

## On GKM 2015 Extraordinary, Yes - and Fun!

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I witnessed the rarest of sights at last year's *Golf in the Kingdom Marathon*, something that many golfers may never have the opportunity to see.

About halfway through the round, while catching my breath on the top of a steep little hill in the middle of the course - my errant tee ball nowhere to be found - I was able to take in the sweeping 360 degree views of the entire course. What I saw, the thing that made me say "wow" out loud, was not a great golf shot or personal exhibition of skill, but rather something much more inspiring and meaningful.

In all directions, for as far as my eyes and ears could discern, every single golfer out on the course appeared to be completely immersed in the experience and having the time of their lives. As anyone who spends even a small part of their life out on a golf course can tell you, this is far from the usual state of affairs.

ITPI and all those who support and participate in this event each year should be commended for achieving what most organizers can only dream of: a fun, meaningful and impactful day of golf that transcends the usual hangups of the modern game and reveals a better path for all players to follow, both on the course and beyond.