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**THE MAC IS BACK...
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STAFF WRITER Professor Go-Go Jones, Craig Lombardo and Norman Bulldog Jones.

(EGG HARBOR, NJ) – Twisted Dune is a place you probably love and, also, a place you probably hate. The layout is spectacular, but very penal and danger lurked everywhere, the conditions were below par and this course is a Monster. NEVER EVER play for money anybody whose handicap is comprised of many scores from Twisted Dune. From the blue tees at 6,775 yards the slope was 126, and probably played more like 139. The white tees at 6,325 yards, are sloped at 122. That is insane! Farmstead's Lake to Club Nines from 6,060 yards are sloped at 123? Twisted should be re-rated but hell, what other courses allow you to bring up to 6 beers. This is a pretty course but GMA Management did make a mistake picking this as a Club Championship venue, it just plays way too slow for a 36-hole stroke play affair. We will return to this course in the future but will indeed have to tweak the format to keep pace of play under control.

Nobody these days is very crazy about rounds that exceed 5 and a half hours, and close in on six. The League President commented to Professor Go Go that, "The Leagues overall times this year have been very good, and then we go to Twisted, and have two-back-to-back horribly slow rounds. We also were playing without the Fescue being a lateral hazard. I will let Pace Co-Chairs, Kevin McCormick and Michael Palazzolo and their Pace Committee make the final call on this, and will accept whatever conclusion they come to."

Twisted played tough

Over the two-day period of our 36th Annual Mobile 1 Club Championships, on September 11 & 12, we had a total of 194 rounds played, and only 7 of these rounds were sub-par-net-scores. Therefore, only a stingy 3.6 percent of the rounds went sub-par-net. On Saturday, 3 gentlemen from A-Flight posted sub-par-rounds: Peter Pianetti of BP (70), Meech DeBenedetto of GOATS (71), and William LaRiccia, of Moons (71), and on Saturday two from B-Corps: Linkmen Bill Gundlach (70), and Hard Working Joseph Neri of DSR (71). On Sunday there were only two sub-par-net-rounds period, and both from B-Division: Bill Gundlach (70) and Robert "Z-Man" Zelitsky a Rookie from Double Down posted a net (71).



Gundlach Came and Conquered

Bill Gundlach after thoughts about the weekend, "Two of the nicest days on the course this year. Twisted dunes offered a fair challenge to the Golf



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Mission Club Championship where the fescue, tough bunkers and at times a fairly stiff breeze took their toll. The course played tough and keeping the ball in the fairway was definitely the key to this event. The lack of any Fescue Relief Ruling took its toll on scores. I felt like my game was starting to round into form and felt ready after shoulder surgery in December. I played 2 tough competitors (Johnny D. and Joe Neri) neither one giving an inch. It took, holing out a bellied wedge from the green side rough on 17 to close out Joe and Johnny D put on show also, but putting saved the day. Back at the clubhouse was the usual, Pete Murray proclaiming the GOATS are on the rise, beers going down easy and the trophy photo ops. Can't wait for the finals. I live for that shit."



Come Back Kid Leads D-Down Birds Attack

Rookie Michael Denise of Manahawkin, NJ, plays for King Cutillo's Double-Down Birds. Just the fact that he lives at the shore and has joined our Tour, you know the guy is a serious golfer. He suited up with A-Flight at Twisted which was the largest Flight at 56 players, and grabbed the gold, winning our A-Flight Net Championship with two solid net

rounds of: net 74-73-147 (+3). Michael is a nice guy, and he surely is resilient. He told me, "I broke my back in December 2019 so maybe, I'm the comeback kid. Nearly 40 years of playing with Domenic finally pays off. I made a 7 on the 2nd hole both days. This was like a home game for me this weekend. Seriously though, thanks for all you guys do to make these events happen." My quick follow up with Mike was how the heck did you break your back? Mike replied, "I fell off a ladder (about 10 feet) onto a concrete floor while getting Christmas decorations down from my garage attic." This guy shows all the signs of being a Warrior, he drives long distances to play, he is Low-Drama, which is a must if you want to excel in golf, and he recovers quickly from a nasty injury.

Mac is Back; Welsh in OT

In the Championship Flight you had to have an Index of 9.9 or less and would play from their blue tees at 6775 yards. This Flight would produce two winners: a Net Champion and the lowest Gross would be our 2021 Golf Mission Tour Club Champion. Carl McEncroe AKA The Big Mac posted a gross 74, on Saturday, and led the field by three. On Sunday he posted a 77, for a two-day total of 151, defeating the field by 8-blows.

This marked his second GMT Club Championship; 2019 and 2021. It could have been three in a row but Judge Bobby Kennedy pulled off a nice comeback last year, wielding a deadly putter.

Johnny Welsh of the Moonshiners was three behind after Saturday's Round in the net contest of the Championship Flight, posting a net 77. In Sunday's round with Big Mac, he settled the score tying Mac in 36-hole Regulation play at net 151. Following GMA Rules in the Club Championships there are no "card-reviewed-tiebreakers". In the Sudden Death Play that ensued on Hole #1, started on Hole 1, and was officiated by Josh Rosen; Johnny Welsh took hole 1, and it was over. Mr. John Welsh commuting from Virginia won the Net Crown!