

Luck? Check This Out

Todd Obuchowski understands the true meaning of luck – if anyone should!

In May of 1998, the 34-year-old sheet metal worker was playing golf at Beaver Brook Golf Course in Haydenville, Massachusetts. On the fourth hole, Obuchowski hit his tee shot well over the Par 3 green just 116 yards away.

The ball landed on the road adjacent to the green, bounced off Nancy Bachand's Toyota (which was passing by at 30 miles per hour), skipped back over to the green, and rolled into the cup for a hole-in-one.

Eight witnesses attested to what one seasoned golfer called "the most bizarre thing I've seen somebody do on a golf course in 30 years of playing."



Bachand was less enthusiastic as she wanted to know who was going to pay for the \$150 damage to her car.

Obuchowski carded a single digit on that hole, but he realized it had nothing to do with his golfing skills.

Luck is an unpredictable and fickle variable of life. None of us should plan on it to improve our lives. And yet, millions do just that by visits to Las Vegas and other gambling locations and by playing the lottery in the hope that Lady Luck will smile on them.

Roman philosopher Seneca is quoted as saying, "Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity." That's a reminder that we make our own luck.

Football fans will recall that Paul (Bear) Bryant, legendary Alabama coach, employed that definition on occasion when asked about a "lucky" play that resulted in victory for his team.

God, however, is in charge of our lives. Here's what the Bible has to say: *The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the Lord* (Proverbs 16:33 ESV).

– Beecher Hunter