



**April 2007**  
**Frgc/Mga Newsletter**  
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**Event Results**

Our last event was "Cabin Fever Blues" played on February 24th. The weather was not great – but – not terrible either. If you don't mind blasting wind, that is. After all, this is Oklahoma, right? The winners were:

'A' Flight

| Place | Name         | Gross | Net |
|-------|--------------|-------|-----|
| 1st   | Bob Smith    | 65    | 58  |
| 2nd   | Robert Brown | 65    | 59  |

'B' Flight

|     |               |    |    |
|-----|---------------|----|----|
| 1st | Steve Tulk    | 66 | 57 |
| 2nd | Brent Kashwer | 68 | 60 |

'C' Flight

|     |                   |    |    |
|-----|-------------------|----|----|
| 1st | Bob Garnsey       | 72 | 56 |
| 2nd | Jerry Salcher, Sr | 74 | 56 |

Closest to the hole winners were: Greg Deitz, Steve Hultquist (2), and Bob Garnsey. *You will be interested to know that **Steve Hultquist** had a **HOLE-IN-ONE** on #7 which makes him the first member ever to get a hole-in one in **FRGC/MGA** competition. If no other player gets a hole-in-one before the 2007 season ends, Steve will collect the entire pot!*

**Next Event**

Our next event is "**THE RIDGE CUP**", our Premier Event, to be played on Saturday, April 28th. The format is two-man team, pick your own partner and consists of six holes of Scramble, six holes of 4-Ball, and six holes of Modified Alternate Shot, not necessarily in that order. So, select a partner who won't hold it against you if you happen to screw up in the alternate shot portion of the competition! If you don't have a partner sign up anyway and indicate that you need a partner. We will try to find one for you. This is a fun event and one you will talk about for a year or more! Don't miss it! Sign up early and make my life easier!! *The deadline for entry is April 25th.*

**Shanks of the Month**

Sometimes I hear a player say something similar to this to another player about a golf rule; "I don't see why we have to do this or do that. It doesn't make any sense to me". Or, "I'm not going to go back and replay that shot, I'll just drop one here and take a stroke". There are several problems with that approach.

The applicable rule may require a stroke and distance penalty. By taking one stroke and playing from the point where the wayward ball lies is an infraction that cheats other players. That may not be a big deal when playing in friendly matches but, it causes you to form bad habits regarding the rules that can't be permitted in tournaments. *The intent of the rules is that they be followed at all times when you are playing, whether in a tournament or playing a friendly round with fellow golfers.*

Let me explain the reason it is important to follow the USGA Rules of Golf every time you play. Golf is the **only** major sport in which there is no umpire, referee, or other similarly titled person to enforce the rules. Each player is expected to know the rules and to enforce them upon him or herself **and** to call the attention of their fellow competitors to a rule they may be violating or about to violate. *We are supposed to be **self policing** in regard to the rules.*

So, that is why our **FRGC/MGA** prides itself on playing by the rules of golf – all of them, not just the ones we don't mind following. If you don't have a rule book, do yourself a favor and get one.

My recommendation is to study those rules applying to marking the ball; dropping the ball; hazard rules; out of bounds rules; and those about provisional balls. These are the most commonly violated rules and knowing them can sometimes save you strokes.

**Until next time, see you on the course at Forest Ridge!**