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THE SUMMIT

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Dazzling!!

Joe Assaid's win at the '06 Summit placed the SMC Trophy in good hands as seen at his homecoming, victory celebration co-sponsored by the Roanoke Valley Chamber of Commerce and Special Olympics.

A Word from the Director

By Bart Edmunds

Tournament Director and Two-Time SMC Champion



Those that have children of their own understand the feelings of deep ambivalence as we watch them grow. While we embrace the pride and excitement of seeing them evolve through various stages on their way to becoming individuals with their own thoughts, ideas, and personalities, we simultaneously mourn the loss of their childhood innocence as it dissolves into memories. So too are my feelings as I look back over the past seven Summits.

Summit 7 saw the culmination of six years of growth— from the early “This may be my year!” naiveté and unforgettably adorable “Azalea Incident”, through the difficult ‘teen years’ of incessant, abrasive banter and maniacal a ‘win-at-all-cost’ attitude, to, ultimately, the calm confidence leading to an unexpected victory snatched from the jaws of defeat. Of course I speak of none other than Joe “The Lebanese Assassin” Assaid. A discussion with The Assassin himself provided a number of surprising insights into what makes this most mysterious of all enigmas tick (p. 9). Do not mourn the loss of our lovable, perpetual, ‘Hapless Sap’, for, I am confident, he will be back. In the meantime, we have Chris and his posse holding down the fort with the likes of Fry and Linden storming the gate.

In much the same way Joe has grown and changed, so too has The Summit. From the inaugural “War at the Shore” in 2000 with its groundbreaking 22 page epic program, rudimentary handicapping system, ‘token’ prize-money, and eight, original participants (all of whom, but one, still battle on to this day), to this year’s field of eight seasoned vets and four ‘wet-behind-the-ears’ greenhorns, beefed-up purses and expanded contests, the most envied and equitable handicapping system in all of golf, and our 2007 Summit Magazine boasting over 70 pages of insightful, entertaining, and sometimes heartwarming articles and statistics about The Summit, its history, and its colorful field.

[Sidebar]

The Summit Director and his committee have currently engaged one of the top intellectual property attorneys east of the Mississippi to secure copyright protection for the SHS® and its formula to shield it from the relentless, aggressive pursuit of the USGA, R&AGS, and a smattering of other world golf organizations. We will keep you posted as this story develops.

[End Sidebar]

Over the years, Joe has had a dramatic effect on various aspects of The Summit. Best known for his work in researching and securing lodging and tee-times (p. 4), Joe has also been responsible for the most recent, and dramatic, adjustments to our modern-day Summit Handicapping System[®] (SHS) (p. 5). From the days of “He has no chance if we cap the handicaps at 18!” to the more recent refrain of “Nobody should ever get more than one shot per hole!”, Joe has been at the center of the firestorm— laughing all the way to the bank on his way to a #2 spot on the all-time Summit earnings list. Pursuant to this most recent indictment of the SHS, an in depth analysis was conducted to, hopefully, settle the issue of handicapping once and for all. This thesis is laid out in laborious detail (for you ‘engineer types’) beginning on page 11. I won’t spoil the conclusion for you here— you’ll have to read the article.

Speaking of the money... I received a variety of suggestions following last year’s event related to the distribution of prizemoney. In response, you will notice a shifting of cash prizes between various events and, based on general consensus, the elimination of the ‘Yellow Ball’ altogether, which has been replaced by a new, and hopefully, more exciting team ‘Vegas’ (See pgs 13-16).

This year’s Summit Magazine is also bigger and better than ever thanks, in large part, to participants’ contributions and submissions. Greg Stephens’ creative genius has revealed itself once again to provide us with entertaining diversions on pages 54-55, as well as the insightful results of The Summit Survey beginning on page 10.

Summit 8 returns to one of our more popular venues— The Legends Resort (pg. 12)! The Summit has not held a sanctioned match at the Legends since the 2000 finals wherein Woody Deans dispatched Joe Assaid on the Heathland course to become our *first* Summit MatchPlay Champion. Can the Legends’ rarified Scottish air revive this once-heroic Champion? Will Joe Assaid become the first back-to-back SMC Champion? Or, will this be the year to add a new name to The Chalice? Only time will tell, but few Summits have held more excitement and anticipation than Summit 8!

— Bart Edmunds
Tournament Director and
Two-Time SMC Champion

Lodging and Arrangements

Deluxe accommodations will be provided by the Legends Resort. Participants will share two-bedroom luxury condominiums conveniently situated on the Legends Resort golf complex in the heart of Myrtle Beach, SC.

Participants should plan to arrive in the Grand Strand area the evening of Friday, March 9, 2007 with checkout prior to the final round on the morning of Tuesday, March 13, 2007.

In addition to the aforementioned accommodations, tournament entry fee includes daily maid service, four rounds of golf with cart on four luxurious Myrtle Beach area courses, 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 9, 2007 (As in NOW!). Final payment of \$500.00 should be made payable to Bart Edmunds.

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 will be the responsibility of individual participants. Tournament Assistant-coordinator, Joe Assaid, has made arrangements with resort officials to secure preferred rates 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

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: 2006 Ending Handicap = 11. 2007 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.

New for 2007!

One change to the handicapping system will take effect this year:

In individual match, netted handicap strokes over 18 will only count 1/2
(EXAMPLE: 22 handicap vs. 2 handicap: Netted handicap in match: 20.
Adjusted handicap = 19 ($20 - 18 = 2 \times 1/2 = 1$. $18 + 1 = 19$.)

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. Last three holes
 - B. Last six holes;
 - C. Back nine;
 - D. Low, net for round
 - E. Low net on number one handicap hole
 - F. Two out of three "Rock, Paper, Scissors" (no dynamite... that's silly).

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 competitors earnings from Tournament sanctioned and sponsored events only and do not include Calcutta, Short Game Championship, or "side-action".

Leading Money Winner (Career)

Ken Rogich	\$694.75
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Most Money Won (Tournament)

Ken Rogich	\$289.00	2006
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Least Money Won (Tournament)

Bart Edmunds	\$4.25	2003
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Highest Earnings per Start (min 2 starts)

Ken Rogich	\$115.79	6 starts
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Lowest Earnings per Start (min 2 starts)

Bart Edmunds	\$29.89	7 starts
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Scoring

Low Gross (Tournament)

Steve Hale	308	2006
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High Gross (Tournament)

Joe Assaid	460	2001
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Hall of Fame/Shame

Low Gross (Round)

Steve Hale 72 Shaftesbury Glen 2005

High Gross (Round)

Joe Assaid 121 River Club 2002

Low Net (Tournament)

J.Assaid/S.Hale +18 2006

High Net (Tournament)

Joe Assaid +80 2001

Low Net (Round)

Multiple 70 Various Years

High Net (Round)

Joe Assaid 99 River Club 2002

Miscellaneous

Biggest Comeback (1st Rnd/Last Rnd Gross)

Greg Stephens -15 shots (97/82) 2003

Biggest Collapse (1st Rnd/Last Rnd Gross)

Joe Assaid +16 shots (94/110) 2004

Highest Calcutta Bid

\$215 by B.Edmunds for S.Hale 2006

Lowest Calcutta Bid

\$20 by B.Edmunds for J.Assaid 2003

Hall of Fame/Shame

Texas Hold 'em Champion

?

Undisputed, All-Time Wing Eating Champion

Steve Hale

Career Scoring Averages

	<u>Gross Round</u>	<u>Net Round</u>	<u>Net Tourn</u>
Kevin Dill	80.25	78.38	+26.5
John Bradberry*	81.0	78.0	+24
Steve Hale	81.11	80.64	+35.3
Tim Cone*	82.75	82.5	+42
Bart Edmunds	86.11	82.32	+41.9
Bo Blankenship	86.29	82.14	+41.3
Woody Deans	88.64	82.8	+43.7
Greg Stephens	89.5	82.19	+41.5
Rick Crotts	90.0	83.38	+46
Mike Sisler	92.13	82.13	+41.5
Ben Fry*	92.75	83.0	+44
Dave Linden*	95.5	82.75	+43
Pat King*	95.75	85.75	+55
Ken Rogich	102.08	82.79	+44
Joe Assaid	105.89	84.21	+49.5
Chris Colton	106.19	84.5	+45.8

*Only participated in one event

The Shot Heard 'Round the World!

By Alfred E. Newman

Like some bizarre satire stripped from the pages of *Mad Magazine*, Joe Assaid, the unlikeliest of heroes, holds off an unrelenting come-from-behind onslaught to complete his "Outhouse-to-Penthouse" turnaround in capturing his first SMC title.

On a balmy December morning, *Mad's* crack field correspondent, Al Newman, met with Joe Assaid in his palatial home located in his quaint hometown of Roanoke, Virginia to discuss what many consider to be the most surprising victory since a young fellow named David and his homemade sling-shot took the world by storm. What follows is an look inside the mind of this most enigmatic of Champions as he walks us through that fateful day last March when life, as he knew it, changed forever.

AN: In terms of the overall event (timing, venue, format, etc.), how do you feel The Summit plays to your strengths and/or weaknesses?

JA: *In terms of the timing, just like everyone else, the SMC kind of kicks off my golf season, so usually I'm a little rusty in some spots. For instance I might be playing a fade and due to lack of playing in the winter months, I might not be able to pull it off. Or maybe the shot calls for a draw and I just hit it straight up the fairway. It also takes a few rounds to get my short game up to par but usually after my Saturday warm-up round I'm dialed in.* **[Editor's Note: Subsequent to last year's Summit, Joe was diagnosed with PTS syndrome. Doctors have indicated**



that this often results in states of semi-conscious catatonia wherein victims have only a tenuous grasp on reality. Our editors have made an effort to identify and indicate obvious manifestations of this with the symbol 'PTS'.]

AN: In your opinion, what are your strengths and weaknesses?

JA: *Strengths- I love matchplay format, this works right into my game. Occasionally I'll lose focus on a hole, but with matchplay you have 17 more holes up for grabs. If you look at the past two years (winning it*

all last year, and runner-up the year before) my SMC record is 5-1. That speaks for itself. Also, I believe Bart and myself are the only 2 participants to reach the championship match 3 times since this tournament started.

Strengths- Handling pressure. Keeping my composure when opponents are heckling me in my backswing. Now that I'm the champion I know that everyone will be giving me their best shot, and taking shots at me and my family, so I need to be ready. Just look at what the European press did to Tiger and his family

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Survey Says...!!!

The results are in, and you have spoken! What follows are the very candid, and very unedited, responses of Summit competitors to some hard questions rarely discussed above a whisper in corner booths of smoky, back rooms. Under the condition of strict anonymity, The Summit magazine was able to get a glimpse under of the hood of The Summit and into the hears and minds of its enigmatic competitors. What follows is uncensored, often shocking, and not for small children. Note: Each participants' responses are assigned a color to provide some sense of continuity to certain mind-sets. A few competitors voluntarily and unabashedly pushed aside the veil of secrecy and attached their name to their responses.

1. In your opinion, who has the best chance of taking home the '07 SMC trophy and why?

- Greg Stephens because one must endure profound loss before attaining enlightenment and victory. The 'lama' told me that after a double loop in the Himalayas. Not a big tipper the lama.

- Joe Assaid. First and foremost I'm the reigning champion, so I will be the highest seed and will get a bye in the first round. I've played 3 of the 4 courses before so this will be to my advantage, and this will eliminate the so called South Carolina Curse from the picture (some of my opponents have never played any of the courses) As reigning champion I expect most of my opponents will just feel honored to be in my group, the sheer awe of actually playing against me will be to much pressure on them so I don't expect much of a fight from anyone. Lastly, I'm at the top of my game, the 2006 SMC just kick started what most analyst had predicted that it was just a matter of time until Joe put everything together and had a stellar year. And that stellar play has continued into 2007. With new woods, new irons, and a new guru- I will dominate again in South Carolina and take home another SMC trophy.

- The easy answer for the favorite has got to be Kevin dill. However, if you look deeper into the life of our dear friend Kevin you find that the boyish shorts and Seve Ballesteros references aren't the doings of an aspiring summit champion. but rather a ploy to draw closer his secret love; Bo Blankenship. Kevin wants us to think he's a gritty competitor with a knowledge and ability to imitate the game's greats. But I think its time the truth came out, all Kevin wants is Bo's affection, he wants Bo to be the big brother he never had, to pat him on the head, kiss him on the cheek and say good job little kev-o. That of course leaves none other than Bart Edmunds as the favorite because lets be honest, if anyone in the group will be comfortable with the odd man-love between Kevin and Bo; it is Bart. Therefore making him a clear-cut favorite.

- Once again this year, i feel as though Bo would have to be an odds on favorite due to the fact he and Ken Rogich are getting the same number of strokes. The law of averages is on Bo's side due

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Under Siege!

*By Bart Edmunds,
Tournament Director & Two-time SMC Champion*

In a world of prevarication and mistrust, it becomes imperative for any person, organization, and/or institution, intent on maintaining its stature and integrity, to adopt a methodology designed around objectivity, transparency, and fairness. Having come into question after the shocking results of the '06 Summit Matchplay Championship, the entire Summit Handicapping System[©] (SHS) has been under seige—undergoing scrutiny of an intensity not seen since the Salem Witch Trials or at least the '74 Senate Watergate hearings.

The assertion was that, in basing match play handicaps on medal play scoring, the SHS is flawed, and, further, that no one should ever receive more than one shot per hole in a match play event. Pursuant to the cacaphany of concens expressed regarding the calculation of stokes assigned to players through the course of The Summit, an investigation was launched to delve into the seedy underbelly of corruption and conspiracy known as the SHS. What follows is a summarization of said findings and the conclusions we may all draw from this ugly blemish on the otherwise pristine surface of one of golf's most revered institutions.

Investigators siezed all documents related to the first six years of The Summit, its practices and procedures, and, most importantly, its

scoring. For purposes of its investigation into the SHS and its effect on the results of tournament contests, The Committee first divided the field into three categories based on handicaps: Low (0-5); Mid (6-15); and High (16+). The study found that, through the first seven Summits, participants were roughly distributed as follows: Low: 40%; Mid: 30%; High: 30%, and that recent years were more evenly distributed than earlier years ('07 starting handicaps will have three Low, five Mid, and four High handicaps).

Initial examinations focused on The Majors: SMC Champion; Low Net; Individual Team Champion; and, of course, the hapless, happy-go-lucky, High Net. When looking at the results of these contests over the course of the first seven years of The Summit, a surprising statistic revealed itself—low handicappers won five of the first seven SMC and Low Net titles! High handicappers have won two and one respectively, and no Mid handicapper has ever won the SMC championship. Individual Team championship has split evenly between Mid and High handicappers, while High handicappers have dominated the High Net category with four victories(?) to two and one for Low and Mid respectively. Conclusion: With respect to Majors, Low handicappers have dominated the favorable individual titles, but appear to be of little help in the team contests, while, not surprisingly, the High handicappers have a veritable strangle-hold on the bottom of the Net leaderboard.

Our next area of attention turned toward the MatchPlay event itself. Even though Low

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The Arena



Throughout history, epic battles have been defined by their venue: Gettysburg; Normandy; the ‘Thrilla in Manilla’; the Tet Offensive (well, not really that one, but most of them). In response to the whining from several competitors that coincidentally watched the ‘06 Finals from the bleachers, the ‘07 Summit returns to one of the more formidable challenges in the golfing world— The Legends Resort in Myrtle Beach, SC! Prepare for battle— only the strong will survive!

GREAT GOLF BY DESIGN

Welcome to Myrtle Beach's finest golf resort, The Legends. No other resort on the Grand Strand has the amenities or facilities that are offered to our guests. Choose from our 10 award-winning courses or any of Myrtle Beach's hundreds of other layouts. The Legends Resort is truly Myrtle Beach's total golf experience. Relax in the splendor of our luxury Golf Villas, championship courses and one of the finest lit practice facilities in the Southeast. Explore the number one golf resort on the Grand Strand: The Legends Golf Resort and Conference Center

WHAT ARE PEOPLE SAYING ABOUT LEGENDS RESORT?

"Thanks for another awesome weekend at the Legends. I continue to be amazed at the quality of the experience each and every year. You guys treat us to a truly wonderful getaway and we appreciate it. Have a great year. We WILL see you again next year. "- Phillip Lee, Georgia

"It was nice and all, but I think the truly great courses have a lot more sharp doglegs to the right." -Ben Fry, Virginia

"Finally, something other than a pitch-n-putt! 7,400 yards, 250 yard forced carries, 220 yard par-3s— now that's my kind of course!" -Greg Stephens, Jungle of Southeast Asia

"These type of courses and this time of year don't really suit my game— plus, it's kind of cold in March. That's why I've never won. Plus, I'm not really trying my hardest." -Bobby Blankenship, Vinton

THE MAJORS

Multi-day events designed to distinguish individuals with extraordinary talent and tenacity. Major events are printed in burnt orange.

SUMMIT MATCH-PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP (SMC)

DEFENDING CHAMPION: Joe Assaid **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
- Seedings determined by combination of prior year finish and Round 1 results/scoring
- Full handicaps will be used in this event

LOW NET

DEFENDING CHAMPION: Steve Hale **PURSE: \$50.00**

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

INDIVIDUAL TEAM CHAMPION

DEFENDING CHAMPION: Ken Rogich **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: Chris Colton **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 Champ, Individual Team Points Champ, High Net Chump.

Daily Contests

VEGAS(New in 2007!)

TOTAL PURSE: \$40.00

- On each hole, each four-man team will combine their best net individual score and worst net individual score to arrive a numeric team score expressed as follows: Net 4 and net 6 results in a numeric team score for that hole of 46. Object is to post the LOWEST score, so the lower digit will appear first.
- Posting a net birdie reverses the other teams' scores for that hole. If more than one team birdies the same hole, those teams do not reverse their scores and only the non-birdying team must reverse. EXAMPLE: Teams 1 and 2 best/worst individual net scores are net 3 (birdie) and net 5, while Team 3 scores net 4 (par) and net 6. Teams 1 and 2 each post a team score for that hole of 35, while Team 3 would have to reverse their score and post a team score of 64.
- Team with the lowest total team score for eighteen holes wins. (NOTE: When scoring, post your team score and circle holes where a net birdie is recorded. This will assist Scoring Committee in applying reverses and calculating final results.)

SKINS

TOTAL PURSE: \$144.00

- Replacing "Cuts" competition at prior Summits, this year's contest is a classic \$2.00/hole skins game with carryovers
- Skins will be awarded to individuals 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
- All skins will be paid at the end of the tournament
- Full handicaps will be used in this event.

STABLEFORD

TOTAL PURSE: \$120.00

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

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

- Team accumulates points throughout round
- Highest cumulative point total wins
- Full handicaps will be used in this event.

Daily Contests

BEST BALL

TOTAL PURSE: \$120.00

- Best individual score each hole is used to determine team score.
- Variation: 2 BEST BALLS uses best two individual scores per hole on four-man team to determine team score.
- Full handicaps will be used in this event.

SHORT GAME CHAMPIONSHIP

TOTAL PURSE: \$25.00

This competition is an opportunity for competitors to display their talents (or lack thereof) on and around the greens.

- Championship will consist of a series of individual nine-hole matches
- Seedings are based on current Summit handicaps. Higher handicap players will receive 1 up for every 9 stroke differential in handicaps (ie: 0 handicap plays an 18 handicap, 18 handicap starts match 2 up)
- Higher handicap gets choice to go first or defer, alternating thereafter
- First player chooses starting point (off the putting surface), place or drop, and destination hole
- Players then proceed in traditional match play format until ball is holed/conceded
- Player trailing upon reaching final hole chooses starting point on that hole
- Sudden-death tie-breaker will be used with alternating choice resuming
- Winning player advances to next round
- Winner of final match collects \$25 purse

<u>#9</u>							<u>#10</u>
<u>#8</u>							<u>#7</u>
	<i>Def Champ Dill</i>					<u>#2</u>	
	<u>#4</u>					<u>#3</u>	
<u>#6</u>							<u>#5</u>
<u>#12</u>							<u>#11</u>

Calcutta

(Participation Optional... but encouraged)

This event is the only one that requires an 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

TOTAL PURSE: ?

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:

<u>2006 Prizes</u>		
1st Place:	55%	\$787
2nd Place:	30%	\$430
3rd Place:	15%	\$215

The Gladiators



Joe Assaid

Defending Summit Matchplay Champion

2005 SMC Runner-up

2004 Individual Team Champion

2002 High Net

2001 High Net

2000 SMC Runner-up

Career Earnings: \$493.25

Handicap: 20

Assignment: Golf/Lodging Arrangements

Roommate: Edmunds

Ist Round Matchup: Bye (#1 Seed)

What People are Saying...

... Doesn't he remind you of a stereotypical altarboy?

... I am already looking ahead to next year, when we can have a true champion and not a paper one.

P.S. I hear that BlackBeard's Pirate Cove Putt-Putt has an opening for a Sunday or Monday round next year. Let me know if you need their number.


... I think Joey was still giddy from the post championship champagne when he suggested that the match play strokes be capped at 18 per match. ... I think Joey forgot how he won his championship (in addition to his innate skill).

... Joe has blown his load. 0% chance for repeat.


... The sun don't shine on the same dog's a** everyday!








Joe searches for much needed affection wherever he can find it.



Joe's Celebrity Look-alikes



				
Venus Williams 54%	Aretha Franklin 68%	Joey Fatone 70%	Rocky Marciano 62%	Miranda Otto 54%

Celebrity Collage™ by MyHeritage.com [Want one too?](#)

That's what the computer spit out. The problem is, the computer doesn't know you. Below are a few celebrity look-alikes that our crack staff felt might more accurately reflect the real Joe:



The Gladiators

Steve Hale

Defending Low Net
 2005 Summit Matchplay Champion
 2003 Low Net
 2002 Summit Matchplay Champion
 2001 Low Net
 2001 SMC Runner-up

Career Earnings: \$491.75

Handicap: 0

Assignment: Tournament Gift

Roommate: Stephens

1st Round Matchup: Bye (#2 Seed)

What People are Saying...

... When someone does see Steve, approach carefully. No big arm motions or loud noise. We don't want to scare him away again. The only noise that should be made is... "here kitty kitty kitty," but again, very quietly.

... I don't know who Steve is rooming with, but I hope you can sleep with his night light on.

... Steve Hale, "Who's defensive, I'm not defensive!". Poor Steve, still not taking his medicine.

... This feedback from Hale can only be translated as a weakening of his already fragile mental toughness. To let something so benign hurt his feelings like that must mean he has already determined his place in this year's matches, which of course will be anywhere but first. As predicted in Sheridan's Tip Sheet, the second round upset by one of the newcomers could have a lasting effect. I would equate it to Ryan Leaf's blow up in the locker room before he exited the NFL never to be heard from again. Truly gentlemen, have compassion for this lost and lonely soul. His best days are behind him.

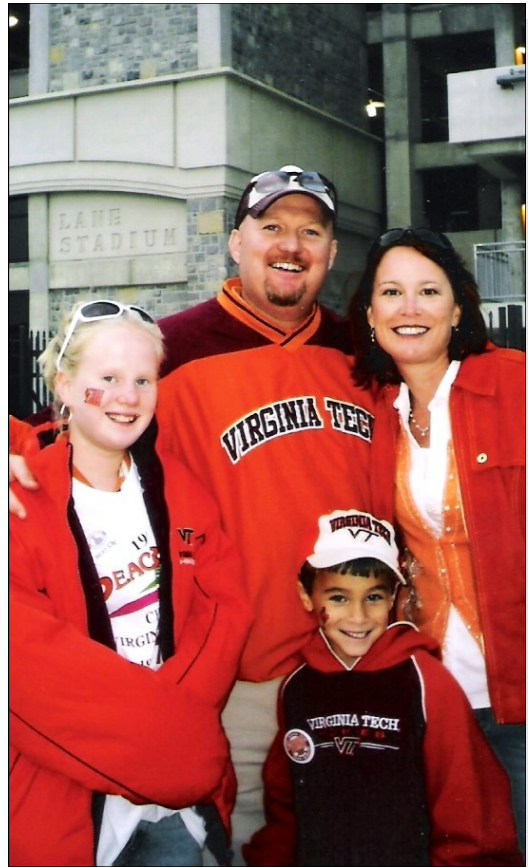
... Notable Quotes "I like to break the chicken's wing so he flies around in a circle"
 —Steve Hale

... Steve Hale is the best driver. Can't hit it far enough to get in trouble.

... best short game on the East Coast.

... If he misses a putt (and it's usually not by much), one of three things has happened: he misread it; the putting surface was irregular or damaged in some way; or there was pressure or importance surrounding the putt. He's that good!

... can't get the club above his left kneecap



The golf course is not the only place where Steve basks in championship glory.



Steve's Celebrity Look-alikes



Dominique de
Villepin
60%



Hermann
Oberth
66%



Fred Durst
70%



Owen Wilson
63%



Sean Bean
56%

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You may not recognize the other 3 players, but from left to right they are – (1) Texas oil mogul – Bobby Rockefeller, (2) a guy who once coached a little basketball at Air Force – D.E. Smith, (3) former - SMC champion and (4) son of the Crown Prince of Armenia – Art Vandalay. We try to get this group together as often as we can during the year, although it is tough to coordinate schedules.

What People are Saying...

... Ken Rogich reminds me of Loren Roberts.

... The fact that he can actually win a match every now and then amazes me...

... He has very little discernable golfing talent, but brings home the money year-after-year. Of course, if we all took as much time over every shot as he does, we'd probably all score better— although, we'd never finish a round before dark and we'd be banned from most Myrtle area courses.

Ken Rogich

Summit All-Time Leading Money Winner
Defending Individual Team Champion
2003 Summit Matchplay Champion
2002 Low Net
2002 SMC Runner-up
2000 Individual Team Champion

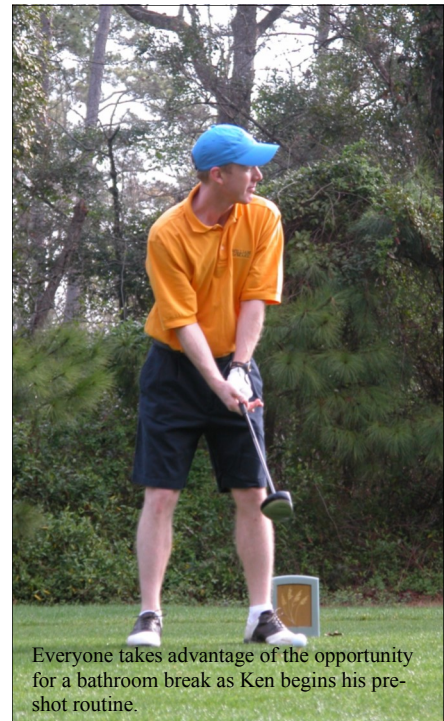
Career Earnings: \$694.75

Handicap: 19

Assignment: Treasurer

Roommate: Colton

1st Round Matchup: Bye (#3 Seed)



Everyone takes advantage of the opportunity for a bathroom break as Ken begins his pre-shot routine.



Ken's Celebrity Look-alikes



Ben Stiller
64%



Hal Sparks
71%



Jeff Daniels
74%



Kevin Costner
67%



Bon Scott
62%

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The Gladiators

Chris Colton

Defending High Net
2001 Individual Team Champion

Career Earnings: \$191.00

Handicap: 25

Assignment: Wake-up Calls

Roommate: Rogich

1st Round Matchup: Fry (13)



What People are Saying...

... destined to be more than he already is.

...He may want to just give up his spot and come carry my bag for me. That's the closest he'll ever come to the trophy or a champion.

... If I had his swing I would quit golf and take up sailing.





Chris' Celebrity Look-alikes



Ritchie
Valens
57%



Aki Hakala
64%



Larry King
64%



Philip
Seymour
Hoffman
61%



Janeane
Garofalo
56%

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The Gladiators



Bart Edmunds

2006 SMC Runner-up
2005 High Net
2004 Summit Matchplay Champion
2001 Summit Matchplay Champion
2000 High Net

Career Earnings: \$209.25

Handicap: 8

Assignment: Tournament Director,
The Summit Editor-in-Chief, and Handicapping

Roommate: Assaid

1st Round Matchup: Bye (#4 Seed)

What People are Saying...

... amazingly humble considering all he's accomplished!

... even more handsome in real life!

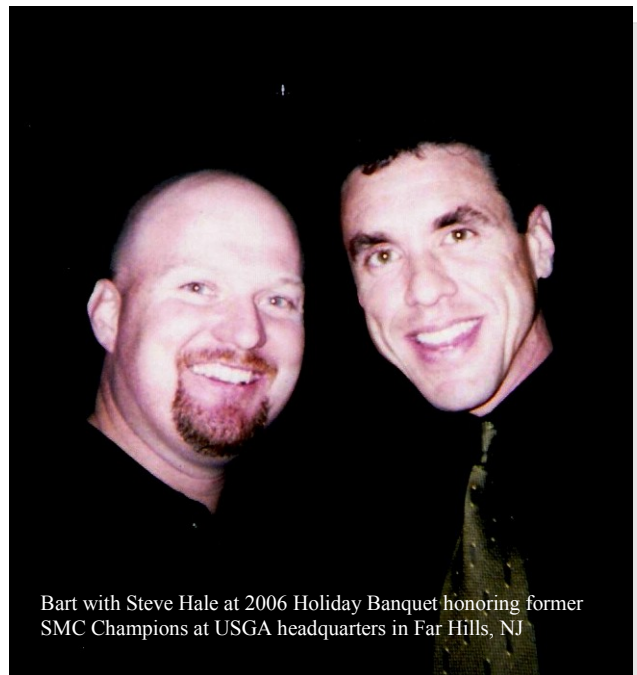
... in a way, I'm surprised he doesn't win this thing every year.

... couldn't happen to a nicer guy.


... It's funny how Bart can't hear when his wife asks him to do some chores, but if you whisper "it's good" he is running to the next tee. That's a sign of a great putter!

... he manages to just win baby


... does so much with so little.




Bart with Steve Hale at 2006 Holiday Banquet honoring former SMC Champions at USGA headquarters in Far Hills, NJ




Bart's Celebrity Look-alikes







Ben Stiller
66%




Patrick Swayze
67%



John Mayer
75%



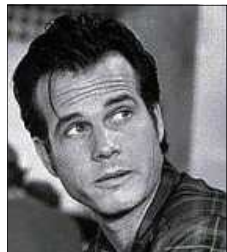
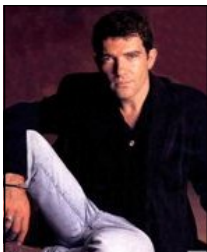
David Hasselhoff
66%



Warren Beatty
64%

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The Gladiators

Woody Deans

2000 Summit Matchplay Champion

Career Earnings: \$289.00

Handicap: 11

Assignment: Course Directions & Scorekeeper

Roommate: Dill

1st Round Matchup: Blankenship (7)

What People are Saying...

- ... like the Energizer Bunny, he just keeps going, and going...
 - ... If you could win by being nice – he would run away with it. Unfortunately you need to make the 5 footer when it counts.
 - ... not many people can cut a putt like him and come close to making them
- ... His swing mechanics look like just that.....a mechanic's.



(Anonymous Submission)

WHERE HAS THE TIME GONE?



Woody Deans Hangs Out With Some of His Friends

“Time and tide wait for no man.” And Woody Deans is well aware of that. This photo is no match for last year’s cover picture of Steve Hale and his 2 bathing beauties, but this is the best Woody can do at his age and the oldest senior on the trip.

It’s amazing that he can still keep up with the young bucks he used to coach! The days of playing 36 holes a day and going out at night are history for this dinosaur. Now, we are lucky to see his eyes open after 9:00 pm. Playing from the same tees and having no chance to keep up with these young whippersnappers, Woody has to ride with a good friend in order to keep him awake and to help him in and out of the cart! It’s a good thing he won this tournament in its infancy, because all he has left are memories of that day and the undefeated basketball season when Bo Blankenship played for him at P.H.



Woody's Celebrity Look-alikes



Kyle
MacLachlan
62%



Kristin Davis
64%



Roger Moore
67%



Bulent Ecevit
62%



Mario
Vargas Llosa
60%

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The Gladiators



Chet Culver, current governor of Iowa, congratulates Bo Blankenship on his 2007 Summit Matchplay championship. "I know it's not official yet," states Culver, "but the only thing that is more of a lock than me being elected as governor in 2007 is you winning the Matchplay championship. I'm only elected to a four year term, the question is now, can I get re-elected to keep pace with your soon to be 8 year run of consecutive championships?"

Bo Blankenship

2005 Short-game Champion

2004 Low Net

2004 Short-game Champion

2003 High Net

2003 SMC Runner-up

2000 Low Net

Career Earnings: \$358.75

Handicap: 7

Assignment:
Gaming Consultant & Oddsmaker

Roommate: Linden

1st Round Matchup: Deans (11)

What People are Saying...

... I have known Bo Blankenship since he was a long hair tuff kid from Southeast. I took this kid and coached him to an undefeated season and molded him into the successful business man and community leader that he is today... Bo is the son I never had...

... Bo might have a chance.....unless he played against her [Aunt Freda] in the matchplay!

...You have some nerve, my friend. Singling me out and comparing me to Ryan Leaf? Who could I parallel with you, let me count the ways. Does the name Heath Shuler ring a bell? Or better yet, Steve Spurrier. Much like Spurrier, you found your comfort zone in the late 80's betting on golf matches and then pressing those bets until you broke even or won a little. Feasting on the likes of Chris Turner and Tim Cone just like Spurrier did in the SEC. But as soon as you take your game to the beach every March, where you advance based on talent rather than close-out presses, you fail to make a ripple in the pond. A.K.A. Spurrier and the Redskins. Yes, quite the similarity!

Let me give you some advice. Take that new \$400 driver you just got and drive over to Roanoke Prosthetics Inc. and see if they can take the grip off and fit the club with a mouthpiece. Then take the club out to the first tee and swing it with the best part of your game, your mouth. (Helpful Hint: After inserting club in mouth be careful not to **choke**, again.....)


... Bo will eventually win sometime, but it will not be in my lifetime.

... Unfortunately Bo does not have what it take to be a Champion.


... Bo is a big choke, definitely best to never win a summit. Sorry Bo. Please don't fire me.


... Has talent but just gets plain scared.






Bo's Celebrity Look-alikes







Gary Bussey




Matthew Perry
70%




Morten Harket
71%



Jonathan Demme
68%



Sting
63%



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The Gladiators

Greg Stephens

2005 Individual Team Champion
2004 High Net
2004 SMC Runner-up
2003 Co-Individual Team Champion

Career Earnings: \$223.00

Handicap: 11

Assignment: Photographer &
Electronic Scorekeeper

Roommate: Hale

1st Round Matchup: Bradberry (3)



Greg verifies the straightness of his shaft after a particularly ferocious swing.

What People are Saying...

... Only Summit Participant to have never lost a first round match that has played in at least four Summit events and 2-time Calcutta Champ

... Greg Stephens is the best driver in our group, however we all know his little problem of keeping it in the correct fairway.

... The best iron player would have to be Greg Stephens because of his versatility. He is the only person I've ever played with who could hit a 6 iron anywhere from 60 to 190 yards.



Greg's Celebrity Look-alikes



Tommy Lee Jones
50%



Alfonso Herrera
60%



Drew Fuller
61%



Zach Braff
56%



Richard Nixon
47%

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The Gladiators



Kevin receives a few last-minute pointers from his sister at the 2006 St. Andrews alter boy reunion before meeting with Father John in the confessional.

Kevin Dill

Summit Career Scoring Leader
(Gross & Net)

(with at least two Summit appearances)

2006 Short-game Champion
2005 Low Net

Career Earnings: \$129.25

Handicap: 2

Assignment:
Celebratory Cigar Procurement &
Smoking Instructor

Roommate: Deans

1st Round Matchup: Linden (16)

What People are Saying...

... As to Kevin, he is afraid of his own shadow. Could explain why he wilts against the likes of Hale but cruises against the meek, timid, and non-confrontational types.

... Here's an idea with regard to you giving David Linden all those strokes. Why don't you ask Bart to pair you up against someone you don't have to give strokes. Or even better, someone who has to give you strokes, say, Steve Hale. Steve would give you 2 strokes.....Oh, I'm sorry, that did happen last year in the second round, and you got the hell beat out of you. On second thought, give Dave the 14 and stop your whining, "Botetourt Boy."

... Hey Kevin, BOO!

...I'm not going to lie, Kevin Dill is one sexy man.

... I have always found him to be a man of utmost honesty and dignity... Kevin has always handled himself with grace and honor, as exemplified in his behavior following catastrophic Summit collapses year after year on the golf course.

... Kevin Dill, reminds me of Bernhard Langer.

... The best iron player is Kevin Dill. Although he hits fairway woods on most of his second shots, when he does hit the irons, they're great to watch.

... His short game is truly breathtaking. A creative shot maker and one of the nicest guys I have met.

... all he does is play golf and yet he still is a non-factor at The Summit. He has probably played 5 times as much golf as the rest of us.





Kevin's Celebrity Look-alikes



Paul Newman
67%



Timothy Dalton
68%



Kyle MacLachlan
74%



Elizabeth
Bowes-Lyon
68%



Jack
Lemmon
66%

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The Gladiators

John Bradberry

Career Earnings: \$57.50

Handicap: 3

Assignment: Poker Coordinator

Roommate: Fry

1st Round Matchup: Stephens (11)



John generously volunteers his time to spend with troubled middle school girls. Here he does his ever-popular "Cat-in-the-Hat" imitation.



Despite Whit's repeated attempts to explain, John had a hard time accepting that this was "her" day.

What People are Saying...

... We had two people in our group that didn't break 100 and you were one of them. I can't give you your exact score because i'm still not sure what value you gave the 6 x's you had. You had almost as many x's as your brother Ben had in our quarterfinal match last year.

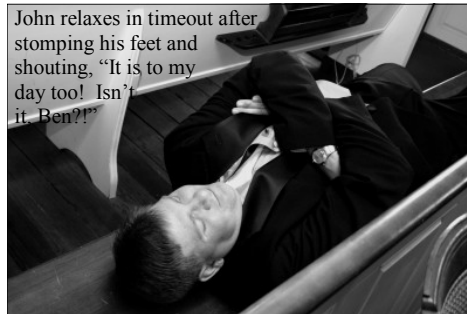
... The best driver at the summit is John Bradberry.



John found that if they didn't actually see him, he could eventually dance with all the ladies—including his wife.

... John & Ben... will end up fighting over which nightclub to visit.

... John and Ben have taken the term "friends" to a whole new level



John relaxes in timeout after stomping his feet and shouting, "It is to my day too! Isn't it, Ben?!"





John's Celebrity Look-alikes



**Ashton
Kutcher**
72%



Brad Delson
75%



Marc Anthony
78%



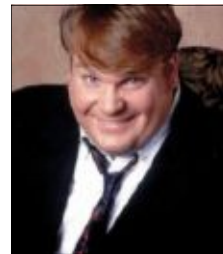
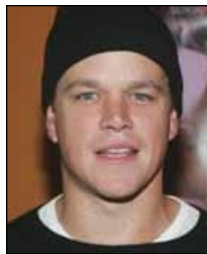
Mother Teresa
73%



**Jason
Newsted**
70%

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The Gladiators

Ben Fry

Career Earnings: \$22.50

Handicap: 13

Assignment: Beverage Boy

Roommate: Bradberry

1st Round Matchup: Colton (25)



Weary of the whole “wedding day” ritual, Ben thinks back to happier times on the mound.
(Little Known Fact: At the zenith of his baseball career, Ben made first-alternate pitcher on the Salem Youth 13+ All-Stars! That’s something that can never be taken away.)

What People are Saying...

...The only way Ben could compete for the title is if we played a course that had a retaining wall 50 feet tall that ran down the right rough for the entire length of the course.

... Until he learns to overcome his extreme mental deficiencies he will continue to struggle on the big stage.

... Ben and John’s relationship seems built more on a foundation of unilateral admiration and respect (like, say, Dr. Frankenstein and Igor)



Ben's Celebrity Look-alikes



Roger Moore
56%



Brett Hull
58%



Gus Van Sant
62%



Jensen Ackles
56%



Gavin
Rossdale
55%

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The Gladiators



Dave Linden

Career Earnings: \$49.50

Handicap: 16

Assignment:
Snacks & Such

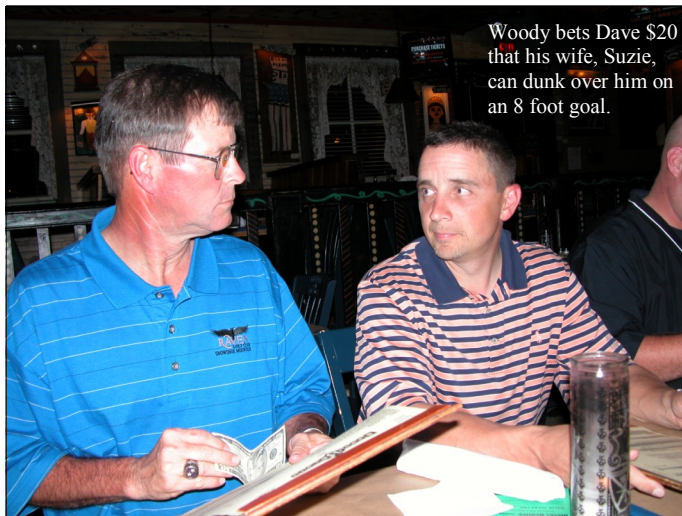
Roommate: Blankenship

1st Round Matchup: Dill (2)

What People are Saying...

... Dave Linden is arguably the best striker of the golf ball I have ever been associated with.... Dave Linden is a gifted athlete, a remarkable bunker player, and possesses a surgeons touch around the putting surface.

... we had this big build up of him coming to the SMC, but I don't even remember seeing him there.





Dave's Celebrity Look-alikes



Friedrich Hayek
61%



Julio Iglesias
62%



Raoul Bova
67%



George W. Bush
62%



Rock Hudson
57%

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Day 1



Saturday, March 10, 2007
8:52am

Heathland



The par 71 Heathland Course, designed by Tom Doak, is a return to the grand "Old Country" traditions of the game. It has been distinctly molded in the image of the British Isles links courses, with holes reminiscent of familiar links like St. Andrews, and lesser known gems like Lahinch and Cruden Bay. Most of the holes are without high vegetation, providing a visual presentation like no other course in the area. The challenge and difficulty of this course comes primarily from the unobstructed breeze that wafts constantly over the course, and the strategically placed bunkers and lush, deep rough that closely border all fairways.

Many of the greenside bunkers are deep and require creative shots to make an escape

Rated one of the "Top 10 New Resort Courses in the World" by GOLF Magazine in 1990, Heathland's design allows players of all ability levels to "step back in time."

Yellow Tees
6,785 Yards

Rating: 72.3
Slope: 127

SMC Play-in Matches/Qualifying

Stableford/Vegas Teams and Round 1 MatchPlay Pairings (Blind Draw)
(Play-in matches in boxes)

<u>8:52</u> Assaid (1) Edmunds (4) <table border="1"><tr><td>Dill</td></tr><tr><td>Linden</td></tr></table>	Dill	Linden	<u>9:00</u> Hale (2) Rogich (3) <table border="1"><tr><td>Colton</td></tr><tr><td>Fry</td></tr></table>	Colton	Fry	<u>9:08</u> <table border="1"><tr><td>Blankenship</td></tr><tr><td>Deans</td></tr><tr><td>Bradberry</td></tr><tr><td>Stephens</td></tr></table>	Blankenship	Deans	Bradberry	Stephens
Dill										
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Deans										
Bradberry										
Stephens										

Skins

Daily Purse: \$36.00

Vegas

Purse: \$40.00/Team

Four-man Stableford

Purse: \$60.00/Team

Team Points: 1

Short Game Championship

1st and 2nd round matches will follow morning round (discretionary)

Afternoon Round

Discretionary



Day 2



Sunday, March 11, 2007
8:52am

Parkland



Taking its place alongside the award-winning Heathland and Moorland courses, Parkland is quickly establishing itself as the most exciting new course in Myrtle Beach. Offering distinct contrasts to the first two Legends courses, Parkland demonstrates the diversity and beauty of the natural terrain with contoured, tree-lined fairways, vast natural areas, deep-faced bunkers and massive, multi-level greens.

Opened for play in October 1992, Parkland is modeled after the style of architects Alister MacKenzie, (Augusta National) and George Thomas (Riviera Country Club). Playing the unforgettably challenging fairway and green-side bunkering requires a deft touch off the tee and on the approach. From tee to green, strategy will be the order of the day on this stunning, par-72 playing field.

Green Tees
6,460 Yards

Rating: 71.2
Slope: 130

Round I of SMC

	<u>8:52</u>	<u>9:00</u>	<u>9:08</u>
<u>A</u>	1 Assaid 8 _____	<u>B</u>	2 Hale 7 _____
	9 _____		<u>C</u>
	12 _____	10 _____	3 Rogich 6 _____
		11 _____	<u>D</u>
			4 Edmunds 5 _____

Skins

Daily Purse: \$36.00

2 Best Balls (Four-man Teams)

Purse: \$60.00/Team

Team Points: 2

Calcutta: *Day One*

Short Game Championship

1st and 2nd round matches will follow morning round (discretionary)

Afternoon Round

Discretionary

Calcutta

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



Day 3



Monday, March 12, 2007
11:56am

TPC of Myrtle Beach



Walk in the footsteps of golf's legends - Tom Watson, Gary Player, Ray Floyd, Lee Trevino, Lanny Wadkins and others - at the PGA Tour's own TPC of Myrtle Beach, former host of the SENIOR TOUR Championship. TPC is regarded among the top courses in America:

"America's Top 10 New Upscale Public Courses" - Golf Digest, 1999

"Top Courses You Can Play" - Golf Magazine, 2000

"Top 100 Golf Shops in America" - Golf World Business, 2001, 2002

"Top 10 Courses in South Carolina" - GolfWeek, 2002

Gold Tees
6,600 Yards

Rating: 70.3
Slope: 126

Round 2 of SMC

11:56

L(C) _____
(10) _____

L(A) _____
L(B) _____

12:04

a W(A) _____
W(D) _____

(11) _____
(12) _____

12:12

b W(B) _____
W(C) _____

L(D) _____
(9) _____

Skins

Daily Purse: \$36.00

Two-man Stableford

Purse: \$60.00/Team

Team Points: 3

TEAMS

L(C)/(10)
L(B)/L(A)

W(A)/(12)
W(D)/(11)

W(B)/(9)
W(C)/L(D)

Calcutta: Day Two

Semis/Finals of Short-game Championship

Purse: \$25.00

Summit Dinner

7:00

Liberty Steakhouse & Brewery

Broadway at the Beach
Myrtle Beach, SC
(Alcohol and gratuity included)



Day 4



Tuesday, March 13, 2007
8:52am

Moorland



Considered one of the greatest challenges on the East Coast - a par 72 triumph - Moorland was designed by noted golf architect P. B. Dye and opened for play in 1990. Large expanses of natural growth, sand, water and waste areas combine with extraordinary undulations and bulkheads to present a course reminiscent of the PGA West Stadium Course.

This controversial course is definitely a "target" golf course. Created in the Dye tradition, Moorland will cause golfers to rise to incredible heights on the sculpted terrain, sink to considerable depths in the bunkers, and constantly use every ounce of skill and luck in their possession. Moorland indeed earned its designation as one of the "Top 10 New Courses of 1990," by Golf Digest. Play the 245 yard par-4 16th and see for yourself why the large bunker guarding the green is so appropriately named "Hell's Half Acre."

Gold Tees
6,799 Yards

Rating: 73
Slope: 134

Final Round of SMC

Payout to Winner of Championship Match: \$100.00

<u>8:52</u>	<u>9:00</u>	<u>9:08</u>
L(C) _____	L(9) _____	W(a) _____ W(b) _____
L(D) _____	L(B) _____	
L(a) _____	L(b) _____	L(A) _____
(11) _____	(12) _____	(10) _____

Skins

Daily Purse: \$36.00

Best Ball (Two-man Teams)

Purse: \$60.00/Team

Team Points: 4

	<u>TEAMS</u>	
L(a)/(11)	L(b)/(12)	W(a)/(10)
L(D)/L(C)	L(B)/(9)	W(b)/L(A)

Awards Presentation

SMC Champion (\$100): _____

Low Net (\$50): _____

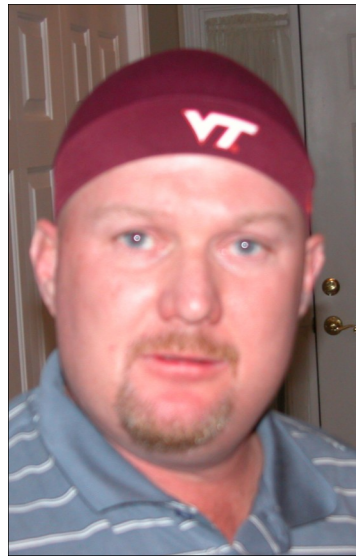
Individual Team Champion (\$25): _____

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

SMC Runner-up (\$50) _____

The Summit Photo Gallery

Courtesy of Greg Stephens

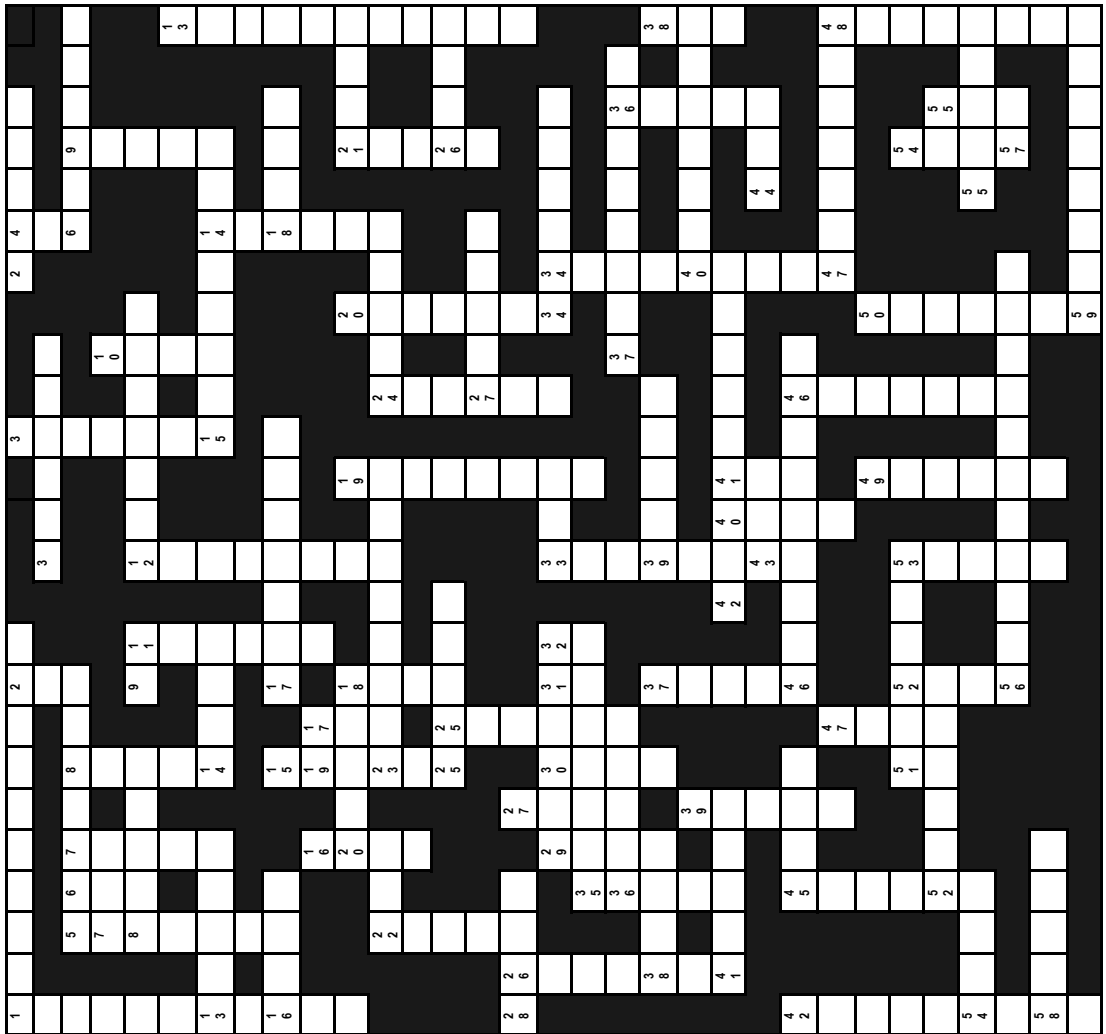






The Summit Crossword

Courtesy of Greg Stephens



DOWN

- A Common Score Among Summiteers
- Tail Left
- Fenway Park For One
- Level Score
- Not Domestic
- 19-Hole Libation
- Jack-Ass
- Summit Grub
- Dance Floor
- Boring
- Relatively Benign Hazard
- Choice Of Most Pros
- Mickelson And Hale
- In The Leather
- Winter Gutter Hanger
- Our Golf Governors
- Son ___ Blich
- Visual Marker Of A Golfer's Destination
- Numerical Indicator Of Skill
- Score Improvers
- Don't Forget To Replace It After The Shot
- VT Alum
- In Two From The Beach
- Ferocious Competitor
- Wisdom Imparter
- Enormous
- e.g., Bo's Offer To Hale -- 2 a ___
- Breakfast, Lunch, or Dinner
- This ___ It
- Was A 17 Year Old PGA Phenom, Now On The Nationwide Tour
- The Stephens V. Hale Match Of 2005
- Ace
- Judge Smalls' Putter
- Gash
- Best Ever?
- Tree
- Joe's Summit Championship
- Quickly
- Gross -- Handicap =
- War Eagle Man
- Career Money Leader (Non Calcutta Division)
- Linden, Fry, And Bradberry Last Year
- El ___ Tx
- The Long Driver
- Lowest Profile Summiteer, Flies Under The Radar... So Far
- Old School Wedge
- One Shot ___ A Time
- One with an Over-inflated Opinion of Oneself
- The Nicest Summiteer By Far
- It Can Be A Duck Or Pail
- Ultimate Destination Of The Dimpled Sphere

ACROSS

- Hole That Bends In A Hooking Direction (To Most)
- Fringe Area Around The Green
- Our General Destination
- You'll Find Bart & Woody Here Most Often
- Rule
- Like Deans And Dill
- ___ing Champ, Joe Assaid
- Stroke And Distance Is The Penalty For This
- Get Ready To Hit
- Geberger Or Muebeiger
- Low Net Of The Group For A Hole
- Irish Do-Over
- Civilized One
- Our Specific Destination
- A Coin On The Green
- e.g., Corp.
- Close To The Pin
- Fuzzy Little Irish Foregner
- Keep All To One's Self
- Big Money Event
- A Really Bad Fade
- Rarest Of Raptors
- Leave Out
- You Do This For Show
- Out of ___ (A Little Off)
- Name Of The Event
- Spy Org.
- Golfer's Dreaded Affliction
- Ernie
- Utopian
- Woods' Sherpa
- He Talks The Talk But Walks The Walk and Deals
- Everyone but Edmunds, Hale, Assaid, Rogich, and Deans
- Not For The Faint Of Heart
- ___ Flush
- Chip And A Putt
- Compass Dir.
- Tin Cup Hero
- Edmunds & Hale
- The Director
- 06 Champ
- He Has The Highest Net Golf Value
- Locale in SoCal
- To ___ His Own
- The Sprinch
- Short Game Whiz
- Military Duty
- Euro. Gov. Body Of Golf
- Payne's Pants

The Summit Word Search

Courtesy of Greg Stephens

Find the 24 Summit words placed in the puzzle.

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 in the Ryder Cup this past year. Being prepared, that's something that's important to me. I need to know everything about of my other 11 opponents. I need to know what makes them tick, what sets them off. I will get every little dirty detail about my day's opponent and will use it if needed. Some my call it talking smack, but I call it being prepared. **[PTS]**

Weaknesses- Being a perfectionist, I sometimes let the little things bother me, but I would say my biggest weakness is staying focused. Staying focused will be tough for me this year. I'm kind of like Michael Jordan, once he mastered his craft (basketball) he then looked for another challenge (baseball). I have reached the golf pinnacle, so now I'm pursuing other challenges, maybe bowling. **[Bring it!]**

AN: Describe how your beautifully rhythmic practice swing prepares you for your lightning-fast, and seemingly unrelated, spasmodic actual swing.

JA: Say what you will about my swing, but it gets results. Not everyone swings like Jim Furyk either, but the bottom line is the man is a winner.

AN: After years of golf, to what do you attribute your recent break-

throughs in scoring and related plummeting handicap?

JA: I will have to say that one of my fellow SMC competitors, Kevin Dill, helped me with my breakthrough year. Oh, everything was in place, I had new clubs, I was striking the ball well, was coming off of good year, so Kevin just had to basically set the table for me. I bumped into him at the driving range one day, he noticed a slight glitch in my swing, I made the proper adjustment and the rest you can say is history. Kevin and I still stay in touch but it usually through e-mails.

AN: How did you feel differently going into the '06 Summit from the previous five, where you were pretty much a non-factor, and to what do you attribute that difference?

JA: As I mentioned earlier, I was runner-up the year before in the SMC, so I knew that the trophy was obtainable. I also had a great summer of golf that culminated with me being the club champion at my home course. So it was the 5th flight, I still had to win 4 tough matches **[Editor's Note: Joe defeated Clarence Jacobs (highly-decorated World War II vet) in the semis before dispatching Ethel Harnett in the finals 4-and-2. Some controversy arose when Joe accused Ethel's**

granddaughter, Brittney, who was caddying at the time, of modifying her equipment. Tournament officials ultimately ruled that walkers do not fall under the heading of "golf equipment", but Ethel never recovered.] You could say that I was on a roll, and couple that with a mild mid-Atlantic winter which allowed my to play and hit balls, I just came in confident and cocky.

AN: What about the "South Carolina Curse"?

JA: Going to Myrtle Beach is like my home away from home. I've made the trek South of the Border at least once a year for the past 25 years. I'm in my comfort zone on the Grand Strand.

The so called "South Carolina Curse" was just an attempt by one of my opponents to throw me off my game. Probably started by one of those guys who was towards the end to their career and had never won anything on this trip before. Jealous of my recent success. Never was and will never be a "South Carolina Curse". **[Editor's Note: Joe has a Summit record two High Net titles and one runner-up; he is also in sole possession of the High Gross & Net for an individual round and the tournament as a whole, biggest collapse from first round to last, and lowest ever Calcutta bid. These may be some of the factors that have led many to believe he is cursed. Joe's eternal optimism is a shining example for us all.]**

AN: What went through your head when you saw the brackets and the grueling path you would have to a Championship?

JA: I was actually licking my chops when I saw the brackets. I had a 1st round bye so I just worked on my game the first day and waited to see who I would draw. **[PTS]**

AN: Briefly describe your matches against Blankenship and Hale

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leading up to the finals.

JA: *Luckily I got Bo Blankenship in the 2nd round, and this guy was so caught up in his betting book that he took me for granted and I just dusted him. Bo as usual was at a loss for words or should I say any nice words to me or anyone around him.*

Next round I drew the reigning Champion, Steve Hale. I had played him the year before, so I knew what his game was all about. Not much off the tee, but good with the flat stick. Basically I just let him make all the mistakes. This was by far the easiest of my matches, I believe we shook on #11. As we have all heard by now, he didn't take it well. [PTS]

AN: What was going through your mind when you realized you would be returning to the finals for the



third time without much prior success?

JA: *Just play the way I had in the previous matches and the Championship would be mine. All the pressure was on my opponent, I was not expected to be there so I had no pressure. Just play my game.*

AN: How intimidating was it facing someone with the Summit record Edmunds has amassed?

JA: *Intimidated? Are you kidding? Not at all. If you recall, I dismembered this poor guy last year in the first round. If anything he was still trying to figure out what hit him. I did him a favor last year and took him out early so he could relax and enjoy himself. [PTS]*

AN: Describe how the first twelve holes of your Finals match went as you jumped out to, what seemed like, an insurmountable lead.

JA: *Just as I had thought, with the beatdown I gave him the year before, he knew he didn't have a chance. I was surprised that he even showed up at the 1st tee that morning. Sometimes back in Roanoke, when I'm out playing some holes with my 8 year old son, I let him tee it up at the 150 marker and play it in from there. I really felt like letting Bart do that same thing. The guy couldn't win a hole or catch a break. I think I was 5 up after 9 holes. I put it on cruise control. I'm not out there to embarrass anyone, much less the tournament organizer, I want to keep coming back on the trip. Nothing changed on the back nine except for the fact that Bart had rallied his little buddies together and collectively they were going to try and derail my train. [PTS]*

AN: Describe both the events and the emotions beginning with the thirteenth hole of your Finals match.

JA: *As I said before, things were going great until #13. As usual I had the honors, and as I stepped up to survey the hole I hear Bart and Chris in a heated discussion about the best way to drive to somewhere in North Carolina. I looked over to them as to say I'm about to hit but they just kept talking. Keep in mind that they are directly behind me and only about six feet away. I had pretty much blocked them out and had addressed the ball. When in the middle of my backswing, Bart asks me would I take route 29 or route 15 to Raleigh. Yes, my match play opponent says this to me in the middle of my backswing. As most of you well now, I go from setup to striking the ball in less than 4 seconds. I proceeded to top the ball through some scrubs and*

mulch before it came to rest 15 yards off the tee box in the rough. As you can imagine, I'm steaming right now and unable to collect my composure. I proceed to lose the hole and I'm now 4up with 5 holes to play. [Editor's Note: Researchers conducted a series of studies to determine if it was indeed possible to utter a complete word during Joe's backswing. Findings proved beyond any doubt, that, with the exception of a small tribe found deep in the rain forests of the Amazon basin, no more than 1/2 of one syllable can possibly escape human lips throughout the course of Joe's entire backswing. Side note: Psychologists say that the thirteenth hole is the most likely epicenter of what has been diagnosed in Joe as PTS syndrome. Point of clarification: He was actually only 3 up with 5 to play after this hole.]

AN: What was going through your head as The Great One began battling back and the title seemed, unbelievably, to be slipping away?

JA: *Still rattled by the antics from my opponent and his henchmen, I proceed to lose holes 14, 15, and 16. I'm up 1 with 2 to play [even with 2 to play], but if you know our tie breaker system the last 3 holes are counted, so I had to win 17 and either tie or win 18 to win the match. I was just thinking win 17 and see what happens. All I could hope for was that he would pull one into the march on the par 3 17th. Yeah, I was nervous and very concerned, but I was still in the lead.*

AN: Describe your opponent's demeanor/temperament throughout the Finals match.

JA: **(Declined comment stating only: "He was never mean or lost his temper around me.")**

AN: What do you consider to be the decisive moment in your Finals victory and why?

JA: *The 17th proved to be the biggest hole of the match. Black Bart had the honors and proceeds to hit his*

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tee ball on the green about 30 [20] feet from the pin. Having lost the last 4 holes in a row and my opponents ball already safely on the green, I had to do something. I nervously reached into my bag and grabbed my 3 iron. If you go left the ball is in the marsh, if you go right your in the treacherous bunkers and you then have to blast out of those with the marsh as your back-stop. My only hope was to aim just left of the bunkers and hope for the best. I hit probably my purest iron shot of the day, the ball started out over the bunkers and started a slight draw. As Bart watched with amazement and I watched in disbelief, the ball settled down about 4 [15] feet behind [below] the pin. The pressure was now off me and Bart. I end up paring the hole and Bart makes a not so easy second putt for the tie [three-putted to lose]. So now I'm still 1 up, but like I said earlier, I still need to tie or win #18 to get the victory.

AN: Respond to critics who say that without Ben Fry's guidance, Edmunds takes home his third SMC title.

JA: First off, what most people don't realize is that Ben Fry was just agreeing with what I was going to do, not giving me any guidance [Editor's Note: Having just watched Bart stripe his 3-wood second shot up the middle, Joe, with 5-wood in hand, muttered something along the lines of "Oh my gosh! I don't know what to do. I'm scared! Hold me, Ben.". To which Ben responded, "Calm down, Partner. Put that thing away. Use your 5-iron and play your game." Joe proceeded to block the 5-iron into a dog-pen in the right rough—a shot that, had it scraped off the toe of his 5-wood as he had planned, would have ended up next to a bloated possum somewhere on the shoulder of Hwy 17.] And secondly, even after I hit my approach shot into the bunker, all Mr. Edmunds has to do is hit his ball, that was in the middle of the fairway about 70 yards out, somewhere on the green and he has a real



chance to win it. Instead he chunks it into the beach and he goes on to lose. Answer me this, who let their emotions and pressure get the best of them? [Editor's Note: Those present on that final day at Glen Dornoch will remember that Mr. Edmunds was forced to hit a delicate three-quarter wedge straight into the mouth of a howling gale to a protected pin. Analyst, Chip Beck, commented that he always had the option of 'playing safe to the center of the green and locking-up a number four seed for next year.' Mr. Edmunds decided to lay a soft lob into the wind in an effort hole-out and end the match. A huge, unexpected gust of wind blew what, otherwise, looked like a near-perfect shot backwards into a gaping greenside bunker. Despite his heroic attempt and the resultant mishap, he went on to get up-and-down from that same devilish bunker to halve the hole.]

AN: How do you feel about those that say that you won because of a flawed handicapping system and/or because one of the courses was too easy?

JA: We all play the same courses, under the same conditions, and by the same rules, it just boils down to who's hitting quality shots. Everyone has a bad round every now and then, and unfortunately sometimes a bad weekend. Some players just know how to win at matchplay and some are there for a long weekend with his buddies. Like Tiger, my singles record is far better than my record with a teammate, that's because when it's game time I'm always ready to play. All I can say is, there's always next year. [PTS]

AN: Describe your thoughts as you prepare to defend your title in just over one month.

JA: I'm on top of the world. On cloud nine. I've got a lot of confidence with my game now, so I'm expecting to go back to back. Yeah, the first back to back SMC Champion. That's unheard of, but I know I can accomplish this feat. I've waited 365 days long days to get back to the place that put me on the world golfing map, and I promise you no one will stand in my way. Any chance I can get a private room? [PTS]

AN: What are you doing to prepare for this year's Summit?

JA: Vacationing, relaxing around the house, polishing the trophy. I had a few speaking engagements around town and have given a few lessons, but other than that just stuck to the basics.

AN: What advice do you have for aspiring young golfers who hope to someday be sitting where you are?

JA: It doesn't come easy and you'll have to put in a lot of hard work. I've putted and chipped by the moonlight many of night, but as you see your hard work will eventually pay off. And if at all possible, lay down in the first round so you can get more shots for the rest of the tournament. [Editor's Note: Mr. Newman noted that Joe seemed, if only for a moment, to emerge from his PTS catatonia as he uttered his final sentence.]

— A.E. Newman,
Crack Correspondent

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to the fact that he and Colton are now the only members of the original "War at the Shore 2000" participants who have yet to win an SMC title. Some would say it is a toss-up but with the number of strokes he is getting I give the edge to Bo.

- I guarantee you that if I had Steve Hale's golf game, I would be taking home the trophy every year. It is the mental aspect of the game, however, that has generally been Steve's downfall. It just goes to prove that sometimes you can over think it! However, my pick is still Steve Hale. How can you pick against him. It would be like picking Boise State over Oklahoma in football.

- Woody Deans because of rigorous off season training schedule.

- If it was up to Steve Hale, he could talk his way to it.

- Well guys, let me paint you a picture....Being the new kid on the block last year I felt like I needed to be polite and hold back a little. Let's face it, we all know how sensitive Bart is. However, I have determined through lots of soul searching and meditation to bring it down to my level in '07. I'm no longer a rookie....I am a crafty veteran willing to go places others are not.

- Bo: I will take home the trophy this year, I'm getting too many shots and have too much competitive savvy

- The odds on favorite, in my opinion, would be John Bradberry. His length off the tee, great short game and pleasant demeanor all play in his favor. If he can overcome his mental shortcomings he will walk away with the '07 SMC.

- As much as it pains me to say it, I think this is the year that Bo breaks the spell he's been under since the turn of the century. I know he's come in as an early favorite year-after-year, with more-and-more strokes and still has come up short, but this year may be different. First of all, he has managed to amass a staggering 7 shot opening handicap— his largest since 2004 when he began with 9 blows and had the "smackdown" administered by Greg Stephens in the second round. On top of this inordinate number of shots is his consistent year-round training schedule. No one (with a job) plays more rounds of golf in a year than Bo. Whereas some players, like Bart, have to ask their wives where their clubs are as Ides of March roll around, Bo has been playing three days a week in warmer months and at least once a week throughout the frigid Virginia winter. Backed by the one-two punch of a sandbag full of shots and an almost fanatical off-season immersion in the game, it's hard to imagine Bo not carrying home the trophy— unless of course his collar gets wrapped around his neck and cuts off the oxygen to his brain.

2. In your opinion, who has the least chance of taking home the '07 SMC trophy and why?

- Greg Stephens because he also picked himself as having the best chance.

- Chris Colton. Poor guy. He may want to just give up his spot and come carry my bag for me. That's the closest he'll ever come to the trophy or a champion.

- Again we find ourselves looking to the obvious answer, being Bo, but again there is a hidden favorite. Yes, we all understand that Bo is the Marino of the summit, but don't be fooled. At some point in the trip Steve Hale is bound to be paired with Joe again. And if you remember last year's thrashing, you can imagine that Steve will be horrified. Normally regarded as the summit's best all around player, Steve Hale will be brought to his knees by the mere thought of Joe mercilessly tormenting him again, with shot after shot of perfect golf and 6.56867 shots of handicap per hole. I think we all hope that Steve can recover this off season.

- I think the unanimous choice for the person with the least chance of winning is Ben Frye. The only way Ben could compete for the title is if we played a course that had a retaining wall 50 feet tall that ran down the right rough for the entire length of the course. This would be the only thing that could keep his ball in play on a pressure tee-shot. I've played many courses in the Myrtle Beach area and I've yet to see one that is set up for his game. Now, if we ever decide to play the Summit at the Great Wall of China course, look out!

- I hate to say it, but I have to go with Woody. If you could win by being nice – he would run away with it. Unfortunately you need to make the 5 footer when it counts.

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- Steve Hale because of being tremendously over rated.
- Bo, the best player never to win a Summit Championship
- This person is going to start with a Jean Van de Velde stance & waggle, a Colin Montgomerie back-swing, with a Phil Mickelson '06 U.S. Open follow through.....Kevin Dill can you name this player???????
- Bo: Bart has the least chance of taking home the trophy, Suffering the second biggest collapse in Summit history he was only giving Joe 12 shots last year in the final match. Just one day earlier I had to give Joe 20 shots in a hotly contested match. Even though he constantly stumbled throughout the day he came to 18 only needing a win to seal the match. With an opportunity to put pressure on Joe, with an easy chip from about 10 yards out, he dumps it in the bunker and the rest is history. He may never recover, the nerves are history. Even with his shot manipulation tactics (smt's), ultimately he has to hit a shot, which he proved last year, under heat, he can not do.
- Joe Assaid has absolutely no chance of repeating. The pressure will be way too much for him to handle.
- Again, it hurts somewhat to say this because he is such a nice person, but Ben's game as tumbled so far from the lofty height that enabled him to finish "7th in the state" as a wide-eyed eighteen year -old at Salem High School that there is very little left beyond what resembles the unsightly stain left by a slow-footed possum on Highway 501. If he managed to round up 6 or 8 more shots, or get hold of a handful of beta-blockers to quell his unrelenting "jitters", then all he would have to deal with would be that hook of his— the likes of which not seen since Disney released *Peter Pan* in 1953. Other than that... he's got as good a chance as anybody.

3. **What are the chances of Joe Assaid becoming the first ever back-to-back SMC Champion?**

- From a pure mathematical standpoint, 8.5%.
- Great! I'm the odds on favorite (the Blankenship betting book as most people know is a joke) This book has never predicted anything correctly other than the fact that Bo has way too much time on his hands. I will say that his book is great potty material. Bet the house, the ranch, your office on me repeating.
- After a whirlwind year as SMC champion, Joe has blown his load. 0% chance for repeat.
- The chances of Lil' Joe winning back-to-back titles is about a million to 1, which is about the same as the chances of Woody organizing and promoting a cage match between Bart and Steve on Saturday night before the finals. Won't happen.
- What are the chances that the other 11 players do not show up for the tournament? I think the saying goes – "Even a blind squirrel finds a nut every once in a while". This is the only way that I can rationalize Joe Assaid's championship last year.
- 0 chance of repeating. The sun don't shine on the same dog's a** everyday!
- When Hell freezes over
- I'm not going to lie to you, one of the best chances in the field. I've had the privilege of playing with the defending champion recently. Although, as he begins to realize the pressure he felt on the last hole, will actually start and continue to build right from the very first shot this year...he will begin to shake so bad it will make you dizzy. I give it 50/50.
- Bo: The chances of Joe winning again are 0. Bart still smarts from the final match last year and will use all his shot manipulation tactics(smt's) to make sure he doesn't face Joe again.
- See #2.
- Nostradamus, the 16th century prophet, predicts the end of mankind as being foretold by the development of a certain set circumstances and specific sequence of events. Nostradamus did not know Joe personally, but I'm sure that the phenomenon of Joe winning back-to-back Summits is mentioned, albeit shrouded in symbolism, throughout his writings. To my knowledge, the dominos

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of Armageddon have not yet begun to fall; therefore, The Summit trophy, and mankind, is safe for at least another year. Oh, and another thing... Hades 10-Millenia forecast: HOT with 0% chance of frost!

4. **What are the chances of Chris Colton successfully defending his Hapless Sap title?**

- I guess none.
- If it's in Bo's book, I'll take Chris for \$100.
- I, for one, am thrilled to find out that Colton is coming back this year. With his presence we can all rest assured that the Hapless Sap has found a permanent home. If I had his swing I would quit golf and take up sailing.
- Could this be the year that the trophy is re-named the Chris Colton Award.
- Very, very good.
- He is a lock
- Hey, seriously is Dave Linden going this year?
- Bo: Without question, someone else will eek out the hapless sap title to save Chris the embarrassment.
- Before answering this question I would like to see Bo's odds on the subject. Better than 50/50 unless Woody continues to struggle.
- As hapless a sap as we may all think Chris is, with 25 shots to start, I'm afraid he will be passing the "club" and title this year to someone with even less hap. My prediction: a shootout between As-said and Fry. If Joe is unable to "outlast" Ben, he would be only the second player in Summit history (after Bart in Summits 5 and 6) to follow an SMC title with a High Net title the following year.

5. **Do you agree with the critics that say Bo Blankenship will never win the Big One? Why/why not?**

- No, he is such a physical specimen that one day he will outlast us all. Then again he could find a way to beat himself.
- No, Bo will eventually win sometime, but it will not be in my lifetime. With him being several years younger than some the past champions, I'm sure after Bart, Woody, and myself retire Bo will get one.
- Refer to question 1.
- I would love to see Bo Blankenship get the monkey off of his back, but I am afraid it won't happen. I really feel badly for him. What is downright pitiful is to hear the other players comment about his chances when he is out of earshot. Especially...when you hear the likes of Joe Assaid pile on. Poor Bo! I just hope it doesn't begin to affect other parts of his life.
- Unfortunately Bo does not have what it take to be a Champion.
- One day his dream will come true
- Well, I will say this much. I went on a recent golf trip with Bo. The guy wanted to play in the pouring rain and freezing cold....so the only way I see a Blankenship victory is through forfeiture. I can hear the argument now...."Come on guys it's a golf trip...let's go play"....Bart responds "I'm really not that interested in playing in this weather Bo, what do you think Bradberry?" Before I can respond, Bo has teed it up and hit his first shot....and declared himself Summit Match Play Champion.
- Bo: The critics, (i.e., Bart) are like politicians, they love to hear themselves talk even though they say nothing. I will win the championship this year in spite of the Bart Edmunds smt's. One thing is for certain, Bart won't have anything to say about who wins, other than through a pencil.
- Eventually Bo will win the SMC title, although he may be 65 when it happens. His workout regime

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will allow him to stay in better shape than most of the field and after Steve Hale has won for the 10th time in 2027 he will finally start feeling sorry enough for Bo to let him win once. The title will hurt though, as similar to the Black Sox scandal, all the money will be on Bo to win and the millions he has accumulated will be seriously depleted.

•Refer to question 1.

[Sidebar

Despite my optimism for Bo's chances of winning the 2007 Summit, it is my personal opinion that if the title slips through his fingers yet again this year, that he will join the likes of Greg Norman at Augusta and Sam Snead at the U.S. Open as otherwise great competitors unable to close the deal when it mattered most.

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6. Who is the best driver of the ball at The Summit and why?

- It's a split between Bart & Woody. It's all about the fairway, baby.
- Greg Stephens is the best driver in our group, however we all know his little problem of keeping it in the correct fairway.
- All joking aside I'm pretty sure Greg Stephens drove a 400 yard par 4 last year.
- When it comes to driving accuracy one only needs to witness the competition between Bart and Woody each day to realize how important it is to hit fairways. They are consistently hitting 10-12 fairways a round albeit a little different scoring method than PGA tour requirements. In their competition they often times hit it down the middle, only it doesn't make it to the fairway. That wouldn't count as a fairway hit on tour but in their competition, it's accuracy, not distance that wins the prize. Therefore, I vote a tie for best driver of the ball-- Woody and Bart.
- Greg Stephens – My answer assumes that you mean distance and not direction.
- Greg Stephens. Super Human club head speed.
- Greg is the longest but Bart & Woody have the corner on that market
- Greg Stephens....no questions asked. Being 110 pounds soaking wet and hitting monster drives is awful impressive. I would like to implement some sort of drug testing policy for '08.
- Bo: The best driver at the summit is John Bradberry. Accuracy, ball flight, distance, tempo. To be eligible for this award you have to hit the ball further than 225 yards off the tee. This requirement eliminates, Bart, Ken, Woody, Kevin and Steve.
- Steve Hale is the best driver. Can't hit it far enough to get in trouble.
- Define "driver of the ball". If it means distance, that's Greg all the way. If it means direction, no one is more consistently accurate than Bart, Steve, and Woody. When it comes to flashes of greatness, Bo wins hands down. But if it is that rare combination of consistent distance and accuracy, which I think it is, then my nod would have to go to John Bradberry— beautiful ball flight, long, and reasonably straight.

7. Who is the best iron player at The Summit and why?

- Gotta go with Hale or Dill. Rock steady, both of them.
- Kevin Dill, he taught me the ins and outs on how to work my irons. He can hit it like any pro on the PGA or LPGA tour.
- Clearly Kevin Dill, it's all about divot depth.
- The best iron player would have to be Greg Stephens because of his versatility. He is the only person I've ever played with who could hit a 6 iron anywhere from 60 to 190 yards. His only problem is his communication with his clubs. I've seen him hit it 60 yards when the shot called for 190 yards

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and I've seen him hit it 190 yards when it called for 60. If he ever gets the nerve endings leading from his brain to his hands fixed, watch out.

- Steve Hale – short but straight

- Kevin Dill, reminds me of Bernhard Langer.

- Kevin can out do everyone except Steve

- As painful as this is going to be....I have to say Steve Hale. Damn that hurts.....however the question is.how short will his backswing be this year? Is he going to “punch and judy” his way to being the best iron player?....I hold out my vote.

- Bo: The best iron player is Kevin Dill. Although he hits fairway woods on most of his second shots, when he does hit the irons, they're great to watch.

- Greg Stephens. It probably has something to do with the shorts he wears.

- Tough question. Irons are truly the “scoring” clubs. Driving puts you in position, short-game can save you, but good iron play is the difference between an easy up and down for par and a legitimate birdie opportunity. While much is said about his putting, it is actually Steve Hale's iron play that sets him apart from the likes of Bo, John, and Kevin. If Bo controlled his irons as well as Steve, he could quit his day job and make a living on the golf course.

8. Who is the best pitcher/chipper at The Summit and why?

- Bo slightly over Hale.

- Steve Hale, this short guy really has a short game. Reminds me a lot of Ian Woosman. (you may have to check this spelling)

- I'm insulted that this is even a question. I am hands down the best pitcher at the summit. I have the best control and really the best movement on the ball. Shoot, before I hurt my shoulder I had a pretty solid ERA in college. Chipper? Chipper Jones?

- That's a tricky question. When you say who's the best chipper at the summit, do you mean in the matchplay tournament or are you including the consolatory chipping contest? I mean, if we're talking "let's go to the range and practice chipping", Bo is one of the best ever. I vote for him hands down. But, if we're talking about actually chipping in the heat of matchplay competition during a round of golf I would have to postpone my decision until I've seen Bo under those conditions. I've only played a couple of rounds with Bo in the last three years of the Summit and those have been on Friday or Saturday when I'm bearing down on my semi-final match and he's already been knocked out of the tournament and his only reason for being there was to impose his will on a four-man scramble with a yellow ball and a hi/low bet and distracting those competitors still in the hunt for the grand prize. Where were we.....oh yeah, the best chipper. Even without clarification of the conditions I'll vote for Bo!

- Bo Blankenship – I think it is all he focuses on

- Steve Hale, best short game on the East Coast.

- Bart would have the advantage there.

- That's an easy one....Blankenship....if I never hit greens I would be a good chipper too. Plus, his stats are skewed. Being that he is a good putter, his only concern over the chip shot is to make contact. “Just get it on the green....”

- Bo: The best pitcher/chipper is me. 2 out of 3 short game titles, enough said.

- Kevin Dill. His short game is truly breathtaking. A creative shot maker and one of the nicest guys I have met.

- This one is easy. If Bart couldn't get it in the hole from just off the green, he'd never break 90. He only hits about 3 greens per round and still manages to win Summit-after-Summit. It's really pretty amazing! He can't hit it out of his shadow, rarely hits an iron on the clubface, and his putting has sometimes been described as epilepticsque. It's kind of weird... you watch him scrape it around hole-after-hole, and at the end of the day you're scratching your head wondering how he beat you.

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9. Who is the best putter at The Summit and why?

- Hale. No further explanation needed.
- Woody Deans, not many people can cut a putt like him and come close to making them. This 2-time state champion has the most unique putting style I've seen. Rumor has it he now wants to be called "Old Goldie".
- Take a look at the group picture you sent us! I think everyone is in mutual agreement and was willing to be captured on film worshipping the stainless steel wand as if I were holding the Holy Grail. A picture is worth a thousand words!
- Steve Hale
- Ken Rogich reminds me of Loren Roberts.
- Steve, because he can talk the ball into the hole
- Bart Edmunds...that guy lag putts from 4 feet. That's awful impressive. It's funny how Bart can't hear when his wife asks him to do some chores, but if you whisper "it's good" he is running to the next tee. That's a sign of a great putter!
- Bo: The best putter is Steve Hale. Only hitting it 225 off the tee, miss hitting irons, sculling wedges, topping fairway woods, he better be a good putter.
- Day in and day out, Steve Hale has to be the best putter. His ability to read the greens and soft hands [Editor's Note: Soft hands? What tha...?] give him the opportunity to make just about anything.
- Another easy one— Steve Hale. No one in the field, or any other field for that matter, makes more putts than Steve. When it comes to hand/eye coordination and feel, he's uncanny (as long as he doesn't have to run or move fast). If he misses a putt (and it's usually not by much), one of three things has happened: He misread it; the putting surface was irregular or damaged in some way; or there was pressure surrounding the putt. He's that good!

10. In your opinion, who are the biggest over and under achievers at The Summit and why?

- Over - Probably Bart because he manages to just win baby. Under - Probably Greg because cannot live up to the potential.
- Over achiever is Ken Rogich, this guy shows up every year with a great attitude. The fact that he can actually win a match every now and then amazes me since he doesn't even pick up a golf club until March. This guy eats and breaths NASCAR and as you know racing and golf are like oil and water. Under achiever is Dave Linden, my sources tell me this guy plays practically everyday at the Roanoke Country Club, and we had this big build up of him coming to the SMC, but I don't even remember seeing him there.
- I'm definitely the biggest over achiever, thank you I broke 100 like twice last year. As for under achievers is it fair to kick Bo in the balls again? Hasn't he had enough pain and torture?? The answer is No, Bo is a big choke, definitely best to never win a summit. Sorry Bo. Please don't fire me.
- Woody is the greatest overachiever in my mind. I mean let's be serious for a moment. He is twice the age of some competitors and yet he hardly ever complains about playing from the back tees. He has lost 20% of his body weight since the first SMC event and yet his driving distance has increased! His swing mechanics look like just that.....a mechanic's. Yet he still finds a way to compete at the highest level year after year. I applaud you Mr. Deans. The greatest underachiever.....Bo. Why? Refer to SMC manual and record book.
- I think Kevin Dill has to be considered the biggest overachiever – just for getting invited to the tournament. Biggest underachiever has got to be me – I have been burdened with an unreasonably low handicap which virtually has taken me out of contention for several years before I even tee off on day 1. This needs to be fixed and I think you will see the results follow!
- Overachiever: Bart Edmunds-does so much with so little. Underachiever: Bo Blankenship- Has talent but just gets plain scared.

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- Woody has the biggest expectations because people think he is still young. They forget he is a senior. Joe is under rated because he gets so many strokes
- Bo: Biggest over achiever, Steve Hale, a former athlete with two wins who can't get the club above his left kneecap, unbelievable. Biggest under achiever, Kevin Dill, all he does is play golf and yet he still is a non-factor at the summit. He has probably played 5 times as much golf as the rest of us.
- The biggest overachiever is Joe Assaid. He uses his mental toughness to tune out the world and obviously has nerves of steel. The biggest underachiever is Ben Fry. With his length he should be hitting short irons into just about every green. Until he learns to overcome his extreme mental deficiencies he will continue to struggle on the big stage.
- Ken Rogich is the biggest over-achiever at The Summit. He has very little discernable golfing talent, but brings home the money year-after-year. Of course, if we all took as much time over every shot as he does, we'd probably all score better— although, we'd never finish a round before dark and we'd be banned from most Myrtle area courses. Our under-achiever award would have to go to Bo who has, to date, done nothing but disappoint his fans (Woody) by sitting out the latter rounds of the SMC. As stated before, however, I do believe this may be his year to get that darned monkey off his back.

11. Estimated number of words out of Steve Hale's mouth through the course of the four day '06 Summit.

- 18 hours awake per day at 60 words per minute = 259,200 for four days minus 2 hours per day for self admiration and 2 hours per day for food and beverage = 57,600 for a total of 259,200 - 57,600 = 201, 600 give or take 100.
- Take the over on this one every time.
- Hmmm 25 words a minute, 60 minutes per hour, 24 hours a day and 4 days makes 144,000 words for Steve. I would deduct the hours of sleep but lets be honest, Steve can talk to Steve about Steve, even if he's asleep.
- No Comment
- As Steve has proven on many occasions – you can talk yourself out of just about anything – including the SMC title. This question is like asking us to count the number of grains of sand on a beach. Impossible!
- How many stars are there in the sky?
- The answer to that is simple....take the number of words and divide by his first day score....that will equal the number of seconds it takes for him to have Bart pinned.
- Bo: Estimated words from Steve, let's see, 60 minutes in an hour, 4 days of 24 hours, a total of 5,760 minutes of our trip or 345,600 seconds total. Steve will average a word every two seconds, that makes 172,800 words over the four day tournament. That of course is not including the ride down or the ride back.
- 4,289. After being on pace to easily pass the 5,000 mark, his defeat in the second round at the hands of Ken Rogich will seriously reduce his desire to open his mouth for fear of a large crowd landing in it.
- Steve's incessant banter is like the ubiquitous chirping of crickets on a summer's eve. While it's constancy can be somehow comforting at times, for the most part it melts into the background and becomes almost silent as our brains instinctively filter out irrelevancy. To answer the question... about eight relevant thoughts and an innumerable quantity of chirps.

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12. Your vote for the relationship most likely to stand the test of time: Woody & Kevin or John & Ben.

- Woody and Kevin are already an old married couple. John and Ben are still in the newlywed stage. Edge to Woody/Kevin
- Kevin and Woody. I spoke with Kevin the other night when he was on a date and he said something about Woody. He told me sometimes when he's alone in the office surfing the net, Woody always seems to pop up. So based on that I think the Kevin and his Woody relationship will last for a long time.
- Gotta be Woody and Kevin, they disappear just the two of them a little too often.

--Ben

- I vote for John and Ben. There has never been two men more made for each other. True love is proven when a man is bitten by a snake and must depend on his fellow man to suck the poison from the wound. I can picture in my mind Ben straddled over John, diligently sucking the venom from his wound. Not stopping until John's raspy breathing returns to normal. This is love. With Kevin and Woody I see both of them picking up the phone and calling for help. They are friends, good friends even. But John and Ben have taken the term "friends" to a whole new level.
- My write-in vote would have to be for the tandem of Joe and Steve. It seems that the SMC stirs something deep inside each of them that only the other can quench.

I have tried to be honest and frank with my comments. I believe that the nature of the tournament demands candor. Also, since you are known to be one of the most confidential people in the star city, I know my comments will be handled with the utmost discretion on your part.

Discreetly yours,

K—

- Woody and Kevin will never break up.
- Nobody can come close to Woody & Kevin
- Well, being that I'm a love 'em and leave 'em kind of guy, I will have to vote for Woody & Kevin. After Kevin's collapse, Woody will be in prime position to console his fallen "friend".
- Bo: My vote for the relationship most likely to stand the test of time is Kevin Dill's relationship with himself. He has told me many times, "Bo we have to like who we are. If you can't love yourself who can you love? I'm the greatest golfer I've seen and I try to be humble but it is so darn hard sometimes. When I hit a shot and I think, there is only one guy in the world that can hit that shot, what can I say. I love my game andI love me some me." My friends, that relationship is there to stay.
- Woody & Kevin. Even though they are at a distinct disadvantage based on Woody's current age they are both much too nice of gentlemen to allow anything to come between them. John & Ben on the other hand, will end up fighting over which nightclub to visit. Since Ben will be driving, his selection of a gay bar permanently damages their relationship.
- As we all know, relationships come and go. Even the great ones don't always last: Romeo & Juliet; Martin & Lewis; Brittany & K.Fed; just to name a few. Maybe once in a lifetime do the planets align and allow two people, lost in a sea of fish from which to choose, to swim through the murky waters of emotion and find their one, true "soul mate". Whereas, Ben and John's relationship seems built more on a foundation of unilateral admiration and respect (like, say, Dr. Frankenstein and Igor), Woody and Kevin have successfully spanned the generation gap in, what appears to be, a very balanced and equal partnership. They have obviously discovered the secret to enduring the inevitable trials and tribulations that rip many a good relationship asunder. I believe that, through commitment and hard work, Woody and Kevin will remain a shining example of consideration and compromise toward a common goal for us all to follow— an example that will, without a doubt, stand the test of time.

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handicappers have dominated, what is the breakdown of success leading up to the fever-pitched Final Round? Of all matches played in matchplay format, 52% have been won by Low while Mid and High have won 23% and 25% respectively. “Yeah, but there aren’t as many of them. How many times have they bumped me out of a shot at The Title?” Good question! Low handicappers filled 50% of the Semi-Final slots and 43% of the Finals compared to 29% and 36% for the Highs.

The Calcutta seemed like a prime target for examination given the money involved and the fact that it occurs over a two day period in the heart of The Summit. Examination of “in-the-money” finishes over six Calcuttas revealed this to be the ONLY area where Mid handicappers prevailed with eight top-three finishes compared to five each for the High and Low.

Speaking of money... How does handicap translate to Summit winnings? Once again, it seems the Mids get the short end of the stick. Average annual winnings for Mids over the history of The Summit is \$42.55 per start compared to \$56.10 for Lows and a whopping \$83.30 for Highs. While this may at first glance look totally disproportionate, the numbers have been skewed by the dramatically increased prize-money offered at the ‘06 Summit and the coincidentally prosperous year enjoyed by Joe Assaid and Ken Rogich. The jury is still out on the correlation between handicap and ability to win money at The Summit.

How about net score? If the handicaps are out of whack, then wouldn’t it eventually show up in the net score? Nope. Over seven Summits, the average net score for Low handicappers was 79, for Mid— 82.5. and for High— 83.8. By this stat, the Highs need, on average, four more shots per round to go toe-to-toe with the Lows!

“Okay! Okay! I see what you’re saying, but what I really meant was that it’s not fair when a Low (like Steve Hale) has to face a High

(like Joe Assaid) and give him more than a shot a hole. That’s what really gets me!” Well, that’s happened eight times through the years at The Summit, and the High has prevailed in five including last year’s uproarious “last-straw” match at the harshly criticized Angel’s Trace pitch-n-putt where Joe Assaid systematically dismantled the (then) defending Champion Steve Hale in what has become the poster-child match for inequitable handicapping. In the total of twenty-three matches where one competitor’s handicap exceeded eighteen, the Low has won thirteen or 57%. The conclusion here is that while an 18+ handicap in itself does not offer any discernable advantage in general match play, it does seem, however, to disadvantage the Low when the disparity results in a more-than-a-shot-a-hole situation.

So, where do we go from here? What is the future of the SHS? What conclusions can be drawn from our investigation and in depth analysis? Based on the results of our findings, it is the conclusion of the Committee that while no handicapping system is perfect, and while there will forever be exceptions and anomalies, mankind has yet to design a system more righteous and fair than the SHS as it has been so meticulously crafted by its creator, and it is thus so that, absent any evidence supporting fundamental change, the basic framework of the SHS will remain intact. And, whereas, there appears to be an opportunity for evolutionary growth to an even higher plane of excellence, there will be the subtlest of adjustments to the calculation of handicaps in certain match play situations as outlined on page 4. So it has been ordained, and thus it is so.

“Same as it ever was! Same as it ever was!”

— David Byrne, *Talking Heads*
“*Once in a Lifetime*”, 1980

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SUMMIT SCORECARD

PLAYER	ROUND 1				ROUND 2				ROUND 3				ROUND 4				points
	HCP	GROSS	NET	STATUS	HCP	GROSS	NET	STATUS	HCP	GROSS	NET	STATUS	HCP	GROSS	NET	STATUS	
ASSAID	20																
BLANKENSHIP	7																
BRADBERRY	3																
COLTON	25																
DEANS	11																
DILL	2																
EDMUNDS	8																
FRY	13																
HALE	0																
LINDEN	16																
ROGICH	19																
STEPHENS	11																

SUMMIT MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Seedings

1. Assaid _____
2. Hale _____
3. Rogich _____
4. Edmunds _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____

	<u>ROUND 2</u>	<u>ROUND 3</u>	<u>ROUND 4</u>	<u>ROUND 3</u>	<u>ROUND 2</u>
1	ASSAID A	W(A)		9 W(B)	HALE B
8			10 W(a)		7
		a		b	
4	EDMUNDS D		W(b)		ROGICH C
5		W(D)	L(A)	W(C)	6
9			L(b)	L(D)	10
		11	12		
			L(B)		11
12			9	L(C)	
		L(B)			
			L(a)		
		L(A)	11	10	
			L(C)		
			L(D)		

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