

MCA and CCBA What a Summer!

August 17th was the date for the MCA (Midwest Circuits Association) annual golf outing held at Majestic Oaks Golf Club in Ham Lake, MN. The weather was perfect, and the usual cast of characters was on hand to enjoy the festivities. My group started on hole number one for this 18 hole scramble. This is our normal starting position at this annual event. In this case, the first tee slot is issued to the MCA member that is the first to submit the entry fee for their group. I've enjoyed this slot for years, and have no intention of relinquishing it anytime soon.

At the end of the day we finished with a respectable score, but not good enough to win any hardware. When there are this many people playing in a scramble, a double digit score (below par) is usually required to win. For those of you that are less familiar with the great game of golf let me explain the scramble format. In this format, each team's players hit from the teebox, then the team members choose the best of the four shots for the next shot. All team members then play the second shot from that location, and again choose the best shot. Play continues in this manner until the hole is completed. The team then records its score and maintains that format for all 18 holes. Participants left to right are Nick Nagan (TTM), Donnie Monn (Taiyo America) and Steve Billiet (TTM)



September 14th was the date for the prestigious CCBA (Chicagoland Circuit Board Association) golf outing which is held annually at the Klein Creek Country Club in beautiful Winfield, IL. It was another glorious day to be outside, and even though the attendance was down from last year you cut the tension with a dull butter knife. Everyone, and I mean everyone, wants to win this classic event as bragging rights are worth more than money!

My group started slow as we were slated to begin on the easiest hole on the course; a short par three. Needless to say we did not begin with a birdie. We took our par, and meandered to the next hole with thoughts of birdies dancing in our heads. We even did the unthinkable for a four man scramble we had a bogie! That's right, I said a bogie! As captain of the team it was time for a good old fashion pep talk.

My encouragement worked, from that moment on we were a different team; a team on a mission. That mission, hardware! We finished with a respectable eight under which in most years would be good for absolutely nothing, but this year??? Turns out our 62 was one shot better than two groups at 63. The lightened attendance helped us achieve the ultimate prize, the brass ring!

That said, winning is great, but the real winner was the CCBA and its members as we all had the opportunity to spend a day together doing something other than building circuit boards. This statement is true for both events mentioned here today. I look forward to continuing to support both the MCA and the CCBA. I also look forward to winning both events next year!



Left to right Donnie Monn (Taiyo America) & Jerry Smith (Multicircuits)