Six of the holes at Rivers Edge Golf Club sit high upon bluffs that overlook two miles of grassy marshlands bisected by the bends and turns of the Shallotte River. The interior holes at Rivers Edge are equally stunning with gentle elevation changes, freshwater lakes and Paspalum greens. GOLF MAGAZINE ranked it among "Top New Courses You Can Play" in 2000, and in 2008 and 2010 ranked it among "The Best Courses Near You."

The Courses

Carolina National

1643 Goley Hewett Road
Bolivia, NC

Par: 72 Yardage: 6,440 Rating: 70.9 Slope: 134



Carolina National Golf Club is a 4.5 star, 27-hole Fred Couples signature golf facility. The course which is set along the Lockwood Folly River was carved out of rich low country terrain and offers golfers an endless variety of playing experiences.

The 14,000 square foot putting/chipping green and the 320-yard driving range are great warm-up facilities.

Carolina National Golf Club has three distinctive nines; Egret, Heron and IBIS, which play in a trio of 18-hole combinations. The course was designed to accommodate all skill levels through its innovative design and multiple tee placements. Just over 7,000 yards from the tips, the course will challenge the accomplished golfer, yet five sets of strategically placed tees offer an equally challenging test to golfers of all abilities.

Bo Blankenship

**Black Summiteer
#1 Seed**



Reigning SMC Champion
 2009 SMC Runner-up
2007 Low Net Champion
 2007 Short-Game Champ
 2005 Short-Game Champ
2004 Low Net Champion
 2004 Short-Game Champ
2003 High Net
2000 Low Net Champion



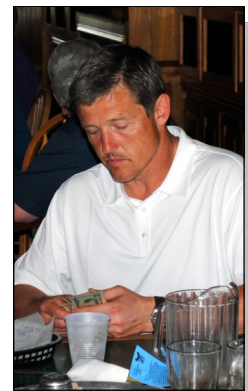
Handicap: 6
Day 1 Matchup: Bye

Assignment: Gaming Coordinator

Roommate: Woody Deans

Summit Career

<u>Titles</u>			
SMC Champion:	1	Matchplay Record:	13-10(.565)
Low Net:	3	Rank:	4
IT Champion:	0	Average Gross Round:	85.26
High Net:	1	Rank:	5
SMC Runner-up:	2	Average Net Round:	80.56
Short-Game:	3	Rank:	5
		Average Net Summit:	+33.40
		Rank:	3
		Career Earnings:	\$768.25
		Rank:	3
		Average Earnings:	\$59.10
		Rank:	8



Bo on Bo

Others on Bo

Most admired aspect of golf game

Mental toughness

Distance of his drives. How he does it with that unorthodox swing amazes me.

Aspect of golf game most in need of change

Swing, it's awful

I guess that swing.

Average tee shot in the fairway

275

275-285 yards

Putting on scale of 1-10 and area of strength/weakness

1 being the best, I'm a 3— struggle on long putts

He would be an 8. I think putting is one of his strengths, so no struggles here.

Speed of play on scale of 1-10 and what makes him that way

Slightly faster than average

I would give him 6. He sets up quickly, but sometimes I wonder if he's ever going to hit it. He freezes up over the ball.

Effect of pressure situations on ability to perform

Makes me focus more and helps me to excel

Must be able to handle it pretty well, he's the defending Champion. Has had a lot of pressure on him since the inception of the SMC to win the Tournament, and he finally broke through. "Best player not to win the Championship" he has been carrying that title around for several years. I'm glad he finally won it. Now he can just fade away.

Most admirable personality trait

Mental toughness, sets example for others

Fierce competitor. Does not like to lose. There was a time when if he lost, he was worse than a mean old grizzly bear. But now all that's changed and he's like a big teddy bear. He likes to have his belly tickled.

Personality trait in most need of adjustment and how

My lack of patience— slow down and enjoy conversations more

Loosen up and have fun out there on the course. Enjoy the scenery and stop being so competitive.

Most appealing physical attribute

My scars from 6 knee surgeries, it causes people to feel sorry for me

Big, strong and powerful. He can hit the ball a long way. I'd like to be able to hit it like that with short irons in.

Physical attribute in most need of modification and how

Current weight, lost about 15 pounds

He needs to stay off the juice. To big and strong. If there is ever any drug testing in the group he might be in trouble.

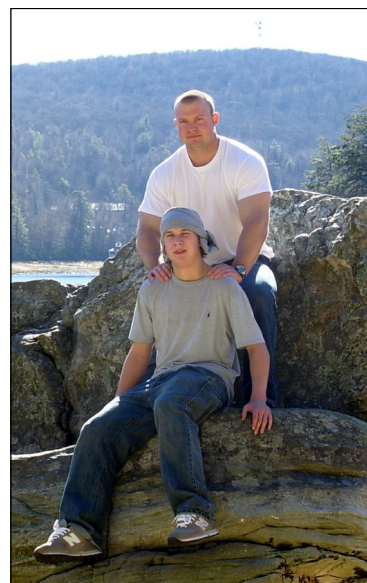
Most descriptive adjective

Persistent, I never give up

Powerful. Can hit a golf ball a long distance.

Ryan Crush

#2 Seed



2012 Low Net Champion
 2011 Low Net Champion
 2010 Low Net Champion

Assignment:

Morning stretching and
 fitness guru

Handicap: 0

Day 1 Matchup: Bye

Roommate: John Bradberry

Summit Career

Titles

SMC Champion: 0
Low Net: 3
IT Champion: 0
High Net: 0
SMC Runner-up: 0

Matchplay Record: 3-3(.500)
 Rank: 7
Average Gross Round: 78.33
 Rank: 1
Average Net Round: 78.33
 Rank: 1
Average Net Summit: +26
 Rank: 1
Career Earnings: \$345.50
 Rank: 11
Average Earnings: \$115.17
 Rank: 1



Ryan on Ryan

Others on Ryan

Most admired aspect of golf game

All facets of my golf game are decent. While some areas are better than others – I don't have a glaring weakness.

Regarding Ryan's game, I most admire his practice regimen. The way he is able to break his swing down into 126 different reference points and then replicate each of them during his pre-shot routine is mesmerizing. His commitment to the process is amazing.

Aspect of golf game most in need of change

This year I'd like to make more putts over 10ft. Last year I didn't make nearly enough.

The part of Ryan's game I'd most like to change is his flying elbow during the lateral transition from backswing to downswing. There is an obvious subluxation of his right side which causes him to compensate by pulling too hard with his left side resulting in a labial contusion.

Average tee shot in the fairway

284.5 yards

Ryan Crush hits his tee ball an average of 278 by my best calculation. This is purely dependent on whether it is in a practice round or a Tournament round. The variance is +/- 15 yds. When he is on, he hits it as far as he needs to. When he is off and his right elbow begins to subluximate during transition he hits it considerably shorter.

Putting on scale of 1-10 and area of strength/weakness

7 – excel on pressure putts inside of 6ft. Need to improve on putts over 10ft.

Ryan's putting would rank a 9. He is mechanically sound in his technique and looks comfortable over the ball. The only time I see him struggle with his putting is when his timing is off with his swing trigger. Few have studied Ryan's stroke as I have, and he always lifts the putter head straight up before he takes it back. This trigger is effective when it occurs between two tenths and six tenths of a second before takeaway. However, when it falls outside this range his accuracy and make percentage drop off drastically.

Speed of play on scale of 1-10 and what makes him that way

The pace of play for Ben and I would both be a 7. Usually, we always have to wait to hit our approach shots last as our drives are usually well past our playing companions. Fellow summit competitor, John Bradberry, likes to talk about his fast play; however, deep on-the-green discussions with his partner, the Furyk- like backing off of putts, and having the marshal yell at him at Pinehurst leaves a lot of doubt.

Ryan's pace of play would be a 6 overall. I would give him a 2 getting to his ball and a 10 once he gets there for an average of 6. If you don't count all the gyrations he performs while waiting for his turn then he could move up to a 7. His pace of play seems to be affected more by his playing companions than his own doing, however. Rounds played with Ben or Bo are increased by an average of 53 minutes while rounds played with Ben AND Bo are increased by an average of 2hours and 4 minutes.

Effect of pressure situations on ability to perform

Enhances focus and performance

There is not enough money in The Summit savings account to put any pressure on Ryan Crush's golf game. He has recently emerged as one of Roanoke's elite high-stakes golfers and has reportedly surpassed the million dollar mark in the MetLife Nassau Cup. I have been told by several people close to Ryan that he may be the best money player to ever work directly under Bo.

Most admirable personality trait

Knowledge of technological changes in golf clubs as evidenced by my 16 year old irons I use at the Summit.

Ryan has many admirable traits, but the one that impresses me most is his level of sincerity and ability to interact with anybody and make them feel important. He is always engaging and comes across as a genuine and down to earth guy which is very impressive when you consider the crew he hangs out with. I can say with certainty that I have never heard anyone make a negative comment about Ryan. I can't say that about anyone else on this trip!

Personality trait in most need of adjustment and how

Wish I had a more artistic personality. 49ers TE Vernon Davis is a highly skilled painter – seems to work for him.

An aspect of Ryan's personality that I'd like to change would be to develop more of a killer instinct. He has the golf game to demoralize his opponent but his personality will not allow it. His instinct is to back off and let them feel like they are in the match. I'd like to see him step on their neck.

Most appealing physical attribute

Strenff (not Strength) – big difference

Obviously Ryan's best physical attribute is his physique. He works hard at it and it shows. And, believe me, it hasn't gone unnoticed. Last summer, after a night of drinks at Blue Five I heard Joe Assaid and three girls say that no matter where they were in downtown Roanoke they felt safe in Ryan's arms.

Physical attribute in most need of modification and how

More fast –twitch type IIX(b) muscle fibers

I would make Ryan's hands bigger. He has this massive frame with massive arms attached to little tiny hands. That may be the only thing holding him back. I guess you learn to adapt to what you have, but he would be almost unstoppable if he had normal sized hands.

Most descriptive adjective

Scintillating – I like the way it sounds

Genuine. By definition: possessing the claimed or attributed character, quality, or origin; not counterfeit; authentic; real. Yep that's Ryan.

Phil Dick

#3 Seed



2012 Individual Team Champion

Handicap: 15

Day 1 Matchup: Bye

Assignment: Summit Dinner Reservations

Roommate: Ben Fry

Summit Career

Titles
SMC Champion: 0
Low Net: 0
IT Champion: 1
High Net: 0
SMC Runner-up: 0

Matchplay Record: 0-1(.000)
 Rank: 14
Average Gross Round: 90.38
 Rank: 11
Average Net Round: 84
 Rank: 14
Average Net Summit: +49
 Rank: 14
Career Earnings: \$101.50
 Rank: 14
Average Earnings: \$101.50
 Rank: 2



Phil on Phil

Others on Phil

Most admired aspect of golf game	My greatest strength is mental toughness. Because I lesser man would quit if they hit it like I do sometimes.	Takes a fearless approach to the game. His mistakes rarely come from mental lapses but from lack of practice on his
Aspect of golf game most in need of change	Hitting my driver. I am just as likely to hit a car in the parking lot as I am the fairway. My ability to hit a driver is similar to a civil war cannon. If I could fix it I might actually enjoy golf.	He has got to drive the ball better. He can't keep hitting his tee balls on different fairways, courses, properties, etc.
Average tee shot in the fairway	250 yards	Its kinda like the all time quarterback ratings— you gotta have enough starts to get on the list. Phil hasn't hit enough
Putting on scale of 1-10 and area of strength/weakness	7, because no one makes clutch bogey putts that are net pars like me. I would say I excel at short putts and struggle with lag putting due to lack of interest.	Probably 4 or 5. The only reason it isn't higher is his lack of practice. He has a quick but consistent stroke and is really pretty good from 6 to 10 feet.
Speed of play on scale of 1-10 and what makes him that way	10, I play fast	One of the quicker players on the trip
Effect of pressure situations on ability to perform	Pressure doesn't bother me because failure is always an option— you just drink more.	Not sure he gets affected much by pressure in golf.
Most admirable personality trait	I am very laid back and just go with the flow.	Very easy to get along with. Never rocks the boat.
Personality trait in most need of adjustment and how	See the answer above about the swamp....	Hard to say you would change someone else's personality.
Most appealing physical attribute	My height. Ladies love it.	This is a little gay even for Bart and Steve.
Physical attribute in most need of modification and how	I would like to be able to grow a beard. I am looking into treatments.	Poor guy's hair is going gray
Most descriptive adjective	Lanky, I mean, just look at me. It's not denial. I'm just selective about the reality I ac-	Easygoing

Ben Fry



**Black Summiteer
#4 Seed**

**2012 SMC Runner-up
2008 Low Net**

**Handicap: 8
Day 1 Matchup: Bye**



Assignment: Golf and Lodging Arrangements; Free Breakfast

Roommate: Phil Dick

Summit Career

Titles
SMC Champion: 0
Low Net: 1
IT Champion: 0
High Net: 0
SMC Runner-up: 1

Matchplay Record: 7-7(.500)
 Rank: 7
Average Gross Round: 88.25
 Rank: 8
Average Net Round: 80.17
 Rank: 2
Average Net Summit: +34
 Rank: 4
Career Earnings: \$317.50
 Rank: 12
Average Earnings: \$45.36
 Rank: 13

Ben on Ben

Others on Ben

Most admired aspect of golf game

Ball striking is probably my greatest strength. It's what allows me to have 40 putts a round and still break 80.

The ability to hit uncommon shots such as a high flying 3-iron over trees. There is only one other person in the Summit field that has that ability.

Aspect of golf game most in need of change

Putting and course management are my biggest weaknesses. I've got to lag better, make more 6 footers, and keep myself in the hole more often.

Although Ben has made great strides in his on-course decision making, he is still thinking too much like Phil Mickelson instead of the great Tiger Woods. However, there has been talk about him leaving his driver at home for the Summit and just hitting his new Taylor Made Hybrid off the tee.

Average tee shot in the fairway

Well, that fairway part confuses things. I think most guys are a little unrealistic in how far they hit drives. I'd say I probably average in the 285-290 range.

284.4 yards

Putting on scale of 1-10 and area of strength/weakness

Probably a 4 or 5. The reason its not a 0 is that I can get hot, and when I'm hot I'm pretty good. I leave too many short, and I don't lag well.

7 with the long putter, 8 with a right-handed legal/short putter.

Speed of play on scale of 1-10 and what makes him that way

I get beat up for pace of play and its because I used to be really bad. I deserved everything that was said, but that was 3 or 4 years ago. My pace of play now is fine— when its my turn I'm ready to hit. I'm a bit defensive about it because I've had to listen to so much crap from Bart and Steve who always try to start stuff (oddly the two of them together is a crawl on the golf course)

The pace of play for Ben would be a 7. Usually, he always has to wait to hit his approach shot last as his drive is usually well past his playing companions. Fellow summit competitor, John Bradberry, likes to talk about his fast play; however, deep on-the-green discussions with his partner, the Furyk- like backing off of putts, and having the marshal yell at him at Pinehurst leaves a lot of doubt.

Effect of pressure situations on ability to perform

Pressure is tough on anyone, I'd say I'm a little better than average under pressure.

Sometimes like Phil Mickelson at Bethpage in the U.S. Open and sometimes like Phil at Augusta – could go either way.

Most admirable personality trait

I'm a pretty nice guy.

Ben is the best around in analyzing and finding value in retail purchases thus saving his friends lots of \$\$\$

Personality trait in most need of adjustment and how

I wish i wasn't so volatile

I think selective hearing on the golf course would block out the voices in his head and aid his performance.

Most appealing physical at-

That's a weird question.

Long arms and femurs give Ben the leverage to swing with effortless power.

Physical attribute in most need of modification and how

I would be more muscular and less fat a**.

Smaller feet, so he could have an easier time finding shoes.

Most descriptive adjective

Nice.

Sable – because that is funny... [sa ble: 1. The color black] — *The Merriam-Webster*

Ken Rogich



2012 High Net
1st Ever to Reach \$1,000 in Career Earnings
2011 High Net
2008 SMC Runner-up
2006 Ind Team Champion
2003 SMC Champion
2002 Low Net Champion
2002 SMC Runner-up
2000 Ind Team Champion



Handicap: 24
Day 1 Matchup: Jeff (27)

Assignment: Skins calculations

Roommate: Chris Colton



Summit Career

<u>Titles</u>			
SMC Champion:	1	Matchplay Record:	10-11(.476)
Low Net:	1	Rank:	10
IT Champion:	2	Average Gross Round:	103.6
High Net:	2	Rank:	16
SMC Runner-up:	1	Average Net Round:	84.46
		Rank:	15
		Average Net Summit:	+51.17
		Rank:	15
		Career Earnings:	\$1,019.75
		Rank:	1
		Average Earnings:	\$84.98
		Rank:	4



Ken on Ken

Others on Ken

Most admired aspect of golf game

To be able to pick up my clubs once a year and compete at my highest competitive level.

Aspect of golf game most in need of change

Sand play... why? – because I prefer fairways and greens

Average tee shot in the fairway

When it makes it to the fairway, it averages 240

Putting on scale of 1-10 and area of strength/weakness

On all the putts that go in, I am a 10. On the putts I miss, I am between a 1 and a 9.

Speed of play on scale of 1-10 and what makes him that way

I am an efficiently methodical player which is reflected in my speed of play. Rating = 2

Effect of pressure situations on ability to perform

With my on course ability, I am continually in a pressure situation. I know no other way to play. It is the new normal for me.

Most admirable personality trait

Balanced and thoughtful approach to politics... Ability to get along with difficult people.

Personality trait in most need of adjustment and how

I wish I was not so agreeable. Sometimes it is difficult to manage to everyone else's wants and needs.

Most appealing physical attribute

Great hair – what more can you say?

Physical attribute in most need of modification and how

Grow 4 inches... accomplished via genetic modification

Most descriptive adjective

Steadfast

I admire Ken's self confidence in his long irons. True story: I was in Ken's group a few years ago and we were on a par 4. Of course Ken hits his normal smother hook, but catches a break and it rolls out a bit into the left rough. He had a pretty decent lie, but was 245 yards out. As with any good golfer, they have a pre-shot routine. Ken proceeds to begin that LONG process of grip check, practice swings (5), and breathing exercises; however, on this day, as he stood over the ball something must not have felt right. He walks back to the cart and changes clubs. I was thinking he was going to lay up. Not Ken, we watch as that pre-shot routine begins again. He finally pulls the trigger and looks on in disbelief as the ball goes 175 yards with a slight smother hook. I love the confidence from 245. Oh did I mention he was 245 yards out?

I would only change 1 thing. Full blown practice swings (5) every shot. It's like I'm watching the Hank Haney project with Charles Barkley when Hank made him hit all those balls.

215 yards. Fairways hit 12%

Kens putting. Ken and I were partners one year on two man stableford, I think. We were playing pretty well and came to a hard par 4. Ken was getting ready to putt and I mentioned to him it was uphill and probably slow. Ken then took the putter back and hit the ball so hard it flew off the back of the green. After finishing out the hole, we were walking off the green. Ken leaned over and said, "John, never tell a high handicapper a putt is slow!"

2, not because he is a high handicap. . . it's the practice swings

While Ken is not in fantasy land on the trip like his friend Chris, he is known to feel the heat from time to time. He relies on all his shots to mask his blood pressure.

Ken has many great qualities. He is very intelligent. I also feel he is honest.

I would like to change his political views. Oh yeah, with that said, I would like to take back my previous answer that speaks to his high intelligence.

Yoga ability

I would put some meat on his bones. No more kale smoothies.

Encouraging. After all the talk of slow play that will be in this year's book. I will be encouraged by Ken's progress.

Joe Assaid



(Former) Van Klanner

- 2008 Individual Team Co-Champion
- 2006 SMC Champion
- 2005 SMC Runner-up
- 2004 Ind Team Champ
- 2002 High Net
- 2001 High Net
- 2000 SMC Runner-up



Handicap: 12
 Day 1 Matchup:
 Woody (10)

Assignment: Check-In Check-out coordinator &
 Range Token Distribution

Roommate: Steve Hale



Summit Career

<u>Titles</u>		Matchplay Record:	7-13(.350)
SMC Champion:	1	Rank:	12
Low Net:	0	Average Gross Round:	100.58
IT Champion:	2	Rank:	15
High Net:	2	Average Net Round:	80.25
SMC Runner-up:	2	Rank:	3
		Average Net Summit:	+34.33
		Rank:	5
		Career Earnings:	\$766.75
		Rank:	4
		Average Earnings:	\$58.98
		Rank:	9

Joe on Joe

Others on Joe

Most admired aspect of golf game

Probably my iron play from 100 yards and in. I've worked on this more than any part of my game.

His ability to keep the ball in play and the great coaching he provides as a partner. I also admire his ability to make the smallest things look like great feats.

Aspect of golf game most in need of change

My sand play. Very inconsistent especially from fairway bunkers.

Nothing, some things are perfect and should be left unchanged like a swamp or volcano.

Average tee shot in the fairway

240-250 yards

230 yards

Putting on scale of 1-10 and area of strength/weakness

With 10 being the best, I would give it a 6. I'm a pretty good at reading putts but struggle with the distance.

A 6 he makes the big ones. Great all around putter really could be considered the Steve Stricker of the Summit. Putter works every day but Sunday.

Speed of play on scale of 1-10 and what makes him that way

Speed rating would be a 10. If golf was based on speed of play, I would be on the pro tour.

8 I think he likes getting things moving.

Effect of pressure situations on ability to perform

Some might say that I don't handle it well. Last year's match was a good example. On the last hole against Mr. Bradberry, I was getting a shot and all I had to do was bogie the hole to win my match. I felt more pressure was on my drive especially after John put his in play. I hit probably one of my best drives of the day. Off the tee I was in much better shape than my opponent. That forced John to hit his hybrid from about 210 yards away. He hit a great shot just off of the green. I proceeded to hit a good approach shot to about 3 or 4 yards off of the green in the rough. John got up and down for his par. This is when the pressure took over. I proceeded to scull my chip to the back of the green. Left my next putt well short and then missed about a 6 footer to tie the hole. So John wins the hole and TIES the match. But under the SMC rules, he wins. I guess the pressure got the best of me. I hope this year I get a chance to redeem myself.

Cool as the other side of the pillow.

Most admirable personality trait

Upbeat and pretty positive, except when matches end in a tie and I lose.

He is the kinda guy you would want to date your mother. (ouch!)

Personality trait in most need of adjustment and how

Stop being such a nice guy (on the golf course that is). I need to be all business, and be able to put an opponent away when I have the chance. After the match go back to being that nice guy again.

That would require Dr. Phil level credentials to answer. Uh what was the question? I think I was for it before I was against it. What do you mean by the word "most"? I am pretty sure that was a girl and she was 18. I have no knowledge of such report Senator.

Most appealing physical attribute

Short and scrappy. Sneaky long. Wedge wizard.

His height is very appealing for the larger ladies.

Physical attribute in most need of modification and how

This is not really a physical appearance change, but I would like to roll back the clock and be 30 years old again. If I could do that, and bring all my knowledge with me about life, family, golf, and the world, it would be awesome.

Give him a body like Crush.

Most descriptive adjective

Scrappy. I'm a fighter. If I go down, I go down swinging. I sometimes like to break open a can of whoop-ass on my opponents. After my nap of course.

Spry, because how else could you describe him.

John Bradberry

Black Summiteer



2010 SMC Runner-up
2009 Low Net Champion

Handicap: 4

Day 1 Matchup:

Bart (5)



Assignment:

“Case Race” coordinator

Roommate: Ryan Crush

Summit Career

Titles

SMC Champion: 0

Low Net: 1

IT Champion: 0

High Net: 0

SMC Runner-up: 1

Matchplay Record: 6-7(.462)
Rank: 11

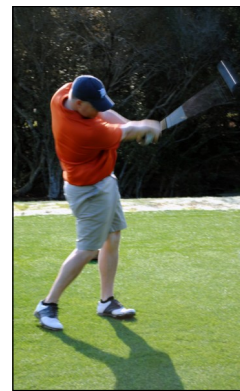
Average Gross Round: 83.83
Rank: 4

Average Net Round: 80.58
Rank: 6

Average Net Summit: +32.80
Rank: 2

Career Earnings: \$366.50
Rank: 10

Average Earnings: \$52.36
Rank: 11



John on John

Others on John

Most admired aspect of golf game

Unlike some of my competitors, I know hitting driver on every hole probably isn't the most prudent plan. Even if it's a "baby" driver swing with a little fade.

His ability to hit the long ball. This would go hand in hand with his ability to touch his left knee with the club head on his backswing.

Aspect of golf game most in need of change

For those who play with me regularly, I get a little giddy when I hit a draw, so I would want to change my ball flight.

Need to be mentally tougher in big matches. Stop playing with Ben so much.

Average tee shot in the fairway

265 yards.... Fairways hit 87%

275

Putting on scale of 1-10 and area of strength/weakness

I rate my putting just like the scale— 1-10. It's day to day. I struggle with consistency

Everybody looks like a hero when the putt goes in... including John... but I would not want to be his partner if he has a testy 3 footer with money on the line.

Speed of play on scale of 1-10 and what makes him that way

10 being fast, I rate mine at 8.

John is a plodder but he generally plods quickly... I would give him a 3

Effect of pressure situations on ability to perform

I enjoy being under the gun. It is a great feeling and really why we play. I am lucky with how our normal group structures matches— pressure presents itself often. Sometimes I pull it off, sometimes I don't, but not afraid to be there. If my little friend " Heart Attack" Joe would have embraced this concept then maybe he wouldn't have lost the tie breaker in our match last year.

He is used to playing from the front, so when he is confronted with a pressure situation, he quite often will fold.

Most admirable personality trait

I'm very loyal and honest.

He is a crowd pleaser... other than with the ladies where he prefers a more adversarial approach

Personality trait in most need of adjustment and how

This mainly comes from Ben, so not sure it's true. Maybe sometimes, seldom, after a bad meal... I might be grumpy from time to time.

Difficult to identify one aspect to change... would need more space than allotted...

Most appealing physical attribute

My pinky toe. Enough said!

Great hair – speaks for itself

Physical attribute in most need of modification and how

I would like to be taller. I saw on the Internet a height stretching machine. Its on the Internet so it's I'm sure it's true. I'll let you know next year if it worked.

Add pork chop side burns... I think he could pull it off.

Most descriptive adjective

Prickly. Proceed with caution

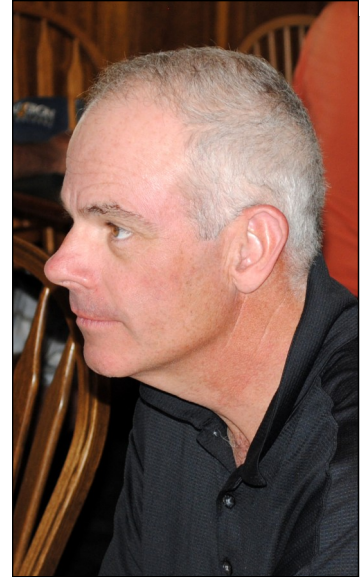
Malleable

Chris Colton



2009 High Net
2006 High Net
2001 Ind Team Champion

Handicap: 25
Day 1 Matchup:
 Steve (5)



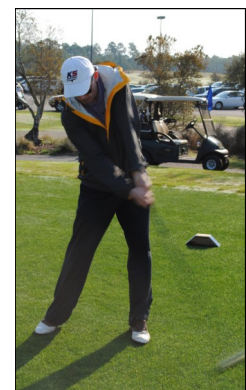
Assignment: Coffee & Snacks

Roommate: Ken Rogich

Summit Career

Titles
SMC Champion: 0
Low Net: 0
IT Champion: 1
High Net: 2
SMC Runner-up: 0

Matchplay Record: 8-8(.500)
 Rank: 7
Average Gross Round: 107.26
 Rank: 17
Average Net Round: 85.25
 Rank: 17
Average Net Summit: +54
 Rank: 17
Career Earnings: \$526.00
 Rank: 7
Average Earnings: \$65.75
 Rank: 7



Chris on Chris

Others on Chris

Most admired aspect of golf game

Like the former player for the Utah Jazz when asked by Frank Layden , Utah Jazz president, 'Son, what is it with you? Is it ignorance or apathy?' (who) said, 'Coach, I don't know and I don't care.' I don't know most of the rules of golf and I don't care enough about winning to get nervous!

I admire Chris' incredible courage in his game. I still remember the 'alligator incident" where there was a 10' alligator near Chris' ball. As I called him names and made gestures that finally got him to get out of the cart, he sheepishly got to the ball and kind of flicked at it (or was that his normal swing) and ran back to the cart like Justin Beiber to a limo.

Aspect of golf game most in need of change

My swing.

Ummmmm... is 'all of it' an acceptable answer?

Average tee shot in the fairway

Not sure. I cannot remember actually being in the fairway.

N/A Chris doesn't hit the fairway

Putting on scale of 1-10 and area of strength/weakness

5 – I mostly excel when the ball is hit hard enough to get to the hole because it has a better chance of getting in. I don't know how much better the chance is, but it's better.

10 (you didn't indicate if 1 was bad or 10 was bad.... so I won't either) Chris struggles getting to the green.

Speed of play on scale of 1-10 and what makes him that way

A

Chris' rate of play is excellent.

Effect of pressure situations on ability to perform

See question 1.

Considering that Chris actually cheated death, pressure means little to him.

Most admirable personality trait

I get along with everyone.

His humor. Chris is a FUNNY guy.

Personality trait in most need of adjustment and how

I am too nice and may need to toughen up a bit.

Nothing.... Chris is quite perfect.

Most appealing physical attribute

My hair: I have just the right amount of grey to cover some of my head.

His hair. . . isn't it obvious?

Physical attribute in most need of modification and how

My nose: it's crooked.

His legs. . . they are noodle like.

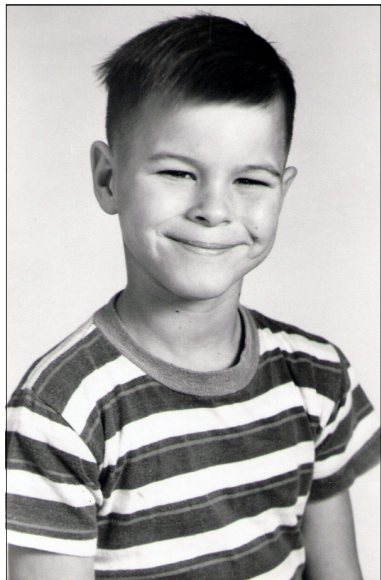
Most descriptive adjective

Friendly

Smart. Chris is the cerebral assassin

Woody Deans

(Former) Van Klanner



**1st 3-Time SMC
Champion**
2009 SMC Champion
 2009 Short-Game Champ
2007 SMC Champion
2000 SMC Champion

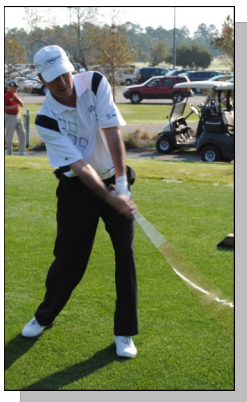


Handicap: 10
Day 1 Matchup:
 Joe (12)

Assignment:

Navigation & Wake-up Calls

Roommate: Bo Blankenship



Summit Career

<u>Titles</u>			
SMC Champion:	3	Matchplay Record:	15-10(.600)
Low Net:	0	Rank:	3
IT Champion:	0	Average Gross Round:	89.18
High Net:	0	Rank:	9
SMC Runner-up:	0	Average Net Round:	81.11
Short-Game:	1	Rank:	8
		Average Net Summit:	+35
		Rank:	6
		Career Earnings:	\$600.00
		Rank:	6
		Average Earnings:	\$46.15
		Rank:	12

Woody on Woody

Others on Woody

Most admired aspect of golf game

Driving accuracy because I am so short

Wikipedic knowledge of the rules and application of such to

Aspect of golf game most in need of change

Long irons because that is my weakness

Woody needs to take life and the Tournament more seriously. Each swing counts, and I have noticed that, at times that I cannot understand, he seems to slack off. These times are usually late in a round and I guess it could be he's tired. I wonder if anyone else has noticed?

Average tee shot in the fairway

200 yards

180 yards

Putting on scale of 1-10 and area of strength/weakness

5, I struggle with long putts

8 – Again, if he gets tired, he may not putt as well, but this is not in all games and his tiredness may not be the only factor. I really don't know. Sometimes he stays strong for the entire match and even plays a second 18. But, there are games, when, for no apparent reason, he begins to play poorly late in a match. But not a practice match.

Speed of play on scale of 1-10 and what makes him that way

7

Is 1 better or worse? Is 1 faster or slower? I give Woody a 5.

Effect of pressure situations on ability to perform

I didn't win 2 State Championships by buckling under to pressure.

Very good.

Most admirable personality trait

I pride myself in not getting into conflicts with anyone and don't like to be controversial.

His knowledge of rules.

Personality trait in most need of adjustment and how

I would like to look harder to find the good in everybody and not criticize anyone.

Consistency. I have noticed, not ever directed at me, mind you, that he's all smiles until he is in a match, and then Mr. Hyde comes out. I would rather deal with Dr. Jekyll.

Most appealing physical attribute

At 64, my hair is still brown

His van.

Physical attribute in most need of modification and how

At my age, I wouldn't change a thing because I am not trying to impress anyone

Woody's accent: he would be great with a Jersey shore accent.

Most descriptive adjective

Honesty because I like to do the right thing.

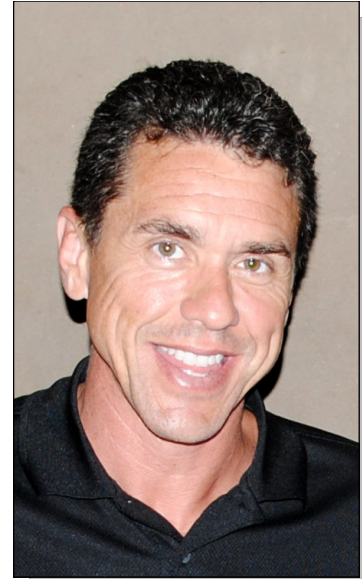
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Bart Edmunds



**Tournament Director
& All-Round Good Guy**

1st 2-Time SMC Champion
2008 Ind Team Co-Champ
2005 High Net
2004 SMC Champion
2001 SMC Champion
2000 High Net



Handicap: 5

Day 1 Matchup: John (4)

Assignment: Director; *The Summit* Editor-in-Chief;
 Handicapping Chairman

Roommate: Jeff Parker



Summit Career

<u>Titles</u>			
SMC Champion:	2	Matchplay Record:	14-11(.560)
Low Net:	0	Rank:	6
IT Champion:	1	Average Gross Round:	85.85
High Net:	2	Rank:	6
SMC Runner-up:	1	Average Net Round:	80.50
		Rank:	4
		Average Net Summit:	+35.33
		Rank:	7
		Career Earnings:	\$487.75
		Rank:	8
		Average Earnings:	\$37.52
		Rank:	15

Bart on Bart

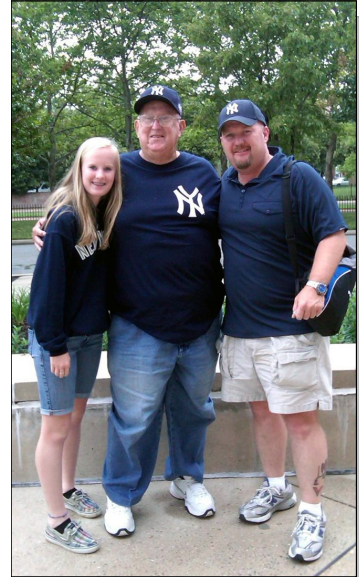
Others on Bart

Most admired aspect of golf game	Ball-striking consistency. My good shots may not be great, but my bad shots aren't too shabby.	Ability to stay away from the high score
Aspect of golf game most in need of change	Putting. My speed, my direction, and my stroke are ridiculously inconsistent. Other than that, it's not that bad.	Putting, it's atrocious
Average tee shot in the fairway	235 up the middle. Steady Eddie!	225
Putting on scale of 1-10 and area of strength/weakness	5. The times when I putt like a Champ share the stage equally with the appearance of the Chump.	7.5, every aspect
Speed of play on scale of 1-10 and what makes him that way	9. I think I play pretty fast despite my little routines. Although, slow play is a little like bad breath— oftentimes, you're the last to know.	Slightly faster than average
Effect of pressure situations on ability to perform	I'm above average, but may have too much awareness to be immune. That's where I admire someone like Chris.	Makes him focus more in general and help him excel, except for putting— hurts his putting
Most admirable personality trait	I have a generally positive attitude and typically see the good in people and situations. My glass is always half full.	His thoroughness in all matters, makes him dependable, and you can count on him to get things done right
Personality trait in most need of adjustment and how	I cannot multi-task and become easily overwhelmed when trying to process too much at once	His subtle underhanded jabs at people— just lie to people and tell them how much he likes them
Most appealing physical attribute	I've been blessed with good hair, though it has been described as 'kinky' and my ethnicity has been questioned on more than one occasion.	His hair— doesn't need to worry about being wind blown and doesn't need to comb
Physical attribute in most need of modification and how	Years in the sun have left me with a few more wrinkles than I would like, but Tommy Lee Jones has made it work.	His chicken legs— put him on a squat/leg workout program
Most descriptive adjective	Circumspect.	Smart, knows a lot about many subjects

Steve Hale



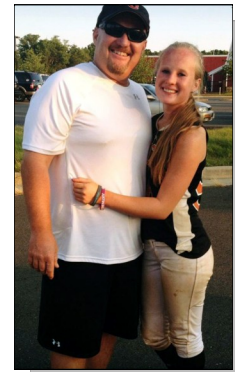
2011 Ind Team Champion
2011 SMC Runner-up
2010 SMC Champion
2006 Low Net Champion
2005 SMC Champion
2003 Low Net Champion
2002 SMC Champion
2001 Low Net Champion
2001 SMC Runner-up



Handicap: 5
Day 1 Matchup: Chris (25)

Assignment:
 Summit Gift Coordinator

Roommate: Joe Assaid



Summit Career

Titles		Matchplay Record:	16-10(.615)
SMC Champion:	3	Rank:	2
Low Net:	3	Average Gross Round:	81.19
IT Champion:	1	Rank:	2
High Net:	0	Average Net Round:	80.63
SMC Runner-up:	2	Rank:	7
		Average Net Summit:	+35.67
		Rank:	8
		Career Earnings:	\$893.25
		Rank:	2
		Average Earnings:	\$68.71
		Rank:	5



Steve on Steve

Others on Steve

Most admired aspect of golf game

My greatest strength would be my consistency. In the last two years I have been unable to play a lot of golf, so my short game and putter have suffered somewhat. Fortunately, I don't make many big numbers, so my scores are still manageable.

Aspect of golf game most in need of change

The part of my game I'd most like to change is my greenside play. For many years I made a living off my pitching and chipping from around the green. The last few years have witnessed a gradual decline in my short game, to a point where I've begun taking advice from Joe Assaid. (Just kidding, it hasn't gotten that bad, but I would change it back to yesteryear if I could!)

Average tee shot in the fairway

Estimates of my average tee shot vary a great deal depending on whom you ask. The MetLife clan would tell you it's in the 230 range. My boss says every drive I hit is over 300 yards. My estimate is somewhere in the middle, say 265.

Putting on scale of 1-10 and area of strength/weakness

I would rate my putting as a 9. I feel most confident with my putter, and I feel like the better the greens, the better I putt. That may seem like I'm stating the obvious, but in my mind, the only putts I miss are the ones where the greens weren't rolling true. My toughest putt is a downhill right to left.

Speed of play on scale of 1-10 and what makes him that way

I would rate my speed of play as a 5. I enjoy a leisurely pace, but I also hate falling behind the group ahead. We all know that there are guys on the trip that no one wants to play behind. If you don't know who those guys are . . . you're one of them.

Effect of pressure situations on ability to perform

I don't think that pressure has much of an impact on my game. I'm either on my game or I am not. At one time, I thrived on pressure and welcomed it because my swing was so short it was impervious to multiple swing thoughts. (There were only two!) Now, with less time to play and practice, I have noticed more things floating around in my mind during my swing that cause me to talk incoherently to myself. Now I know what it's like to play a round in John Bradberry's shoes!

Most admirable personality trait

My most admirable trait would have to be my competitive spirit. I love to compete and I rarely turn down a challenge. I'm what some would call a "Jack of All Trades" due to my ability to be good at a lot of things but great at none of them.

Personality trait in most need of adjustment and how

I don't think it would surprise anyone if I said that the one aspect of my personality I would change is my lack of filter between what I am thinking and what comes out of my mouth. Some of my best friends have said that the first time they met me they were put off by my abrasive personality. It took a few days together for them to realize that we aren't so different. We all have the same thoughts—most people just choose not to voice them. It is a work in progress.

Most appealing physical attribute

The physical attribute I'm most proud of is my face. I've always had a perfect complexion but there's so much more to it than that. I make my living in an industry that is usually reserved for attractive young females and every day I walk into my clients' offices knowing that I am the face of this franchise and they are choosing me over Barbie. I love it and live it . . . "Looks are my business and business is good!"

Physical attribute in most need of modification and how

If I could change one thing about my appearance it would be to add about 7 inches to my height. I would like to be 6'4 with the same proportion I have now. Oh the leverage I would have in golf . . . and every other aspect of life. It pains me to see all the size wasted on guys with no talent. Trust me, I'm friends with a few of them!

Most descriptive adjective

GAMER – Because regardless of the challenge, whether it's on the course or way off of it, I am usually up for it.

Steve's strength is putting. Steve is so steady and consistent.

Steve doesn't need to change anything. After all, doesn't he have 3 Titles? I would like to change Steve's accuracy so I would have a chance to beat him.

250 yards

Steve's putting should be the best on the tour. Can't believe he never won a Short Game contest

6, he takes his time on looking over shots

Steve Hale is the only player (other than Woody) to win 3 SMC Titles, so he doesn't mind pressure

Due to the fact that Steve would rather climb up a tree and tell a lie, than stay on the ground and tell the truth. I can't think of any.

Steve embellishes more than anyone I know. However, I would not want to change that because that's what makes Steve the funniest guy I know and so enjoyable to be around.

Steve's bald head makes him the man that he is.

I would get Steve a wig so he would look like he did in high school

Funny, because I could sit around and listen to Steve tell stories all night long

Jeff Parker

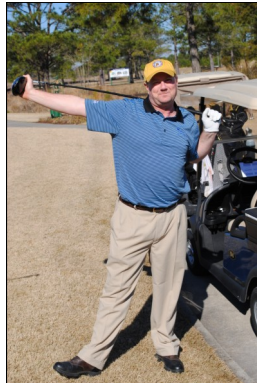


2010 High Net

Handicap: 27
Day 1 Matchup: Ken (24)

Assignment:
 Course Relations

Roommate: Bart



Summit Career

<u>Titles</u>			
SMC Champion:	0	Matchplay Record:	1-3(.250)
Low Net:	0	Rank:	13
IT Champion:	0	Average Gross Round:	111.67
High Net:	1	Rank:	18
SMC Runner-up:	0	Average Net Round:	84.95
		Rank:	16
		Average Net Summit:	+52.75
		Rank:	16
		Career Earnings:	\$89.00
		Rank:	15
		Average Earnings:	\$29.67
		Rank:	16

Jeff on Jeff

Others on Jeff

Most admired aspect of golf game	Without a doubt, my greatest strength is my imagination.... I am able to imagine so many things while I play.... It starts on the tee box as I imagine what will be for lunch, from the fairway, I like to imagine myself on an island with Halle Berry, and on the green, I like to imagine a world without mosquitos.	I think a lot of people admire the fact that, to my knowledge, Jeff has never hurt anyone on the golf course— at least not physically. Also, he can hit it surprisingly far when he catches it in the screws.
Aspect of golf game most in need of change	There isn't much I'd change... well, except for how I get from tee to green.	Jeff's consistency is a little suspect. He can go from the penthouse to outhouse in about a
Average tee shot in the fairway	I estimate I hit it 200 yards or so. I imagine I hit it like Ryan Crush	96-260 (see previous comment)
Putting on scale of 1-10 and area of strength/weakness	I would rate me as a 5. I struggle if the greens are 'too green' I prefer a slight blue tinge in	3. (see #2)
Speed of play on scale of 1-10 and what makes him that way	I pride myself on speed of play	9. He would score a 10 if he always hit it straight.
Effect of pressure situations on ability to perform	As shown in my semi final match against Steve Hale two years ago when I was up 5 holes thru the front 9 and lost the match on 17... pressure is not my friend	I don't believe that Jeff is able to perform at all in pressure situations, as all of his attention is focused on obtaining enough oxygen to maintain consciousness.
Most admirable personality trait	My awesome humbleness (is that an oxymoron?)	Jeff is genuinely nice to a fault.
Personality trait in most need of adjustment and how	My lack of 'the eye of the tiger'	Jeff is genuinely nice to a fault.
Most appealing physical attribute	My chest and arms. They are awesome	Beautifully maintained and
Physical attribute in most need of modification and how	My nose and cheek bones. A nip here, a tuck there... I'm Brad Pitt!	A tanning bed might take the edge off the Edgar Winter thing
Most descriptive adjective	Pleasure: I like to give and receive it	Childlike.

Practice Round

Friday, March 15, 2013

Crow Creek: Blue Tees

Calabash, NC

Cart & Green Fees Included!!

Tee times are 12:33, 12:42, and 12:51

Confirm your spot with Ben Fry by Thursday, March 7, 2013

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(540) 525-0314**

Day 1

Rivers Edge: Black Tees

SMC Play-in Matches/Qualifying

Stableford Teams and Round 1 Matchplay Pairings (Blind Draw)

(Play-in matches in boxes)

9:20

Bo (6)
Ben (8)

Ken (24)
Jeff (27)

9:28

Ryan (0)
Phil D. (15)

Bart (5)
John (4)

9:36

Chris (25)
Steve (5)

Joe (12)
Woody (10)

Four-man Stableford

\$40.00/Team

Team Points: 2/1

Skins

Daily Purse: \$36.00

Day 2

Carolina National: Gold Tees

Round 2 of SMC

	<u>12:30</u>	<u>12:38</u>	<u>12:46</u>
<u>A</u>	1 Bo (6) 8 _____ 9 _____ 11 _____	<u>B</u>	2 Ryan (0) 7 _____ 10 _____ 12 _____
		<u>C</u>	3 Phil D. (15) 6 _____
		<u>D</u>	4 Ben (8) 5 _____

Skins

Daily Purse: \$36.00

2 Best Balls (Four-man Teams)

\$60.00/Team

Team Points: 4/2

Calcutta

Day One

Calcutta

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>HCP</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>BID</u>	<u>POT</u>	<u>DAY 1</u>	<u>DAY 2</u>	<u>TOT</u>
PARKER							
COLTON							
ROGICH							
DICK							
ASSAID							
DEANS							
FRY							
BLANKENSHIP							
EDMUNDS							
HALE							
BRADBERRY							
CRUSH							
		ENTRY FEES					
			TOTAL				

Day 3

Crow Creek: Blue Tees

Round 3 of SMC

9:24

L(A) _____

L(D) _____

(10) _____

(11) _____

9:32

a W(A) _____

W(D) _____

L(B) _____

L(C) _____

9:40

b W(B) _____

W(C) _____

(9) _____

(12) _____

Skins

Daily Purse: \$36.00

Two-Man Stableford

\$60.00 (Pays 1st & 2nd)

Team Points: 6/3/1

Dual-Day Double-Dude Duel

Day One

Calcutta

Day Two

Summit Dinner

The Boundary House Restaurant

1045 River Road, Calabash, NC

Immediately Following Round

Dual-Dude Double-Day Duel

Teams:

I
L (A)/L (B)

III
W(C)/(10)

V
W (A)/(12)

II
L (C)/L (D)

IV
W (D)/(9)

VI
W (B)/(11)

Leaderboard

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>DAY 1</u>	<u>DAY 2</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>I</u>			
<u>II</u>			
<u>III</u>			
<u>IV</u>			
<u>V</u>			
<u>VI</u>			

Day 4

Rivers Edge: Black Tees

Final Round of SMC

Payout to Winner of Championship Match: \$100.00

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<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>V or IV</u>
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Skins

Daily Purse: \$36.00

Dual-Day Double-Dude Duel

Day Two

\$90.00 (Pays 1st & 2nd)

Team Points: 8/4/2

Face-Off

Pro-V's

Day 4

Face-Off

Black

L(a) _____

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Awards Presentation

SMC Champion (\$100): _____

SMC Runner-up (\$50) _____

Low Net (\$50): _____

Individual Team Champion (\$25): _____

High Net (AKA: Hapless Sap)(25) _____

Interview with a (almost) Champion

The Ben Fry Story

Contrary to popular opinion, Ben not only was athletic at one point, but actually participated in sports at the collegiate level (Hampden-Sydney is considered a college). His unlikely march (or stumble) to the '12 Summit Finals is a story to inspire us all. Like Rudy, Ben realized his dream and briefly basked in the warm glow of the spotlight. Unfortunately, the glow suddenly turned into more of an incinerating inferno, and his dream went up in smoke before devolving into a nightmare. For the first time in *The Summit* history, with the hope that others will draw strength knowing that if Ben can do it, anybody can do it, what follows is a look at the journey to the Summit Finals through a loser's eyes— What we call . . . The Ben Fry Story.

The Summit: First off, congratulations on making it to the Finals at the '12 Summit. It's well-deserved and a long time coming. As you know, each year the reigning Summit Champion is called on to reflect on the events of the previous Summit. For the first time in Summit history, we are interviewing the Summit Runner-up in addition to the Champion.

Ben Fry: Thank you for the opportunity to reflect on such an important moment in my life. It is with great honor that I introduce myself to almost everyone I meet as the 2012 SMC Runner-up. I can only hope that 2013 will bring such prestige again.

How did it feel to finally play in the final group for a shot at the Title?

*As with any important round of golf, there was a lot of excitement and anticipation. I was proud of myself though, I only threw up twice— once when Phil f*rted and again when Bo got up and down on the 8th from mud slop just vacated by a gaggle of rogue pigs.*

Why do you feel it's taken Bo so long win, and were you surprised that this was both his and your breakthrough year?

Actually, I am surprised that this was Bo's breakthrough year. Bo will be the first to admit that coming into the 2012 Summit he was not swinging his best. He was, however, chipping his best, and as we have seen with the "former best player on the Summit" [Editor's Note: That would be "best player never to WIN— big distinction], chipping can be the variable that makes or breaks you. As far as Bo's winless streak is concerned, it is simple, his variance in scores is too great. The Summit simply does not favor a volatile score pattern, even if the overall average isn't too bad. Bo and I both suffer from big swings in score which hurts our chances.

In your opinion, why have a handful of individuals dominated the list of Summit Champions when so many haven't come close to winning one?

It's difficult to delve into the mind of a Champion, like a Kevin Dill or Joe As-said. I once tried to penetrate Dill's psyche and required weeks of straight jacket treatment combined with a Men in Black style memory eraser. Sometimes its

better to just not know what some people think about. I mean, look at his pants, are those the pants whose mind you want to explore? But, to answer your question, the people who have won have two things, their scores are consistent to their handicap, and they are tough down the stretch.

Break down your game for us. In what situations do you feel most confident, when do you feel most anxious, and why?

Well, my game, as previously mentioned, is highs and lows. There isn't a particular shot or situation that makes me nervous when I am playing well, and there isn't much comfort for me when I am hitting it sideways [Ben, traditionally, finds little comfort in South Carolina]. Some have said that when I drink my handi-



As Ben teed-off on Tuesday, he had no way of knowing the spanking he was about to receive from his Daddy.

cap drops significantly. Therefore, I plan to have a "mini" Case Race with myself before each match.

Talk to us about your struggles with 'demons' and what you've done to overcome them.

Every time I play with Steve Hale and I hit a massive hook with my driver he gets great pleasure in saying "Oh Lord, we must be in South Carolina". The demon I've come the closest to conquering is my occasionally horrific driving. I enjoy golf so much more when I hit 4 or 5 OB in a round. The demon I still struggle the most with is my putting. When I'm not putting well, I could easily 3-putt 6 or 7 times in a round. When the long putter ban goes in-force in 2016, the only humane thing for the Summit Board to do will be to add 10 shots to my handicap [Editor's Note: The Summit Board discussed this suggestion and decided that it will happen on its own fairly quickly].

Prior to Bo's Victory, why have Black Summiteers been unable to win the big one?

It's funny to me that there are people on the trip who are so blind that they call our group the Black Summiteers because we tried to prepare for such an important event. Actually, it seems those close-minded ill-prepared twits are probably just mad because they didn't think of it themselves. Does anyone call Tiger or Phil "Black Masters Champion" because they play Augusta every year before the tournament? [Editor's Note: There was discussion about calling Tiger and Phil the 'Black Masters Champions', but it was dismissed once it was determined that they did not sneak to Augusta and play in secret and that Phil is not black. Meanwhile, Tiger actually is called the Black Masters Champion.] I think that the Committee should be insulted that ore participants don't take the Championship seriously enough to prepare.

Tell us something about you that you feel is different from all your Summit competitors.

Nobody loves cookies like I love cookies



When Ben was questioned about taking others' beers from refrigerator, he became indignant and replied, "I didn't realize we were keeping tabs. Besides, I bought Bo and Ryan beers that time we went to Pinehurst! Didn't I, John?"

Tell us about your path to the Finals. You had a bye on the Play-in Day, but your Second Round Match pitted you against an old nemesis, Bart. I gather that it was a dogfight. Break it down for us and tell us if you feel, as many do, that Bart's best competitive golf is yet to come?

This is a very sensitive subject for me so I will try not to get emotional. Bart is the opposite

of Lee Trevino. Chris Colton is regularly quoted saying Bart has the prettiest swing of the group, and Chris is right. Bart's

swing is very pretty— until contact. If you put Bart and Lee Trevino on the range and never watched the ball flight, you would think that Bart is the one in the Hall of Fame. Trouble is, you gotta get it in the hole. I mentioned earlier in this interview Kevin Dill's psyche, and how disturbing it is. Let me give you a picture of Bart's psyche: It was the 9th hole of our second round match, and Bart, bless his little heart, was playing as well as he could. He turns to Bradberry and me and says "Good golly, I've played as well as I can play, and I'm only 1 up" Bradberry and I chuckled as we drove to the green of that par 3 knowing that my match was over. The only dogfight in that match was between Bart's ears. Poor guy thinks he's my nemesis because he careered it in 2011 to beat me for the first and only time to date. I, as defending [SMC] Runner-up, would like to propose a new contest for this year's Summit, "prettiest practice swing". My money is on Edmunds. [Editor's Note: Due to his mean-spiritedness, the Committee has put Ben on behavioral probation for the duration of the '13 Summit. If he keeps being mean to certain other fierce competitors if they are Past-Champions), he will be barred from future events.]

Round Three found you facing a new face in the Semi-Finals, Chris. Tell us about that Match, the hype, and the dramatic finish despite you giving him 19 shots?

First off, Chris is without a doubt one of the nicest and smartest guys I know. I am thrilled that he is back with us this year— maybe Rogich will finally start listening to his wisdom. From a golf perspective, Chris can be a tough match. He gets a bunch of shots, and though he is capable of shooting very high numbers, he is also capable of making some pars and bogeys. You can't let him hang around because he can have a few good holes and you are in trouble. My biggest golfing demon reared its ugly head against Chris in our semifinal Match. I had things pretty well-in-hand on the 15th with a two-foot putt to go three up. For whatever reason, I got nervous, and backed off two or three times. That putt never sniffed the hole. [Editor's Note: Witnesses reported that Ben began talking to what seemed to be an imaginary friend who told him to play it a ball out right— turns out it was straight. Sources close to Ben say he is hanging with a new group of friends, now.] Now I was two up with 3 to



Bart and Ben ham it up for the lenses just prior to Bart delivering a beat-down at the Thistle in 2011.



play. I made a sloppy bogey on the par 3 16th. Chris made a smooth bogey, net par, to win. Then, I blasted my drive 80 yards out of bounds on 17 to lose that hole by 4 shots. Now we come to the 18th, and due to tie breaker rules, I had to win the hole outright and Chris was getting a shot. Instead of doing the smart thing and hitting iron, I cut the corner with driver and unfortunately

ended up in a fairway bunker 90 yards away. Chris also drove it in a fairway bunker and through some smart play was greenside in 3. After my best shot of the day from that fairway bunker, I had 30 or so feet for birdie, but the match was out of my hands. Chris asked Ryan for some help on his 4th shot and Ryan suggested he putt it from 15 feet or so off of the green. Chris then turned into Rogich with politics— he just couldn't take the good advice. His chip was so bad, I thought he had gotten a lesson from Steve. I was very fortunate to make it to the Finals. [Editor's Note: If the 18th hole had been a footrace, both Ben and Chris would have been moving backwards at the finish line.]

And finally, your Finals Match against the most famous bridesmaid of all, Bo. What happened there? Is it true that Bo was receiving congratulations on his first SMC Title the night before the match? Is it true that you actually suffocated on the front nine?

My Match with Bo was a comedy of errors on my part, and a Mickelson-esque short game display on Bo's. I hit the first green in regulation, Bo missed. He makes a 15 footer for par, I three putt. The second hole, I hit what I thought was a good third into the par 5, it lands by hole and bounds over into a shaky lie in the bunker. Bo plays the hole pretty sloppy, but gets it up and down for 6 while I missed my 5 footer for par. Then Bo started hitting greens and the Match unraveled on me a bit. I never putted well, and Bo never let up. I knew that losing to Bo like that would make me the biggest target The Summit book has ever seen, I expect nothing less. [Editor's Note: Ben losing to his hero was expected— completely rolling over on his back in obedient submission was not. Loyal sacrifice such as that has not been seen since Jonestown, Guyana; 1978. Sources say that Bo was in the kitchen mixing a batch of Kool-ade the morning of his Match with Ben.] Believe it or not, I actually hit the ball reasonably well in that Match, and nerves really didn't get to me. [Editor's Note: The Summit Committee is looking into

legally changing Ben's name to Cleopatra as he is clearly the Queen of Denial. Only one worse case of nerve-induced disintegration has ever been recorded. According to Wikipedia, Mr. Van de Velde is currently operating a bakery in the hills outside Paris.] But, when you lose confidence in your putter, it makes competing almost impossible. Hopefully I will get another chance at it this year.

Obviously a talented driver of the ball, in your opinion, what's holding you back and what are your chances of winning an SMC Title someday?

Not to be redundant, but my putting is holding me back, in addition to my course management [in addition to his inability to breathe when standing on the same tee-box with his Daddy]. I will win an SMC Title one day, I predict it won't be too long.

Who, if anyone, at the Summit can beat Bo at free-throw shooting?

I unfortunately was not there to see Kevin's incredible display of free throw shooting in West Virginia. Without Kevin on the trip, I'm not sure if anyone can. I guess the best chance is probably Bart or John. [Editor's Note: His on-course abilities aside, Ben is well known for his discriminating eye when it comes to spotting talent in others.]

Describe what would happen in an MMA showdown between Steve and Ryan.

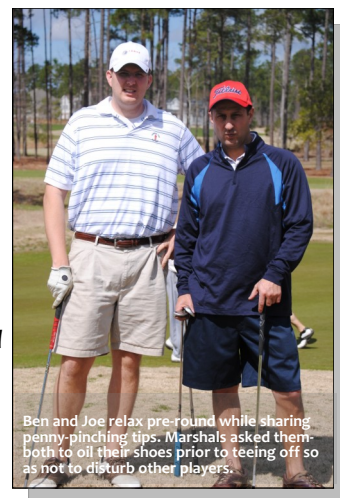
The thing about MMA is that it's not a wrestling match— punches could be thrown. Ryan is a beast, and while I know Steve can wrestle, he is biting off more than he can chew with Ryan. I myself wouldn't want to fight or wrestle with either of them.

If you were gay (not that you are or that everyone thinks you are or that there would be anything wrong with it if you were) and had the opportunity to date (not marry; it's not even legal in Virginia) either Ryan or Bo, who would you choose and why?

Screw monogamy!

Do you consider yourself a good 'pressure player', and, without naming names, describe someone who is clearly NOT a pressure player.

I don't know that I can say I am a good pressure player yet. [Good answer.] I am much better than I used to be, and have performed well in some tough spots to help me gain confidence in tough situations. Maybe 2013



SMC will be my chance to breakthrough. Its tough to describe just one who isn't. With the exception of Steve, Ryan, and Bo, I think everyone on the trip gets at least a little worse under the gun.

Compare/contrast your mental/emotional faculties and those of Dr. Jekyll.

Haha.

I'll mention a player, and you give me two adjectives to describe him—one strength and one weakness:

- Joe: *Enthusiastic; Worrier.*
- John: *Self Confident; Grumpy.*
- Chris: *Intelligent; Carefree*
- Phil D.: *Athletic; Inconsistent*
- Steve: *Determined; Worst chipper of the golf ball for a single digit handicap ever in the history of golf. he is better from 100 yards than from 3. is that more than a word?*
- Bart: *Pretty Swing; Inefficient*
- Bo: *Grinder; ugly swing.*
- Woody: *Competitor; lack of power*
- Jeff Parker: *Nicest guy ever; nicest guy ever.*
- Ken: *Scrappy; liberal.*
- Ryan: *talented; erratic [We couldn't make out if he said 'erratic' or 'erotic', so we just picked one.]*

What are your own strengths and weaknesses?

I think that from a ball striking perspective, I am one of the better players on the trip. [Editor's Note: Point of clarification, Ben is a good ball-striker as long as his tee-shot leaves him with an approach of 110 yards or more. Anything inside of that becomes an absolute crap shoot.] From a course management and putting perspective, I suck.

If you had a magic wand, what one change would you make to your own swing/game?

I would have Steve Hale's putting stroke.

If you had a magic wand, what one change would you make to John's swing/game?

I would get his club on the correct plane. [Editor's Note: After only a year and a half of work, 100 hours of driving time, \$1,500 in lesson fees, and \$150,000 in lost business opportunity, John has finally been able to identify that he needs to work on getting his club on plane. Once he does that, his game should begin to improve. He may be one to watch in the future!]

Who is slower: Chris, Bo, or you and why?

Chris, he hits it 20 times more per round.

[Sidebar:



Bo responds to the question, "Did you, at any point, feel threatened by Ben?" as Ben blissfully consumes more pizza at the awards presentation.

Dear Cleopatra,

See 'B.O.' segment in Word from the Director.

Sincerely,

Your Shrink

End Sidebar]

Based on what you've seen/heard, describe Ken's political views and where the two of you share common ground.

Best I can tell, Ken is one of those bleeding heart liberals who has some sense of guilt for his own success. It's the only logical explanation to such an illogical set of views. Ken and I share that we want the best for our families. [Editor's Note: Due to his political views, some members of the Summit 'Family' think that Ken is not very smart. As one of Ken's oldest and closest friends, I can attest that Ken is surprisingly intelligent despite an apparent inability to apply logic to political issues.]

Not counting yourself, who are your top two picks to win the '13 Summit and why?

Ryan has to be the first. He has won Low Net all 3 years that he has been on the trip, which is an incredible accomplishment. I can't see how he isn't the favorite. Second would be Steve. He has managed to get his handicap to a point where he will be favored in almost any match he has. [Editor's Note: Steve has

informed The Summit that he has only played "a couple of times" since last years Event, and therefore, may not be much of a threat to win in 2013. A shadow of doubt lingers over this information, however, since the words actually came out of Steve's mouth.]

What 'recipe for success' would you offer some of the younger participants trying to break into the Winner's Circle?

Once I get a win I'll let 'em know. [Translation: They may never know.]



Sources say that Ben became enraged and stormed out of the restaurant when this photo accidentally fell out of John's wallet during the Summit dinner.

Hall of Fame/Shame

Below is a partial listing of notable accomplishments over the years. So much has happened, that it is difficult to distill it down to the few pages allotted here.

Money and Earnings

These are earnings from Tournament sanctioned and sponsored events only and do not include Calcutta or "side-action".

<u>Leading Money Winner (Career)</u>	Ken Rogich	\$1,019.75	
<u>Most Money Won (Tournament)</u>	Ken Rogich	\$289.00	2006
<u>Least Money Won (Tournament)</u>	S.Hale/W.Deans	\$0.00	'08/'12
<u>Highest Earnings per Start (min 2 starts)</u>	Ryan Crush	\$115.17	
<u>Lowest Earnings per Start (min 2 starts)</u>	Jeff Parker	\$29.67	

Scoring

<u>Low Gross (Tournament)</u>	Steve Hale	308		2006
<u>High Gross (Tournament)</u>	Joe Assaid	460		2001
<u>Low Gross (Round)</u>	Steve Hale	72	S'bury Glen	2005
<u>High Gross (Round)</u>	Jeff Parker	124	Heather Glen	2010
<u>Low Net (Tournament)</u>	J.Assaid/S.Hale	+18		2006
<u>High Net (Tournament)</u>	Joe Assaid	+80		2001
<u>Low Net (Round)</u>	W. Deans	65	H.Head Natl	2009
<u>High Net (Round)</u>	Jeff Parker	104	Heather Glen	2010

Miscellaneous

<u>Highest MIGS MP Winning % (Active/2+ Summits)</u>	Steve Hale	.615
<u>Lowest MIGS MP Winning % (Active/2+ Summits)</u>	Jeff Parker	.250
<u>Largest Calcutta Purse</u>	\$2,292	2011
<u>Highest Calcutta Bid</u>	\$405 by B.Fry for R.Crush (Shock!)	2012
<u>Lowest Calcutta Bid</u>	\$20 by B.Edmunds for J.Assaid	2003
<u>Most Majors</u>	Steve Hale	7
<u>Most Majors + SMC Runner-ups</u>	Steve Hale	9

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winning one?

Two reasons. One, some haven't figured out how to play in a match play competition with strokes involved and how to take advantage of that. Two, some people can't handle the heat/pressure when the match gets close to 18 and every shot means something. Those of us in the sports world that have experienced success say those participants need to "see the Wizard", as in the Lion in the Wizard of Oz.

Break down your game for us. In what situations do you feel most confident, when do you feel most anxious, and why?

It's all about whether I've "concocted" a swing I can have some confidence in. Even though I was getting the club stuck at the top, I had done it so much recently I just let it happen and played with it. At the end of the Tournament I was hitting the driver great even though it was getting stuck (I've just recently figured out why it was getting stuck and corrected it). [Editor's Note: For those who have not seen Bo's swing, you can view it on YouTube by typing 'The Haney Project: Charles Barkley' or simply 'Train wreck'.] Also, I am putting well again with the long putter and that was the real difference this year.

Talk to us about the recent struggles you've experienced with your game and what you did to overcome them.

Same as above, getting the club stuck because my position at the top was atrocious and I had no where to go with the club. Dur-

ing the tournament with my driver and woods, I let it get stuck and then went from there. With the irons, in the last two matches, I took 2 to 3 clubs too much, and just hit punch shots to preventing the club from getting stuck.

Prior to your Victory, why have Black Summiteers been unable to win the big one?

I'll just say, the unique nature of the event. [Editor's Note: Prior to Bo's victory, many mistakenly thought it was due to the Curse of the Black Summiteers, which is evidently not the case.]

Tell us something about you that you feel is different from all your Summit competitors.

I easily had the worst swing of any competitor this year. I also love to read books about the U.S. Constitution and how our country



Bo practices putting the clubface on the ball prior to a Match. [Editor's Note: In an effort to maintain standards of responsible journalism and credibility, The Summit will no longer refer to Bo's effort to advance the golf ball as a 'swing'. It will heretofore be referred to as his golf 'convulsion'.]

has strayed so far away from the founding fathers original structure for our government. Maybe during my pretournament speech next year I can talk about that.

[Editor's Note: What the heck!?! Just yesterday we were reading Sports Illustrated and Maxim and talking about hot girls. What have we become— our fathers?]

Tell us about your path to the Championship. Start with your Play-in Match against the newb, Big Phil. Was there any hesitancy to



'lay the wood for us and tell us if feel, as many do, that Steve's best competitive golf is behind him? he was a Rookie and your son, Ben's, childhood friend?

Once you get into the arena, you have no friends. Phil actually played well. I wasn't able

to pull away from him until near the end of the match. He will be a tough win moving forward with the additional shots he accumulated this year.

Steve Hale was playing and putting poorly for him. Had he played his usual game he would have beat me. I closed it out with a 3 wood to 20 feet on the 240 yard par 3 17th at Heathland which was an exciting finish *[not according to Steve]*.

John Bradberry and I both sucked for most of the day. It was the battle of the worst.

Ultimately it was an up and down I had on 14 that made the difference. On my third shot, because of a bush in my way, I turned a 4 iron around and hit it left handed to about 20 feet and made the putt for par to win the hole. I also putted well most of the day. Starting the match 4 down after 5 holes, it was an inspirational comeback.

Your Second Round Match pitted you against an old nemesis, Steve Hale. I gather, that wasn't much of a match. Break it down for us and tell us if feel, as many do, that Steve's best competitive golf is behind him?

As I said earlier, Steve played and putted poorly for him. I won't say he's a broken down old man, I will just say that he needs to make a commitment to get back to the Steve Hale that was the best long snapper in college football a few short years ago. When Steve makes the Summit a priority again, he will win immediately. If Kevin Dill comes back next year it could give Steve the motivation he needs. For years Steve beat Kevin like an old rug (Kevin played like an old rug as well), but then Kevin comes out of nowhere to beat Steve for the Title. That win has stuck with Steve and the fact that Kevin used minor surgery to avoid defending his Title is, well.....let's just say suspicious. After all, I waited until after the Summit to have surgery on my elbow. You wonder if Kevin is somewhat reluctant to prove he deserves the adulation.

Round Three found you facing a familiar comrade, John. Tell us about that Match, the hype, and did he ever have a chance giving you three shots?

He was 4 up after 5 holes and the shots were not that big a factor. However, from hole number 5 to hole 14 I think I was even par so it was a close match. As I said above, the 4 iron up and down was the difference. I still needed par on 18 to win the match. The interesting thing about the match was that we both owned each other in the Calcutta, so we were reading putts for each other.

And finally, your Finals Match against the indolent, Ben Fry. What happened there? Is it true that you were receiving congratulations on your first SMC Title the night before the match?

3 major elements determined the outcome. One, Ben played the first two holes great but got two bad breaks, and I made two ridiculous up and downs on holes 1 and 2, so where Ben should have been 2 up he was 1 down. Two, through the first 12 holes I was 2 over par on Moorland from the back tees. That score was beating everyone in the tournament, so there was not much he could do there. Three, he didn't putt well. I see him winning a Title in the near future.

[Four, Ben's brain had received very little oxygen since the 15th hole of his match against Chris the day before when his throat spontaneously closed up. According to experts in SSRS (Spontaneous Sports Related Strangulation), the human brain loses the ability to control motor functions after only 20 minutes of oxygen deprivation. Ben suffered for nearly 24 hours before Bo put him out of his misery. Greg Norman was diagnosed with a similar affliction in April '96 and has been seen only sparingly since.]

Obviously a talented driver of the ball, in your opinion, what's holding Ben back and what are his chances of winning an SMC Title someday?

All he needs is experience, he will win in the near future. [*. . . And Greg Norman will win the Masters some day, and Brad and Jen will get back together, and, if you're good, Santa will slip something special in your stocking this year.*]

Who, if anyone, at the Summit can beat you at free-throw shooting?

Kevin Dill has proven he is a better free-throw shooter, but he is the only one. Plus, with the questionable/fake injury/surgery I'm not sure if his mental toughness is where it used to be. [*Editor's Note: For those unfamiliar with the reference, Kevin Dill once wore Bo out twice in a row in a free-throw shooting contest in West Virginia that nearly ended in a fight. Luckily, others were present to restrain Kevin who was shouting, "Yeah, lucky for you, I'm having knee surgery in the next year or so, or I'd be dumping a twelve-pack of whoop a** on you right about now!"*]

Also, at this years Summit I proved to Joe that I could throw a football further underhand than he could overhand and he didn't pay up on the wager. Maybe next year we can



Bo 'grinds it out' early in his Finals Match against Ben.



add additional sporting events.

Is it true that you can throw a football underhand further than Joe can throw it overhand, and, if so, would you consider that normal?

Sorry, I answered that already. Normal is defined differently by many people but it does make you think of the phrase “athletic superiority”. [Editor’s Note: The ‘normal’ reference had more to do with Joe’s ability than Bo’s.]

Do you consider yourself a good ‘pressure player’, and, without naming names, describe someone who is clearly NOT a pressure player.

I certainly feel I am a good pressure player. The group that plays together regularly at Hidden Valley has had, shall we say, “considerable dollars at stake” on a number of occasions, and the entire group has proven their mental toughness in the pressure cooker. One who is clearly not a pressure player would be Ken Rogich. Most of the in the tournament are “former athletes.” I believe Ken is a former CPA. There really is no comparison. [Editor’s Note: Bo apparently has no concept of racing to complete a 1040

long form with an April 15 filing deadline hanging over your head. I suspect Ken has forgotten more about handling pressure than the rest of us know. Why do you think he looks so forward to this trip and the opportunity to escape the pressure-cooker he lives in every day?]

Compare/contrast your swing and that of Charles Barkley.

The major differences are: My swing still works even though I get it stuck, I look more athletic than fat Charles, and I didn’t have help from Hank Haney. [Two out of three ain’t bad.]

I’ll mention a player, and you give me two adjectives to describe him—one strength and one weakness:

- o Joe: organization; throws a football like a girl
- o John: clutch putter; over-thinks swing
- o Chris: superior brain power; golfing idiot
- o Phil D.: athleticism; hangovers
- o Steve: mental toughness; infatuation with new equipment
- o Bart: keeps ball in play; putting
- o Ben: can be streaky; can be streaky
- o Woody: mental combativeness; matching towel and socks
- o Phil M.: nobody really knows him; nickname of “Little Phil”
- o Ken: everyone takes a win for granted when we play him; thinks he can still win Championship
- o Ryan: mental toughness/putting; only cares about Calcutta

What are your own strengths and weaknesses?

Mental toughness/putting; lack of anything that even resembles a golf swing

If you had a magic wand, what one change would you make to your own swing/game?

Actually have a golf swing [That may fall less into the magic and more into the miracle category]

If you had a magic wand, what one change would you make to Woody's swing/game?

Have him use a 60 degree wedge around the green

Who is slower: Chris, Ben, or you and why?

Obviously, you're trying to protect your friends. The only 2 slow players are Chris and Ken. Must be a W&M thing? [Editor's Note: See 'Word from the Director' reference to gentleman at the RAC with B.O. Unfortunately, due to Summit bracketing, Bo and Ben will be playing in the first group on Saturday. The Tournament Committee has alerted Rivers Edge who has taken steps to cancel all afternoon tee times and install lights on the last three holes.]

Based on what you've seen/heard, describe Ken's political views and where the two of you share common ground.

Ken is somewhere left of California and Barbara Boxer. We have no common ground. I'm trying to build America based



In what has become a common sight at the Summit, Bo and Ken hang-out and share golf tips and philosophy. One of their favorite games is to see who can take longer to finish a hole.

on founding principles and he continues to trample the Constitution. He should really try reading the Constitution. Funny how liberals have never read the Constitution, maybe that's where the disconnect is. Since that's what our government is based on, that would be a good place to start.

[Editor's Note: Since this interview, Bo's doctor has recommended that he avoid caffeine and suggested that Libby place all sharp objects on a high shelf out of Bo's reach.]

Not counting yourself, who are your top two picks to win the '13 Summit and why?

John, he's been close before and he's due, and Chris, doesn't know there is a Tournament, so pressure won't affect him— getting 26 shots (or whatever it is) is embarrassing. [Again, pre-caffeine ban]

What 'recipe for success' would you offer some of the younger participants trying to break into the Winner's Circle?

Keep the ball in play and hope for generous shot adjustments



Straight from Hale

The Trojan Horse

A Story of Intrigue and Deception

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Welcome to the first installment of what some may call my “venting” page. Each year, as we exit The Summit battlegrounds at Myrtle Beach and head back to our respective cities, you can always find a group of participants conducting a grumbling session over some event(s) that occurred during the previous four-day tournament. Going forward I plan to use this platform to air out those concerns and try to bring resolution to any conflict before it becomes counterproductive to the mission of this great event. Which, above all, is to have fun.

Now, some of my closest friends have said that I don’t know what I’m thinking until I hear it come out of my mouth, and I would like to take exception to that. I view it as simply saying the things that most people are already thinking but unwilling to say. I know I’m going to be criticized for being so vocal about what I think, but how can we overcome our shortcomings if no one is willing to identify them? My friends, I have accepted this role with great pride and I promise to bring to light each year the concerns and questions that are important to you.

That being said, let’s take a look back at last year’s championship and the grumbings heard around the water cooler in the days following...

Throughout history, many great victories have been won as a result of exceptional strategy. Sometimes, however, those same victories couldn’t have been achieved without a sinister level of deceit. Take for example the Trojan Horse. After 10 years of unproductive battles, the Greek army decided the only way they could defeat the city of Troy was through deception. Yes, they won the battle, but as long as history books are written this victory will forever be tainted by deceit. This leads me to an incredulous theory that has developed in certain circles within the Summit—one that has gained credibility through objective research. I wouldn’t think of bringing this to light without looking at it from every angle but I have come to the conclusion that there is a MOLE among us.

An elaborate scheme has been carried out and completed right in front of us without a single one of us catching a scent of it. Let’s go back five years in Summit history. . . Bo Blankenship was termed the best player to have never won the SMC (Summit Matchplay Championship). Bo begins campaigning to add John

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Bradberry and Ben Fry to the trip. Suddenly, the next year, two spots open up and John and Ben are welcomed with open arms. They are great additions to the trip and everyone feels for Bo because the addition of these two would certainly diminish his chances of ever winning the Title. Then, mysteriously, Ben immediately begins throwing up scores in the 90's and low 100's which causes his handicap to soar. (I know, it's crazy. . . I got the same sick feeling in my stomach as I began to piece it all together) Certainly Ben would win soon. He was too good a player to get that many shots and not win. Alas, he lost again. . . and again. . . and again. Looking back on it, as I reviewed multiple scorecards, he was winning as long as Bo was winning, but as soon as Bo got eliminated, Ben would lose his next match.

Then comes last year—the perfect storm. Bo gets the easiest bracket to advance to the finals and Ben realizes it's now or never. Four years of frustration and humiliation can all be erased if only he can get Bo his first Summit Title. But wait, there's the Calcutta! There are bets still on the table! (I can only imagine the thoughts running through Ben's mind, STICK TO THE PLAN...STICK TO THE PLAN... WE'RE ALMOST HOME...CALCUTTA MONEY IS TEMPORARY, HANDING BO HIS FIRST TITLE IS FOREVER) Ben played lackluster golf in the semi-finals until he was informed that Bo had won his semi. Looking at his scorecard, Ben's match could've gone either way midway through. But once Bo won his match, Ben dismantled Chris on 18 with a routine 5, which guaranteed a Championship cakewalk for Bo. I was witness to this match, as I was in the cart with Chris. I have suspicions regarding Chris' play on the last hole, after playing flawlessly for 17 holes and with a good drive on 18, he uncharacteristically goes chunk, chunk, chili, skull, putt, putt, putt to lose to Ben by one shot. It's as if someone slipped him a roofie! Could the deception by our mole possibly be this elaborate? Maybe, maybe not, but without substantiated evidence, I will not discuss it any further here.

Perhaps all of these events could've been explained away had the finals match been competitive. If Bo had won 3&2 I doubt this page would've ever seen the light of day. But it wasn't. The final nail in the coffin wasn't just the collapse and seemingly complete shutdown of Ben's central nervous system in the final, but his utter jubilation immediately following the putt that ended the match. Most in attendance didn't notice the look that Bo and Ben shared as they shook hands, but a few did notice. At this point, what is done is done. I don't know that the Tournament Director will even address it further, but, what's of bigger interest to me is where does Ben go from here? Now that he has accomplished his mission will he even return this year? Will he be treated differently by his fellow Summiters who are scratching and digging to secure their own legacy at the Summit? Many questions will be answered this March and, rest assured, I will be there to interpret them for you.

— Steve Hale

Summit Scorecard

PLAYER	ROUND 1			ROUND 2			ROUND 3			ROUND 4		
	HCP	GROSS	NET	STATUS	HCP	GROSS	NET	STATUS	HCP	GROSS	NET	STATUS
ASSAID	12											
BLANKENSHIP	6											
BRADBERRY	4											
COLTON	25											
CRUSH	0											
DEANS	10											
DICK	16											
EDMUNDS	5											
FRY	8											
HALE	5											
PARKER	27											
ROGICH	24											

Summit Matchplay Championship

Seedings

	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	ROUND 4	ROUND 3	ROUND 2
Blankenship	1 Blankenship	L(C) II		9 IV	2 Crush
Crush	8 A	W(A) V (DDDDD:12)	(9 or 12) W(a)	W(B) VI (DDDDD:11)	B
Dick		a		b	3 Dick
Fry	4 Fry		W(b) (10 or 11)	W(C) III (DDDDD:10)	C
	5 D	(DDDDD:9) W(D) IV		12 V	6
		L(B) I	L(b) (10 or 11)		10
	9		L(C)		12
	11	10 III	L(D)	11 VI	
		L(A) I (9 or 12)	L(a) (9 or 12)	L(D) II	
		L(B)	L(A)		
			L(B)		

NOTE: Green tees-off first; Yellow second; Blue last
Two-man teams in rounds 3&4 grouped by shading

DDDDD Teams are in Red.