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Season's Greetings

TURTLE WORTHY REDUX!

Q-BALL KIMMET COMES FROM TEN BACK TO CLAIM THE TURTLE FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW.

DEPOT STOVE THREPEATS THE TEMPLETON CUP.

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Q-Ball caressing the New Look Turtle

SOUTHERN PINES, North Carolina (DOD). –

It is customary for the winner of the Southern Pines Invitational to have the trophy engraved with his name. Those familiar with the annual Golf Trip tournament are well aware of that award—the unparalleled Terrapin Travelin’ Trophy, commonly known as *the Turtle*. After last year’s victory, like every prior champion, Mark “Q-Ball” Kimmet had his name engraved on the iconic reptile. Perhaps auguring events to come, Kimmet went above and beyond all the champions who had come before. When Kimmet appeared for the first Calcutta this year, *the Turtle* was sporting a fancy new solid walnut base, with room to accommodate the names of champions for many years to come.

The first two names to appear on *the Turtle’s* new appendage will be Mark “Q-Ball” Kimmet. Evidently unwilling to relinquish the newly adorned *Turtle*, Q-Ball fired a blistering final round plus six, coming from ten shots back to claim the Terrapin for the second consecutive year over a melting down Danny “Depot Stove” Pressley. In so doing, Kimmet assured his legacy, becoming the first golfer ever to be *Turtle* worthy in consecutive years. Despite staggering to the finish line, Pressley managed to hold off Tracy “Tiger” Thompson to claim the Templeton Cup for a third consecutive year.



Depot Stove with the Cup



The tournament had begun six days earlier at the first Calcutta. The players eagerly anticipated the arrival of the Sweetheart of the Golf Trip, local news anchor Robin Wilhoit. You may recall last year, when Depot Stove secured autographed photos of Ms. Wilhoit that were presented at the first Calcutta. In her honor, Ms. Wilhoit was named Sweetheart of the Golf Trip and honorary starter for last year’s event.

This year, amid Depot's promises that "If you like your Sweetheart you can keep your Sweetheart," Ms. Wilhoit was scheduled to make a personal appearance at the opening ceremonies. It was not to be, however, as at the eleventh hour, Ms. Wilhoit was required by the vicissitudes of her employment to attend a Calcutta of a lesser caliber. Perhaps one day we actually will be graced by her appearance at the event.



The Sweetheart was conspicuously absent



As usual, the Orbettes brought it

The absence of the Sweetheart did not dampen for long the enthusiasm of the festivities. The mood was bolstered immeasurably by the appearance of the New Look *Turtle*. Of course not to be outdone were the incomparable Orbettes—Karen Cain, Dawn Lockmiller, Tronda O'Brien, Angie Rossini, and Tina Zeits. As is their wont, the Orbettes treated the players to the usual outstanding feast, complete with Tina's legendary Oreo Orbs.

The first Calcutta commenced in its usual fashion with the reading of the Calcutta Creed, led by Calcutta Chairman Michael Wood. Thereafter, the players were treated to the annual interminable slide show produced by Dan "The Man" Moore. If you are interested the slide show, it may be viewed on the Golf Trip website, Dimpledor.net—"The Fifty Dollar Website that Sometimes Actually Works™." A link to the current slide show is [here](#).



The sequester did not get through the Calcutta

Once the preliminaries were out of the way, the Chairman adroitly conducted the Calcutta as only he can. The Chairman's usual wing man and treasurer, Toby "Hoss Cartwright" Hyke could not attend due to business commitments. It was the first Calcutta the Chairman had ever conducted without Hoss's able assistance. Depot Stove subbed for Hoss, prompting the Chairman to remark that "it still feels good but it's just not the same." Despite efforts spearheaded by Tournament Director Greg "The Loguemeister" Logue to sequester amounts wagered, the pot grew to near record levels.



Big Boy, Jr.



Cool Breeze



Stone Cold



The Assassin

With a PPM of 1.47, the odds-on favorite for the first day was Mike "Big Boy, Jr." King. Among other players garnering heavy action was Randy "Cool Breeze" Gibson, who flirted with the early lead last year only to falter at the end. Cool Breeze also serves as the Chairman of the Official Q-Ball Fan Club. Coming off rotator cuff surgery, a returning Greg "Stone Cold" Goddard received surprising support due to rumors of fine play in rehab. Moore's number one ranked PPM also drew support.

The Chairman's partner, Nathan "The Assassin" Nash, still seeking to register an RVF score after two seasons on tour, received scant attention. Hoss Cartwright hoped to improve his fine second place finish last year even though he "hadn't played since November." The gallery remained skeptical, as Hyke drew the least attention from the players. His absence from the Calcutta contributed to that lack of support.



Hoss Cartwright



The Hoser



McClane



Matlock

Familiar faces comprised the balance of assembled field. Michael "The Hoser" Moser returned for his fifth try for *Turtle* glory after missing last year's event due to a pinched nerve. Hoser teamed up with The Loguemeister. Also returning was Depot Stove's partner, Dennis McClane, whose resemblance to Wilford Brimley increases with each passing year. Richard "The Envy" Matlock was there seeking his third *Turtle* as King's partner. Also in the field were the enigmatic Jon "Hairball" Lawler, playing as Tiger Thompson's partner, and the Templeton Cup's namesake, Norm "The Total Package" Templeton, teamed with Moore.



Hairball



Thompson



The Package



Moore

With the first Calcutta in the books and the field set, the players headed east for the Tournament. Though stung by the nonappearance of the Sweetheart, the players eagerly anticipated the week's events. As is their custom, most of the participants headed straight to Southern Pines for Wednesday's practice rounds on Pine Needles. For the second year in a row, the Logue faction, including Moore, Templeton and Hoser, took in a practice round at Mountain Glen, in Newland, North Carolina, with the evening layover in Greensboro.



Norm, Hoser, Logue at Mountain Glen



Logue's approach on seven



Norm surveys the situation

Thursday morning brought an uncommon level of excitement for the Logue group. They were startled awake by the Hampton Inn's fire alarms, which Moore at first believed to be a new app on Logue's cell phone designed to motivate Templeton. It later emerged that the alert was the result of an errant bagel left overlong in a dining room toaster. The smoke cleared to reveal several firemen clad in their full firefighting regalia traipsing through the hotel buffet. Their appearance may have foreshadowed fire related events that ignited later in the week.



Greensboro's finest emergency responders



In line for toasted bagels



When the Logue group arrived in Southern Pines for the start of the Tournament on Thursday, it was evident that the Q-Ball Fan Club had been hard at work. The lower level of the Ross Lodge was generously festooned with several life sized posters of the defending Champion. The culprit was generally thought to be Q-Ball Fan Club Chairman Cool Breeze, though he denied it and laid it off on Q-Ball's own *hubris*. Regardless of the source of the posters, they were yet another sign of the miraculous weekend that was about to unfold.



The Q-Ball Fan Club



Fan Club Chairman



Fan Art

The Day One round was played on Thursday afternoon at Pine Needles. The weather was absolutely perfect, an omen of perhaps the finest four-day weather the Golf Trip has ever experienced. Serving notice that he was there to play, Depot Stove immediately heated up to thermonuclear temperatures, carving up Pine Needles for a record 35-point first round. Having neatly sandbagged a first round quota of 25 points, the Stove staked himself to a fat plus-ten score. Playing in the same group, The Package valiantly tried to keep up. But after witnessing the Stove go two under in the first seven holes, including two 40-foot plus birdie bombs, Templeton could gain no purchase.



Depot Stove in thermonuclear form



McClane trying to surrender

The dam finally burst on number eight, when both players found themselves in opposite greenside bunkers. Both hitting their third shots, The Package played first from the right bunker, hitting a brilliant shot to within two feet. Not to be outdone, before Norm could mark his ball, the Stove calmly proceeded to hit his shot from the left bunker. The ball doinked off Templeton's ball and, like it had eyes, went into the cup for the Stove's fourth birdie of the day. From there, a visibly nonplussed Templeton was never the same. He did manage to rally to grab second place on the day at plus five, one shot clear of four other players. Q-Ball was nobody's hero, claiming sole possession of 11th place with a pedestrian minus five. Perhaps not yet fully recovered from his injury, Stone Cold Goddard found himself twenty shots off the pace with a dismal minus ten opening round.



The evening dinner found the group relegated to the Mid Pines veranda in favor of the Eastern Radiological Society, which had overrun the main dining room. Perhaps less inclined toward youthful indiscretions, the Calcutta Chairman didn't challenge those sons-of-bitches to a mano & mano golf match despite the urging of an unidentified inebriated fellow who wandered by to say hello. Several of the radiologists were overheard remarking on the familiar glow emanating from the porch area as the result of Depot Stove's not yet fully cooled nuclear reactors. Inasmuch as the Calcutta had concluded before dinner, the players had ample time to enjoy the ambience, as can be seen in the group photo above.



Day Two weather was perfect



Goddard redeemed himself on Day Two

Day Two opened on Mid Pines under glorious blue skies. Atoning for his first day "debuckle," Goddard appeared to be back in pre-injury form, posting a tidy score of 29 points to win the Day at plus five. Kimmert also began his long ascent for the *Turtle*, recovering with a nice plus four round of 19 to grab second on the day. That was enough to move him into seventh

place at minus one at the half-way point of the Tournament. A group of three players composed of Depot Stove, Thompson and Moore tied for third at plus one on the day. That left them atop the Leader Board in that order, with King also in the hunt tied for third. The Stove's lead after two rounds was a commanding six points over Thompson.

In Friday afternoon's bonus round at Pine Needles, a group including Hoss Cartwright was playing ahead of Depot Stove's foursome. Believing the group ahead had cleared the eighth fairway, the Stove teed off on the short par four. Evidently failing to notice that Hoss was still in range, Depot rifled a drive that careened off Hoss's golf cart, striking him in an indeterminate location. Witness accounts differed on whether Hoss was struck in the leg or head. With him it may not matter. Though not seriously injured, the phalanx of lawyers on the trip encouraged Hoss to consider a multi-million dollar personal injury lawsuit against Stove. Depot's remark that "I was just trying to speed up play" was perhaps an added incentive. The beaming cast a pall on the balance of the round and into the evening. The incident made all the players realize that they were happy with their current health insurance plans and wanted to keep them.

got insurance?



Southern Pines

"Yo Mom, do I got insurance?"
My girlfriend broke my heart,
so me and the bros went golfing.
Then my buddy broke my head.
Good thing Mom made
sure I got insurance.

Now you can too.

thanks
obamacare!



#GotInsurance
doyougotinsurance.com

Zach & Sam
Buddies for Life



Depot seemed unaffected



King had a nice Moving Day Score



Norm hung tough on Day Three

On an otherwise gorgeous Moving Day, the spectre of litigation loomed large, as play began on Pine Needles. Many wondered how the prospect of an adverse multi-million dollar judgment would affect Stove's play. If affected, he did not show it, as Depot managed a respectable even round to retain his spot perched atop the Leader Board at plus 11. King and Templeton both boasted plus-five rounds to claim second on the Day. Those moves found King in second overall, three shots behind Pressley, and Norm in third, one shot back of King. Thompson was one shot further back at plus six, followed by Moore at plus five. It did not appear that any other players had a remote chance to challenge the lead on the final Day.



Goddard won for the second Day in a row



Lawler had his first win since 2007

Stone Cold Goddard and Hairball Lawler tied for first on the Day at plus six. But both started the Day so far back that those good scores could not gain much ground on the leaders. Goddard's second Calcutta win in as many days inched him into plus territory after his disastrous first day. Even with two consecutive victories, though, he still found himself ten back of the leader. Lawler's win broke the ice on a victory drought dating back to 2007. But coming into the Day at minus ten, his plus six could move him only from a tie for last with Logue into 11th place, still burdened by an overall tally of minus four. Not making much noise was Q-Ball, who carded a mild plus two to move into a seventh place tie with Goddard. The Tournament remained Depot Stove's to lose. But saddled with the prospect of expensive litigation, the Stove's margin of error was razor thin.

That evening over dinner, representatives of Depot Stove and Hoss Cartwright conferred about possibly resolving the beaning incident without protracted and expensive litigation. Negotiations continued into the wee hours, long after the conclusion of dinner and the Calcutta. With Day Four's tee time beckoning, a confidential settlement was finally reached. With the beaning burden lifted, Depot Stove appeared poised and ready to claim his second *Turtle* in three years.



Protracted settlement negotiations



Day Four Calcutta



Stove seemed relieved at the settlement

But it was not to be. Perhaps exhausted by the prospect of expensive litigation and the attendant settlement negotiations, the Stove cooled as abruptly as a burning bagel under a gushing fire hose. His day started promisingly enough, with a par on number one. The double bogey on two was perhaps a harbinger of the rest of the day, but it was still early. With double bogeys on seven and nine, however, Depot made the turn with only 11 points. Suddenly his 27 point quota looked like a tall mountain to climb. As so many before have learned, the *Turtle* is a heavy load on the back nine at Mid Pines on Sunday. With his fuel rods now spent the Stove could manage only ten points on the back, finishing with only two points over the closing three holes. Depot Stove's final round at minus six opened the door for several of the contenders.



Q-Ball began his run to victory . . .



. . . with shots like this to cover a ten stroke deficit

With doors closing on the other contenders, only Q-Ball could burst through. Beginning the Day tied for seventh a full ten shots off the lead, Kimmet's chances did not look promising. Playing on a quota of 18, however, Kimmet's front nine 14 points suddenly made the prospects brighter. He began to realize that if he could post a good score early, the contenders would have to catch him on the treacherous Mid Pines back nine. He turned on the gas with a birdie on ten. He played steady golf over the next five holes, registering only one par. Even with only two points over the last three holes, Q-Ball managed a ten point back nine to card a stellar final round score of 24. Kimmet's plus six left him the leader in the clubhouse at plus seven overall. From there he watched as one contender after another fell by the wayside, leaving him standing at the top of the leaderboard.

King had begun the day only three shots behind Depot. He faltered as badly as the Stove, carding a minus six of his own to finish tied for fifth with Wood and Thompson. Templeton started the Day in Third, four shots back of the leader. Vying desperately for both *the Turtle* and the Templeton Cup, his disappointing final round minus eight dropped him into sole possession of ninth place. Thompson also began the Day within shouting distance of the lead, only to post a

minus four to fall out of contention. Moore's minus two moved him up one spot to fourth overall. This left him edged out of the tournament money by McClane's 21 point, plus two, final round that put Brimley in third. Perhaps McClane has finally exorcised the Mid Pines demons that have long plagued his final round efforts.



Matlock claimed second on Day Four



Wood finally got in the money



Nash awaits next year for an RVF

Kimmet's final round easily brought him the win on the Day. Matlock finally came alive to post a tidy plus four for second. Wood finally managed an RVF with a plus three for third on the Day. The Assassin's RVF drought continued for another season. Nash's only positive round of plus two was good enough to tie for fourth on the Day, one shy of an RVF slot. There's always next year.

As for Q-Ball, years from now when yarns are spun of the valiant men who once sought *the Turtle*, Q-Ball's name will stand out. He will be remembered not only as the man who added the walnut base to *the Turtle*, but also for the way he clawed his way past so many to be the first to chisel his name thereon, not once but twice. Congratulations to Mark Kimmet for a monumental feat that will grow in the telling.



Q-Ball and Depot Stove with their rewards



DEAR
SANTA
Please bring
The Turtle.
Chuck

Good
Boys
&
Girls