

April Fool's Madness  
 Saturday, April 24, 2010

'Twas a beautiful Saturday morning at the best course in the area - Tyler State Park in Newtown, PA. All the preparations were done and the tournament staff was ready to sign up the Madness participants. Unfortunately, the turn-out was very light. Rex made the obligatory wake up call to Steve Agocs who announced he was on his way. Ali and Tim decided to throw their lot into the event and signed up as well. Steve arrived at tournament central and asked "Does anyone have my bag?" The crowd roared with amusement as the missing bag was resting peacefully at Harry Baker's house. A mad rush ensued to get Steve armed with a mini, a putter and some distance plastic.

The first round pairings were drawn and posted, and stroke purchases were made. The competitors went out to the course to play and the results of the first round were this:

	Score	Purchases	Adjusted Total	Prize - \$51
Terry Ruth	41	+5 -2 -3 -3	38	Loss
Greg Wheeler	31	+2 -5	28	Win
Tim Fry	31	+3	34	Win
Ali Wilkinson	48	-3 -4 -5	36	Loss
Steve Agocs	35	+5 -2 -5 -2	31	Win
Stu Kaplan	27	+3 -3 +5 +3	35	Loss

All participants' names were re-shuffled and pairings drawn for Round 2. A lot of quiet plotting began, stroke purchases were made and the competitors again went out to play. Here's how it ended up:

	Score	Purchases	Adjusted Total	Prize - \$77
Steve Agocs	34	-3 -5 +5	31	Loss
Greg Wheeler	32	-5 +3	30	Win
Stu Kaplan	35	+5 +5 +5 -5	45	Loss & Eliminated
Ali Wilkinson	49	+5 -5 -5 -5 -5	34	Win
Tim Fry	36	-2	34	Loss
Terry Ruth	34	-3 -1 -5	25	Win

So then, Round 3 worked out like this:

	Score	Purchases	Adjusted Total	Prize - \$95
Tim Fry	30	-5 -4 -3 +5	23	Win
Greg Wheeler	29	-5 +5	29	Loss
Terry Ruth	34	+4 +5 +5	48	Loss & Eliminated
Ali Wilkinson	41	-5 -5 -2	29	Win
Steve Agocs	Bye			

The Semi-final Round 4 resulted in:

	Score	Purchases	Adjusted Total	Prize - \$112
Ali Wilkinson	48	-5 -5 -5 +5	38	Win
Greg Wheeler	37	-5 +5 +5	42	Loss & Eliminated
Steve Agocs	36	-5 +5	36	Loss & Eliminated

Tim Fry            40                            -5 -3                            32            Win

Everyone's scores had been adjusted with purchases for or against them. The strategizing was unpredictable as the results indicate.

So the final round ended up being the two contestants who had not originally planned on playing that day. Ali had been highly supported throughout the early rounds with purchases that reduced her score. It appeared that Tim had gotten lucky with his pairings and garnered enough support to make it through to the final round.

Up to this point, the most \$ had been spent influencing Ali's score and the least \$ had been spent on Tim's. However, no one knew this.

The stroke purchases were made for the finals and Ali & Tim went off to play the last round. The tallies were calculated and the results were the most shocking of the day!. The spectators all said "How did that happen?!" And the comment most heard by the TD basically was: "I figured everybody was supporting Ali, so I decided to throw a little support to the underdog" followed by "That's what I did!" And it ended like this:

	Score	Purchases	Adjusted Total	Prize - \$128
Ali Wilkinson	32	-1 -5 +5 +5 +5	41	
Tim Fry	25	+5 +5 -5 -5 -3 -1 -5	16	

The surprise was evident on the faces of everyone present. The results could not have been predicted by anyone. Tim Fry was crowned the 1<sup>st</sup> April Fool's Madness Champion winning \$128!. Tim promptly donated \$42 to the Yetter bringing the total amount raised to an astonishing \$300!

I wish to convey my sincerest appreciation to all of the competitors. I also want to thank the spectators who were in attendance throughout the day. Thanks to Tim, Todd and Ali for their time and thoughts in planning this event. Thanks to John McGinley who provided the spark that ignited this event. Thanks to Tyler State Park and the BCDGA for the amazing course. Thanks to Big Dog for use of the score ports.

Special Considerations and a Big Thank You:

Ali Wilkinson generated an overwhelming \$90 in stroke purchases!

Greg Wheeler for donating \$65 in stroke purchases!

Stu Kaplan for being recognized as the most dangerous competitor and the first eliminated!