THE G.A.S.P. GAZETTE

LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

With much anticipation the golfers of the annual G.A.S.P. tournament are about to converge on the small town of High River to inflict immeasurable damage to the Highwood Golf Course, and local pubs.

Local professionals are reported to be unsure of the playing ability of these young golfers (other than Joe "long-balls" Cruz) from around Alberta, particularly the one claiming to be related to Tiger Woods. "Lyle Woods is no more the lost brother of Tiger than is my dog." said the course pro. " In fact, my dog has a better swing than this Lyle fellow." Even the G.A.S.P. golfers are reported to be skeptical.
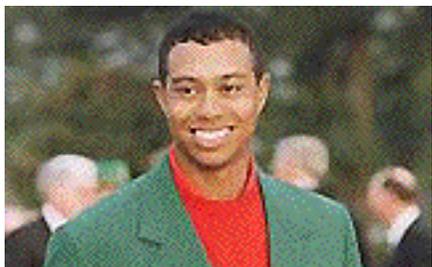
(AP photo. Can you spot Lyle as he stalks Tiger in Georgia?)

The tournament gets officially underway on May 31, with many participants honing their skills on May 30. Accommodations are provided by the town campground. Sponsorship of this year's event by one of the major breweries appears to have fallen through. (Editor's note: Perhaps we should contact one; they might just provide posters, prizes, and products (yum, yum) to support this project. Also, submissions to this paper on this or other subjects gratefully received.)

Good luck to all golfers. Let us all welcome back Mark Kopp to this event. The new Dad will certainly want to buy us several pints. Don't let him forget this!

COOKING WITH MALCOLM AND JACK.

The G.A.S.P. tournament lasts for only a few days, but the memories can last a lifetime. Both Malcolm and Jack place a great deal of emphasis on the one or two meals prepared at the campsite each year, and this year is no exception. Instead of surprising fellow campers with their cuisine, they have decided to allow us a preview of this year's feast. For those brave individuals wishing to join them this year, you will require the following:

- 1 recently killed skunk
- 4 cups tomato sauce
- 1 - 2 dozen beer (Kokanee preferred)
- 5 cups chopped onion
- Basil, oregano, thyme, parsley
- 4 boxes Tums (to thicken)

The skunk will need to marinade for at least 24 hours in the spices and beer to soften. And don't forget to skin and clean your skunk first. If skunk is not available, substitute 8 Richardson's ground squirrels. After stewing the skunk in the tomato sauce during one golf round, slice and enjoy with rice and 4 or 5 bottles of red wine. (The wine should be consumed prior to the actual meal.) Try sleeping next to an open window after this one. Bon apetit.

G.A.S.P. 1996 RECAP.

This paper recognises the efforts of Joe C., Malcolm G., Jack S., and Lyle F., for winning the last G.A.S.P. A special applause for those individuals forced to play with Lyle during Friday's "qualifier".

John Cruz did not have the highest score on the course, but outshone everyone when it came to laughs. After the cart roll and the awning skit, all participants await this year's performance. I am certain everyone is prepared to help cover medical costs should he choose to outdo 1996.

STROKE SAVERS

With Dave Stengler.

Playing in winding conditions can cause even a bogey player like myself to begin seeing the shots add up. Most would attempt to compensate for the conditions by adjusting left or right. However, the correct move is to reach into your golf bag and pull out a sandwich (or two), chips, cake, and a cool can of Big Rock. If you make your move properly, by the time you finish eating the wind will have abated, and you will own the fairways.

Some may ask what do you do if you have just eaten, or have used this trick over the past three or four holes. For these wimps, try the slow, methodical approach to your tee shot. Golf rules allow for up to ten minutes to address your ball. Use this time to adjust your clothing, tie shoes, urinate, mock players on other tee boxes, look for your favourite tee, light a Colts cigar, or complain about the bugs. If this does not buy you enough time, ask other players if they have any food in their bags.

Perhaps the most underused stroke saver is the pencil eraser. Be sure to keep one of these babies in your pocket whenever you play. Encourage your playing partners to search for your lost ball in the woods. While they are occupied, a little adjustment to the score card will make you the talk of the clubhouse.

JIM'S GOLF TIPS.

I have found that the most important piece of golf equipment that you bring with you on the course is not in your bag, but on your feet. For those tough shots, where all you really hope for is to get back on the fairway, the rule is simple. Distract you playing partners, and with a quick flick of the heel, you can place your ball almost anywhere you like, although I have found it best to keep this type of shot to less than 3 to 4 feet.

Trees, bunkers, and water holes will never cause you trouble again. But watch out for black golf shoes as they can leave tell-tale marks on some makes of golf balls.

Next issue: Why it is always important to keep an extra ball in your pocket.

THE CLASSIFIED ADS.

For sale: Alarm clock, never used. Contact John C.
For sale: Black golf shoes. Heels need some repair work. Contact Jim.
Male, mid-thirties, likes Pilsner, golfing, and cats. Looking for hot tomato for light housework and cooking. (P.S. My cat sheds, but I don't). Contact Revy in Medicine Hat. Ask for Tiger's big brother.

PLANNING YOUR TOURNAMENT

By Doug Bader.

Thinking of organising a golf adventure package for family and friends in the near future? Don't leave team selection to chance. Colleges and I at D.R.E.S. used the facility's SuperComputer to arrive at the following formula for fun and success. With the power of such a computer, calculations can be completed in just less than one day. If you are planning on doing these calculations by pencil and paper, we will be presenting an approximation method in an upcoming issue of *Mathematica*.

v	=	number of golfers
w	=	number of rounds
x	=	golfers with handicaps >35
y	=	number of players named "Lyle"
z	=	beer consumed by player / round

$$n = \arctan(x - y)\cdot\exp(-z/v\cdot w)\cdot{}^2$$
$$\cdot(72 - z)\cdot\cos(4\cdot/e)\cdot\log\{w/6.2\}$$
$$\cdot(4.99/y^2)\cdot/y\{x^5/y\cdot w\cdot z\}$$

For each player, calculate an "n" value. Combine players with similar n values together. Never combine odd and even n values together lest they begin breaking wind and/or clubs.

THE FUNNIES

A man was playing a game of golf, and on hole 16, he hit the ball right into a field of buttercups. As honest a golfer as he normally was, he picked up the ball and laid it next to the flowerbed to avoid destroying the beautiful buttercups.

A fairy comes down and says, ``Thank you for not disturbing my buttercups. For that I shall make sure that you always have a full supply of butter''.

``Thank you,'' the golfer replied, ``but where were you last week when I hit the ball into the pussywillows?''