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Take this summer for instance. The members of H.Q. Division planned their annual golf tournament for August 3, and Brian Lynch, one of the tournament organizers and a scout for the Leafs and the Marlies on winter evenings, was to line up some guests.

On a call from Lynch and a promise to be there, Armstrong loaded his family into the wagon at his North Bay cottage, and headed for Toronto. He ensconced his family in their residence, expecting to fly to Ottawa the next morning with Leaf general manager, Jim Gregory, another guest, in time to keep their golf date.

It wasn't to be. The ground workers at Toronto airport went out on strike, cancelling all flights. With Gregory declining a ride, "Army" was back on the road again at 1:30 a.m. in a driving rain. Around 4 o'clock, he grabbed a couple hours in the back seat of the car before continuing on to Ottawa. It was still raining lightly as he started his round.

I asked Armstrong why in the world he would go through all that extra trouble to play golf with us. After all, no one could really blame him if he hadn't shown; he had driven more than 700 miles and had settled his family in their home — only to play a round in less than ideal weather. Well, he said, he owed Brian Lynch one, and besides, he happens to

think quite a bit of the Force and what they stand for. In the face of some of the lumps the Force has been taking for the past while, he had no intention of letting us down.

Once more, there it is — the extra effort that makes men like George Armstrong rise above many of his peers.

There were other guests as well, Bobby Smith O.H.A. record point scorer with the Ottawa 67's and the no. 1 N.H.L. draft choice recently signed with the North Stars; Gerry McNamara, coach of the Dallas Black Hawks and Maple Leaf scout who landed Borje Salming and Inge Hammarstrom; and Derek Holmes of Hockey Canada.

Despite the weather, Glen Copeland, Tom Fleming and Pete McArthur ended up tied at 74 for 18 holes. Another 5 holes were played before Fleming just missed a 15 foot putt, while Copeland nailed the cup dead center with his 12 footer. McArthur was third. Low net was taken by Tony Trakalo, followed closely by Elmer Kelly.

The dinner, the presentations and especially the informal question and answer sessions with the guests make this annual affair very enjoyable indeed. The guests as well, seemed at ease, and drained as Army no doubt was, he smiled and joked his way