SAPS Player Profile: Mark Maly

**1. How old were you when you first played golf?**

*My brother and I got one set of clubs to share for Christmas when I was 13 and he was 15. One problem, he's right handed and I'm left so guess who had to learn a new sport backwards.*

**2. Where did you play your first round of golf?**

*My hometown, Fremont Nebraska had one country club. The fifth hole tee box was about a 9 iron away from our backyard. So with our shared set of clubs my brother and I took five lessons at the CC and at the end we played nine holes with our instructor. After that we were public course kids and occasional snuck on the CC to play a few holes at sunset.*

**3. What brand of golf ball do you prefer?**

*Tits PRO VX*

4**. Have you ever made a hole-in-one? Where and when?**

*After 50 years of playing this silly game I got my first one on 11-12-22, hole 8 at Eastmoreland and no one in our group saw it go in. Sun was in our face and I thought it went long. After looking all over George finally said, "look in the hole"*

**5. What is the best round you've ever shot (18 holes)?**

*Shot a 70 at Stone Creek in the SAPS year end tourney about 7 years ago. Had a putt for 69 but left it short: ( My best nine at Eastmorland was a 32 on the front but followed it up with a 42 on the back.*

**6. What is the best course you have ever played?**

*Tough question, best, most fun, most exclusive. From a visual stand point Wolf Creek in Mesquite Nevada is always a favorite. Bandon Pacific Dunes is so fun. Pebble Beach rates up there but Cypress Point Club is so hard to get on and I had the pleasure of playing it back to back days. First day there were 8 golfers on the entire course, the second day there were 12 golfers and our host insisted playing through one of the groups, Major head shake then and now.*

**7. What is the most expensive course you've ever played?**

*Cypress should have been very expensive but only had to pay for my caddie. Pebble and TPC Scottsdale were both mid $400, Pebble was in 2002 and TPC was last spring. Think Pebble is $600+ now.*

**8. Who are your top two favorite pros on the PGA tour?**

*Going old school, Jack and Tiger*

**9. What is your favorite hole at Eastmoreland?**

*Eleven*

**10. Who was your most memorable SAPS member from the past?**

*Been in the league for 36 years so I have many.  Frank Clank, Ted Nelson, Ken Parpala, Pat Fahey, Bud Majest, Josh Burkholst*

**11. What is the best golf incident or story from SAPS that you've witnessed?**

*Again 36 years, lots of great stories. Pat Fahey shooting 29 at Colwood, Ken Parpala getting stuck in a bog at Colwood and with representation from Dick Dobbins Attorney at Law, he collected some money from Colwood. Parpala making a hole in one at the year end at Cedars in Vancouver, skulled, just missing the lake add a skip over the bunker, nothing but net and he bought the entire group two drinks. Josh Burkholst borrowing some random dudes driver and golf balls and trying to drive the 10th green from the back tees, came close twice. Jim Upshaw passed out in the fairway on the first hole of the horse race at our mid year at the Resort at the Mountain. Fahey banking a shot off the tree that then hit Litster on his pacemaker. Jim Walton making a hole in one on 16 at EM (wrap your head around that) twist to the story they were working on water drainage between 15 and 16 so they made a temporary tee on the 16th from 200 yards, par 3. Still a great shot up the hill but easier than 360 yards out. Dobbins not once but twice losing his push cart and bag of clubs into a body of water. Once in a lake at Bandon and once into the creek on 14 at EM. Dobbins also getting drunk and forgetting his clubs at a Palm Springs course, called the course the next day and had to tell them him bag consisted of 10 woods, 3 wedges and a putter. Guy at pro shop said who'd want to steal that bag?*