



Quinlan Does St. Andrews

As some of you know, my wife and I were with a tour group in Scotland and England. Thursday night the group was in a hotel about 15 miles from St. Andrews. We were scheduled to do some touristy things in St. Andrews and then go on the Edinburgh. I decided to see if there was any way I could get a round on the Old Course. I got up early and took a taxi into St. Andrews arriving about 7:00 AM. I went to the starter to see what the possibilities were. He said I could get off at 8:20. So I rented some clubs, bought some golf balls, and hired a caddie.

I was in a threesome with an Englishman and an American from North Carolina. It was cool, overcast and windy - what else would you expect in Scotland. The temperature was about 50 degrees F, the wind about 20 MPH. Once I was out on the course it seemed fine to me. Probably a combination of moving along and the experience of actually being on the Old Course. I must say that, with no wind, it would not be a difficult course. The fairways are wide and the green speeds are comparable to what we see in Albuquerque. Having a caddie was invaluable. When I hit the ball where he told me and putted it on the line he read, I was successful. Especially missing all the pot bunkers in the middle of the fairways. I was only in one and glad to advance it 30 yards or so.

The front nine was pretty much downwind and the back nine upwind. The ground is very hard and the turf is not lush - it reminded me of Bandon Dunes in Oregon, if you have ever played there. As you know, I am not a big hitter, but I was close enough to putt for my second shot on two par fours and my third shot on one par 5. There is ugly rough (gorse) on many of the holes, but you have to be way offline to get into it. The grassy rough is very thin and not difficult to hit out of. There are 8 double greens shared by 16 holes. Only 1 and 18 have their own green. The double greens are huge. I only had one 1-putt. Even into the wind, the ball rolls a long way and I hit several of the longer par fours into the wind in regulation which I would never have been able to do in New Mexico. Even though the course is at sea level, it didn't seem very humid and I think that helped.

The course didn't seem crowded. As I mentioned, there were only three in our group and there was a twosome behind us. People are often in the wrong fairway, sometimes on purpose, and there is at least one place where holes cross, so it seemed like there were about 12 people playing on the fairway of the same hole. The New Course parallels and there is no out of bounds between them. Our North Carolinian was on the New Course several times and there were frequently New Course players on our course on the outward nine where they adjoin. Coming in, the Old Course parallels the Eden Course, but not quite so close.

Anyway, I will end this stream of consciousness description here. It was an amazing experience.

Thank you Gerry for sharing an enviable experience.

Remaining Weekend Tournaments 2017

LOS ALTOS GOLF ASSOCIATION- 2017 WEEKEND TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE				
Month	Date	Players	Format	Per Person
June	10th - Sat	Members and ADO invite	Individual Play	\$ 25.00
July	15th & 16th	Members Only	2 Person Best Ball	\$ 40.00
Aug	12th - Sat	Mem./Guest or Mem./Mem.	2 Per. 6/6/6 Best Ball/Scramble/Alt. Shot	\$ 25.00
Sept	9th & 10th	Members Only	Club Championship - Individual Play	\$ 45.00
Oct	14th - Sat	Members Only	2 person Scramble/ Alternate shot	\$ 25.00
Oct	21st & 22nd	Members Only	Puerto Challenge	\$ 40.00
Nov	17th or 18th	Members Only	Play either Fri. or Sat. - Individual Play	\$ 25.00



June 2017 ADO Invitational
Individual Stroke Play
Saturday June 10th
(LAGA and ADO)
\$25 Per Person

Optional Skins – Payable at the check in desk!
(7:30 Shotgun)

Flight 1 will play from the Blue Tees. Players 50 and over can opt to play the white tees

Entry deadline is Tuesday June 6th @ 6:00 P.M.

Observations:

Thirty feet (10 yards) is the requested distance to keep carts away from edge of the green. Not only are cart drivers inside of thirty feet, but they are driving to the front of the greens where golfers would want to bump and run a shot to the green....through the tracks left by your cart? Is this the price of most for the convenience of a few? Come on guys, have some respect for the course and for your fellow players.

Overheard in the Club House:

“Finally, I’m at a point in my golfing career where I am able to drive better than Tiger Woods”.

**Player of the Year
May Leaderboard**



Michael Wood	17 Points
Mike Davidson	16 Points
James Olguin	15 Points
Wally Iverson	14 Points
Roland Sena	13 Points
Tim Frazee	13 Points
Gary Schuster	13 Points
Ray Woodbury	13 Points