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Lock it Up!

Mike 'The Locksmith' Kurtz asserts his dominance from the wrong side of the ball en route to his first SMC Title in only his second year. When asked about his oft-maligned 'homemade' swing and obvious size disadvantage (pg. 41): "It's all about gettin' it in the hole, and, over the years, I've convinced myself that my size doesn't matter." Always giving back, Mike allows randomly selected fans to crawl under the ropes for an opportunity to lend a hand in honing his stroke.



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A Word from the Director

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Summit 17: A Year in Review

Summit 17 started early with a handful of 'eager beavers, John Bradberry, Mike Kurtz, and John Hudson, getting a head-start on the field by leaving Thursday to stay the night at Hudson's condominium in Myrtle (You can't hide money). John Hudson was kind enough to haul 18 boxes of swag in his truck, since no one else had room at the inn. They met up with Alex Stanik and played cards 'til the cows came home. As happens on occasion, John was the big winner, but, being the man that he is, let Alex (aka: Pierre the Potbuilder) off the hook for half. Evidently, in a moment of lapsing memory (or judgement), Alex, in an unprecedentedly bold maneuver, asked John for further debt forgiveness, which John, to his credit, refused ('Momma Bradberry didn't raise no doormat'). John loaned Alex cab money, thanked him for his business, and sent him on his way.

The rest of us working-stiffs drove down Friday morning, as usual. Steve, Greg, Bart, and Bo rode together in Bo's Tahoe, and stopped at Clarence's for the customary pre-Summit breakfast. Greg was sweepy after serving in the role of athletic supporter to Virginia Tech Men's Basketball at the ACC Tournament in D.C. the night before. He arrived at Steve's house at 4am in time for our 6:30 departure. After a little experimentation, he has since decided he prefers girls, and their tournament does not conflict.

The remainder of the drive down was fairly uneventful except for Steve passionately pleading his case that Patrick Swayze was as accomplished an actor as Greg Norman was a golfer. He clarified by saying that Greg Norman was actually more accomplished in his field because he changed the game to a more 'swashbuckling' style—from both a sex appeal and style of play perspective. He then busted out pictures on his phone as evidence of the 'sex appeal' part. He eventually settled down, and sat quietly looking at his phone for the remainder of the drive.

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Brothers from another mother
As natural as a relationship between two grown men can be

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Summit Hall of Fame

In an effort to maintain objectivity, the Committee has established an elaborate scoring system for accumulating Hall of Fame points. Hall of Fame induction requires an individual to accumulate 110 HoF points. Points are accumulated as follows:

MIGS Attendance	1
Contribution to the Summit	1
Each SMC Individual Match Victory	1
Short Game Championship Title	1
Calcutta Win	2
SMC Runner-up	2
High Net	2
Individual Team Champion	4
Low Net	6
SMC Champion	10

Current Standings

Steve Hale	138
Bo Blankenship	102
Woody Deans	94
Bart Edmunds	84
Ken Rogich	81
Joe Assaid	61
Chris Colton	44
Ben Fry	43
Ryan Crush	36
John Bradberry	31
Mike Kurtz	21
Greg Beato	19
Phil Dick	12
Jeff Parker	12

Summit Hall of Fame



Steve Hale

Inducted 2014

As one of the founding “Fabled Eight”, Steve has never missed an Event through the first 16 years of the MIGS. For many years, Steve helped Woody in selecting and procuring the annual Tournament Gift. He has accumulated 17 Matchplay victories, 3 Calcutta wins, 2 SMC Runner-ups, 1 High Net, 1 Individual Team Championship, 4 Low Nets, and 3 SMC Titles. His 2013 Low Net pushed him over the top to receive the honor of being the first Summit Hall of Fame Inductee. In 2014, Steve became only the second Player in Summit history to pass \$1,000 in career earnings.

Steve is a family man and pharmaceutical rep for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. He is deeply involved with his church and, in particular, shaping the lives of young people through his senior youth group leadership. In addition to his role as Virginia Tech football’s ‘Red Hat’, he manages to find time to referee Volleyball and Wrestling for which he was recently inducted into the Roanoke Valley Wrestling Hall of Fame, and now serves as Commissioner of the Roanoke Valley Wrestling Association. The Summit Hall of Fame represents Steve’s 3rd hall of fame induction, as he is also a member of the Patrick Henry High School Sports Hall of Fame for his exploits on the mat and gridiron. In his spare time, Steve excels, not only in golf, but pool, bowling, and, much to his surprise, darts. He is also, possibly, the 3rd or 4th best Cornhole player at the Summit. Please take a moment to extend your congratulations to Steve on attainment of this tremendous milestone in his life.

Lodging & Arrangements

Margate Tower

At the Kingston Plantation Resort

9800 Queensway Blvd.

Myrtle Beach, SC

Participants will share one of three luxury 4-bedroom resort condominiums conveniently situated in the heart of Myrtle Beach, SC. Each Margate Tower condo comes equipped with electricity, indoor plumbing, and cable television. Also, guest may enjoy access to The Sport and Health Club located at the nearby Embassy Suites Hotel.

Plan to arrive at the Grand Strand by noon on the afternoon of Friday, March 11, 2016 if you plan to participate in the practice round at beautiful Myrtlewood Palmetto arranged and negotiated exclusively for Summit Participants by the Committee. We will checkout prior to the final round on the morning of Tuesday, March 15, 2016.

In addition to the aforementioned accommodations, tournament entry fee includes four Tournament rounds of golf with cart on four luxurious Grand Strand area courses, some free range balls, 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 12, 2016 (As in AWHILE AGO!). Final payment of should be made payable to Bart Edmunds via Paypal at jedmunds@cox.net or a check 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: 2016 Ending Handicap = 11. 2017 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 2016-01: TIE-BREAKER: The first tie-breaker will be the person who LED for the most holes during the course of the match.

Amendment 2014-01: Participants receiving a bye in the Play-in Round, will receive only 1/2 of the customary handicap adjustment as a result of their Day One score.

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:
 - A. Most holes led in match
 - B. Last three holes
 - C. Last six holes
 - D. Back nine
 - E. Low net for round
 - F. Low net on *randomly* drawn hole(s)
 - G. 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.

FACE-OFF

TOTAL PURSE: 6 Sleeves of Pro-V's

- 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.

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

The 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:

		2016	2016	2016
		<u>Prizes</u>	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Owners</u>
1st Place:	55%	\$873	John H.	Bo
2nd Place:	30%	\$476	Bo/Steve	John H.
3rd Place:	15%	\$238		

The Majors

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

SUMMIT MATCH-PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP (SMC)

REIGNING CHAMPION: Mike Kurtz

'16 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: Bo Blankenship

'16 Runner-up: Steve Hale

PURSE: \$50.00

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

INDIVIDUAL TEAM CHAMPION

DEFENDING CHAMPION: Steve Hale

'16 Runner-up: John Hudson

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: Jeff Parker

'16 Runner-up: Ben Fry

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 Courses

River Hills Golf Club

3670 Cedar Creek Run

Little River, SC

Par: 72 Yardage: 6,401 Rating: 70.8 Slope: 133



Myrtle Beach Golf highly recommends River Hills Golf Course. Quietly nestled among densely wooded terrain and rolling hills lies a visually stunning, challenging, yet playable, 18 holes that you cannot afford to miss. Quality, service, and commitment to excellence are the key ingredients found at River Hills golf course.

Soon after the course opened in 1989, *Golf Digest* nominated River Hills as **Best New Course**, and *GolfWeek* named the course in the **Top 50 in the Southeast**. These are two golf awards that River Hills is very proud of. Carved out of the densely wooded maritime forests of the Carolina coast and surrounded by the pristine wetlands of the S.C. low country, River Hills offers players a true test of golf in a tranquil setting.

Designed by famed architect Tom Jackson, River Hills features fairways protected by towering trees and gently rolling mounds and undulating greens surrounded by bunkers and natural water hazards. This 6,933-yard layout offers numerous risk/reward opportunities that will challenge golfers of all skill levels. After your round, unwind in the recently renovated clubhouse or work on your game at its state-of-the-art practice facility.

The Courses

King's North at Myrtle Beach National

4900 National Drive

Myrtle Beach, SC

Par: 72 Yardage: 6,481 Rating: 71.1 Slope: 111



One of three premier layouts at Myrtle Beach National Golf Club, King's North is an Arnold Palmer-designed gem offering several of the Grand Strand's most memorable holes.

Redesigned by "The King" in 1996, King's North made its way onto Golf Digest's prestigious list of "America's 100 Greatest Public Courses - 2004", and Golf Digest's "Places to Play" has awarded it 4.5 STARS ever since.

King's North features 18 of the most dramatic and picturesque holes you'll ever encounter. The par-5 6th hole (nicknamed "The Gambler") features an island fairway that offers a "risk-reward" shortcut to the green. If the island fairway is chosen it could leave a good chance at going for this green in two, thus the "Gamble." However, a safe layup to the right and a short approach over water will always keep you guessing. The par-3, island green 12th hole creates a challenge of its own. A miss to the right and you could find the water, miss left and you could find the distinctive "SC" bunkers that would leave a delicate bunker shot. And, don't forget the par-4 finishing hole, featuring an array of 40 bunkers escorting you to an exciting finish of an exhilarating round.

The Courses

Grand Dunes Golf Club

8700 Marina Parkway

Myrtle Beach, SC

Par: 72 Yardage: 6,737 Rating: 72.3 Slope: 131



The spectacular Resort Club at Grande Dunes with its seven holes that play along the Intracoastal Waterway, represents Myrtle Beach golf at its very best. It's no wonder PGA Magazine called Grande Dunes "one of the great golf clubs in the world."

The Grande Dunes Resort Club is an 18-hole golf course which was recently named the "National Golf Course of the Year" by the National Golf Course Owners Association of America. Its spectacular Roger Rulewich Group design is positioned on a high bluff creating a spectacular view of the Intracoastal Waterway, Grande Dunes Marina, and the four-diamond resort, Marina Inn at Grande Dunes. This Myrtle Beach golf course itself is known for its superior links-style design, which offers expansive Bermuda grass fairways with subtle undulations

onto large, modestly contoured greens featuring brand-new Champion Bermuda.

Grande Dunes Golf Club is a course that truly lives up to its name. A pure slice of golfing heaven located right here on the Grand Strand. You'll find that nothing falls short of greatness here, from the landscaping to the layout. It is easy to see why Golf Magazine selected Grande Dunes as a part of its "Top 10 You Can Play" and Golf Week named it the "Best Course You Can Play" in 2007.

The Courses



1815 Olde Thistle Club Road

Sunset Beach, NC

Par: 72 Yardage: 6,495 Rating: 71.9 Slope: 129



Excellence, pride, and traditions. These are the hallmarks of Thistle Golf Club, the award-winning golf community in the beautiful Brunswick Islands of North Carolina. Inspired by the original Thistle Club of Scotland, circa 1815, Thistle Golf Club is home to a 27-hole links-style golf course with stacked-sod bunkers, rolling fairways, flawless TifEagle Bermuda greens, and majestic clubhouse with a genuine Old World atmosphere. From the imported Scottish bar to the amazing displays of historic documents and golf collectibles, Thistle Golf Club has been created with a passion and respect for the game and the people who play it. Their uncompromising attention to detail rewards guests and residents alike.

Awarded 4½ stars by *Golf Digest*, Thistle has also has been ranked among the top courses in

the Carolinas. Thistle Golf Club is an exclusive golf club with 27 magnificent golf holes. Thistle Golf Club's authentic clubhouse design is traditionally Scottish and was uniquely designed to mimic a club that had grown over a 100 year period beginning in the early 1800's.

Mike Kurtz

Defending SMC Champion #1 Seed

Accolades

2016 SMC Champion
2015 Low Net

Handicap: 0

Day 1 Matchup: Bye

Assignment:
Official Summit Locksmith

Roommates: John B., Ben, Phil

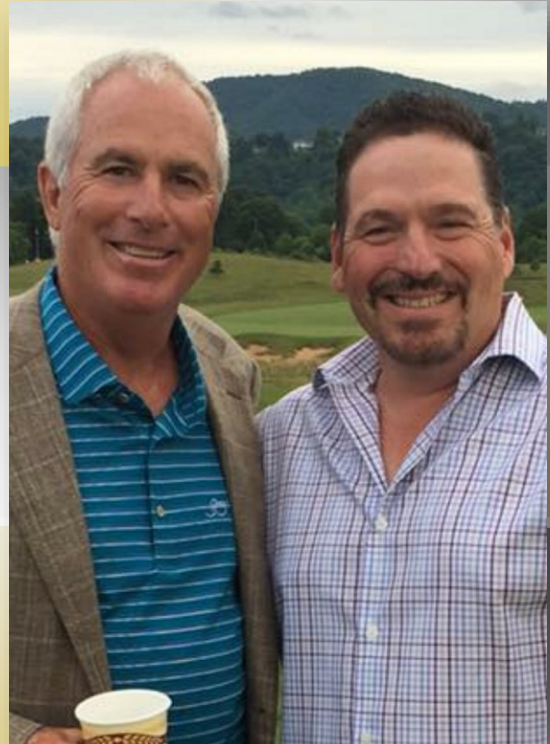
If I were a Wizard . . .

And had the power to instantly change one thing about my golf game it would be . . .

If I could change one thing in my game, it would be that I would 1-putt every green. I'd be tough to beat. Ha.

How others see it:

I wouldn't change anything. Every part of his game is strong, although his love for the Cowboys, is only exceeded by his love for Bradberry!



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Most similar movie character

How I see it:

My movie character would probably be Ricky Vaughn "Wild Thing" from *Major League*. I have a hard head at times and love a good time!

How others see it:

Teddy KGB from *Rounders*. I just want to hear Mike say, "This son of a b****, all night, Checka Checka Checka, he trap me", "Pay dat man his mony," and "I will splash the pot, whenever the f*** I please."



Bo Blankenship

Defending Low Net

#2 Seed



Accolades

2016 Low Net

2015 SMC Champion

2012 SMC Champion

2009 SMC Runner-up

2007 Low Net

2007 Short-Game Champ

2005 Short-Game Champ

2004 Low Net

2004 Short-Game Champ

2003 High Net

2000 Low Net

Assignment: Gaming Coordinator

Roommates: John H., Steve, Greg

Handicap: 3

Day 1 Matchup: Bye

If I were a Wizard . . .

And had the power to instantly change one thing about my golf game it would be . . .

I would hit my driver further to reach more par 5s in two

How others see it:

I believe Mr. Blankenship would vote for elimination of the left side of all golf courses. As a devout right wing conservative, I am fairly sure he would have the wizard eliminate left side of life, including golf courses.

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Most similar movie character



How I see it:

Vincent Freeman in *Gattaca*. A movie that shows that the Liberal lie that all behavior is predetermined by genetics and environment simply isn't true. Vincent is not provided great genetics or environment and succeeds anyway. Do I hear silence from the Liberal elite???

How others see it:

Witnessing Bo challenge several member of his regular golf group to obscene bets in order to challenge their manhood mentally... "\$100 you can't make better than bogey from center of fairway 150 yards away". "\$100 You can't carry that pond with your driver". I believe he closely resembles David Simms from *Tin Cup* challenging Roy McAvoy to carry that pond. Although his wife says I should go with Superman.



Steve Hale

Defending Individual Team Champion

#3 Seed

Accolades

2016 Ind Team Champion
2015 Ind Team Champion
2014 High Net
2014 Hall of Fame Inductee
2013 Low Net
2011 Ind Team Champion
2011 SMC Runner-up
2010 SMC Champion
2006 Low Net
2005 SMC Champion
2003 Low Net
2002 SMC Champion
2001 Low Net
2001 SMC Runner-up

Handicap: 2

Day 1 Matchup: Bye

Assignment: Designated Driver

Roommates: Greg, Bo, John H.

If I were a Wizard . . .

And had the power to instantly change one thing about my golf game it would be. . .

If I could wave a magic wand and change anything about my golf game, I would lengthen my backswing. I've spent the better part of 30 years trying to reach parallel at the top. I've gotten close on many occasions, but not with any consistency. It doesn't affect my game currently, but experts agree that your swing shortens as you get older. If that's the case I may be in trouble.

How others see it:

Superman had his Kryptonite, Achilles had his heal, and Steve has any shot between six and sixty paces off the putting surface. Not since Linda Lovelace has a person had less control of their own body than Steve facing a 10-yard chip shot. It's like rolling-up on the scene of a car crash— you can't look away, but you don't know if you really want to see. If I could wave a wand and fix that major malfunction, Steve would be as good as any lefty on the trip.



Steve Hale (cont.)

YOU OUGHT TO BE IN PICTURES!

Most similar movie character

How I see it:



an immense desire to get naked every chance we get.

I posed this question to my family and ironically, they all gave the same answer, so I'm gonna go with it. The movie character I'm most similar to is Will Ferrell, in *Talladega Nights*, *Step Brothers*, *The Other Guys*, *Anchorman*, *Get Hard*, and *Old School*. When I pressed them as to why, they said that we are both unbelievably cocky, egotistical, braggadocios, comical and have



How other see it:

Steve would definitely be Fergus from *Crying Game*. You may recall that Fergus fell in love with the alluring Dil, only to discover that Dil was a dude. Though initially repulsed, he realizes that his love transcends traditional gender boundaries and pledges his commitment. It's not often that grown men meet and forge a bond generally reserved for childhood friends and mistresses. Though 'unnatural' might be too strong a word, it is fair to say that Steve and Greg have developed a unique relationship within the world of heterosexually married men.



Jeff Parker

Defending High Net (aka: Hapless Sap)



Accolades

2016 High Net

2010 High Net

Handicap: 30

Day 1 Matchup: Hudson (6)

Assignment: Course Relations

Roommate: Bart, Chris, Ken

If I were a Wizard . . .

And had the power to instantly change one thing about my golf game it would be . . .

I would change my length off the tee... I need about 30 more yards.

How others see it:

I believe Jeff would want the wizard to improve his long iron play. That is the key to him being the Summit Champion. He would like nothing more than to experience an expertly struck 3 iron to an island green. Everyone loves the crispness of a 3 iron. *[Editor's Note: The staff of The Summit sincerely hopes that someday Jeff experiences an expertly struck club.]*

YOU OUGHT TO BE IN PICTURES!

Most similar movie character



How I see it:

Rocky. Because of this quote from *Rocky*...

"Let me tell you something you already know. The world ain't all sunshine and rainbows. It is a very mean and nasty place and it will beat you to your knees and keep you there permanently if you let it. You, me, or nobody is gonna hit as hard as life. But, it ain't how hard you hit; it's about how hard you can get hit, and keep moving forward. How much you can take, and keep moving forward. That's how winning is done. Now, if you know what you're worth, then go out and get what you're worth. But, you gotta be willing to take the hit"

How others see it:

The movie character that is most similar to Jeff is John "Bluto" Blutarsky from *Animal House*. Bluto was a fun-loving and always the life of the party just like Jeff. He was endlessly positive even in the face of long odds. He was the voice of reason in a crazy set of circumstances. He gave us such important advice like "You should start drinking heavily". "Over? Did you say over? Nothing is over until we decide it is! Was it over when the Germans bombed Pearl Harbor? Hell, no!"



Ben Fry

'16 SMC Runner-up #4 Seed



Accolades

2016 SMC Runner-up

2014 Low Net

2012 SMC Runner-up

2003 Low Net

Handicap: 9

Day 1 Matchup: Bye

Assignment:

Golf and Lodging
Arrangements

Roommates: Phil, John B., Mike

If I were a Wizard . . .

And had the power to instantly change one thing about my golf game it would be . . .

If I had a magic wand to wave over a part of my golf game, I'd have to say I'd change my wedge game. There is absolutely no reason that a person who has played golf for 30 years could rope hook a gap wedge 50 yards off target and into a hazard that even Rogich and Colton didn't think was in play. Also, my blood pressure would improve greatly if I stopped laying the sod every time I have a 50-100 yard shot. I feel like a new wedge game could knock 2 or 3 meltdowns off my round easily.

How others see it:

It would be to let him have the ability to use the short putter, because we all know he can't putt well unless he anchors that ugly putter.

YOU OUGHT TO BE IN PICTURES!

Most similar movie character



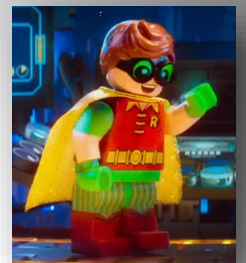
How I see it:

I think as a movie character, I'd have to say Roy 'Tin Cup' McAvoy played by Kevin Costner. I get it, I don't look the part, but who else on this trip would repeatedly rinse Titleists trying to get home in two more than I will?

How others see it:

We will go with Robin as in Batman and Robin.

Mostly because he likes to follow his leader around (closely). That's the closest I could come up with because I don't think Superman has a side-kick. Haha



Dr. Greg Beato

'The Pride of Avenue D'

Accolades

Generally Pretty Nice Guy

Handicap: 8

Day 1 Matchup: Edmunds (4)

Assignment:
Official Summit Physician &
Entertainment Containment

Roommates: Steve, Bo, John H.



If I were a Wizard . . .

And had the power to instantly change one thing about my golf game it would be. . .

If I were a wizard, I would wave my magic wand and transform my putting game. If I could institute some sort of magic ceiling that wouldn't allow me to have more than two putts on any hole that would be good. Putting is so important to scoring and being consistent.

How others see it:

Greg already has the desire (some say too much) and ambition (unbounded?), but might realize improvement if he were able to wave his wand to mellow him out a bit. That way, he might not feel so much pressure from every movement, every sound, every stroke, every opponent, and every match. He has the game, he needs to mellow.

YOU OUGHT TO BE IN PICTURES!

Most similar movie character

How I see it:

It's difficult to pick just one movie star that is most similar to me— living the glamorous life that I do. One would probably guess it would be someone like James Bond (Sean Connery of course) given his good looks, intelligence, moves around the ladies, and humility, but I would dig a little deeper into someone like Michael Corleone from *The Godfather*. Michael is the leader of the family, once his father is out of the picture. He's extremely loyal to his family and friends, and expects those to also be loyal. He's not afraid to drown a brother— literally, his brother. "Keep your friends close and your enemies closer" is how I live and why I'm back in Myrtle Beach with all you knuckleheads.



How others see it:

Greg reminds me most of Martin Brody from *Jaws* because he's smart, earnest, and always trying to help everyone. Truly, how many of us have been evaluated for one ailment or another...I think I even saw him slip into a room to give a massage. I don't think Martin Brody would do that, he killed the shark after all, but he is definitely a nice guy and a hard worker, just like Greg.



John Bradberry

'The Curmudgeon'



Accolades

2010 SMC Runner-up

2009 Low Net

Handicap: 4

Day 1 Matchup: Rogich (19)

Assignment: Calcutta Treasurer

Roommates: Mike, Ben, Phil

If I were a Wizard . . .

And had the power to instantly change one thing about my golf game it would be. . .

I would change what brand golf ball I use. All of my golf issues come from my Titleist golf ball.

How others see it:

If I were a wizard and was feeling generous enough to impart change to one of my Summit foes, John Bradberry, I would attempt to improve his wicked snap-hook driver. In fact, I might just snap the shaft of his driver and prevent him from ever hitting driver in the first place. One might have been tempted to affect change in John's mental game and tendency to self-destruct under any ounce of pressure, but I believe his driver snaps are at the root of those implosions.

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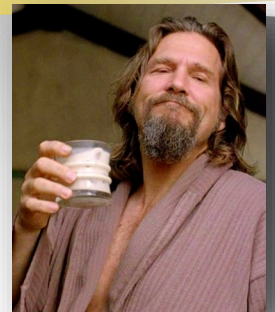
Most similar movie character

How I see it:

I am most like Walter Matthau's character, Max Goldman, in *Grumpy Old Men*. The only reason is we both love ice fishing.

How others see it:

John Bradberry is *The Big Lebowski*. I am certain he walks around his house on the weekends in slippers, his robe, while drinking White Russians. He's so laid back and cool. I don't think John smokes as much marijuana, but I'm not totally sure. "The Dude abides" is John's way of saying "That putt is good, man...". Gordon Gekko and Forrest Gump were honorable mentions.



Chris Colton

'The Professor'

Accolades

2014 SMC Champion
2009 High Net
2006 High Net
2001 Ind Team Champion

Handicap: 23

Day 1 Matchup: Dick (17)

Assignment: Coffee, Snacks & Such

Roommates: Bart, Ken, Jeff

If I were a Wizard . . .

And had the power to instantly change one thing about my golf game it would be . . .

Golf is a competitive game of skill that requires concentration and a fierce desire to win. I have always been more interested in relaxing with friends, enjoying the scenery, especially at the Summit, and generally not getting too worked up about the golf. If I were a wizard, and if I wanted to win, I would probably change the weather instead of changing my game. I think cold and rainy would be best. My golf game is already perfectly suited to my level of intensity.

How others see it:

The only change I would think of making to Chris' game would be to get him to keep his right heel planted firmly on the ground during his follow thru. His swing plane is perfect...his timing is perfect...and his release is perfect. But, when he lifts that heel, it causes his weight to shift unnaturally, which in turn causes him to come out of the shot. If I spent 15 minutes with him on the range I feel confident he would increase his driving distance by 30-40 yards.



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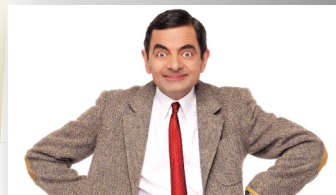
Most similar movie character

How I see it:

Jack Aubrey from *Master and Commander*. I actually am Jack Aubrey, I'm not like him.

How others see it:

The movie character that comes to mind every time I see Chris is Rowan Atkinson as *Mr. Bean*. They are both very intellectual and all around great guys. They look alike, they dress alike and they have the same gait. Their hair-styles are even eerily similar. Both seem, at first glance, to be clumsy caricatures of some sort, unable to complete simple tasks. However, once you drill down through the many layers, they both possess that same dry "british-style" humor that wins everyone over in the end. Although they possess almost identical twin like idiosyncrasies, they ARE different in one way. Mr. Bean hardly ever talks. Regardless, I would pay money to see either one.



Phil Dick

'Speedy Gonzales'



Accolades

2014 SMC Runner-up

2013 High Net

2012 Ind Team Champion

Handicap: 17

Day 1 Matchup: Colton (23)

Assignment:

Summit Dinner Coordinator

Roommates: Ben, John B., Mike

If I were a Wizard . . .

And had the power to instantly change one thing about my golf game it would be . . .

If I could wave a magic wand and change one part of my golf game it would be my inability to hit a driver worth a damn. Why would I change that aspect? Because I get tired of adding up the penalty strokes for going OB or in the water. There might be an app for that. Hitting a driver should be so easy—it's on a tee!!!

How others see it:

Drive the ball more consistently. If you even took 50 yards off of Phil's drives, but put him in the center of the fairway most of the time, he would be deadly.

YOU OUGHT TO BE IN PICTURES!

Most similar movie character



How I see it:

The movie character that is most similar to me is Ty Webb from *Caddyshack*. The main reason for my choice is much like Ty the only way I prefer to measure myself against other golfers is height. I am also trying hard to follow his advice that there is a force in the universe that makes things happen, and all you have to do is get in touch with it, stop thinking, let things happen, and 'be the ball'.

How others see it:

Herman Munster. Wikipedia quote: "Herman is a lovable, good-natured, clumsy, buffoon. Despite having been alive for centuries, he behaves rather childishly, often throwing temper tantrums, punctuated with thundering animal-like roaring. Despite his childish behaviors he is a caring father figure to his son Eddie and a loving, devoted husband. He is very kind to everyone, but he is also very naive, often misunderstanding situations or falling for various schemes"...plus Herman is a long hitter like Phil!



Bart Edmunds

'Papa Bear'

Accolades

2008 Ind Team Co-Champ

2006 SMC Runner-up

2005 High Net

2004 SMC Champion

2001 SMC Champion

2000 High Net

Handicap: 4

Day 1 Matchup: Beato (8)

Assignment:

MIGS Director;

The Summit Editor-in-Chief;

Handicapping Chairman

Roommates: Chris, Ken, Jeff



If I were a Wizard . . .

And had the power to instantly change one thing about my golf game it would be. . .

Consistency on the green. It's not that I'm always bad— you should see me on the practice green! And, it's not that I'm only good in practice— I do have flashes of greatness. It's that I can be cruising along like a normal (sometimes even normal/good) putter, when all of a sudden, a circuit blows, and I honestly don't know if I will decel to the point of T.C.Chenning my putt, or if the putter is going to explode in my hands and send the ball screaming past the hole. Then, I have this ridiculous little thing where my right hand will decide that it needs to adjust something at the last second, and I'll either snipe the putt left or 'hang-on' and watch the ball wiggle weakly to the right. If I knew which malady was going to strike or that it would be the same every time, I could piece it together, but, as it is, I feel like I'm playing Russian Roulette— scared to pull the trigger.

How others see it:

I would change Bart's putting stroke. Mainly I would cast a spell to restrict his follow through by 4 feet. This would be accomplished in a few different ways. First, I would shorten his arms. Second, I would tell Steve that Bart had a secret boyfriend. This would infuriate Steve and cause him to punch Bart in arm, thus restricting his follow through even more. *[Editor's Note: This scenario is absurd. Steve would never intentionally harm Bart, no matter what.]*

Bart Edmunds (cont.)

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Most similar movie character

How I see it:



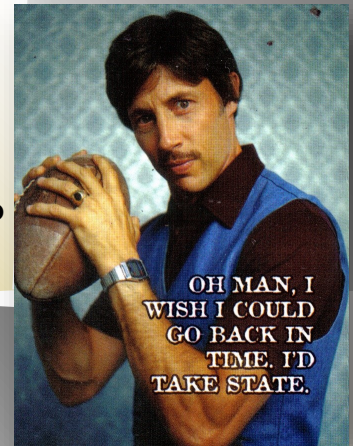
One of my favorite characters from one of my favorite movies is Ferris Bueller from *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*. Ferris was a happy-go-lucky teen who just wanted everyone to be as happy as him— but he really needed a day off. Though he wasn't hurting anyone, the haters, Principal Rooney and his sister, Jeanie, just couldn't leave him alone. Despite their best efforts to thwart his fun, Ferris was always one step ahead (kinda like the oatmeal on the van), and went on to have an epic day. I like my vacations, I like everyone to get along, and I'm the happiest person I know, so Ferris is my man.

Mr. Rooney's Secretary said it best when she said:

"Oh, he's very popular Ed. The sportsos, the motorheads, geeks, sluts, bloods, wastoids, dweebies, dickheads – they all adore him. They think he's a righteous dude."

How others see it:

Bart's movie character that he is most similar to would be Uncle Rico from *Napoleon Dynamite*. Aside from sporting the same look, Bart has taken to selling Tupperware on the side (financial services not really working out). Also, I'm pretty sure he has attached things to his genitals. Now in the movie the reason was to travel back in time....I'm not sure what reason Steve came up with.



OH MAN, I
WISH I COULD
GO BACK IN
TIME. I'D
TAKE STATE.

John Hudson

'Vesuvius'



Accolades

2016 Calcutta Winner

Handicap: 6

Day 1 Matchup:

Parker (30)

Assignment:

Wide-eyed Observer & Pot Builder

Roommates:

Bo, Steve, Greg

If I were a Wizard . . .

And had the power to instantly change one thing about my golf game it would be . . .

So, if the golf fairy/wizard actually existed I'd have an opportunity to win the Trophy in this yearly event. As 60% of the shots are played from within 100 yards...I would eliminate the tee shot and play every hole from between 100-120 yards. Bring it on fellas!

How others see it:

Hudson's magic wand would have to solve the quick hook off the tee. Hudson has the ability to shoot scores as low as anyone on the trip, but the quick hook can derail an otherwise solid round.

YOU OUGHT TO BE IN PICTURES!

Most similar movie character

How I see it:



I dream daily of being Captain Jack Sparrow in *Pirates of the Caribbean*— always narrowly escaping without explanation. "Did everyone see that...because I won't be doing it again"...a perfect description of my golf game both the good shots and bad. "I will close my eyes and pretend it's all a bad dream" ...keeps me coming back to the course hoping when I wake up it will be better. "You have stolen me, and I've come to take myself back!!!" "Drink up, me hearties...yo ho!"

How others see it:

It has to be Will Ferrell as Ricky Bobby in *Talladega Nights*. Who hasn't seen Hudson in his underwear sprinting to the finish line? Or looking at Kurtz after a locked-up match on the first tee saying, "You gotta shake, before you bake it."



Ken Rogich

'Lefty'

Accolades

- 2013 Ind Team Champion
- 2012 High Net
- 1st to \$1k in Career Earnings
- 2011 High Net
- 2008 SMC Runner-up
- 2006 Ind Team Champion
- 2003 SMC Champion
- 2002 Low Net
- 2002 SMC Runner-up
- 2000 Ind Team Champion



Handicap: 19

Assignment: Skins calculations

Day 1 Matchup: Bradberry (4)

Roommates: Bart, Chris, Jeff

If I were a Wizard . . .

And had the power to instantly change one thing about my golf game it would be . . .

If I could change one part of my game, it would be to drive the ball consistently. Most of my problems begin with inconsistency off the tee. Getting the ball in the fairway most of the time would be a huge plus for me – mentally and scoring-wise.

How others see it:

For Ken, I would make him more consistent in the short game... he is great from the tee and is a consistent putter *[Editor's Note: It appears they are talking about two different Kens.]*



YOU OUGHT TO BE IN PICTURES!

Most similar movie character

How I see it:

Butch Cassidy (Paul Newman) from *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*: Rugged good looks, adventurous, always up for a challenge, love the outdoors

How others see it:

Ken is most like Capt. John Miller in *Saving Private Ryan*. I remember seeing this scene in the movie and thinking. . . that response reminds me of Ken. . .

[Listening skeptically to German propaganda coming over a loudspeaker]

Captain Miller: "The Statue of Liberty is kaput— that's disconcerting"



Free Practice Round!

Friday, March 10, 2017
1:04pm

Myrtle Beach National West

4900 National Drive
Myrtle Beach, SC
Par: 72



Rated 4.5 stars in Golf Digest's "Places to Play" Guide in 2010, the West Course at Myrtle Beach National is carved through secluded Carolina pines that provide golfers with the backdrop of nature. Its traditional layout and design offer wide fairways and large Mini Verde Bermuda grass greens that make for an enjoyable golf experience for players of all abilities.

Conveniently located off of Hwy. 501 in the heart of Myrtle Beach, West Course shares a common trait with its big brother, King's North, in that it accentuates the natural setting with no housing in sight. The course includes open fairways and greens that, while open in front, are sloped heavily from back to front. All the par-4s play under 400 yards from the middle-back tees, and par-5s are all possible to reach in two, all playing under 500 yards. The West Course finishes uniquely with a lengthy par-3 that features water running down the entire left-hand side.

Day 1

River Hills Golf Club

Garnet Tees

SMC Play-in Matches/Qualifying

Stableford Teams and Round 1 Matchplay Pairings (Blind Draw)
(Play-in matches in boxes)

9:44

Mike (0)
Ben (9)

Chris (23)
Phil (17)

9:52

Bo (3)
Steve (2)

John H. (6)
Jeff (30)

10:00

Bart (4)
Greg (8)

Ken (19)
John B. (4)

The Twist

On the par-4, hole #8, all players will tee off from the 260-yard Purple Tee— commonly referred to as the “Ladies’ Tee”

Four-man Stableford

\$40.00/Team

Team Points: 2/1

Skins

Daily Purse: \$36.00

Day 2

King's North

@ Myrtle Beach National

Gold Tees

Round 2 of SMC

1:00

1:08

1:16

A	1 Mike _____	B	2 Bo _____	C	3 Steve _____
	8 _____		7 _____		6 _____
	9 _____		10 _____	D	4 Ben _____
	11 _____		12 _____		5 _____

Skins

Daily Purse: \$36.00

2 Best Balls (Four-man Teams)

\$60.00/Team

Team Points: 4/2

Calcutta
Day One

The Calcutta

PLAYER	HCP	OWNER	BID	POT	DAY 1	DAY 2	TOTAL
PARKER							
COLTON							
ROGICH							
DICK							
FRY							
BEATO							
HUDSON							
EDMUNDS							
BRADBERRY							
BLANKENSHIP							
HALE							
KURTZ							
		ENTRY FEES					
			TOTAL				

Day 3

Grande Dunes Resort

Blue Tees

Round 3 of SMC

8:54

9:04

9:14

L(A) _____

L(D) _____

(10) _____

(11) _____

a

W(A) _____

W(D) _____

L(B) _____

L(C) _____

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

Liberty Brewery & Grill

Broadway at the Beach

Immediately Following Round

Day 4

Thistle Golf Club

MacKay/Cameron: Blue Tees

Final Round of SMC

Payout to Winner of Championship Match: \$100.00

9:00

I

L(A) _____

L(B) _____

IV or V

L(a) _____

9 or 12 _____

9:10

II

L(C) _____

L(D) _____

III or VI

L(b) _____

10 or 11 _____

9:20

V or IV

9 or 12 _____

W(a) _____

III or VI

W(b) _____

10 or 11 _____

Skins

Daily Purse: \$36.00

Dual-Day Double-Dude Duel

Day Two

\$90.00 (Pays 1st & 2nd)

Team Points: 3/4/2

Face-Off

Pro-V's

Day 4

Face-Off

Black

L(D) _____

12 _____

L(C) _____

9 _____

L(B)/11 _____

W(a) _____

White

L(a) _____

L(B)/11 _____

L(A)/10 _____

L(b) _____

L(A)/10 _____

W(b) _____

Awards Presentation

SMC Champion (\$100): _____

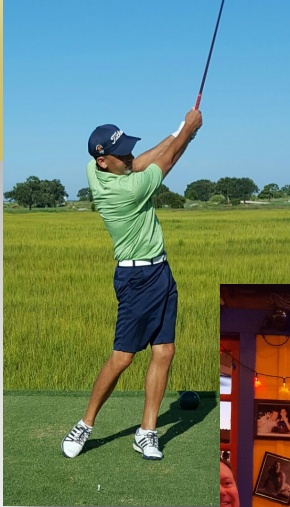
SMC Runner-up (\$50) _____

Low Net (\$50): _____

Individual Team Champion (\$25): _____

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

2016 Photo Gallery



Greg waits patiently as Steve struggles to break free.



Greg tucks Steve in after a long day.



"Hey, has anybody seen my drink?"



What's up with these outfits? Was this planned?



(Continued from page 3)

Upon arrival at Myrtlewood, it was out of the car and straight to the tee! On the ride down, there was quite a bit of chatter about who was longer off the tee— Bart or Steve—, so they agreed to compete in rounds they played together. Bart seemed amused, but was happy to put an end to the debate, but his advisors pointed out that starting in the practice round gave Steve an unfair advantage as Bart had not hit a single ball since the fall, whereas Steve had been practicing all winter. They never played together again, so the verdict remains a mystery to this day.

There was no formal action pre-arranged for the practice round, so the various groups simply loaded up and teed-off without fanfare. All agreed that next year, we needed to put someone with gump-tion and creativity in charge of organizing something to spice-up the practice round. With nothing on the line, Steve decided to 'let his hair down' and unwind. After two beers, he proclaimed that he was "hammered" and that he had "fixed [his] chipping". *[Editor's Note: Sources close to the matter indicate that he has not fixed anything, and that the preposterousness of his utterance serves as verification that he, in fact, was 'hammered' on two beers, thus shedding light on the origin of the pet-name his daughter, Rachel, bestowed on him.]*

[Sidebar]

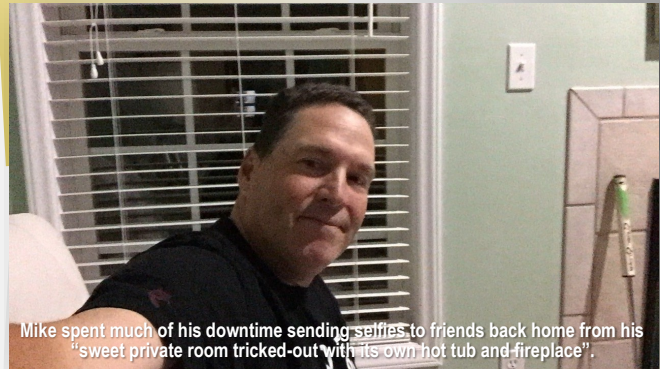
There was actually a ray of hope that Steve had, in fact, finally 'fixed his chipping' when he switched to a putting grip and stance with which he's more comfortable. Alas, as been the case countless times before, that 'Band-aid' too fell off once light pressure was applied to the infected area, and he promptly resumed is role as the 'Worst Single-Digit Chipper in the History of the Summit'. This remains a sore subject, and one to be avoided when engaging in casual conversation.

[End Sidebar]

Since then, he has 'fixed' his chipping several times. He's even been known to 'fix it' multiple times within the same round, and I'm told he's planning on 'fixing it' again before this year's competition.

Speaking of Steve, he was not at all happy about the rooming arrangements at Summit 17. He ended up sharing a room with Greg, and felt that his cost should have been prorated accordingly (Not that 'Greg' warrants proration, but 'sharing' does). He was particularly irritated with John and Mike,

who breached protocol by racing to the condo to 'shower' after the practice round, when in reality, it was simply a not-so-clever ruse to stake claims on the two private rooms—dirty pool (more on that later).



Mike spent much of his downtime sending selfies to friends back home from his "sweet private room tricked-out with its own hot tub and fireplace".

After our customary dinner at Bimini's, we all retired to the villas, where, as has become standard procedure, Bo and Ben demanded to switch units because the accommodations were unsuitable. In the end, it seems that nobody was happy with Ben.

Saturday was a beautiful day at Grande Dunes (for a change), though it began with a touch of drama between two of our stronger willed competitors, Bo and Greg. The two had words as Bo took umbrage at Greg's attempt to assume a fiduciary role in Bo's finances. Apparently, the day before, Greg beat the brakes off Bo, but declined Bo's request for an opportunity to recoup his losses by saying he thought he would just "keep [his] profits". While this response naturally set Bo off, Greg pointed out to Bo that he was actually doing him a favor and saving him money by refusing his bet. In the end, they agreed to disagree and both explored wagers elsewhere, though from that seed of discontent, has grown a beautiful, budding friendship.



Three of the top people on the Summit (Actually, all four are pretty decent)

In the first group, John beat the rookie, Hudson 7/6, emphasizing, once again, the difficulty many fish experience when they suddenly find themselves swimming in the big pond (bless their little-fish hearts!). In the second group, Phil throttled Summit veteran, Jeff Parker, 6/5. Group 3, saw super sophomore, Greg, thump former SMC Champ, Chris 6/5, while Ken was at least able to keep it respectable in his 4/2 loss to the first ever 2-Time SMC Champion, Bart. The 4-man Stableford was won by the team of Mike, Steve, Jeff, and Phil with 123 points, while the other two teams tied with 110 points each. Word on the street was that Bo and Phil played very well, while Jeff struggled to get his ball airborne most of the round. Steve proclaimed that he had 'cured' his chipping woes. Bart got the holes mixed-up, so everyone ended up playing the silver tees on the par 5, which, actually, worked out okay, as it brought an entirely different element into play off the tee, and Chris carded the first net double eagle in the history of the Summit.

Saturday afternoon was typically lazy as various groups went their separate ways. While most went back to their villas to nap, Steve did his usual two hours at the PGA Superstore, and ended up buying nothing for himself. He did, however, purchase a new hybrid for Chris, which was, evidently, damaged because, as Chris attempted to use it, he found that the clubface was incapable of touching the ball. Along with the 6:00 Calcutta in Bart's room, Matchplay losers were offered consolation prizes, and afterward, groups went in different directions for dinner. A smaller group decided to go out for a bit, but everyone else stayed in to watch basketball and call it a night. All in all, it was a fairly quiet evening.



View from the clubhouse deck down TPC's 18th fairway.

Day Two of the Summit was at TPC of Myrtle Beach. In the end it proved to be too difficult a course for the group as a whole, and, it was agreed, that we'll probably not play there again, or, if we do, we'll play shorter tees. The first match of the day was Bart vs Bo. Bo was hot, Bart was not. Bo won 4/2. Jeff, who was not in a match, had another rough day and struggled

throughout, while Hudson, sans performance anxiety, rose to the occasion and parlayed his silky-smooth swing to a good round for him.

In the second Match, John made a clutch putt on the final hole to tie the Match, but Mike won the newly-modified tiebreaker. There was much discussion surrounding the tiebreaker system and whether or not to have a playoff. It was Bo that pointed out that, in a handicapped event like the Summit, a playoff is difficult, if not impossible, to implement fairly. In the end, we agreed that a paper tiebreaker is probably going to be the best approach, though the 'most holes led approach' is not the answer. While often called into question (coincidentally, always by the loser), a team of consultants confirmed that the traditional Summit tiebreaker checklist is the most equitable handicapped event tie-breaker ever conceived by the collective golfing think-tank since Old Tom Morris first pushed his peg in the ground. In light of their findings and unable to organize a meaningful opposition to the 'consultants', the Summit will revert to its former, tried-and-true tie-breaker system that served it well for 16 years before being upended by naïve newcomers.

Reports from the third group indicate that Greg's lips were beginning to turn a blue from lack of oxygen as early as the first tee, as he went on to shoot a big number and suffer a 6/5 spanking at the hands of his dominatrix, Steve. To his credit, Steve captured medalist honors for the day with a smooth 79 on a very difficult track. Ben beat Phil 2/1 in what, by all accounts, was a barn-burner. Ben didn't strike the ball well, but his various personalities counselled and admonished each other throughout the round, and he was able to survive the Match.

The winning 2-Best Ball team was Bo, Bart, Jeff, and Hudson at -4, with Bo and Hudson both posting birdies on the final hole to secure the victory. The other two teams tied at -1.

Everyone went to Burro Loco for dinner that night, except for Mike who wandered off by himself for some alone time. In a surprise twist, Steve had one jumbo margarita, one Texas margarita, and was three sheets to the wind by the time the group arrived back



Steve enjoys an adult beverage at Burro Loco



Steve gets a little help from Bart with his second adult beverage at Burro Loco



Steve gets a little help from Greg after his second adult beverage at Burro Loco

at the villas for the Yankee's swap.

The Yankee Swap has a way of revealing a person's character. Not so much in the case of Steve who dozed off, but was able to revive long enough to mumble appreciation for his sweet Transamerica ball mark set. Others were either too star-struck or lily-livered (take your pick) to take a prize they desperately wanted from their hero/mentor. *[Editor's Note: Any resemblance to individuals living or dead is purely coincidental and not intended to disparage anyone choosing to take this general reference personally.]*

The International World Tour on Day Three was generally considered an enjoyable course, though many complained (as they are

known to do) that the course wasn't anything special and that the holes didn't resemble those which they were supposed to represent. It was, however, in good shape, and most very much enjoyed the variety.

The two Matches of the day were Ben vs Bo, and Steve vs Mike. Ben somehow duct-taped his round together and forced a tiebreaker, which, much to his horror, he won, and advanced to the Finals.

[Editor's Note: Sources close to the matter say that once the reality of what he'd done set in, Ben offered to forfeit his win, so that Bo could advance to 'his rightful place' in the Finals.] Apparently, Ben had a three up lead with four holes to play, lost his lead, but was able to hang on for the win— avenging his thrashing in the 2012 Finals at the hands of his hero/mentor, Bo, and advancing to his second SMC Finals in five years. Ben was overheard saying that he could barely breathe on the 18th tee before piping his drive 300 yards down the middle

and securing the victory.

Steve and Mike's Match came down to the wire, with Mike winning one up despite spotting Steve two shots. Steve had been chirpy about who was the best player at the Summit, but was able to solidify his position. There can be very little argument, going forward, that there are very few left-handers better than Steve.

In the 2-Man Stableford, Ken and Steve won with 73 points, with Bart and Hudson finishing second at 68. Two teams tied for third, but no one wrote down their scores.

Hudson won the Calcutta in his Summit debut, with Steve and Bo tying for second. In an unprecedented sweep, Hudson actually owned both Steve and Bo. After the first day of the Duel-Dude Double-Day Dual, Ben/Ken led at -5, with Bart/Mike and Phil/Chris tied for second at -4, and Steve/Hudson 2 back at -3.

The most entertaining incident of the day (and, arguably, the trip) came when the beverage girl, Fari-lyn, rolled-up. She was full of personality with bright blue eyes and curly red hair, about which she got a little defensive when asked if it was natural. When sympathy was expressed for what her boyfriend must endure (as we gathered she might be a handful), she proudly announced that she was the best girlfriend and had been dubbed a 'Unicorn' by her current boyfriend. At that point, John decided a Unicorn name was fitting and began calling her Mystical, to which she objected by pointing out that it sounded like a stripper name. After she left, John and Bart schemed to mess with her. On her next time around, the conversation wound around to her age and Bart asked how old she was. As anticipated, she responded with 'How old do you think I am?' John took the fat-pitch out of the park



Steve and Mike yuk it up pre-round before their Southpaw Slugfest

with, 'I don't know. . . 39?', which sent her into an immediate tailspin. When she asked incredulously why he would say that, John replied that he was going to say 42, but he wanted to be nice. She left after several minutes of wrangling with John over how she looks and why he would say such a thing. She was so distraught, that she informed the other two groups of the interaction in hopes of getting confirmation of her youthfulness. She was still hovering around when Ben was informed that it was 'Bradberry' that had offended her. She said, "You know, most people will say like ten years younger than they think you are just to be nice." She revealed that she was actually 32, to which Bart responded that she looks pretty good for her age. Her response was, "Yeah, Well, tell Brad-bear that!" After the round, John ran into her in the clubhouse and let off the hook. She asked why he would say such a thing when everyone else tells her how young she looks. He agreed and pointed out that she had thought of little else other than him for the last two hours, at which point, it all became clear, and she understood— she had been Bradberried.

Our waitress for the Summit Dinner at Dick's Last Resort, Glitter (definitely, a stripper name), was too nice to be mean, but she did her best to live up to the restaurant's standards. The tab was pricey—especially the drinks—and, as customary for Calcutta Champion/owner, Hudson and Bo split the first round. The group went back to the villas and awarded skins for the previous two days, team winnings, distributed consolation prizes, and allocated the Calcutta money, of which Hudson won the lion's share. After that, we sat around the villa, laughed, drank, and told stories before going to bed early. Greg continued to win friends and



Steve proves that alcohol doesn't affect him like it does others.

influence people by referring to the doctor that saved Chris' life as little more than a pipe cleaner.

Tuesday morning was a perfect day for the Summit Finals. We had a variety of games going on, but the marquee matchup was Ben versus Mike. Mike came out of the gate hot and took an early lead with two magnificent sand saves. Ben battled back through his stroke holes, before the demons arrived, and the voices in Ben's head drowned-out any ability for him to focus on his golf game. Ultimately,



Bo passes the torch (and Trophy) to his 'mini-me' and 2016 SMC Champion, Mike Kurtz

Mike won 4/3, as he claimed his first Summit Title. The crowning blow in the match for Ben was when he snipe-hooked a 60 yard sand wedge into the water on the 14th hole, and Mike bunted some sort of croquet-type shot onto the green to win the hole and, for all intents and purposes, seal the win.

In the other events, Black dominated White in the Face Off—4 ½ to 1 ½. The DDDDD was a close race with teams finishing -7, -8, and -9 for the day for a two-way tie for first place at -11. Low Net honors went to Bo, who beat Steve by four shots. Individual Team Champion was Steve for the second year in a row. And, High Net, aka Hapless Sap, was captured by Jeff, who struggled throughout the weekend.

As we hurtle toward yet another Millennium Invitational Golf Summit, it's hard not to reflect on the eighteen years and twenty-four participants the comprise the fabric of this great event. So many

laughs and memories it's hard to keep track. The 10th anniversary edition of *The Summit* (2009) does a good job of chronicling the highlights of our first ten years and can be accessed on the website. People have come and gone through the years, but their legacy remains.



This year, it looked as if a spot could open up, paving the way for the return of one of the Summit's founding Great Eight, Joe Assaid, but we were able to keep our entire 2016 lineup intact for another year. Readers may recall that Joe withdrew several years back for personal reasons and to explore his heritage. We wish Joe the best, and hope to see him back someday.

Another Summit alum waiting to come off the bench is Ryan Crush—arguably one of the top four golfers ever to play in the Summit. As many are aware, Ryan recently lost a long, brave battle with matrimony. Sadly, he was engaged this past January, ending an epic run of bachelorhood not likely to be challenged in the heterosexual world for quite a while. Ryan will be sorely missed by his male friends with whom he used to do guy things. You fought the good fight, my friend! You were an inspiration to us all.



Sometimes, less is more. Though ever-changing like a river, the heart of the Summit remains strong, and its future glows bright. There has been talk in recent years of pairing the field back to its original eight—talk that has gained traction. Other than the two aforementioned subs waiting in the wings, it's highly likely that future openings will not be filled as we scale back to a kinder, gentler group of eight players. The Committee is hard at work, as we speak, on variations of our favorite, traditional Summit games with less than twelve, or worse yet, an odd number. While more manageable, a group of eight also affords opportunities to certain, deserving players that have been on ice since around 2008. More on this later.

The Summit remains the top amateur match play event on the east coast, and the current group is as good as any in its illustrious history. We've got several former athletes and at least two former ladies'

men. We've got brains and brawn, good golfers and some other really good guys. We have four in the financial industry, four in the medical field, and two entrepreneurs (one of which, no one really understands what exactly he does). We've got two of the top left-handers in southwest Virginia and one of the top left-wingers in the mid-Atlantic. We have some men of few words, and at least one that makes up for it. We have nerves of steel and just plain nervous, low-key and high-strung, cerebral and simple. All in all, we've got quite a mix of personalities and demeanors that just seems to work.

The goal is for us to keep this group together as we approach the Summit's 20th anniversary in 2019, and we plan a special event to commemorate. We'll discuss this more when we get together, but begin thinking of ideas to mark this momentous occasion. In the meantime, let's focus on the challenge that awaits at this year's event in just a few short weeks! So, dust off your clubs, wash your balls, and get ready to rumble at the 2017 Millennial Invitational Golf Summit! See you soon!

Straight from Hale



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Birds of a Feather

Welcome to the fifth installment of *Straight from Hale* where I peel back the curtain and discuss behind the scenes, water cooler topics that are typically not mentioned in *The Book*.

Last year's Summit may have seemed eerily familiar to many of you. No, not because we played world class caliber courses, that happens often, but hasn't that always been the case; not because Bart, Chris and Ken had a tussle over differing political views, that only happens during election years (this year should be a doozy); and not because Ben made it to the Finals as a heavy favorite getting near double digits in handicapping strokes only to be closed out early in the back nine, that....well that's only happened the last two years. No, the locker room topic most discussed upon arrival last year, which has become a bothersome trend to some, was the rooming accommodations. It has become somewhat obvious at this point that for the last 10 years, and for the foreseeable future, there are 12 people in the lineup for the Summit. However, for reasons known only by the Lodging Coordinator and despite annual increases in entry fees, the last few trips have included only 9 rooms. This means that 6 participants have a private room and 6 participants have to share a room with someone else. Although this is a troubling issue, there is another covert occurrence that has been taking place recently that may catch some of you by surprise and could tear at the fabric of our treasured event. This year's *Straight from Hale* differs from past years in that this topic wasn't discussed at the water cooler. In fact, I think it's fair to say that it hasn't been discussed at all. The subject(s) of this article were able to perpetuate this scam right under your noses for at least one year, maybe more.

While most of us look forward each year to this 4-day golf excursion where we get much needed comradery and unchaperoned male bonding, there is a sinister element among us who could care less about reuniting with old friends and catching up on recent life events. The duo I'm referring to, John Bradberry and Mike Kurtz, are interested in one thing and one thing only.....HOW TO SCORE A PRIVATE ROOM WITHOUT COMING ACROSS AS SELF-SERVING. To shed light on the underhandedness used by these two, I must take you back to last year's practice round on day 1. You may remember arriving at Myrtle Beach for the practice round Friday at Myrtlewood Palmetto. It was a great day of golf and catching up for all. As we came off the course, it was kinda late so we decided as a group to head straight to Bimini's Bar & Grill for dinner. Here is where the "SCAM" took shape.

Straight from Hale (cont.)

John Bradberry and Mike Kurtz decided to make a quick escape, telling the rest of us that they would meet us at Bimini's. So, while the rest of the group headed to the restaurant to continue the reunion, John and Mike headed straight for the Kingston Plantation Resort Villas. They checked into the condo, went in and picked the two private rooms, spreading their gear across the king sized beds, all the while stripping down for a shower before rejoining the group. Eventually they showed up at Bimini's with no one the wiser, smelling like a mixture of Irish Spring soap and KY jelly. The two of them, having missed two rounds of drinks and the ordering of food, sheepishly pulled two chairs up to our table and tried to blend back into the conversation. We all enjoyed the atmosphere at Bimini's and it didn't take long for the two of them to ease back into the group just in time for the rest of us to announce we were ready to go check-in and head for a warm shower. I dare say, none of this would've come to light if John and Mike were rooming with anyone else. But, as luck would have it, they were rooming with Greg Beato and yours truly. Imagine my surprise as we all rushed back to the condo that night prepared to draw straws as we usually do to determine sleeping arrangements. Upon entering the condo it quickly became evident that someone had already taken residence in the two single rooms. Mike had actually gone so far as to unpack his bag, refold his clothing and place it neatly in the dresser and nightstand. John being John had just dumped his belongings in the center of the bed, the basic grade school technique of marking one's territory. To be fair, once they realized how bad this must've looked they both offered to swap rooms with Greg or me if we didn't want to room together. It really didn't sit well with me but, since it was after midnight, I graciously declined the offer and went to my room, shared with Greg, and climbed into my trundle bed. I made it through the weekend without making an issue over it, and I feel like I'm a better man because of it.

I've had a year to think back on this and have gone back and forth on whether or not to expose John and Mike's behavioral shortcomings. Ultimately, I decided to highlight their scam in my editorial, not because I hold a grudge, but because I feel the need to protect the field. You need to know the character of your suitemates in the event we're forced to draw straws again. Obviously, I decided to write about it, but I still have questions that bother me. Is John as self-centered as his actions may indicate or is Mike the catalyst? I didn't notice this character flaw in John until Mike joined the Summit. Either way, this whole conflict could've been avoided had we had 12 rooms for 12 people. As a contributing editor I commit to each of you that I have petitioned the Lodging Coordinator in hopes that our accommodations for this year will be more equitable for ALL of us and not just a chosen few.

We shall see.....

Summit Scorecard

PLAYER	ROUND 1			ROUND 2			ROUND 3			ROUND 4		
	HCP	GROSS	NET	STATUS	HCP	GROSS	NET	STATUS	HCP	GROSS	NET	STATUS
BEATO	8											
BLANKENSHIP	3											
BRADBERRY	4											
COLTON	23											
DICK	17											
EDMONDS	4											
FRY	9											
HALE	2											
HUDSON	6											
KURTZ	0											
PARKER	30											
ROGICH	19											

The SMC

The Summit MatchPlay Championship

Seedings

1. Kurtz
2. Blankenship
3. Hale
4. Fry
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____

DDDDD Teams are in Red.
Red.

ROUND 2

1 Kurtz

12 VI

8 A (DDDDD: L(B))

W(A) I

ROUND 3

(L(B)/11)

W(a)

a

ROUND 4

4 Fry

(DDDDD: 11)

W(D) II

ROUND 3

W(b)

(L(A)/10)

ROUND 2

9 V

W(B) III

(DDDDD: L(A))

Blankenship 2

7

b

Hale 3

(DDDDD: 10)

W(C) IV

6

11 II

11

12

L(B) I

L(D) VI

ROUND 3

L(b)

(L(A)/10)

L(C)

9

ROUND 4

10 IV

L(a)

(L(B)/11)

12

L(D)