

Under rather cloudy and cool skies, 10 BMC golfers teed off in the annual Ed White Shootout. The competitors were Tim Smith, Chris Eckes, Marty Weber, Andrew Cripps, Greg Baron, Steve Tanner, Denny Russell, Scott Nelson and Rick Windham.

As usually, there were several unbelievable shots making for new Ed White lore. On hole number three, Tim Smith hit the back of the stick from 150 yards out. The ball dropped straight down into the hole bounced out leaving a large divot next to the cup. Tim proceeded to drop the next shot for a birdie two. On the same number three hole, Greg Baron also put his drive 1 inch from the cup and made his birdie also. Could have had two hole in ones. Now for the best one. On hole number four, Andrew Cripps made a sensational Albatross which is a first for the Ed White and maybe for the course?

After the first five holes the 5 top scoring players, Tim Smith, Marty Weber, Greg Baron, Steve Tanner and Denny Russell, continued in a shootout. Denny unfortunately put his drive into the woods on hole number six but gallantly tried to recover. However he was eliminated to place 5th in the competition. On the next par three Steve Tanner put his drive 2 feet from the cup and holed out for a birdie two. Greg Baron made a great down hill putt next to the cup for a three leaving Marty Weber and Tim Smith with a put off. Wouldn't you know it, Marty Weber aced his put from 25 feet down hill and a right turn. Tim tried his best but missed by a few inches leaving him in fourth place.

On to number eight hole. Marty hit his usual 270 yard drive and got his par five while Steve and Greg stumbled in with two sixes and were forced to a put off. Steve hit first and scuffed his chip ending in the fringe. Greg hit his chip to the right of the hole but good enough to move on leaving Steve in third place.

Now the final hole to determine the Ed White Champion. Marty hit his drive into the weedy area on the right, while Greg was right down the middle. Marty made a gallant effort to get out but the ball found more weeds ahead. Greg put his second shot on the green. In a show of true Ed White sportsmanship, Marty conceded the hole and the match. Our new Ed White Champion is Greg Baron.

We all retired to the clubhouse, as a light rain began to fall, to enjoy three great pizzas, chicken fingers and beer. As usual, the talking was just as great as the playoff.

Another Ed White Shootout in the books. Now we wait for next year hoping everyone in the BMC will step up and participate in record numbers of events. Remember, the more Ed White points you receive the better your chances of getting to play in this exciting, challenging and prestigious BMC event. See you next year.

Respectfully, Your Ed White co-chairmen, Steve Tanner and Mark Schmidt



EWS Champion Greg Baron



EWS Runner Up Marty Weber w/Greg



The Field (L to R): Larry Fyten, Marty Weber, Andrew Cripps, Scott Nelson, Tim Smith, Chris Eckes, Greg Baron, Denny Russell, Rick Windom, Steve Tanner and Co-Coordinator Mark Schmidt



Andrew Cripps fishing out his Albatross on #4



Tim Smith's Near Ace On #3

