

Uxbridge father evens son's score on golf course

Anyone who has ever walked out onto a golf course has fantasized about standing at the tee, eyeing the flag-flapping in the distance, and driving the ball with such deadly precision so as to have it somehow land miraculously in the cup for a hole in one.

Even golfers like myself, who approach each hole as if we were

tacking back and forth in a sailboat, always end up gazing hopefully at the gleaming new car which inevitably sits beside the tee of the designated hole-in-one in the occasional golf tournaments we dare to enter.

However, most golfers, be they serious swingers or Sunday duffers, are doomed to go through



From Where I Live

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life without realizing the ultimate dream of actually achieving the elusive ace.

So you can imagine how 25-year golf veteran Andy Caramanico must have felt upon hearing the news that his 14-year-old upstart son Shaun had managed the trick on the 11th hole of the small course at the Mill Run Golf

and Country Club near Siloam a week ago Tuesday.

To add insult to injury for Andy, who sports a 10 handicap, his offspring's hole-in-one came during a round in which the youngster was far from his usual form. Shaun, who has been at it for four years, was about to put his scorecard away and simply play out the round for fun when he connected with his 130 yard seven iron shot. He would eventually settle for a 91, which is about 15 strokes on the high side of his usual score.

Upon being presented with his trophy by the folks at Mill Run, young Shaun went home and proceeded to razz his old man, making Andy more than aware of the fact he had indeed been trumped by a mere kid with far less golfing experience under his belt.

But despite the ribbing, Andy was still playing the proud papa, bragging about his son's accomplishment to employees and customers alike in his Stouffville hair dressing salon. And he made sure he told his two partners, and anyone else who would listen, about the boy's feat when he headed out to the St. Andrew's Golf Club at Bloomington Rd. and McCowan to take part in the

annual handicap championship played there last weekend.

Pulling out his six iron to address the ball at the 14th tee, Andy was able to drop the subject of son Shaun's stroke of good fortune just long enough to lift the ball skyward and directly at the flag 177 yards ahead. To Andy's utter amazement, it dropped for a hole-in-one, making for one of the most unlikely family one-two punches ever recorded in this area.

As for who was the most excited of the two upon realizing they had achieved the paramount golf thrill, it was a dead heat. Shaun said he saw his ball go right up to the flag and hit the pin. It was only when his friend Mike Berry ran ahead and announced that the ball had dropped into the cup that he started jumping for joy.

Andy said he was still basking in the glow of his son's ace when he sunk his miracle shot, which was witnessed by Stouffville area resident Bob Collard. Andy told me it was a classic cloud nine experience to be sure, and that the atmosphere around the house these days is absolutely euphoric.

I wonder if there has ever been such joy in the house of Jack Nicklaus.

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