**Golf Digestion**

**5/2/16:**

**Course – Charlie Yates**

**Par – 30**

**Score – 38**

**Putts – 19**

**F/G – 1, 2**

**3 putts – 2**

**Double Bogeys – 2**

**Bogeys – 4**

**Pars – 3**

**Notes: Irons were inconsistent, wedge game needs work. Putting would have been fruitful if the speed of the greens were more consistent. Had a couple of recovery pars, but gave some bogeys up with poor putting. Was playing with a group of 4 so not much room to mess around with different tee shots. Looking forward to playing a ball from each tee next time I play yates.**

**What needs the most work: wedges from 60 yards and in, putting.**

**5/4/16:**

**Course – Mystery Valley**

**Par 72**

**Score: 86**

**Putts: 38**

**F/G: Front 9 – 4 fairways/3 greens Back 9 – no record**

**3 putts: 4**

**Triple Bogeys: 1**

**Double Bogeys: 3**

**Bogeys: 5**

**Pars: 10**

**Notes: 1 – Par 5, Third shot 10’ right, 2 putt par**

**2 – Par 3, Tee shot thin, bad putting, bogey**

**3 – Par 4, perfect tee shot, 2nd shot on green, birdie putt went amateur side, par**

**4 – Par 3, Not enough club off tee (wind knocked it down), poor bump n run, putt went low side, bogey**

**5 – Par 4, Played through the trees, poor short game, double**

**6 – Par 4, decent tee shot, average iron play, 2-putt par**

**7 – Par 5, Great tee shot, second shot well right of green, poor 3rd shot, nice recovery shot, 1 putt par**

**8 – Par 4, Tee shot blocked short of bunker on right, 2nd shot on fringe, 2 putt par**

**9 – Par 4, tee shot in fairway, 2nd shot on green, missed 6’ par putt**

**No notes on back 9.**

**Overall played decent. Back out at Mystery for a full 18 was nice. Feeling the swing come back, and feeling the urge to work out and do yoga. Had some decent short game shots and the driver still feels pretty good but putting can use major improvement as well as bump n run shots with unfamiliar clubs/lies.**

**Looking forward to playing 3+ times a week again. Want to get back with Mike Lipnick for a lesson soon and talk about practice regiment.**

**What needs most work: Putting first priority, second priority would be short game.**

**Equipment changes: New grips are needed on wedges and putter. Loft/lie adjustments following a fitting. No new clubs necessary, though a 15\* 3 wood or a loft adjustment to current 13\* 3 wood may be a good idea.**

**5/8/16:**

**Course – Mystery Valley**

**Par 72**

**Score: 87**

**Putts: 35**

**F/G: Front 9 – 6 fairways/2 greens Back 9 – 5 fairways/3 greens (11/5 total)**

**3 putts: 4**

**Triple Bogeys: 0**

**Double Bogeys: 4**

**Bogeys: 9**

**Pars: 3**

**Birdies: 2**

**Notes:**

**Front 9 – 47**

**1 – Par 5, Great tee shot, great 7 iron 2nd shot, 50\* approach was too much club, poor short game; 1 putt bogey**

**2 – Par 3, Decent 8 iron off tee but was not enough club, this hole had an illegal pin placement which was confirmed and apologized for by superintendent, 4 putted for a 5, but realistically should have been bogey at worst; double bogey**

**3 – Par 4, hooked 3 hybrid into water, dropped and hit 9 iron over green, poor short game; 2 putt for double bogey**

**4 – Par 3, 6 iron was perfect distance off the tee, but had a little too much draw with a 2-club wind into the face. Poor short game; bogey**

**5 – Par 4, Pushed a thin 3 wood into the trees on right side, got an incredible kick out into middle of the fairway. Hit a solid pitching wedge from 147 that rode the wind and almost made birdie; 2-putt par**

**6 – Par 4, Complete miscue on tee shot, topped the driver about 120 yards, hit a 3 wood from 237 out uphill, faded into greenside bunker. Hit a nice clean sand shot but it had a little too much heat. 2 putted from the fringe; bogey.**

**7 – Par 5, Hit another poor drive that was topped (quick wrists), Hit a solid 3 wood out of bounds. Dropped out and played a 50\* wedge within par putt distance, but 3-putted; Double bogey**

**8 – Par 4, Striped a driver to the right side of the fairway, waited on the group in front of us for quite a while before chunking a 58\* wedge far short of the green. Second attempt made the green – from 50 yds out - but was nothing special; 2-putt par**

**9 – Par 4, Striped another drive down the middle of the fairway, hit another subpar 58\* wedge shot to the back right fringe about 20 ft away; 3-putt par**

**Back 9 - 40**

**10 – Par 5, Nice tee shot to right side of fairway, 6 iron was perfect club to green in 2, but missed right because of aim, was trying to avoid greenside bunker. Chunked my first chip, and rushed my second chip which coincidentally hit the pin and got stuck in the hole; birdie**

**11 – Par 3, Missed far right with a 4 iron into the sand, blasted sand shot way over, hit a nice comeback chip and drained the putt; bogey**

**12 – Par 4, Hit a safe 6 iron off the tee, misjudged the distance I needed for the hole and ended up having to hit a 5 iron through trees on the inside of the sharp dogleg left. The 5i was hooked left after passing through the trees but left a difficult pitch that ended up about 15 feet away. Almost drained the par putt; 2-putt bogey**

**13 – Par 4, Drilled a drive down the middle, hit a safe 58\* wedge onto the green; 2-putt par**

**14 – Par 5, Hit a high tee shot with a draw that was magnified by the strong wind and pushed into the trees on the left side, first punch shot off of a super-awkward stance with 4 iron hit a tree, second shot went through the fairway, hit a 6 iron from the right rough to about 15 feet and proceeded to 3-putt what could have been an awesome recovery par; double bogey**

**15 – Par 4, Hit a solid 5 iron off the tee, had a funky lie in the fairway on some settled ground over what looked like an irrigation pipe, led to me pulling my second 5 iron left of the green. Very nearly saved par; 2-putt bogey**

**16 – Par 3, Pushed a 9 iron right of the green then hit a poor short chip about fifteen feet past the hole. Felt like Pop Pop was watching me make the par putt and it slid into the side of the cup; Par**

**17 – Par 4, Hit a heavy draw off the toe of the driver into the left rough then hit a solid 50\* wedge on the green. Could have been better putting; 3-putt bogey**

**18 – Par 4, Best hole of the day and a great way to finish. Drilled a drive down the right side and it kicked off a hill leaving me with a 125 yd shot downwind from the middle of the fairway. I hit a 50\* wedge to about 3 feet and drained the putt; 1-putt birdie**

**Thoughts:**

**Glad to get out at the MV dogfight again. Sunday mornings can be a regular game for me again, and the competition feeling of the possibility of making some money adds a bit of pressure. For the first time in a long time I had a round that started very subpar and ended well to save a disastrous round. 40 on the back 9, no matter how I got there, feels pretty good. Breaking 80 at Mystery Valley is just a few strokes away.**

**Wedge game needs serious work. This is a blaring hole in my game right now that is making my putting seem alright in comparison (which is not). Every once in a while I’ll have a solid shot with a wedge, especially the 50\* from around 115 yards, but the game around the greens needs most work. Talked with Dad about a few practice routines. Going to buy 3 five-gallon buckets and a few cheap towels to practice shots from varying distances less than 40 yards. Also going to start cleaning up the range, so the wedge game should benefit from the extra half bucket of balls a few times a week. 3 two-hour sessions per week is the goal, focused mainly on short game for now.**

**Equipment changes: In dire need of new grips on my wedges, irons are starting to get dry and my 3-wood and 3-hybrid could use an upgrade from the stock grip. Putter grip is starting to dry out and peel apart, looking to upgrade that soon as well. Planning on buying some practice pro-v’s from a fellow employee at E.L. for shag-bag use.**

**5/9/16:**

**Course: Mystery Valley**

**Played in a best ball scramble today. The team shot 59 gross and net 40. I claimed a 12 and the other three were 20+. Started on the 7th hole with an eagle after a solid drive and 6 iron to 15 feet. 8 and 9 were pars, and 10 a stretch of a birdie. 11 was a par after no one put a tee shot on the green. 12 was a birdie and 13 was a par. 14 no one put a good drive off the tee and everyone else hit their shots before I hit a nice 3 wood to the green. We almost made eagle but settled for birdie. 15 we played a safe par. 16 was a poor tee shot hole, but one of the guys drained the birdie from the fringe. 17 and 18 were birdies after nice play through the hole. Number 1 we were 55 yards out on our second shot and we all played shots off the green. The group took a mulligan and put it on my shoulders, which I holed out for eagle. Number 2 we ended up with a 2-putt par. After we had one safe in the fairway on number 3 I tried to work a 3 wood around the extreme dogleg left, and hit a perfect shot that ended up about 20 yards out. We chipped up to 5 feet and made birdie. Number 4 we got a free birdie from one of the sponsors on the course (through donation). Number 5 we ended up with a drive that left us a short shot in but could not convert for birdie. Number 6 (number 1 handicap hole) we put one tight and finished with a birdie.**

**Team gross best ball: 59, net 40.**

**Thoughts: Wedge game still needs work, would love a new grip on the putter and 58\* wedge, if not all the wedges and 3w/3h. Would feel cleaner. Was nice to get a win in after not playing in a tournament since the same one last year.**