

BDFGA Members,

It's almost been 2 weeks since the first stop of the 2009 BDFGA Tour took place; luckily for the eager fans out there, the next one is only 2 more weeks away! We, as usual, would like to thank everyone for coming out to the 4th Annual Eckstein/Miller Lite Open and hope you had as good a time as we did. Like I mentioned before, for those who couldn't make it, the Naddy Light Open is only 2 weeks away. On with the recap:

Hot & muggy conditions ruled the weekend, but the rain stayed away and the beer just went down even smoother. The group consisted of 45 participants this year, 3 short of last year. It could have been 46 but Bobcat contributed a large FAIL instead! The group of 45 was limited to only 5 rookies this year: Casey (top finishing rookie), Cobb, N Kaiser, Clare, & AJ Stirn. Just short of 20% of the field was controlled by the members of the LBDFGA. In it's 4th year the tournament still over doubles the first year's attendance: 21-20-48-45.

Groundskeeper Wiz had the course back in top-notch shape which enabled the commissioners to bring back the old layout. The par 2 Telephone Pole and the par 4 Yellow Pole were back in play. The easiest hole of the weekend was the Clothes Line Pole in the Back Yard. Playing at -.78, it had 40 Eagle shots on it, while the rest of the course combined for only 30 Eagles. The par 2 Telephone Pole in the Driveway played the hardest for week at +.58. You can take a look at the chart below for other hole stats!

Eckstein/Miller Lite Score Card Data 2009

Par	#1 - Tree With Ribbon	#2 - Grape Vine Post	#3 - Tele Pole End Driveway	#4 - Birdbath Under Window	#5 - Tree Middle of Yard	#6 - Tele Pole Toward Road	#7 - Left Horseshoe Stake	#8 - Barrel Behind Duck	#9 - Post by Driveway	Score Out	#10 - Yellow Post Toward Road	#11 - First Tree on Left Tree Line	#12 - Folding Chair in Driveway	#13 - Tele Pole Middle Driveway	#14 - Backyard Clothes Line Post	#15 - Back Left Come Well	#16 - Big Pine Tree Middle Yard	#17 - Big White Goose	#18 - In Blue Barrel	Score In	Score Total				
3	3	3	4	3	3	2	5	2	3	28	4	3	3	2	5	3	2	3	3	28	56				
Hole Avg	2.69	3.43	3.63	3.29	2.89	2.08	4.30	2.49	3.32	28.13	3.46	3.31	2.95	2.58	4.22	3.39	2.23	3.45	2.83	28.42	56.55				
Par +/-	-0.31	0.43	-0.37	0.29	-0.11	0.08	-0.70	0.49	0.32	0.13	-0.54	0.31	-0.05	0.58	-0.78	0.39	0.23	0.45	-0.17	0.42	0.55				
Hole Ranking	5	15	4	11	7	9	2	17	13		3	12	8	18	1	14	10	16	6						
Hole-In-Ones	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	5	0	19	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	5	24				
Albatrosses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	2				
Eagles	0	0	4	0	0	0	20	0	0	24	5	0	1	0	40	0	0	0	0	46	70				
Birdies	62	5	75	12	44	14	85	5	15	317	95	6	35	1	69	7	3	2	52	270	587				
Pars	95	99	69	100	100	127	55	83	93	821	55	109	106	79	35	95	126	99	92	796	1617				
Bogeys	9	52	16	49	20	25	6	71	51	299	10	47	22	76	18	58	34	56	22	343	642				
Double Bogeys	1	9	3	6	3	1	1	8	6	38	1	5	3	11	2	7	4	9	1	43	81				
Above Double	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	7				
Rounds Thrown	167																			Low Round	44				
Total Strokes	9444	Round 1 Avg:	57.38	Round 3 Avg:	56.54															High Round	79				
		Round 2 Avg:	55.82	Round 4 Avg:	56.45																				

Landen was the first to arrive to the event Thursday and shortly after Daryl & Dave strolled in with their coolers. The Thursday crowds are continually getting larger and I'm

assuming productivity at work on Friday is declining at the same time. As 6 o'clock came around the group watched as Emily got to throw the ceremonial opening toss of the tournament. About a third of the 45 participants got at least 1 round in on Thursday night, leaving a crowd to come on Friday. After a late Thursday night and drunken Friday night, here's what the 1st round scores looked like:

Scores After 1st Round

		<i>Par =</i>	<i>56</i>
Place	Name	Round 1	Score
1	Fats	44	-12
2	BJ	47	-9
3	Colt	48	-8
4	Jake	48	-8
5	Steve	48	-8
6	Jon S	49	-7
7	C Werner	50	-6
8	Biz	51	-5
9	Heil	51	-5
10	Padgett	51	-5
11	Rahe	51	-5
12	Weber	51	-5
13	E Feller	52	-4
14	Joe M	52	-4
15	Kevin B.	52	-4
16	Tyler R	52	-4
17	Ben S	53	-3
18	Kyle W	53	-3
19	Prickel	53	-3
20	Shawn	53	-3
21	Gutzwiller	55	-1
22	Zach	55	-1
23	Clayton	57	1
24	Dave	57	1
25	Mitch	58	2
26	Hartman	59	3
27	Daryl	60	4
28	George	60	4

29	Landen	60	4
30	A.J. Stern	61	5
31	Casey	61	5
32	J Bruns	61	5
33	Kyle A	62	6
34	Chris M	63	7
35	Asslix	64	8
36	Megan W	64	8
37	Beth	65	9
38	S. Cobb	65	9
39	Dawn	66	10
40	Emily	66	10
41	Kendra	67	11
42	Lisa Feller	69	13
43	N. Kaiser	69	13
44	Rachel	70	14
45	Clare	79	23

Fats tied Shag & C Werner's '08 rounds of 44 for a share of the record for lowest round thrown at the EMLO. BJ, the grizzled veteran had sole control of 2nd place followed up with a three way tie led by none other than Colt, thanks again to alphabetical order. Nearly half the field (22) was under par after round 1. Megan W led the women's competition but not by much as 5 of the ladies were all within 5 strokes of the leader, including Beth who was only 1 stroke behind.

Roof shots were back and as strong as ever as a steady stream of players climbed the ladder of shame and dropped to the other side. George just about dropped off the front of the house, literally...check out the pictures if you don't believe me! Hole-In-Ones were all over the course this year with a grand total of 24! The three years previous to this tournament only had a combined 29 Hole-In-Ones so we had quite a jump. The 24 aces belonged to: Gutzwiller (4), Weber (3), Jake (2), Jon S (2), E Feller (2), Steve, Padgett, Rahe, BJ, Tyler R, Colt, Biz (returning to the "Moldy Bizcuits Scene"), Fats, Ben, Casey, and AJ Stirn (1). 14 of the 24 aces took place on the par 2 Telephone Pole Towards the Road, 5 were on the Par 2 Barrel, 3 were on the Par 2 Big Pine Tree, Weber took the only "1" on the Par 2 Telephone Pole in the Driveway, and Biz was the only "1" on the Par 3 Folding Chair.

Round 2 also witnessed quite the rarity as 2 players got an albatross within minutes of each other. Hartman & Megan W both took 2's on the Par 5 Clothes Line Pole over the house, a feat that has only been accomplished at the EMLO 5 times before (not once in '08.) A lot of low rounds were put together this year which really shows when you take a look at the leaderboard...2nd round scores:

Scores After 2nd Round

	<i>Par</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>112</i>	
Place	Name	Round 1	Round 2	Total	Score
1	Fats	44	49	93	-19
2	Colt	48	46	94	-18
3	Steve	48	47	95	-17
4	BJ	47	49	96	-16
5	Jon S	49	47	96	-16
6	C Werner	50	48	98	-14
7	Jake	48	50	98	-14
8	Biz	51	49	100	-12
9	Prickel	53	48	101	-11
10	Heil	51	51	102	-10
11	Rahe	51	51	102	-10
12	Tyler R	52	50	102	-10
13	Ben S	53	50	103	-9
14	Weber	51	53	104	-8
15	Joe M	52	53	105	-7
16	Padgett	51	54	105	-7
17	E Feller	52	54	106	-6
18	Kyle W	53	53	106	-6
19	Gutzwiller	55	52	107	-5
20	Shawn	53	54	107	-5
21	Zach	55	53	108	-4
22	Dave	57	52	109	-3
23	Clayton	57	53	110	-2
24	Kevin B.	52	58	110	-2
25	Hartman	59	53	112	0
26	Daryl	60	53	113	1
27	J Bruns	61	54	115	3
28	Kyle A	62	55	117	5
29	Mitch	58	59	117	5
30	Casey	61	58	119	7
31	George	60	60	120	8
32	A.J. Stern	61	61	122	10
33	Megan W	64	58	122	10

34	Landen	60	63	123	11
35	S. Cobb	65	58	123	11
36	Asslix	64	61	125	13
37	Chris M	63	64	127	15
38	Beth	65	64	129	17
39	Kendra	67	62	129	17
40	Emily	66	66	132	20
41	Dawn	66	67	133	21
42	Rachel	70	65	135	23
43	N. Kaiser	69	67	136	24
44	Lisa Feller	69	70	139	27
45	Clare	79	70	149	37

The top of the leaderboard had tightened up even more after the 2nd round. At this point over half (24) of the field was in the negative with Clayton & Kevin wrapping that group up at -2. Towards the bottom of the list you'll find Kaiser fighting it out with the ladies, while Crack, Cobb, Landen, and Asslix, in his sophomore campaign, were all trying to keep up with the top lady, Megan.

Friday night witnessed a large crowd gathering in the clubhouse shelter for some Posties, Live Music (provided by Tom & Zach), the Bobcat Mullet Fest, and, as usual, much shotgunning. All of this was paired with Lisa getting her shotgunning cherry popped, pants down arm wrestling, and some sort of gymnastics competition between Fats, Cobb, Bruns, & Kendra. Not to mention while all this was going on in the back, Prickel & Kyle A were struggling to get there 2nd round in with the help of Hartman shining headlights at the holes around the course!

Saturday morning came way too soon but was unusually peaceful. Only two rounds needed to be thrown which left time for some much needed maintenance in the clubhouse (check out the picture to see the devastation left over from Friday night!) With no cut this year the field of 45 was ready to tee off it's 3rd round, or I should say 45 participants were eligible to throw their 3rd round! Scores:

Scores After 3rd Round

Place	Name	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Total	Score
1	Colt	48	46	47	141	-27
2	Steve	48	47	48	143	-25
3	BJ	47	49	49	145	-23

4	Jake	48	50	50	148	-20
5	Jon S	49	47	52	148	-20
6	Rahe	51	51	49	151	-17
7	Weber	51	53	48	152	-16
8	Gutzwiller	55	52	46	153	-15
9	Ben S	53	50	51	154	-14
10	Biz	51	49	55	155	-13
11	Prickel	53	48	54	155	-13
12	Tyler R	52	50	53	155	-13
13	Heil	51	51	54	156	-12
14	E Feller	52	54	52	158	-10
15	Padgett	51	54	53	158	-10
16	Shawn	53	54	52	159	-9
17	Dave	57	52	51	160	-8
18	Kyle W	53	53	54	160	-8
19	Zach	55	53	53	161	-7
20	Kevin B.	52	58	53	163	-5
21	Hartman	59	53	51	163	-5
22	Clayton	57	53	55	165	-3
23	Daryl	60	53	56	169	1
24	J Bruns	61	54	57	172	4
25	Casey	61	58	56	175	7
26	George	60	60	56	176	8
27	S. Cobb	65	58	53	176	8
28	Megan W	64	58	60	182	14
29	Asslix	64	61	60	185	17
30	Landen	60	63	62	185	17
31	Beth	65	64	66	195	27
32	Kendra	67	62	66	195	27
33	Chris M	63	64	69	196	28
34	Rachel	70	65	64	199	31
35	Emily	66	66	68	200	32
36	Dawn	66	67	70	203	35
37	N. Kaiser	69	67	68	204	36
38	Lisa Feller	69	70	74	213	45
39	Clare	79	70	70	219	51
40	A.J. Stern	61	61		122	DNF
41	Fats	44	49		93	DNF
42	C Werner	50	48		98	DNF

43	Joe M	52	53	105	DNF
44	Mitch	58	59	117	DNF
45	Kyle A	62	55	117	DNF

I say eligible because only 39 would actually go on to throw the third round with AJ, Fats, C Werner, Joe M, Mitch, & Kyle A electing to take DNF's. With Fats unable to continue, Colt moved up into the top spot with only 6 players within 10 strokes of the lead. The top portion of the leaderboard had pulled away a little bit, but the board still looked strong as 22 of the remaining 39 players were in the negative numbers.

The 4th round came about quickly. The playing of "Back Home Again in Indiana" along with "The National Anthem" just about kicked the round off, but a couple of other items needed to be addressed first. Hacksaw Jim Bobcat struck back with a vengeance delivering the shaven/sharped USA in the chest look, along with Rahe Daddy rallying up the crowds for the heartwarming "21 Shotgun Salute!"

So, Colt owned the 3rd lead, which leads us to an interesting stat. In the previous 3 EMLO tournaments the 3rd round leader prevailed only once. Jon S lost his lead and fell all the way to 3rd in the inaugural event, (Weber will have me point out that this was also the year of the "roided" up frisbee that Jon brought in) and C Werner coughed his lead up after 3 rounds and fell back to the 3rd spot as well (2008.) Elsewhere on the board, Heil was down big time in his weekend betting, and needed Weber & Colt to have colossal meltdowns to get back in the action. Lastly, whispers in the clubhouse swirled around wondering if Big Rahe Daddy had lost his competitive edge...would he be able to muster up any strength to claw his way into the top 5 (or more importantly would he get his round done in time to get back to St. Andrews for supper!)? So anyway, the conclusion to the tournament looked like this:

Scores After 4th Round

Place	Name	Par	56	56	56	56	224	Score
		Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Total		
1	Steve	48	47	48	46	189		-35
2	Colt	48	46	47	50	191		-33
3	Jake	48	50	50	47	195		-29
4	BJ	47	49	49	51	196		-28
5	Jon S	49	47	52	51	199		-25
6	Rahe	51	51	49	51	202		-22
7	Weber	51	53	48	52	204		-20
8	Ben S	53	50	51	51	205		-19
9	Gutzwiller	55	52	46	53	206		-18

10	Heil	51	51	54	51	207	-17
11	E Feller	52	54	52	51	209	-15
12	Tyler R	52	50	53	54	209	-15
13	Dave	57	52	51	51	211	-13
14	Prickel	53	48	54	56	211	-13
15	Biz	51	49	55	58	213	-11
16	Shawn	53	54	52	55	214	-10
17	Kyle W	53	53	54	55	215	-9
18	Zach	55	53	53	55	216	-8
19	Hartman	59	53	51	54	217	-7
20	Padgett	51	54	53	59	217	-7
21	Clayton	57	53	55	55	220	-4
22	J Bruns	61	54	57	50	222	-2
23	Kevin B.	52	58	53	61	224	0
24	Daryl	60	53	56	56	225	1
25	Casey	61	58	56	55	230	6
26	S. Cobb	65	58	53	55	231	7
27	George	60	60	56	61	237	13
28	Asslix	64	61	60	56	241	17
29	Landen	60	63	62	58	243	19
30	Megan W	64	58	60	61	243	19
31	Beth	65	64	66	58	253	29
32	Kendra	67	62	66	64	259	35
33	Rachel	70	65	64	63	262	38
34	Emily	66	66	68	66	266	42
35	Dawn	66	67	70	68	271	47
36	N. Kaiser	69	67	68	68	272	48
37	Lisa Feller	69	70	74	68	281	57
38	Clare	79	70	70	70	289	65
39	Chris M	63	64	69		196	DNF
40	Fats	44	49			93	DNF
41	C Werner	50	48			98	DNF
42	Joe M	52	53			105	DNF
43	Kyle A	62	55			117	DNF
44	Mitch	58	59			117	DNF
45	A.J. Stern	61	61			122	DNF

You guessed it, Colt choked it away, leaving Steve as the 2009 4th Annual Eckstein/Miller Lite Open Champion. Colt did only fall to 2nd with Co-Commish Jake

right behind in 3rd, BJ in 4th, and Jon rounding out the top 5 for his first placing since the inaugural event. In the women's competition Megan W. stole the show again winning by 10 strokes. Dawni actually might have stolen a little bit of the show with her tipsiness on the course after polishing off her fifth of Tequilla!

The payouts looked like this:

1 st Steve:	5 cases
2 nd Colt:	3 cases
3 rd Jake:	1 case
4 th BJ:	.75 case
5 th Jon:	.75 case
LBDFGA: Megan	.75 case

Weber, the newly appointed BDFGA Statistician, also provided us with some little tidbits: It was Heil's first top 10 ever...Zach's best finish ever (17th, was 25th)...Biggest jump in places from last year's EMLO--Jon S. (last year 26th this year 5th place)...EVERYONE in the top 20 that played in last years EMLO (all but 2 of the top 20 this year played last year--Shawn and Kyle W. did not play last year) improved their scores from last year...Biggest jumpers Zach cut 25 strokes off of his last years score...others Jake and Heil both shaved off 19, while Black Dave and I (Weber) both shaved off 17...Smallest improvement (again only of the top 20 finishers this year) Rahe and Feller only shaved off 2 strokes from last year....Most DNF's in a tournament ever (7 this year plus a "fail"--previous most was 6 at last year's plasters).

Saturday night's crowd was much smaller than Friday's, just consisting of some interesting conversation, the sharing of beer won off of Heil, sloppy drunk BJ, and Jake passing out in numerous places.

For pictures check out the link below:

bdfga.shutterfly.com/2009ecksteinmillerlightopen

We want to thank everyone for coming out this weekend, and especially all the people that helped out: Weber, Emily, Bobcat, Kevin, Dawn, and if I'm missing anybody that helped check scores or walked somebody around the course for us...thanks! Also, we'd like to thank the people that brought out items for our BDFGA Care Package program. Please don't forget that this will be an ongoing event and you are able to get signed up for every tournament you bring a donation to.

Your Naddy Light Open Invite (June 18-20) will be coming very soon...we'll see you then!