

Sunday, June 15, 13

(Written with Literary License from our illustrious editor, yardages are approximate since my memory is not that sharp anymore)

Father's Day dawned cool and cloudy for the 6.30 am start, with coach John substituting for Phil. Matt showed up with a demo Ping driver, but the story is not about that. The teams for the match were Matt and John vs. Ray and Pete, but that's not the story either.

Matt hit that driver on 10, long down the right side of the fairway, wedged it to about 8 feet. Birdie! The par 3 was played in regulation, and 12 and 13 were routine as well.

On 14 he hit his 4-wood with an arching draw to the flat part near the grass bunker. His second shot was comfortably to the middle of the fairway. His wedge was to about 12 feet left of the back pin placement. Birdie!

The 15th had been shortened to 110 yards for the weekend, and he pulled out his 31 degree hybrid (we've seen him hit this anywhere between 110 and 167 as needed!) wouldn't you know it, he hits it to about 8 feet right of the white pin. Birdie!

Up the hill to 16, he pulls out the Ping driver, and draws it to the fairway. Out comes the infamous 31 degree and we see the ball draw to about 8 feet below the hole. Birdie!

There was an absence of stellar shots on 17, then we get to 18, and he draws the driver to the fairway leaving him about 110 yards out, wedges it to about 6 feet right of the pin. Birdie!

Five birdies in 9 holes, with 3 back to back! A truly extraordinary performance, a round of 33, one for the record books.

He couldn't be goaded into continuing on the front, even though the 3 of us tried to push him into it. I was just happy to be along for the ride, and to witness this exhibition of the game played as it should be.

Matt, you're playing golf!!!