

Legends Resort— Myrtle Beach, SC: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it"

THE SUMMIT

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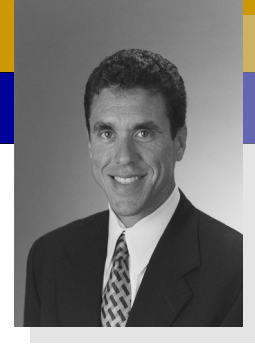
Man of the People!

Woody Deans joins the elite ranks of two-time SMC Champions with a dramatic victory against an obviously overachieving, yet surprisingly scrappy, opponent. In the off-season, Woody gives back to the community by donating an inordinate amount of his time introducing the game of golf to underprivileged youths in under-developed areas.

A Word from the Director

By Bart Edmunds

Tournament Director and Two-Time SMC Champion



And the Beat Goes On...

2007 was an unusual year at the Summit with a variety of surprises and milestones. Even the year leading to the 8th Summit shone with wonder. Much like those witnessing Moses' miracle at the Red Sea, people around the world pinched themselves and scratched their heads in disbelief as Joe Assaid, everyone's "hapless sap", ripped victory from the jaws of defeat by heroically vanquishing the fiercest of all Summit competitors in one of the most exciting finales in Summit history. Believing this to be a sign that the end was near, many loaded their worldly possessions onto homemade wooden boats and began accumulating a wide variety of pets.

Of course the world did not come to an end, but Joe's naïve, fanciful dreams of lightning striking the same spot twice did. Instead, another unlikely and long-forgotten contender emerged from the pack to claim victory. Thought long-dead to the world of competitive golf, Woody Deans, threw aside declining health and walking aids to reclaim the SMC title with a vengeance not seen since Wiley E. Coyote climbed out from under a rock to discover a discarded ACME catalogue.

After an emotional, and somewhat mean-spirited, 2 and 1 first round victory over his protégé, Bo Blankenship, Woody went on to dismantle two former SMC Champions in Steve Hale and Ken Rogich before squaring-off against his boss and life-partner, Kevin Dill. Throughout the day, their match swayed back and forth in a beautiful waltz perfectly fitting to these great competitors' off-course relationship—neither wanting it to end. But end it did, with "the man", Woody Deans, on top again, leaving Kevin in his all-to-familiar bridesmaid role.

Concerns over the scandalous "Black Summiteers" attempts to gain an unfair advantage by sneaking off under the cloak of darkness for double-secret practice rounds were allayed when two of the three culprits were eliminated in the play-in round with the third forced to pack his bags before the second round of actual tournament play.

In testament to its near flawlessness, the SHS[©] proved itself once again as a

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shining example of consummate handicapping by prolonging 8 of 11 matches to the 17th green or beyond (*Editor's Note: In light of the success of the SHS[®], the USGA is currently reviewing and discussing modifications to their existing handicapping system.*).

Despite calls from inside the box to be more like other golf trips and/or tournaments, The Summit and its handicapping system have resisted the Sirens' call in an effort to be something more— something special. By definition, special means uncommon or unique. The Summit has never given consideration to or attempted to be like anything else. The Summit stands alone. Much like Augusta's unwillingness to compromise that which *is* The Masters for the sake of special-interest groups looking to further their own agendas, rest assured that The Summit will not yield its unique paradise in the world of golf by cow-towing to pretenders to the throne and others that would like nothing better than to drag it into the muck of mundanity by nailing it to the common platform and handicapping system shared by countless tournaments played, and forgotten, each and every year around the globe. In the immortal words of Don Henley, "Call some place paradise, kiss it goodbye." The paradise known as The Summit will not be lost. Those concerned that it will become "just another golf trip" can rest easy in the knowledge that the same spirit of rugged individualism that founded this great nation and The Millennium Invitational Golf Summit is alive, well, and still on watch. Fear not, for, in the end, it is our willingness to take the road less travelled that will make all the difference.

See you in March! ***Let's get it on!!***

Bart Edmunds

Tournament Director,
All-time Winningest Summit Participant, and
First 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, February 29, 2008 with checkout prior to the final round on the morning of Tuesday, March 4, 2008.

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 1, 2008 (As in NOW!). Final payment of \$475.00 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: 2007 Ending Handicap = 11. 2008 Initial Handicap: $11 \times 90\% = 10$. 10 handicapper shoots 14 over par. Adjustment would be 1.33 ($(14 - 10 = 4) / 3 = 1.33$), rounded down to 11.

Amendment 2007.1:

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 ($20 - 18 = 2 \times 1/2 = 1$. $18 + 1 = 19$.)

REPEALED!!

New for 2008!

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

FOR HANDICAPPING PURPOSES ONLY, no more than a double-bogey will be counted on any individual hole.

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 \$763.75

Most Money Won (Tournament)

Ken Rogich \$289.00 2006

Least Money Won (Tournament)

Bart Edmunds \$4.25 2003

Highest Earnings per Start (min 2 starts)

Ken Rogich \$109 7 starts

Lowest Earnings per Start (min 2 starts)

Ben Fry \$19.75 2 starts

Scoring

Low Gross (Tournament)

Steve Hale 308 2006

High Gross (Tournament)

Joe Assaid 460 2001

Low Gross (Round)

Steve Hale 72 Shaftesbury Glen 2005

Hall of Fame/Shame

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)

Blankenship/Stephens 67 2007

High Net (Round)

Joe Assaid 99 River Club 2002

Miscellaneous

Highest Summit Matchplay Winning Percentage

Bart Edmunds 67%

Lowest Summit Matchplay Winning Percentag (Active)

Dave Linden 0%

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

\$370 by B.Edmunds for G.Stephens 2007

Lowest Calcutta Bid

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



The Arena

Throughout history, epic battles have been defined by their venue: Gettysburg; Normandy; the ‘Thrilla in Manila’; 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 gold.**

SUMMIT MATCH-PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP (SMC)

DEFENDING CHAMPION: Woody Deans

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: Bo Blankenship

PURSE: \$50.00

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

INDIVIDUAL TEAM CHAMPION

DEFENDING CHAMPION: Greg Stephens

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: Kevin Dill

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 Champ.

Daily Contests

VEGAS

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 challenge provides an opportunity for competitors to vie for what has been unofficially named “The Blankenship Cup” after its perennial winner Bo Blankenship. Participants are rewarded for their talents 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 Blankenship</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>2007 Prizes</u>		
1st Place:	55%	\$1,078
2nd Place:	30%	\$588
3rd Place:	15%	\$294

Interview with a Champion

The Land that Time Forgot!

By H.G.Wells, Staff Writer

Amid rumors of retirement and talk of gold tees, at the age of 50-something, Woody Deans rose like a phoenix from the ashes to reclaim the title he first owned nearly eight years ago.



Woody Deans (center) accepts The Cup from the '06 SMC Champion, Joe Assaid along with Tournament Director, All-time Winningest Match-play Competitor, and first two-time SMC Champion, Bart Edmunds

In the course of our lives, we periodically hear of anomalous circumstances or events that seem to defy the laws of nature— 60 year-old women having babies, 80 year-old men running marathons, etc., but the '07 Summit played out like a bizarre tale from a science-fiction novel, that, in fact, if it hadn't

actually happened, people would have laughed off as a fantasy too far-fetched to be believable. What follows are excerpts from an interview with Woody Deans this past December after the post-Championship euphoria had subsided enough to allow perspective on the year's events.

HGW: 2007 was a big year for you. Tell us about it and how the Summit victory fit in.

WD: 2007 got off to a good start [with my win at] The Summit. I played better in

2007 than ever before. I won one of the Roanoke Valley Senior Tour events at Vista Links. I upset the # 3 seed in the Roanoke Valley Match Play Tournament. I made the Hanging Rock Senior Hall of Fame Team, and won the Hanging Rock Senior Points Championship. Winning The Summit just got me off to a good start. It meant a lot to me being the oldest guy on the tour playing against

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New for 2008!!

2007 SUMMIT PLAYER RANKINGS

Greg Stephens

Greg Stephens, Contributing Editor, has developed a point system to quantify a players' effectiveness across various scoring categories through the course of the Millenium Invitational Golf Summit. He has summarized his results in table format and provided an in-depth, player-by-player analysis of his findings in what, we hope, will become a regular feature in The Summit magazine.

	Low Gross Ranking		Low Net Ranking		Gross Average Daily Place Finish		Net Average Daily Place Finish		Total Stableford Points		Total
Blankenship	1	12 pts.	1	12 pts.	1	12 pts.	1	12 pts.	2	11 pts.	59 / 60 pts.
Stephens ***	4	9 pts.	2	11 pts.	4	9 pts.	1	12 pts.	1	12 pts.	53 / 60 pts.
Deans *	7	6 pts.	4	9 pts.	7	6 pts.	3	10 pts.	3	10 pts.	41 / 60 pts.
Hale	1	12 pts.	5	8 pts.	1	12 pts.	10	3 pts.	10	3 pts.	38 / 60 pts.
Linden	9	4 pts.	3	10 pts.	9	4 pts.	4	9 pts.	4	9 pts.	36 / 60 pts.
Edmunds	6	7 pts.	5	8 pts.	6	7 pts.	6	7 pts.	7	6 pts.	35 / 60 pts.
Bradberry	3	10 pts.	7	6 pts.	3	10 pts.	9	4 pts.	11	2 pts.	32 / 60 pts.
Fry	8	5 pts.	7	6 pts.	8	5 pts.	6	7 pts.	9	4 pts.	27 / 60 pts.
Assaid	10	3 pts.	7	6 pts.	10	3 pts.	8	5 pts.	6	7 pts.	24 / 60 pts.
Colton	12	1 pts.	7	6 pts.	12	1 pts.	5	8 pts.	8	5 pts.	21 / 60 pts.
Dill **	5	8 pts.	12	1 pts.	5	8 pts.	11	2 pts.	12	1 pts.	20 / 60 pts.
Rogich	11	2 pts.	11	2 pts.	11	2 pts.	12	1 pts.	5	8 pts.	15 / 60 pts.

- * SUMMIT MATCH PLAY CHAMPION
- ** SUMMIT MATCH PLAY RUNNER-UP
- *** INDIVIDUAL TEAM CHAMPION

Editor's Note: The table above does not reflect titles or money won. It is simply a blended measure of gross and net scoring over the four day event.

SUMMIT 2007 WRAP-UP COMMENTARY

1. Bo was the player of the year by a mile. Bo combined very strong gross scores with the fact that he never had an "off" day with respect to the field. He consistently placed on top every day. His lack of a title or more earnings on the trip can only be attributed to catching his opponents on their "best" days of the trip. Has to be the favorite going into 2008 but can he handle the low handicap? Get ready for the "Best golfer to never win" debate to heat up again. Just win the damn thing already.

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The Title Defenses

Summit Career Stats

Titles

SMC Champion:	2
Low Net:	0
IT Champion:	0
High Net:	0
SMC Runner-up:	0
Short-Game:	0

Matchplay Record: 9-6 (.600)

Rank: 2

Average Gross Round: 88.84

Rank: 7

Average Net Round: 82.42

Rank: 9

Average Net Summit: +42.2

Rank: 9

Career Earnings: \$426.00

Rank: 5

Average Earnings: \$53.25

Rank: 8

Calcutta

Win: 0

Place: 1

Show: 0

Woody Deans



**Defending Summit Matchplay Champion
2000 Summit Matchplay Champion**

Handicap: 9

1st Round Matchup: Bye (#1 Seed)

Roommate: Dill

**Assignment: Course Directions &
Wake-up Calls**

Deans (Cont.)

The following biographical analysis has been prepared by a freelance writer. Content does not necessarily reflect the position and/or opinion of *The Summit* and/or its staff.

What Animal Most Reminded Of: If Woody Deans were an animal, two creatures come to mind. He could possibly be a cat as he seems to have nine lives in this event, escaping tough draws, coming back to win when he probably shouldn't, being everyone's "best friend" and walking around with a certain sense of confidence even



with his small and frail frame. The other animal which comes to mind is that of a fox.. sly,



cunning, almost manipulative, generous, passionate, athletic, always thinking of ways to pounce on his prey and one who goes for the kill when he smells blood. Is he a cat? Is he a fox? Maybe we should combine the two and settle on him definitely being a cox (ooh, I think I misspelled that).

General Impression: Woody has the uncanny ability to bring people together, to make them remember that in the big picture of life, there are so many more important things than winning. I am convinced this is what has allowed someone with such inferior golf talents to be a two-time Summit champion. His weaknesses include his rapidly deteriorating game, highlighted by his inability to bend over and pick the ball out of the hole (thus his ball grabber on the end of his putter) and his inability to hit a drive more than 200 yards.

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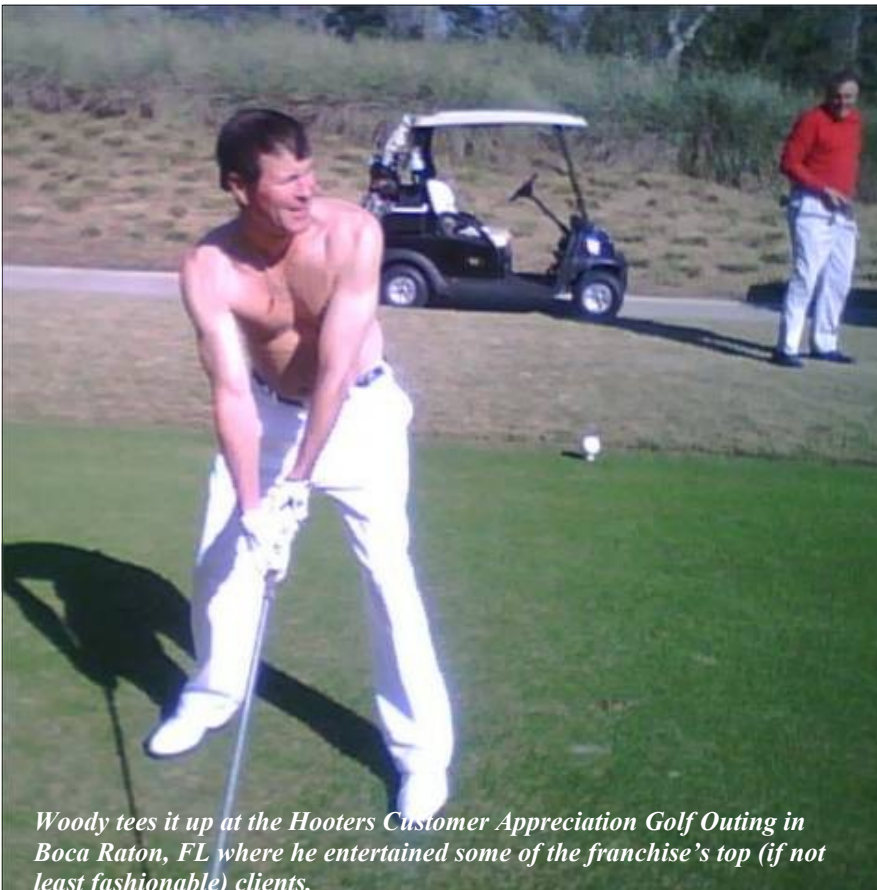
Deans (Cont.)

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General Impression of His Golf Game: Nothing flashy... gets it done. When things start to go wrong however, watch out because 82 can quickly become 95. Yes, his short game is good (who's wouldn't be when they play 100+ rounds per year) and he plays within himself (maybe with too) in order to remain competitive. Truly a pleasure to be paired with because the sun is always shining in Woody's world!

Chance of Winning The Summit: The pressure of defending his championship will be too much for him. Furthermore, he obviously doesn't value the Summit Match Play championship as important, as just weeks after winning last year he was quoted in the Roanoke Times & World News about his biggest golf win and he stated some

rinky-dink senior event he won somewhere in Grundy.



Woody tees it up at the Hooters Customer Appreciation Golf Outing in Boca Raton, FL where he entertained some of the franchise's top (if not least fashionable) clients.

Commentary: Always curious as to what is going to happen when Woody finds out the only reason he is invited back year after year is because Susie makes such great goody bags for all the participants.

The Title Defenses

Bo Blankenship



Defending Low Net

Defending Short-game Champion

2005 Short-game Champion

2004 Low Net

2004 Short-game Champion

2003 High Net

2003 SMC Runner-up

2000 Low Net

Handicap: 1

1st Round Matchup: Bye (#2 Seed)

Roommate: Linden

Summit Career Stats

Titles

SMC Champion:	0
Low Net:	3
IT Champion:	0
High Net:	1
SMC Runner-up:	1
Short-Game:	3

Matchplay Record: 6-7 (.462)

Rank: 8

Average Gross Round: 85.63

Rank: 4

Average Net Round: 81.44

Rank: 6

Average Net Summit: +38.51

Rank: 6

Career Earnings: \$460.75

Rank: 4

Average Earnings: \$57.59

Rank: 7

Calcutta

Win: 1

Place: 0

Show: 1

Assignment:

Gaming Consultant & Oddsmaker

Blankenship (Cont.)

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Bo Blankenship - a.k.a. "The Roanoke Rogue"

What Animal Most Reminded Of:

Definitely a Billy goat (for obvious reasons).



General impression: Bo's greatest strength can be summed up in one word – desire. His overwhelming desire to win the Summit Match Play championship is apparent from the first time you meet Bo. He eats, drinks and sleeps the SMC. Unfortunately, as Joe Assaid is well aware, desire and \$3 will get you a glass of hooch and a pole dance in some parts of Roanoke, but it will not get you the SMC trophy. In an odd quirk of symmetry, Bo's greatest strength - desire – is perfectly counterbalanced by his biggest weakness – SMCCS (Summit Matchplay Championship Choking Syndrome). To the layman it is simply know as "choking". Despite the fact that it has been researched for years, no cure has been found to date. This is a disease that is generally underappreciated, but nonetheless it is quite common on golf courses around Myrtle Beach. The key symptom is the inability to close the deal and win the Cup. As the years have gone on, this syndrome has plagued Bo. He has lost matches when he has been giving strokes, getting strokes, straight up, in the finals, in the first round, Sunday, Monday Tuesday....it doesn't matter. Over the long eight years of this tournament, the result has always been the same for Bo – no trophy. It is a true shame...to want something so badly and have to wrestle with the reality of never being able to achieve must be devastating.

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Blankenship (Cont.)

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General Impression of His Golf Game: From a pure golf perspective, Bo has all the tools to get it done...big hitter off the tee, good chipper, and a solid putting stroke. It is just the big ball that rests on his shoulders that gives him fits. When comparing Bo's golf game to a guy like Bart Edmunds, (whose golf game is a travesty), you would guess that it was Bo with the multiple SMC trophies and not Bart. At the end of the day, if Bo could turn off his brain, he might have a fighting chance. At least, he is a good conversationalist.

Chance of Winning The Summit: I polled the entire field for the 2008 SMC and asked them what they thought about Bo's chances of winning. The general response was "Bo who?" That is normally not a sign of high confidence.

Interesting Story: Bo is probably best known for his covert scouting trips to SMC sites in the months leading up to the event. And who can forget his throw-down wrestling matches with Steve Hale in restaurant parking lots. Bo's golf idol is Bobby Wadkins...for obvious reasons. Bobby, similar to Bo, is a Virginia boy who was never able to get it done on the big stage. Bo's hobbies include cross stitch, making origami flowers and watching the HSN. Finally, to a man, everyone on the golf trip considers Bo to be shy and introverted. He



seldom speaks up or voices his opinion and is content to "go with the flow". In fact, he is so quiet that it takes most of the new guys 2 or 3 years before they even realize that he is on the trip. Don't be fooled though, Bo does have some opinions of his own. You just have to pry them out of him.

The Title Defenses

Greg Stephens

Summit Career Stats

<u>Titles</u>	
SMC Champion:	0
Low Net:	0
IT Champion:	3
High Net:	1
SMC Runner-up:	1
Short-Game:	0
Matchplay Record:	7-5 (.583)
Rank:	5
Average Gross Round:	88.75
Rank:	6
Average Net Round:	81.15
Rank:	5
Average Net Summit:	+37.4
Rank:	5
Career Earnings:	\$330.00
Rank:	7
Average Earnings:	\$66.00
Rank:	4

Calcutta

Win:	1
Place:	2
Show:	0



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

Handicap: 5

**Assignment: Photographer &
Statistician**

1st Round Matchup: Bye (#3 Seed)

Roommate: Hale

Stephens (Cont.)

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What Animal Most Reminded Of: Greg Stevens reminds me of a opossum because he plays dead at home and gets killed on the road.

General impression: As a person, Greg is one of the nicest guys on tour, very smart and high tech. He doesn't have a weakness as a person. A pleasure to be around

General Impression of His Golf Game:



Greg explains to Steve that if he could "at least take it back to here" he would be "knocking it by Joe in no time!"



Greg's strength as a golfer is he can drive it 300 yards. His weakness is that he can putt it 300 yards as well.

Chance of Winning The Summit: Well there is a chance that Miss America could fall in love with Joe As-said, but I don't think that will happen [either].

Interesting Story: Greg's reputation will always be the BIG CHOKE. Never has anyone fallen apart any more than Greg did against Steve Hale on the final hole. It was the most painful thing I have ever witnessed.

The Title Defenses

Kevin Dill



Defending High Net
2007 SMC Runner-up
2006 Short-game Champion
2005 Low Net

Handicap: 4

1st Round Matchup: Bye (#4 Seed)

Roommate: Deans

Summit Career Stats

Titles

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

Matchplay Record: 3-2 (.600)

Rank: 2

Average Gross Round: 82.5

Rank: 3

Average Net Round: 79.92

Rank: 2

Average Net Summit: +32.67

Rank: 2

Career Earnings: \$210.25

Rank: 9

Average Earnings: \$70.08

Rank: 3

Calcutta

Win: 0

Place: 0

Show: 0

Assignment:

Celebratory Cigar Procurement &
Smoking Instructor

Dill (Cont.)

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What Animal Most Reminded Of: Hyena; sometimes referred to

as the Laughing Hyena due to the obnoxious “laughing” sound it makes when nervous or excited. The following descriptive passages are direct excerpts from Wikipedia and speak for themselves: “...*distinctly bear-like gait due to their front legs being longer than their back legs...have striped pelts and manes lining the top of their necks which*



erect when frightened...hyenas have a strong bite proportional to their size...Hyenas are highly intelligent animals, and some scientists claim they are of equal intelligence to certain [apes](#)...hyena species show little sexual dimorphism, usually with males being only slightly larger than the females...One unusual feature of the spotted hyena is that females have an enlarged clitoris called a [pseudo-penis](#), demi-penis or sometimes mistakenly referred to as a nanophallus...position of the genitalia gives females total sexual control over who is allowed to mate with them...All species excrete an oily, yellow substance from their anal glands onto objects...the anal pouch is turned inside out, or everted...Genitals, the anal area, and the anal glands are sniffed during greeting ceremonies in which each hyena lifts its leg and allows the other to sniff its anal sacks and genitals...All hyena species are efficient scavengers...many associate [hyenas](#) with gluttony, uncleanness, and cowardice...Their haunting laughter-like calls inspired the idea in local cultures that

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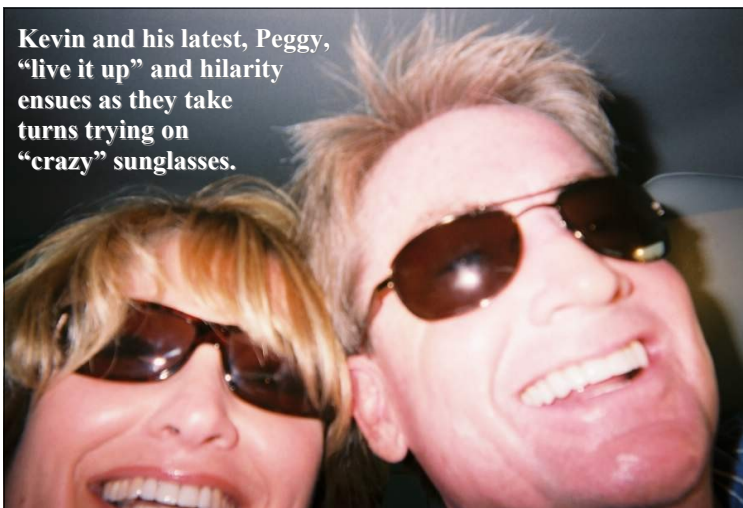
Dill (Cont.)

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they could imitate human voices and call their victims by name. Hyenas are also associated with divination and sometimes thought of as tools of demons and witches...Most African tribes view hyenas as inedible and greedy hermaphrodites...Early naturalists thought hyenas were hermaphrodites or commonly practiced homosexuality...Many Europeans associated the hyena with sexual deformity, prostitution, and deviant sexual behavior.” Nuff said!

General impression: I think most people have a generally favorable impression of Kevin. He always seems so jovial and harmless... almost childlike. Well..., like a child that uses bad language and tells off-color jokes, or one that smokes cigars and drinks alcohol. Actually..., I guess he's not really childlike, but more like a gentle, likeable old man, even though sometimes he says things that are kind of mean and hurtful, and nobody likes getting their feelings hurt. Maybe he's more like a crotchety, dirty, old man with bad habits, but people seem to like him anyway.

General Impression of His Golf Game: His golf game is unusual. He doesn't seem to do anything especially well, but when you add up the score at the end, you always end up adding his up a second time to make sure you didn't miss a hole. His swing is an amalgamation of golfers of yesteryear, with a few modern twists mixed in. It's not uncommon for him to begin with a Bobby Jones setup, Gene Sarazen takeaway, Jim Furyk transition, Seve Ballesteros downswing, and Arnold Palmer follow-through. When he



Kevin and his latest, Peggy, “live it up” and hilarity ensues as they take turns trying on “crazy” sunglasses.

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Dill (Cont.)

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needs it, I've even seen him throw in a little Mark Cal-cavecchia, O'Meara, or Rolfing. All of this seems to produce sort of a schizophrenic golf game that I'm not sure even he has a firm handle on. One thing we know for sure, though, is that he doesn't like the burden of protecting a lead on the back nine. So, if you find yourself in a match against Kevin, and he has a lead riding to the tenth tee, take heart, young man, for the barbarians are at the gate, and it's about to come crashing down on Mr. Dill. Sad, really.

Chance of Winning The Sum-

mit: (See above) His opponent would have to collapse (ie: cardiac arrest, etc.) some-

where on one of the final three holes. Even then, Kevin would need to hurry up an finish before he was revived

Interesting Story: Kevin, Kevin, Kevin... There are so many "Kevinisms", where do we begin? Golfing ability is not the only arrow this multi-faceted Renaissance man carries in his quiver. Believe it or not, he has been fairly athletic most of his life, participating in a variety of sports all the way through high school. Many admire his leadership due to his virtual strangle-hold on the highly coveted "Class President" title from grade-school on. Having said all that, he may be best known for his electrifying, and highly controversial, on-stage kiss in



Oftentimes, you'll find Kevin enjoying Sunday afternoons outside Lowes watching elderly ladies' expressions as they walk by him relaxing on the mowers in ill-fitting shorts.

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Dill (Cont.)

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his thespian days at Roanoke Catholic. I can't remember the name of the play or his co-star's name, but only that he was slightly taller than Kevin. His years at RC, however, were not all wine and roses. Who can forget the time, in an effort to impress the ladies, Kevin races through the streets of Roanoke in his hot, little Carmen Ghia, only to realize, too late, that the passenger door is not securely closed. Naturally, when it flies open on a turn and hits a late-model Lincoln



Sad, really.

parked on the side, there's only one thing to do— flee the scene! (no surprise there) Unfortunately for Kevin, the owner of the Lincoln happened to be watering petunias in his front yard, saw the whole incident, and gave chase in said Lincoln! The rest is the stuff of folklore, but I'll clue you in— it didn't end well for Kevin and fellow nere-do-wells. Subsequent to that incident Kevin became known as, "Oh yeah, isn't that the guy that drives the old postal truck?" Kevin's disdain for the law goes back even further to a series of break-ins, culminating in him and his henchmen being trapped and apprehended by authorities in the Breckenridge Junior High School gymnasium after a highly-charged standoff. No hostages were injured in the fray, but, I understand, a lot of feelings got hurt. Those who know him best, trace Kevin's odd and unpredictable behavior back even fur-

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Dill (Cont.)

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ther and cite cerebral hypoxia (oxygen-deprivation to the brain) as the primary culprit. It all relates back to a childish “double-dog dare” in 5th grade whereupon Kevin and his bone-thugs strong-armed a classmate into drinking urine in front of a throng of amazed and appalled prepubescent boys. Unfortunately for Kevin, once word got out to gen-pop (ie: girls) about quirky fascination with the “golden elixir”, the subsequent fallout was too much for him to bear. The story goes that one morning, in an attempt to escape his pain and humiliation (or possibly just a pitiable effort to garner attention), Kevin sneaks into the restroom at school, wraps the venetian blind cord around his neck, and jumps off the radiator. Fortunately for Kevin, he had mistakenly (some still wonder if this wasn’t all part of an elaborate plot to gain entrance to the inner-sanctum) stepped through the wrong door. Accounts differ as to how long Kevin sat there waiting before the first little girl wandered in and screamed in horror at the sight of a small boy laying limply on the floor of the girls’ restroom. It is my sincere hope, that by sharing these snapshots of Kevin’s life and upbringing, we all will have a little more patience and a better understanding of who Kevin Dill is and, more importantly, why. So, the next time Kevin is just being himself and you feel him getting under your skin to the point that you just can’t take it anymore, reach deep within your heart, find some compassion for his pathetic inner-child, and, above all, don’t blame him—pity him.



Chris happily presents the High Net award to an equally delighted Kevin who had, only moments before, thrown-up all over himself after being dared to drink mint juleps until he got sick. He showed them!

Past Champion

Joe Assaid

Summit Career Stats

Titles

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

Matchplay Record: 7-8 (.467)

Rank: 7

Average Gross Round: 105.16

Rank: 11

Average Net Round: 83.78

Rank: 11

Average Net Summit: +47.81

Rank: 12

Career Earnings: \$525.25

Rank: 2

Average Earnings: \$65.66

Rank: 5

Calcutta

Win: 0

Place: 0

Show: 2



2006 Summit Matchplay Champion

2005 SMC Runner-up

2004 Individual Team Champion

2002 High Net

2001 High Net

2000 SMC Runner-up

Handicap: 18

Assignment: Golf & Lodging
Coordinator

1st Round Matchup: Chris Colton (23)

Roommate: Edmunds

Assaid (Cont.)

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What Animal Most Reminded Of: The animal that Joe reminds me



of is South America's infamous 3-toed sloth. The National Geographic description sounds more like Joe than the mammal itself.

"The sloth is the world's slowest mammal, so sedentary that algae grows on its furry coat... they sleep a lot— some 15 to 20 hours a day. Even when awake, they often remain motionless... Sloth's spend nearly all their time in trees.....on land their weak hind legs provide no power and are a hindrance...they must dig into the earth with their front claws... pulling themselves along— dragging

their bellies across the ground... If caught on land, these animals have no chance to evade predators...and must try to defend themselves by clawing and biting... Though they couldn't be clumsier on land, they are surprisingly good swimmers. They sometimes fall directly from rain forest trees into rivers and stroke efficiently with their long arms...three-toed sloth babies are often seen clinging to their mothers... The three-toed sloth emits a long, high pitched call that echoes through the forest as "ahh-eeee"." Perfect description of Joe's last 40 rounds of golf in Myrtle Beach! Picture enclosed.....

General impression: As a person it is hard to find many weaknesses in Joe Assaid. He is a good husband, father and Christian. It is by the grace of God that you can be all 3 without having an ounce of athletic ability. His strength is in his ability to remain content with his age-defying anti-athleticism. Most athletes strive for consistent improvement, however Joe has remained satisfied with his achievements. Almost as if to say, I've got a great wife, great kids and a great life, I

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Assaid (Cont.)

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have overachieved in those areas so why push it. Therein lies his biggest weakness

General Impression of His Golf Game: His strength on the course, if I have to dig one out of thin air, is his uncanny ability to wear his opponent down with his slow, awkward play. He also has the ability to turn a straightforward 6,500 yard course into a 10,000 yard escapade through wilderness and undeveloped land. As much ground as he covers in a round, it's no wonder he routinely turns in triple digits. Weaknesses are many, but the one that is most unsettling is his willingness to wallow in self pity and underperformance. It begs the question, "How could one stay so bad for so long? "



Joe poses proudly after winning *another* look-alike contest at the Star Pass Resort in Tuscan.

Chance of Winning The Summit: The chances of Joe winning this year's event... let me see... statistically speaking there is a greater likelihood of Ken Rogich showing up this year with a dark bronze suntan and a Hawaiian Tropic modeling contract than there is of Joe winning another title. Do you believe in miracles?

Interesting Story: Not many people know this about Joe and it probably should not be discussed here but... Joe goes once a month to have his back waxed from the waist up. Joe, I know I promised not to tell anyone but I couldn't think of anything else to say. Sorry!!!!!!

Past Champion

Chris Colton



2006 High Net
2001 Individual Team Champion

Handicap: 23

1st Round Matchup: Joe Assaid (18)

Roommate: Rogich

Summit Career Stats

Titles

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

Matchplay Record:	3-5 (.375)
Rank:	9
Average Gross Round:	106.3
Rank:	12
Average Net Round:	83.8
Rank:	12
Average Net Summit:	+44.04
Rank:	11
Career Earnings:	\$385.00
Rank:	6
Average Earnings:	\$77.00
Rank:	2

Calcutta

Win:	0
Place:	0
Show:	0

Assignment: Avoid Confrontation &
Just Try to Get Along with Others

Colton (Cont.)

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What Animal Most Reminded Of: The Javalina (pronounced hah-vay-lee-nah); I first heard of this animal in Arizona and immediately thought of Chris: *"The javalina is the only wild pig in North America. It looks exactly like a real pig except a little bigger. It is a grizzled blackish-gray color with a yellowish band which runs under the neck. The name collared peccary comes from the ruff of hair around its neck. It has small, round ears and beady eyes. Its body is barrel-shaped with short legs. Its head is pointed, ending in a disc-like nose. Javalinas have 3 toes on each hind foot. The upper tusks (1.5 inches long) are pointed down, instead of up like some other wild pigs."* Just a side note, if not for all the hair on this animal, it may remind some people of Steve Hale.



General Impression: Nice guy of the trip. Doesn't say a lot but when he does people sit up and listen. Has the reputation of being very controversial. Softy. Tattletale. Damn Yankee. Bart's boy.

General Impression of His Golf Game: Been known to take a practice swing or two. Takes pride in knowing exact yardage, no exact footage, of each and every club he owns. Self doubter - likes to walk off yardage several times prior to shot. Very aggressive and compulsive gambler on the course. Can plum bob with the best of them - even when it's for a triple bogey. Likes to fist pump a lot! Quantity ball striker.

Chance of Winning The Summit: Zip, zero, nada, never, not in his lifetime, when hell freezes over. If Chris started to play and practice

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Colton (Cont.)

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some more, and really put his mind to it, he would still never win the SMC. Stands a better chance at winning the lottery.

Interesting Story: This is a true story: Chris lay right in the middle of the fairway 150 yards out on this short par 4. Yes, the 3 previous shots finally got him into position to have the green in his sights. Someone yells, "Chris your away". This kind of startled him. The sprinkler head next to his ball clearly stated 151 yards to the green, but Chris wasn't buying it. No, he insisted on walking it off. Just as he suspected, 150.75 yards from the green. What to do? Just then Chris thinks maybe he should get a club. As he looks through his bag. Wait a minute, how far was I again? I need to be exact. He walks it off again. The buzzards are starting to circle. Chris again goes to his bag. What club should I hit? No, no, no, don't you help me. I forgot about the wind. Does that help or hurt my shot? I really don't know, so don't worry about the wind. Back to the bag. Yes, my trusty 5 iron, or maybe old faithful the 6 iron. Is that Woody over there, wonder what he's doing- hi Woody. Where did I put my glove? How far was I again? Chris, like most amateurs, takes the lesser club - the 6 iron, thinking that with this perfect shot he could somehow, miraculously knock this on the green. As he fi-



Chris "races" to finish before darkness falls.

nally approaches the ball, Chris asks his partner, does the grain of the fairway affect my ball flight? Ken said yes, you might want to take one more club. Chris responds, what do you know, this is the perfect club for me. After several practice swings, many of which look like he's swinging and missing the ball, Chris is ready. Wait a minute, Kevin could you go up to the bunker near the green and move that rake. I don't like where it

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Colton (Cont.)

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is. It's in my line of sight. Kevin moves the rake for his buddy Chris. As the next group goes off into the distance Chris proclaims that he's ready to shoot or swing or go or hit or whatever you do in golf. All eyes watch as Chris proceeds to finish this hole. Once Chris walks onto the green, he asks what's the highest number he can take. Like the champion that he is, Chris taps in for his double par. As he strides happily back to his cart he stops to re-count his strokes, hoping that somehow, he miscounted them. No, another double par. That's o.k. I still have 15 more holes to work out the kinks. After placing his putter back in his bag, Chris notices that he's missing a club. Hey guys..... This exact story was told to me by several golfers that played with Chris that day. Some names have been changed to protect the innocent. By the way, Chris missed his flight back to Philly that day.



Chris motions for his seeing-eye dog, Bogey, as he waits for a signal as to how far and in what direction he needs to hit his next shot. (Note: Chris picked-up after hitting an elderly gentleman on an adjacent green and muttering, "Just put me down for the usual!")

Past Champion

Bart Edmunds

Summit Career Stats

Titles

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

Matchplay Record: 12-6 (.667)

Rank: 1

Average Gross Round: 86.44

Rank: 5

Average Net Round: 82.09

Rank: 7

Average Net Summit: +41.04

Rank: 8

Career Earnings: \$260.25

Rank: 8

Average Earnings: \$32.53

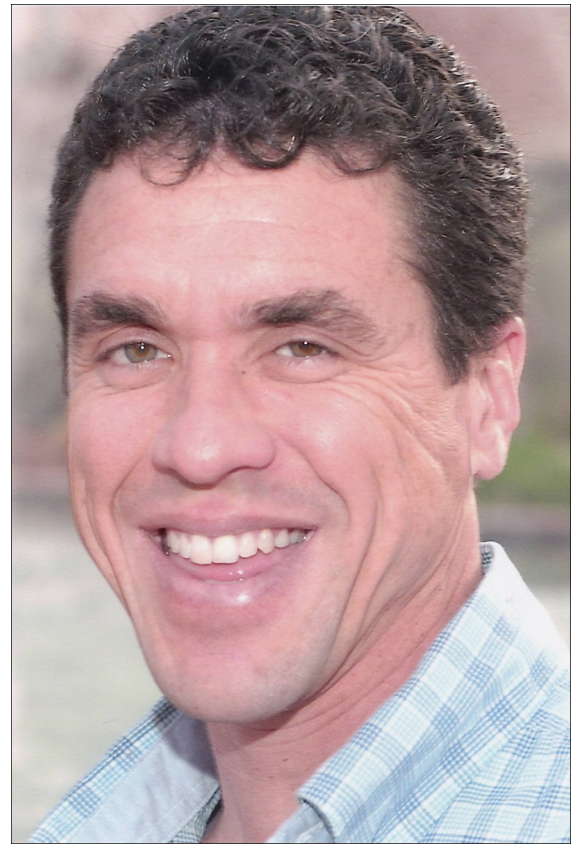
Rank: 10

Calcutta

Win: 1

Place: 1

Show: 0



All-time Winningest Matchplay Record

2006 SMC Runner-up

2005 High Net

2004 Summit Matchplay Champion

2001 Summit Matchplay Champion

2000 High Net

Handicap: 7

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

1st Round Matchup: Ben Fry (12)

Roommate: Assaid

Edmunds (Cont.)

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What Animal Most Reminded Of: Bart reminds me most of a miniature dachshund. *From Wikipedia:* Dachshunds are playful,



fun dogs, known for their propensity to chase small animals, birds and tennis balls (golf balls) with great determination and ferocity. Many dachshunds are strong-headed or stubborn, making them a challenge to train. If left alone, many dachshunds will whine until they have companionship. Some dachshunds are prone to separation anxiety and

may chew objects in the house to relieve stress. According to the American Kennel Club's breed standards, "the dachshund is clever, lively and courageous to the point of rashness, persevering in above and below ground work, with all the senses well-developed. Any display of shyness is a serious fault. Their temperament and body language give the impression that they do not know or care about their relatively small and comical stature. Like many terriers, they think nothing of challenging a larger dog. Indulged dachshunds may become snappy.

General impression: Like the miniature dachshund, Bart is self-confident, happy, outgoing and bright. He genuinely likes the company of others and avoids confrontation when possible. Although generally calm in the face of adversity, he may get snappy when under severe pressure. Don't indulge Bart too much and he will be a great companion on this trip.

General Impression of His Golf Game: Bart has great golf fundamentals. He strikes the ball well and consistently keeps it in play. His course management shows knowledge of the game and he plays

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Edmunds (Cont.)

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to his skills. Although his putting was once effective, he has shown a weakness here over the past few years; he tends to leave the ball short, especially when it counts. Bart's biggest shortcoming this year is a lack of commitment to the game. If he showed the same commitment he did in the '90's, he would be a serious contender. Or maybe he's just getting too old!

Chance of Winning The Summit: Bart is playful and fun and plays the game of golf with the same determination and ferocity that the miniature dachshund shows when hunting small rodents. Despite this, the likelihood of Bart winning the tournament this year is no better than 1 in 12. You may see Bart chewing on the end of his driver to relieve stress or he may whine when his three companions leave him to talk about world news or their last shot. This whining and chewing is obviously distracting and it will hurt his chances of winning. If he gets behind in match play, he will try to step up his game to the point of rashness; he'll take unreasonable chances that cost him dearly. Despite all this, he will remain stubborn and strong-headed right up to the end.

Interesting Story: Bart rented a moped on vacation – it was the first time for him on the big bike. He shunned the advice of friends and experts alike; “I know what I am doing!” He crossed lanes, he swerved, he passed his friends, he pulled back. He was the master of the road! His friends worried! He pulled ahead, then pulled back. He did not pull ahead again. Fearing for Bart, the friends waited around the corner for minutes until Bart reappeared. “What’s up?” they asked, concerned. “Nothing!” he replied. But the telltale blood dripping from his arm and leg told the story that he could not.



Bart watches intently after striping another one down the middle.

Past Champion

Steve Hale



2006 Low Net
2005 Summit Matchplay Champion
2003 Low Net
2002 Summit Matchplay Champion
2001 Low Net
2001 SMC Runner-up

Handicap: 0

1st Round Matchup: Dave Linden (13)

Roommate: Stephens

Summit Career Stats

Titles

SMC Champion: 2
Low Net: 3
IT Champion: 0
High Net: 0
SMC Runner-up: 1
Short-Game: 0

Matchplay Record: 9-6 (.600)

Rank: 2

Average Gross Round: 81.06

Rank: 1

Average Net Round: 80.62

Rank: 3

Average Net Summit: +35.26

Rank: 3

Career Earnings: \$501.75

Rank: 3

Average Earnings: \$62.72

Rank: 6

Calcutta

Win: 2

Place: 2

Show: 2

Assignment: Tournament Gift

Hale (Cont.)

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What Animal Most Reminded Of:

Steve reminds me most of an ostrich. Not because of his slender appearance or even his attractive profile. Rather,

Steve reminds me of our feathery friend because his bald dome is so quickly buried in a greenside bunker when he's faced with a fiery competitor like Joe "The Assassinator" Assaid or Woody "Wax Yo A*s" Deans.



In typical Steve fashion, he tries to get attention by threatening to hold his breath until he passes out and applying silly patches to his clothes.

General impression: Steve's biggest strength is his trash talking. Oddly enough it also might be his weakness...well, that or those heinous knickerbockers.

General Impression of His Golf

Game: Steve's a great ball striker yeah, yeah, blah, blah. But that guy claims to be Loren Roberts with the putter, but make him your partner and "Mr. Boss of the Moss" can't roll it in a 55 gallon bucket

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Hale (Cont.)

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Chance of Winning The Summit:

Steve's chances of winning the '08 Summit are slim. Especially if he encounters a great competitor like Joe Assaid, Woody Deans, Chris Colton, or Ken Rogich. His only hope is to catch someone he can intimidate like John Bradberry or Bo Blankenship.



Steve with his wife at the time, Mary, in San Diego, circa 2001.



Steve responds to reporters after being asked about the "habanero incident".

Interesting Story: Without question my favorite Steve story (that can be told in this book) is when John Bradberry so kindly offered Steve some of his dinner. The moderately confident Steve popped that whole jalapeno in his mouth.— only it was a habanero . After a night of sweating red-faced on the can, Bradberry recalls, "Steve's a*s hurt so bad he couldn't even sit right in the cart!"

Past Champion

Ken Rogich

Summit Career Stats

Titles

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

Matchplay Record: 7-6 (.538)

Rank: 6

Average Gross Round: 102.11

Rank: 10

Average Net Round: 82.68

Rank: 10

Average Net Summit: +43.57

Rank: 10

Career Earnings: \$763.75

Rank: 1

Average Earnings: \$109.11

Rank: 1

Calcutta

Win: 2

Place: 0

Show: 1



Summit All-Time Leading Money Winner

2006 Individual Team Champion

2003 Summit Matchplay Champion

2002 Low Net

2002 SMC Runner-up

Handicap: 19

2000 Individual Team Champion

Assignment: Treasurer

1st Round Matchup: John Bradberry (4)

Roommate: Colton

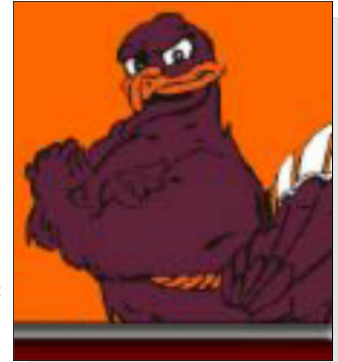
Rogich (Cont.)

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What Animal Most Reminded Of: A Hokie; they often tell you how great they are but never really compete in the big games.



Ken, never one to make excuses, cited a hangnail on his right thumb as the reason for his early departure from the '07 Summit. He went on to say, "It's no big deal... I'm just happy to finally get out of the house for a few days of peace and quiet." His wife, Karen, could not be reached for comment.



General impression:

Ken strength: Being a Hokie he thinks he can win...

therein lies his weakness.....HE CAN'T.

General Impression of His

Golf Game: One of the best ball strikers on the trip. However, never really seen someone so excited about a par

Chance of Winning The Summit:

Ken should stick to NAS-CAR, at least there he can draft off someone else.

Interesting Story: Ken is by far the person who is in the best shape of the guys on the trip. If I were to take 3 practice swings per shot I wouldn't be standing after 16. It shows Ken's dedication to this trip and tournament. Word has it he will be the next person on the cover of Men's Fitness.

The Others

John Bradberry



Handicap: 4

1st Round Matchup: Ken Rogich (19)

Roommate: Fry

Summit Career Stats

Titles

SMC Champion:	0
Low Net:	0
IT Champion:	0
High Net:	0
SMC Runner-up:	0
Short-Game:	0

Matchplay Record:	1-2 (.333)
Rank:	10
Average Gross Round:	82.25
Rank:	2
Average Net Round:	79.5
Rank:	1
Average Net Summit:	+30.5
Rank:	1
Career Earnings:	\$82.50
Rank:	10
Average Earnings:	\$41.25
Rank:	9

Calcutta

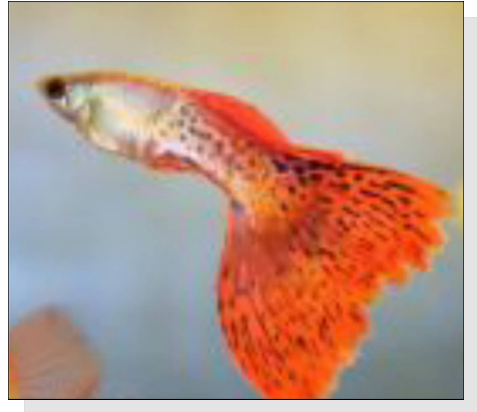
Win:	0
Place:	0
Show:	0

Assignment: Poker Coordinator &
Official Summit Babysitter

Bradberry (Cont.)

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Animal Most Reminded Of: Guppy. I realize that a Guppy is a fish but please hear me out. You see an adult Guppy or Parent will actually eat their own offspring. This phenomena reminds me of John because when I was playing in the Summit Match Play Championship, my good friend John was assisting me all day long. I looked up to him as a mentor. Then all of the sudden with the match on the line; I look to John for assistance and he is helping my opponent with his putt, ultimately throwing me under the bus. So now you see the Guppy comparison. If you asked me to compare him to another human, it would be **Benedict Arnold.**



General Impression: John is an amiable, intelligent, individual who women love and men want to be like. **I Love him like a son.**

General Impression His Golf Game: **A lot of sizzle but not much steak.** To be a little more specific, John hits majestic drives and towering iron shots which seem to fall from the sky. At the end of the day this youngster has trouble getting around the course. It's really one of those age old stories when you ask John "what did you shoot today" and John says "I was two under going into 15..." Then you ask the question again and John sheepishly bows his head and tells you he shot another 83. I believe you see my point.

Chance of Winning The Summit: As far as Little Johnny having a chance of actually winning the SMC? That is really not within the realm of possibilities. As stated earlier John is a likable kid, and a

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Bradberry (Cont.)

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fiery little competitor, but between me and you, he just doesn't have the gray-matter or the God given athletic ability to actually win the Championship. This does not make John a bad person it just means he probably will never be a Summit Match Play Champion. **I Just love this little guy.**



Possibly the best ball-striker in the tournament, many pity his inability to "close the deal". Sources say that while personal problems have plagued him in the past, he, Courtney, and Ben have come to terms and put the whole "love triangle" issue behind them. "I have new responsibilities now and that's something Ben's just going to have to understand."

Interesting Story:

Once, while strolling down the 3rd fairway at Blue Hills Johns asked me "Hey Kev, have you ever **Made love to a squirrel?**" Somewhat surprised I responded by saying, "NO." John replied back by saying "Me neither...but I sure do think about it a lot." Later that year, I had the pleasure to play with John at the SMC. Every time he hits his ball into the woods I notice it takes him a rather long time to return. I am not saying John has and I am not saying John has-n't. I can state confidently that I found a squirrel in John's bedroom at the condo and John had painted his little toenails red. Enough said about that.

The Others

Summit Career Stats

Titles

SMC Champion:	0
Low Net:	0
IT Champion:	0
High Net:	0
SMC Runner-up:	0
Short-Game:	0

Matchplay Record: 1-2 (.333)

Rank: 10

Average Gross Round: 93.25

Rank: 8

Average Net Round: 82.13

Rank: 8

Average Net Summit: +41

Rank: 7

Career Earnings: \$39.50

Rank: 12

Average Earnings: \$19.75

Rank: 12

Calcutta

Win: 0

Place: 0

Show: 0

Ben Fry



Handicap: 12

1st Round Matchup: Bart Edmunds (7)

Assignment: Beverage Boy

Roommate: Bradberry

Fry (Cont.)

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What Animal Most Reminded Of: Ben is like a puppy dog with wide-eyed amazement at all things Summit related. I'm not sure there is anyone, except maybe Rogich, that is happier to be here competing than Gentle Ben. He has boundless energy and enthusiasm and a carefree saunter in his step just like one of those little lab pups. It's as if his entire body language is perpetually screaming "This is so freaking awesome !!!"



General impression: So far, however, as the youngest competitor by a wide margin, Big Ben has yet to demonstrate the mental toughness that only comes from years of experience toiling at lesser events. Ben probably would have been better served by grinding out a few years in relative solitude before competing with the legends of the game. Perhaps he just can't relate to the life experiences of the other competitors. After all, the lad grew up not even knowing that drivers were once constructed from a solid piece of wood. I'm not sure words like "persimmon or balata" are in his lexicon. "Old school" to Ben means a Taylor Made bubble shaft and watching a young Ernie Els.

General Impression of His Golf Game/Chance of Winning The Summit: ... Rumors have been swirling that Ben's devastating pull hook has been throttled back to a mere strong draw and that he may be able to find his tee ball more often than not. If this is true, we could see a quantum leap forward by Ben this year. However, translating some mid-summer work on the more user-friendly muni-tracks in the greater Roanoke Valley to the pressurized golf experience that is the Summit can be tricky. Summit lore is full of pre-

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Fry (Cont.)

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tournament stories of vast improvement followed by less than stellar tournament performance. The pressure can be astounding. More than one competitor has disappeared never to be heard from again. Whether Ben has truly seen the light remains to be seen. His chances in his third year of competition are only marginally better than year two. A 25:1 shot at best.

Commentary: We have all seen Ben toil in the shadows of Bradberry and Blankenship. We root for him to separate himself and stand tall (taller?). Perhaps his extraordinary length will bear fruit this year. Maybe he has developed a left handed Mickleson-esque short game that will carry him into the Summit championship. Perhaps he is ready to go toe-to-toe with other Summit greats. One thing is sure, the first words out of his mouth upon being interviewed will always be, "I'm just happy to be here this week."



Ben proves, once and for all, that he does go both ways by stroking it from the other side. "I've known for years... I've just kept it to myself."

The Others

Dave Linden



Handicap: 13

1st Round Matchup: Steve Hale (0)

Roommate: Blankenship

Summit Career Stats

Titles

SMC Champion:	0
Low Net:	0
IT Champion:	0
High Net:	0
SMC Runner-up:	0
Short-Game:	0

Matchplay Record: 0-2 (.000)

Rank: 12

Average Gross Round: 995.75

Rank: 9

Average Net Round: 81.13

Rank: 4

Average Net Summit: +37

Rank: 4

Career Earnings: \$55.50

Rank: 11

Average Earnings: \$27.75

Rank: 11

Calcutta

Win: 0

Place: 0

Show: 0

Assignment: Snacks & Such

Linden (Cont.)

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What Animal Most Reminded Of:

The animal Dave reminds me most of is the Badger. Quick, resourceful, cagey, tough minded and likes a good fight. It's overall appearance, like Dave's swing, is not appealing at all. But the results speak for themselves. How else do you explain his ability to close the deal on his wife Lisa?



General impression: Also, a nice guy, in the Greg Stephens mold, tends to lull opponents to sleep by saying "Nice shot" at every opportunity while really meaning "lucky f*% #er." Thrives on pressure and, with a gaggle of "collapsible participants" in the SMC, could surprise some people. Also, has been known to have somewhat of a temper on the golf course and at times been referred to as "Volcano" similar to Steve Pate on the PGA tour.

General Impression of His Golf Game: His weakness is his swing. Tends to get the club stuck behind him without the ability to get it back on plane. His only option is a scrape duck hook or a dead block. Good news is his lack of distance doesn't allow him to reach trouble areas, as most hazards are greater than 200 yards off the tee. Strength is his short game. An above average putter and chipper of the ball.

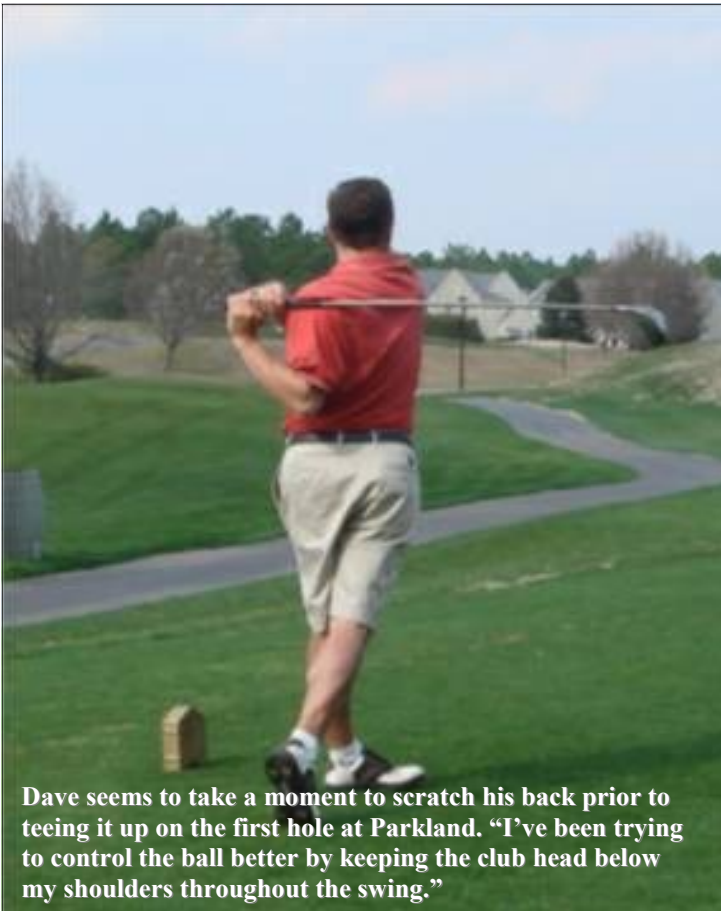
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Linden (Cont.)

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Chance of Winning The Summit: With his gamesmanship and tough-mindedness it would not surprise this participant to see Dave make a deep run in the tournament this year. Known more for his loyalty to Cleveland's professional sports teams and his smokin' hot wife than his golf game his chances of winning the SMC are 6 to 1.

Interesting Story: As a side note: Dave may be the only person in Roanoke to have season tickets to the Cleveland Brown games. A six hour ride both ways to see another disappointing loss by a Cleveland professional sports franchise. He still blames Ernest Byner's fumble for causing the downfall of all Cleveland's sports, as well as, the current economy, the state of global warming, the sorry state of our political system, etc. If I had a nickel for every time he started a sentence, "If it weren't for Ernest Byner's fumble," you know the rest.



Dave seems to take a moment to scratch his back prior to teeing it up on the first hole at Parkland. "I've been trying to control the ball better by keeping the club head below my shoulders throughout the swing."



Day 1

The Play-in



Saturday, March 1, 2008
8:52am

Heathland

Yellow Tees

6,785 Yards

Rating: 72.3 Slope: 127

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."

SMC Play-in Matches/Qualifying

Stableford/Vegas Teams and Round 1 MatchPlay Pairings (Blind Draw)

(Play-in matches in boxes)

8:52	9:00	9:08
Deans (1)	Blankenship(2)	Linden
Dill (4)	Stephens (3)	Hale
Bradberry	Edmunds	Assaid
Rogich	Fry	Colton

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

Four Men Out



Sunday, March 2, 2008
12:04 pm

TPC of Myrtle Beach

Gold Tees

6,600 Yards

Rating: 70.3 Slope; 126

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

Round I of SMC

	<u>12:04</u>	<u>12:12</u>	<u>12:20</u>
<u>A</u>	1 Deans 8 _____	2 Blankenship 7 _____	3 Stephens 6 _____
	9 _____	10 _____	D
	12 _____	11 _____	4 Dill 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)

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

Moving Day



Monday, March 3, 2008
8:52am

Moorland
Gold Tees
6,799 Yards

Rating: 73 Slope: 134

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."

Round 2 of SMC

8:52

L(C) _____
(10) _____

L(A) _____
L(B) _____

9:00

a W(A) _____
W(D) _____

(11) _____
(12) _____

9:08

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

The Clutch



Tuesday, March 4, 2008
8:52am

Parkland

Green Tees

6,460 Yards

Rating: 71.2 Slope; 130

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.

Final Round of SMC

Payout to Winner of Championship Match: \$100.00

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

Skins

Daily Purse: \$36.00

Best Ball (Two-man Teams)

Purse: \$60.00/Team

Team Points: 4

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

SMC Champion (\$100): _____
Low Net (\$50): _____
Individual Team Champion (\$25): _____
High Net (AKA: Hapless Sap)(\$25) _____
SMC Runner-up (\$50) _____

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all [the] young bucks.

HGW: Tell us about your golf game going into the 2007 Summit.

WD: *Going into The Summit, I was only playing fair. Shooting my usual mid 80's rounds. Things just clicked for me that week. It was like the perfect storm, everything just fit into place. I did tell myself prior to the event that I was going to pull up my big boy panties and play with the big boys. My wife inspired me by constantly telling me that I could do it.*

HGW: You must have had mixed feelings about facing, and eliminating, your protégé, Bo, in round one. Talk to us about that match and the general feeling that Bo tends to be his own worst enemy in this match play format.

WD: *I really agonized over this match-up, especially in the first round. It was like Coach against player, protégé against hero, father against son, mentor against admirer. I hated it!! When the match started, I stayed close and gained confidence as the match went along. I had to play my best golf just to stay close. As it turned out, I had one of my better games and caught Bo on an off day. If he had played that day the way he played the next day, I would not have had a chance. It may have been weighing on Bo's mind that he is the best player on tour never to have won The Trophy. I assure you, he will be a Champion one day and it could be soon, mark my words, this is a prediction. I just hope I don't have to go up against him again.*

HGW: You faced a tough opponent, and past Champion, in Steve Hale round two. Were you at all intimidated, and how did you deal with his mouth?

WD: *Steve is one person I truly enjoy being around. I knew I was going to have an enjoyable day just because I was playing with Steve, no matter what the outcome. Not only is Steve a great player, but he is a very honorable man. I would trust him with my wife. (well maybe not that far). I was honored that he broke out his knickers for our match. I have the picture of us that day on my desk at work and look at it with fondness every day. As far as being intimidated by Steve, it just didn't happen. After beating Bo the day before, I felt like I could beat Tiger Woods. When Steve got into a fairway bunker on the first hole and couldn't get out, I knew it was just a matter of time before I closed him out. As far as his mouth, Steve is so funny that every time he says something, I get such a kick out of it, that it brightens my day. Steve is another one I don't want to go up against this year.*

HGW: Ken Rogich is another past Champion you defeated on your path to victory. How has he been able

to realize so much success in the MIGS over the years, and how did you go about defeating him?

WD: *Ken is probably the nicest guy on tour. I have never heard anyone say anything bad about Ken. After*



taking down 2 giants in Bo and Steve, Ken was just an obstacle in my path on the way to The Title and I wasn't going to let him stop Woody's march to glory.

HGW: The finals had to be another emotional match against your dear friend and boss, Kevin Dill. How did your personal and business relationships play into your victory, and do you think Kevin is capable of winning the SMC any time soon?

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WD: Going into the finals, I was just glad to know that *The Trophy* would be in the Adventures in Advertising office. (by the way, if any of you Met Life boys want to come down to look at *The Trophy*, feel free). Kevin is the reason why I am working here, and I knew whoever won that day, it would not effect our business relationship. I do catch Kevin rubbing and staring at *The Trophy* from time to time. Kevin a very gracious loser (Editor's Note: Did he just call Kevin "a loser"?) and was truly happy for my success. Like Bo, Kevin coached basketball with me and helped to get my career off to a good start. Because of that, there will always be a close bond there that a game of golf will never effect. As far as Kevin being able to win the Summit. DEFINITELY!



Woody poses with his beautiful daughters, Kristie and Jenny, in front of the Patrick Henry High School Hall of Fame display established in his honor outside the recently-dedicated basketball court bearing his name.

He is another one I hope not to see again this year. Unless it is in the finals so the trophy could stay in the office!!! (EN: Is there anyone left that Woody does want to face? Oh, yeah... I forgot about Chris, Dave, and Joe.)

HGW: Talk us through the twenty-four hours leading up to the final match while you were forced to share a room with your would-be opponent.

WD: Each night when we went to bed (after saying our prayers of course), we said that we hoped each other would still be in the hunt after the next days competition (EN: Mr. Wells was forced to take a break at this point when he was suddenly overcome with nausea.) When we got to the last night, we just let things play out as they were meant to be.

HGW: Describe the last few holes of your finals match and tell us what was going through your head and what you suspect must have been going through Kevin's mind.

WD: The last few holes I was a little nervous because I could see my goal in sight. However, I was feeling pretty good because I had big Mo (momentum) on my side because I was down 4 holes at the turn and had come back to take the lead. Kevin was probably thinking he had the elusive Title in his grasps (EN: which he did) and was letting it slip away (EN: which it was).

HGW: What would you say was the turning point in that match?

WD: No doubt that the turning point of the match was on hole number 10 when I was 4 holes down and in the greenside bunker. I holed it out from the bunker to win the hole and went on to win the next 4 holes in a row to take the lead.

HGW: Some people say that the Summit Handicapping System® worked in your favor and aided in your victory. How say you?

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WD: *Well, that is what handicaps are all about. I think in this event that the handicaps start out pretty fair. I also think they can get out of hand as the week goes on. In my matches, Steve Hale is the only person I would have lost to if we played straight up. In the other 3 matches, I played well enough to win. Steve was the victim of playing a high handicapper at Angle Trace the year before, so if anyone should have a beef about the handicap system, it should be Steve, and he is enough of a man that he would never complain.*

HGW: Which was your toughest match and why?

WD: *I think the first match against Bo because of who he was (EN: **We're not sure who Woody thought Bo "was", and, for that matter, who Kevin "was" when he had him four down at the turn, but these episodes of dementia only add further sparkle to the miracle of Woody's victory.**) and after that, I felt my confidence going up every day.*

HGW: What have been the keys to your success and longevity over these past eight years?

WD: *I have always wanted to be a good golfer even though I don't possess the skills that some of the younger tour players have. I think the competitive spirit that Bo Blankenship taught me when he played for me has helped me. I lift weights and my wife and I get up at 5:30 every morning and walk 2 1/4 miles in order to keep in shape. I am trying to slow down the aging process. I really appreciate you younger guys letting me continue to come on this trip with [them].*

HGW: Do you consider your age a handicap in this event, and have you ever thought you should be playing shorter tees?

WD: *I know I am the shortest driver on tour (EN: **This year an attempt will be made to pair Woody and Dave in the same group, since they have, apparently, never played together.**), but I don't think my age is a handicap. There is something to be said about experience verses youth. I do play better on a shorter course, just because of my length. However, it was a boost to my ego to win last year from the AAA tees as the oldest player in the field.*

HGW: What personal challenges have you had to overcome to succeed at this level?

WD: *My distance is a challenge. I have a much tougher time with my 4 iron than I do with my 8 iron (EN: **Hmmm... that's odd!**)*

HGW: How do you respond to those who compare your putting stroke to chopping wood?

WD: *Ask Billy Mayfair that same question. (EN: **In attempting to contact Mr. Mayfair for comment, The Summit determined that he had dropped off the***

face of the earth. Sources close to Mr. Mayfair said that since disappearing from the PGA Tour, he spends most of his time in the North Country with his friends Paul Bunyan and John Henry trying to reclaim the short-game he never had.)

HGW: Some have accused you of gamesmanship over the years. What are your thoughts on that?

WD: *I will say that you should always play by the rules. However, if the speed limit is 65, then you are not getting your maximum opportunity if you are only going 64 (EN: **But, at 84 you do.**)*

HGW: What have you done in the offseason to prepare for this year's event, and do you think you're in a position to capture an unprecedented third title?

WD: *I have played in several senior tournaments in order to get used to the pressure. However, there is nothing you can do to match the grinding pressure of the Summit Championship. Can I win a third? I have won more basketball games at Patrick Henry than anyone in the history of the school, so don't count me out!!! (EN: **If The Summit ever changes its format from golf to basketball, Woody will definitely be a favorite.**)*

HGW: Which three players do you feel represent your biggest obstacle to you repeating in 2008 and why?

WD: *Bo Blankenship is the best player never to have won, so don't count him out this year. I am a little scared of John Bradberry because of his raw talent. And Joe Assaid is playing better than he ever has in his life, and with all his strokes, he will be hard to handle.*

HGW: Which three players pose the least threat to you and why?

WD: *Greg Stephens doesn't think he can win. Chris Colton doesn't know how to win. And Steve Hale has the ability, but will get knocked out again this year by a high handicapper.*

HGW: Why do you feel players such as yourself, Hale, and Edmunds seem to dominate this event having won six of eight titles?

WD: *You have to know what it takes to win. It is not a sprint, but a marathon. The mental aspect comes into play as well. When you are standing over that crucial shot in that close match, you have to have something inside of you that gets the job done.*

HGW: What specific advice would you offer those participants that have never tasted victory at The Summit?

WD: *You must never give up. Your attitude determines your altitude. A winner never quits and a quitter never wins. You may be down, but not out. Adversity separates winners from losers. I could go on and on.*

— H.G.Wells

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2. Greg was the only other golfer to stay within shouting distance of Bo. Greg may have fared even better had he not blown up on day 3 at TPC Myrtle. Greg also benefited from playing better than his handicap for the most part. His greatest strength was his Stableford scoring. Is he poised for another step up in 2008? Has to find a way to avoid the one bad round. Still the only Summit golfer to never lose an opening round match. That's bad news for someone.

3. Woody used strong net play and good Stableford scoring to capture his second Match Play title. He always seems to mix in a birdie when he needs it most. The inevitable repeat talk will be too distracting for Woody and he could slip a notch.

4. Steve had a subpar scoring year though he made some Calcutta money on a superb round at TPC Myrtle. Steve will always struggle with that "0" handicap around his neck. Maybe someone will yank it from him. Dill and Bradberry have had brief grips on the "0" but no one has yet to keep it from him very long.

5. Dave is a surprise finisher in the top five. He played very consistently throughout leading to good net and Stableford numbers. Is he getting the most out of his ability? A little soul searching is in order.

6. Bart was somewhat disappointing in 2007. He only cracked the top five in one category but never fell below seven in any category. Numbers like that put him square in the middle of the pack. We expect more from a two-time champion who has never been within 30 yards of an OB stake off the tee.

7. John also fell victim to TPC Myrtle and surprisingly low Stableford numbers. Shooting 77 and 76 the first two rounds set him up to get crushed by those busy padding their handicaps for days 3 and 4. Too many pars and not enough birdies for this smooth ball striker. Has a low handicap but so do others. Can no longer claim rookie jitters. We expect a breakout year in 2008.

8. Ben still gives off the "just happy to be here" vibe. There is a lot of potential in that huge swing but consistency is a killer. Middle of the pack in most

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categories. Dude, they do grow grass on the left side of the fairway.

9. Joe suffered the inevitable Champion's hangover in 2007. Got out fast with a sub-par net round on day 1 then just disappeared. Will he ever be heard from again?

10. Chris continues to grind and his net play earns him money in the team matches. His happy-go-lucky demeanor belies a competitive streak that led to a top five average daily finish in the net category. You go boy!

11. Kevin was the opposite of Bo. He had an abysmal showing despite his runner-up finish in the Match Play event that can only be explained in that his opponents had their "worst" days on the trip when facing Kevin. He must be intimidating to everyone but Woody. We expect, no we DEMAND a better showing in 2008.

12. Ken had an off year. His lone bright spot was a good Stableford score based on a VERY high number of net birdies. Expect a rebound in 2008.

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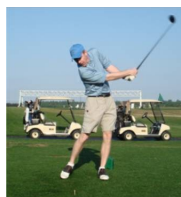
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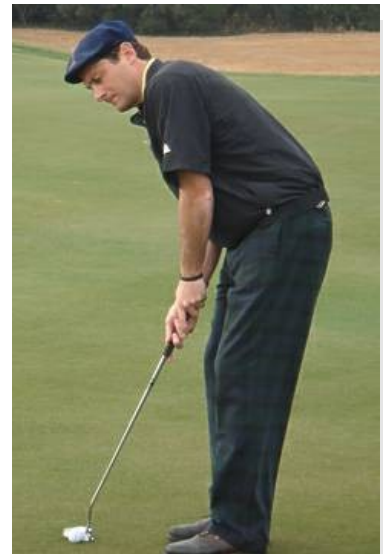
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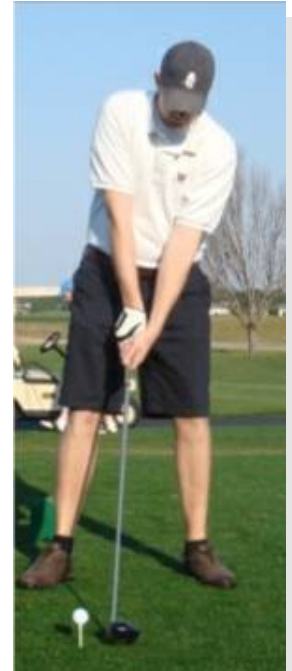
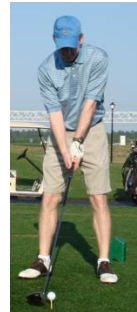
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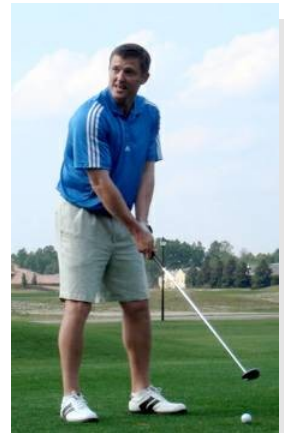
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SUMMIT SCORECARD

PLAYER	ROUND 1			ROUND 2			ROUND 3			ROUND 4			points				
	HCP	GROSS	NET	STATUS	NET	GROSS	HCP	GROSS	NET	STATUS	NET	GROSS		HCP	GROSS	NET	STATUS
ASSAID	18																
BLANKENSHIP	1																
BRADBERRY	4																
COLTON	23																
DEANS	9																
DILL	4																
EDMUNDS	7																
FRY	12																
HALE	0																
LINDEN	13																
ROGICH	19																
STEPHENS	5																

SUMMIT MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Seedings

1. Deans _____
2. Blankenship _____
3. Stephens _____
4. Dill _____
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	DEANS A	W(A) 12		W(B) 9	BLANKENSHIP 2 B
8		10			7
		W(a)			
		a			
4	DILL D		W(b) L(A)		STEPHENS 3 C
5		W(D) 11		W(C) 6	
		L(b) 12		L(D) 10	
9					11
		L(B) 9			
12				L(C) 10	
		L(A) 11			
		L(C) L(D)			

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