

MGA TOURNAMENT NEWS

As I write this in the middle of January, I have sad news to report. Global Warming just went out the door and we are now at the beginning of a new Ice Age. Our January tournament is to be January 23 and I hope it will not be necessary to wear snow shoes to compete in this one. Our February tournament "The Cabin Fever Blues" will be held on February 20. This will be "Lonely Guy" 4-man ABCD Scramble. After the drive on each hole the team selects the Lonely Guy who plays the hole with 100% of his handicap, while the other team members finish the hole in a scramble format at scratch. Both scores count. Please mark this event on your calendars.

MGA NEWS AND VIEWS

By Jim Chittenden

Although it is not an MGA event, I thought I would mention the Tuesday Shambles that are hosted by Forest Ridge each week. It is mostly the old Geezers that play, but we have had some youngsters (maybe 55 years old) play. The cost is \$40, including greens fees. The teams are paired up by the Proshop using a "A", "B", "C" and "D" players as are available from the pool on each team. We all play from the white tees using the Shambles format, with two balls counting.

After play we convene to the Player's Grill and have lunch (included in the cost) and split up the pot. The pot is made up of \$15 from the entry fee with two, three, or four places paid, in cash, according to the number of teams playing. In addition, Lance awards Proshop credit for closest to the pin on the par 3's.

On those days that the weather is rotten, we have recently started meeting in the Player's Grill and playing the board game "Joker". We have two boards, each allowing for three, two-man teams to compete. Afterwards, we have lunch. If nothing else, it gives our wives a chance to get rid of us for at least a little while. We men also enjoy the comradeship and the high level of competition in both the golfing and the board game.

We invite those of you that have not yet enjoyed the Shambles to join us. Don't worry about having a high handicap. There are three other guys on the team to blame if you don't place-and you still get to enjoy lunch regardless of how you score!