

19th Hole, BMC Octogenarian Shoots his Age

As Tony Melin teed it up July 8 in Thursday League, nothing about the day felt particularly historic-- although the long-time BMC member was not unaware that his 88th birthday was rapidly approaching. Tony, a 26 handicapper, started on number 10 and played Braemar's back nine in decent form, carding a respectable 47. But then came the fireworks. After paring number one, Tony proceeded to reel off several pars and, with a birdie on number 3, wound up completing his last nine at two over, 38. With an 85 on the day, he had bested his age by two strokes! Hats off to Tony for a rare feat at any age, but particularly for a golfer in his late 80s. When asked to comment, Bob Devereaux, who is sneaking up on 95-years-young himself, acknowledged that Tony's feat was "not bad for a younger guy."