



# ***Hello!***

I hope everyone's summer is off to a good start! My wife is pumped, because she is a school teacher in desperate need of a break. My daughter Maddie is excited because she just graduated from Canyon high school this year, and will be moving on to Texas Lutheran University. She will be playing soccer all summer and for the Bulldog soccer team in the fall! My son Josh will be a freshman at Canyon High this year and is attending strength and conditioning camps this summer to prep for a run at making the basketball team. He is also helping me with my junior golf camps. As for me, I just finished my first of three junior camps this summer, and I'm in the middle of a summer school mini-semester with my Texas State golf class. That, along with private lessons, has me plenty busy.

I have been playing a busy competitive schedule this spring, and that normally concludes with a trip to the Professional National Championship in mid-June. In fact, that tournament is being played this week on the Monterrey Peninsula and I'm obviously not there! Some of my brethren club pros from South Texas are representing, including our own Omar Uresti, but I missed qualifying this year. To punish myself and keep from pouting, I played my 100 holes of golf marathon yesterday!

Every summer for the last 5 or 6 years I have done a 100-hole golf marathon to raise scholarship money for junior golfers. I did a couple of things different this year. One, I usually play when the course is closed. Yesterday, we were open on the Original front nine, while the USGA hosted the US Senior Women's Open Qualifier on the North. I had been teaching summer school in San Marcos in the morning, and when I got to Onion the weather was threatening so there was not a lot of traffic. Instead of being depressed about not being in California, I thought why not take advantage of the cloud cover and empty course and do the marathon a week ahead of schedule. I began at 11:15 yesterday. I played through two groups on my first 9 holes and then I saw no one the other 10 times I played the Original front 9! That's right 11 nine-hole rounds plus 1-hole equals

my 100 holes of golf. As is tradition I will provide my TOP 10 FACTOIDS from the event:

- 1) Started at 11:15 and finished at 5:30. That is 6 hours and 15 minutes or 3 minutes 45 seconds per hole! Just under 34 minutes per 9!
- 2) Essential elements-Gold Bond Powder, lots of water, 2 vitamin waters, peanuts, crackers, and breakfast bar. Oh yeah...2 Aleve
- 3) I was +18 total for all 100 holes (57 pars, 15 birdies, 25 bogeys, 2 double bogeys, and 1-quadruple bogey)
- 4) My lowest 9 holes was (-1) in rounds 7 and 8 and my highest was (+5) in round 9
- 5) I lost 6 balls, two on the last hole which was hole #1. Just in the rough? I looked hard! Went back and hit Provisionals twice! Last hole...worst hole....delirious i guess?
- 6) Oddly, though I made a quad on number one, I birdied it 7 times and it was the only hole I played under par for the day. I birdied every hole at least once, except for 4 and 8.  
Number 8 played the most difficult at +6 over the 10 times I played it.
- 7) I tested the rule change that is coming next year that allows you to keep the flag in, and although I three putted 7 times on the day, overall I would say that I will be keeping the flag in when I putt next year.
- 8) I abided by the cart policies, fixed divots, and pitch marks
- 9) Played in the rain sporadically, but it poured on the last 3 holes!
- 10) EZGO is awesome-Cart 21 can go 100!

Again, this was done to provide a fundraising opportunity to benefit junior golfers who are advancing on to college. My benefactors will be the Hannon Society and the Southern Texas PGA Junior Golf Foundation. It would mean a lot of you could make a pledge with me but [CLICKING HERE!](#)

**I hope to see you soon out at Onion Creek!**

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