



2008 Team Canada Deaf Golf News



7th World Deaf Golf Championships Perth, Western Australia

September 28th - October 3rd, 2008



CDGA's Delegate / Team Manager's Message

First of all, I wanted to thank Canadian Deaf Golf Association (CDGA)'s Board who appointed me to be Canadian Delegate and Team Manager. In fact, Rob Cundy was doing Team Manager's duty during the year before 7th World Deaf Golf Championships (WDGC) and I took his place so that he could focus on his golf in the Senior Men's competition. So please give Rob the credit for his good work with other golfers. I have learned a lot through the year with Rob. Thank you Rob, you made Team Canada Deaf Golfers to participate 7th WDGC successfully! Also I wanted to thank 2008 Team Canada Deaf Golfers for their wonderful cooperation and it was a real pleasure to work with them. They all were GREAT!!

2008 Team Canada Deaf Golfers



Back Row: Dana McCarthy (ONT.), Ken Hoffman (SK.), Robert Cundy (AB.), Alex Ouelett (QUE.) and Ben Gilbert (N.S.)

Front Row: Jack Stewart (AB.), Ryan Mobberley (MB.), Dale Proctor (B.C.) and Dennis Marchard (QUE.)

September 28th, 2008
Day 1
WDGF General Meeting & Opening Ceremony



Picture - This was World Deaf Golf Federation (WDGF)'s General Meeting (10:00 am) , WDGF's President (Arne Lundquist) was counting the ballot and Japan won the bid to host 9th WDGC in 2012.

There were three countries (Japan, United States and Denmark) interested to bid and host 9th WDGC in year 2012. Twelve Countries Delegates were impressed with Japan's bidding presentation the president of the golf course was there to support Japan's bidding!

Another highlight was that the change in the rule for Senior's age from 55 to 50 years old. That will make Canadian happy to have the old rule of 50 years old eligibility back.

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After the WDFG's General Meeting, at 4:00 pm, it was sunny day and 7th World Deaf Golf Championship (WDGC) finally opened its ceremony to welcome the world deaf golfers and fans. The flags of the world, WDFG and ICSD were raised. After that, we had "Open Ceremony Banquet". There were 98 golfers from 12 countries - Australia, Canada, Denmark, England, Ireland, Japan, New Zealand, Scotland, South Africa, Sweden, United States and Wales.



September 29th, 2008

Day 2

7th WDGC - Practice Round & Technical Meeting



Ben Gilbert, Ryan Mobberley and Alex Ouelett. Rob Cundy was not with them because he is on WDFB Board and golfed with them.



Dennis Marchard, Jack Steward and Ken Hoffman are watching Dale Proctor's long practicing putt.

September 30th, 2008

Day 3

7th WDGC - 1st Round



It was raining and shining back and forth weather seven times !!! Rob Cundy shot 83 to led Seniors Men. Dale Proctor shot 85 strokes. Team England lead Team Points and our team was at 4th place with 20 points difference.

Picture : Ryan Mobberley's long putt.

October 1st, 2008
Day 4
7th WDC - 2nd Round



The weather was much better and Rob continued to lead Senior Men by 9 strokes. He shot 81. Dale climbed up to 3rd place and only 3 strokes difference to Denver Magnusson from Australia (160). Team Canada Men's points (692) stands 4th place and Team USA Men was the leader by 10 points.

Picture: Jack Stewart teeing off.

October 2nd, 2008
Day 5
7th WDC - 3rd Round

Rob continued to lead a comfortable lead by 19 strokes. Dale Proctor dropped to 6th place with 7 shots behind.

Picture (left) Dale Proctor and Rob Cundy (middle) were ready to have a good golf and (right) Dennis Marchard teeing off



October 3rd, 2008
Day 6
7th WDGC - Final Round



Beautiful day and last day too, Rob easily won 7th WDGC - Senior Men!
Ben Gilbert had a good day and shot 83. Team Canada came 4th place by 50 shots.
Picture (left) Ben Gilbert and (middle) Ken Hoffman and (left) Alex Ouelett.



7th WDGC - Senior Men Championship - Robert Cundy (336), 7th WDGC - Women
Championship - Linda Davis from Australia (348 and her 3rd Championships in a
row!) and 7th WDGC - Men Championship - Denver Magnusson from Australia (321)

Team Championship - Men - United States (1353)

Team Championship - Women - Australia (720)

Closing Ceremony - Last Day



After the golf championship game, we had to rush and get changed for the bus ride to the 7th WDGC's Banquet at Perth's Casino. But first, they took us to the one hour ride to the top hill to give us a good view of Perth before going to the Casino.

Picture - Dana McCarthy smiling and looking at Beautiful city!

At the banquet, Rob Cundy proudly accepted his WDGC - Senior Men Championship Trophy given by WDFG President - Arne Lundqvist.



Congratulations Rob!



Nearly at the end of the banquet, this was our team table, we had an enjoyable evening. We had king prawn and scallops served on spinach risotto with a orange and saffron infused sauce, then our main course was aged harvey fillet of beef served on herbed goat's cheese and garlic mashed potatoes, sautéed fine green beans and tomato confit and moroccan chicken breast lightly braised in madera and fig sauce topped with mixed vegetable cous. And we had lovely dessert - pavlova served with chocolate mousse and fresh strawberries. Yummies!

Picture - (2 women: Ryan's mother and aunt)