

# Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame

## 2016 Nomination Form

### NOMINEE'S NAME

BROWN

Last Name

Jim

First Name

R.

Nickname (if applicable)

Middle Initial

### NOMINEE'S DATE OF BIRTH

1955

Year

Feb.

Month

27

Day

### RESIDENCE

Years Kentucky Resident (minimum 5 years required) 60

Current Residence

130 Prestwick Place

Address

City

State

Zip

PADUCAH, KY.  
42001

### STATUS

☒ Amateur

☐ Professional

☐ Deceased (please provide date of death \_\_\_\_\_)

### KEY AREAS (check all that are applicable)

☒ Playing Achievements

☒ Contribution/Promotion of the Game

☒ Contribution to Junior Golf

☐ Teaching of the game

☐ Golf Course Architecture

☐ Turf Grass Research

☐ Golf Course Management/Maintenance

☐ National Recognition

### SUPPORTING MATERIALS

#### Required

- ✓ One page type written biography of nominee
- ✓ Two (2) Letters of Nomination

#### Suggested

- ✓ Newspaper articles
- ✓ Photographs

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Team member of the 1972 KY High School Championship Team and Runner up in 1973

Attended Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, where I made All Conference in 1976 and 1977 and participated in the NCAA Championship in 1977

Past President of the KY Golf Association and also the KGA-PGA, currently serving as Director Emeritus

I have over 75 individual tournament wins:

- 3 Kentucky state amateur championships, '77, '81, '82
- 4 times US Amateur Qualifier
- 9 times Irvin Cobb Champion
- 9 times Rolling Hills Champion
- 7 times Murray Country Club Invitational Champion
- 6 times West KY amateur Champion--Mayfield C.C.
- 23 times C. C. of Paducah Men's Club Championship

Many other local and regional tournaments in western Kentucky and Southern Illinois

1552 Holt Road  
Paducah, Kentucky 42001  
May 20, 2016

Golf House Kentucky  
Kelly Williams, Chairman  
Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame  
1116 Elmore Just Drive  
Louisville, Ky 40245

Dear Kelly:

I would like to nominate Jim Brown to be inducted into the 2016 Kentucky Hall of Fame.

Jim has won over 75 golf tournaments throughout Kentucky and tri-state area. Jim is a lifelong resident of Paducah, Kentucky.

I have listed on a separate tournament bio page most of his golf victories.

Jim is a former President of the Kentucky Golf Association and also the KGA-PGA, currently serving as Director Emeritus.

Kelly, Jim Brown is a very worthy candidate for this special honor--I hope you and your committee have the same opinion about this tremendous golfer and terrific person.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry Mullen".

Larry Mullen,  
Former Head Professional C.C. of Paducah  
and  
PGA Life Member

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DANIEL R. MULLEN  
Park Director  
Class A member, PGA

May 21, 2016

To: Kelly Williams, Chairman of the Kentucky Hall of Fame Committee

From : Daniel Mullen, PGA  
Director of Golf & Operations, Paxton Park

Hello Kelly!

Hope you are off to a great start to 2016 at your club. I would like to nominate Jim Brown to be inducted into the 2016 Kentucky Hall of Fame.

I have known Jim my entire life and his golfing accomplishments are incredible. Paxton Park hosts the Irvin Cobb Championships and has since 1937. The Cobb has one of the strongest fields of players in any Kentucky tournament--they come from all over the Mid West and South to try to win this most prestigious tournament.

Several former winners include Dr. Cary Middlecoff, Bob Goalby, Kenny Perry, Russ Cochran, John Riegger, Tom Wargo, Josh Teater and former participants include many more notable tour players.

Kelly, Jim Brown has won this Cobb Championship 9 times and the Kentucky State Amateur multiple times. I believe Jim Brown's induction into the Kentucky Hall of Fame is well deserved. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Daniel Mullen, PGA



JIM BROWN  
2016 Kentucky  
HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

## AMATEURS

Year	WINNER	Score
1937	Cliff McKelvey, Evansville, IN.....	153
1938	O.H. Shelton, Paducah, KY.....	150
1939	Berry Wilson, Owensboro, KY.....	143
1940	Herschel Spears, Nashville, TN.....	149
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1947	Gene Dahlbender, Atlanta, GA.....	140
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1991	Rob Long, Clarksville, TN.....	140
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# Brown maintains Cobb mastery

## Veteran golfer wins 9th title

BY JOEY FOSKO  
THE PADUCAH SUN

Greatness can be defined as setting the standard for excellence.

Case in point: Jimmy Brown, far western Kentucky's premier amateur golfer. Seemingly each year in his long and successful career brings on a new milestone.

The latest was Brown's record ninth amateur title at the Irvin Cobb Championships, in which he blew open a tight duel for the lead Sunday with a 3-under-par 69 for a two-day score of 137, five strokes under par.

Brown was one of only two amateurs to break par-71 on the Paxton Park course, and he alone broke 70, furthering his reputation as the steely-eyed warrior that never buckles under the pressure.

"It was my day," Brown said. "I made a mile of putts, and the golf gods decided that today it was my turn."

Brown seized the lead at midday and never gave the competition a chance to make a run at him. He strung together seven straight pars to end the tournament, his lead never dropping below three strokes.

The win also set another record of sorts. Brown is already the only amateur to win titles in three different decades, having won his first crown in 1974 at the age of 18, two months after his high school graduation. He turned 40 earlier this year, meaning he has now won

## Counting the Cobb

See complete pro and amateur scores of the Irvin Cobb Championships inside. **2B**

Cobb titles while in his teens, 20s, 30s and now in his 40s.

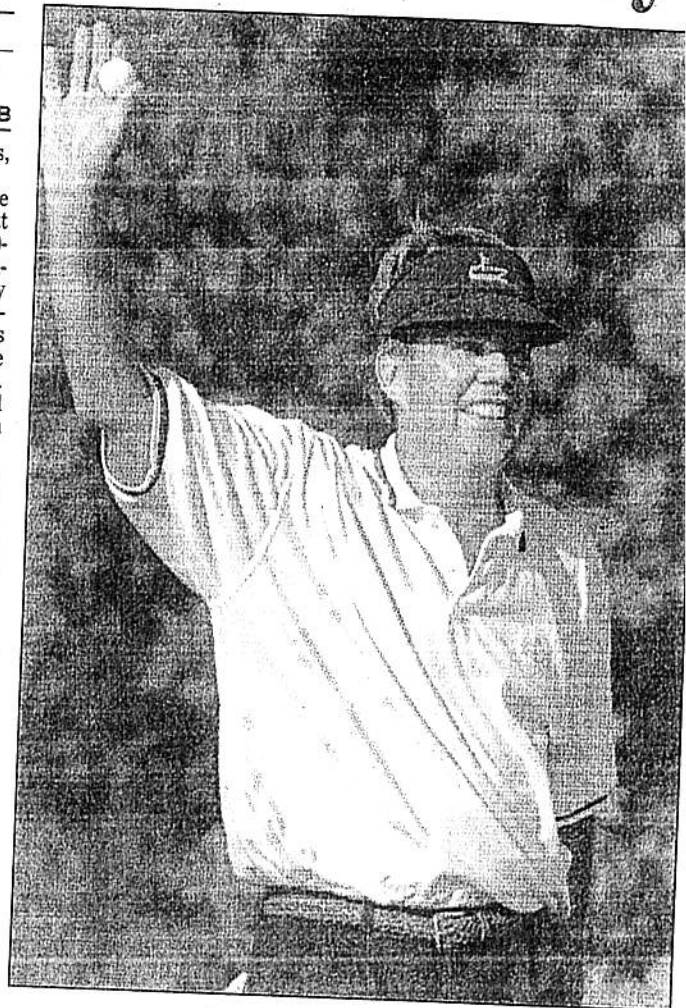
Second place went to one of the youngest players in the field. Matt Armstrong of Metropolis, Ill., a 20-year-old junior college All-American, shot a 71 Sunday for a two-day total of 140, three shots back. Paducah's Mike Shelbourne, who was tied with Brown for the lead at the turn, finished third at 68-73-141. Four others, including first-round leader Jim Meeks, tied for fourth at 142.

Brown also won a trophy named for the late Tom Austin, a former Cobb professional champion who died last summer. The award was for the lowest score by a Paducah amateur. Tournament manager Daniel "Kayo" Mullen said the one-time award was donated by friends of Austin, who was one of the area's top amateur golfers.

Brandon Henson of Mayfield won the Cobb's junior award. Henson, 14, shot 73-78-151 to beat out Charles Willoughby of Martin, Tenn.

The end was anticlimactic, but the real fun was watching Brown. His entire tournament was a scramble, with his superb short game overcoming an erratic driver.

"All the up-and-downs I had, I needed a lot of big shots," Brown said. "I didn't quit on any shot, all day long."



STEVE MILLIZER/The Sun  
Jimmy Brown waves to the crowd on his way to his ninth Cobb amateur title Sunday at Paxton Park.

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# 'Swede dreams' come true at Open

BY JOHN MOSSMAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Two days earlier, Annika Sorenstam said she found pressure situations fun. She would like to amend that comment.

Sorenstam, a Swede who maintains a home in Phoenix, ran off three consecutive birdies and then survived a shaky finish Sunday to

never that nervous. On the back nine, I felt like my nerves were swinging, not me."

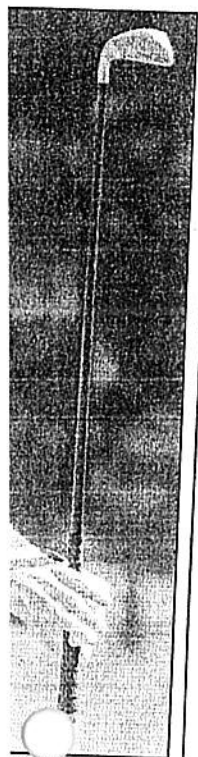
Sorenstam, capitalizing on a triple-bogey at the fourth hole by third-round leader Meg Mallon, closed with a 2-under-par 68 for a 278 total on the mountainous Broadmoor East course.

"It's like a dream," Sorenstam said. "The

shots in front, a lead she extended to three strokes, helping to offset her late fade.

"I was five shots out starting the day," Sorenstam said. "I went off today with the attitude that I had nothing to lose. ..."

"I struck the ball much better today, actually the best of the four days. But my nerves were



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# SCORECARD

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## SPORTS



Staff Photo by Pam Spaulding

Brown of Paducah arched this chip shot onto the 17th green yesterday en route to his victory in the Kentucky Men's amateur golf tournament at Harmony Landing Country Club.

## Putting touch wins for Jimmy Brown in State Amateur

By BOB WHITE  
Courier-Journal Staff Writer

Jimmy Brown stands 5 feet, 8¾ inches tall. "Not 5-9," he says.

He weighs 165, and he isn't what you'd call a long-ball hitter in the world of amateur golf.

"If I ever win a golf tournament it will be because of my putting," he said. "I never putt very badly."

Yesterday, Brown — the man with the golden putting touch — won his second Men's State Amateur championship, beating out such long knockers as Charlie Bowles of Mount Sterling and Bill Musselman of Louisville with his 72-hole score of 287, three over par for the Harmony Landing Country Club course in Goshen.

Brown, a 26-year-old bachelor who is a stockbroker in Paducah, trailed Bowles by three strokes after nine holes yesterday. Then he began working his magic around the greens, chipping in from 15 feet for a birdie on the 11th hole and sinking birdie putts of eight and 12 feet on Nos. 12 and 15, respectively.

His closing nine of two-under-par 34 gave him a final-round 72, good enough to edge Bowles by one shot and five-time State Amateur champion Musselman by two strokes.

Bowles, a senior at Morehead State University and the Ohio Valley Conference champion, shot a two-over-par 73 for his 288. Musselman, playing on his home course, turned in a 75 for a 289.

"Jimmy putted fantastically, and that will win you more tourna-

ments than it will lose," Musselman said.

Brown won his title with a par four on the 18th hole, after Musselman took a double-bogey six. Earlier, four players were tied for the lead after Trinity High graduate Dave Peege sank an eight-foot putt for an eagle three on the 12th hole. A traffic jam developed there with Musselman, Bowles, Jon Stanley of Mayfield and Peege all sharing first place. Brown was one shot back, waiting to make his move.

Peege bogeyed the par-three 13th hole, and never made another charge, finishing with a 73 for 291. Stanley stayed in contention until he took a double-bogey seven on the 17th hole. The Murray State University graduate hit his second shot into some trees in the right rough. His third shot hit a tree and the ball bounced back toward him.

Stanley, who shot 68 Thursday, tied Musselman for the 54-hole lead at 214, one stroke ahead of Brown and Bowles, finished with a 76 for 290 and fourth place.

Musselman took a one-shot lead with a hard-earned par four on the 14th hole, after hitting his second shot over the green and into a sand trap. Brown tied Musselman with his birdie putt on 15.

They stayed even until the 18th hole when Musselman drove his tee shot into the right rough and under a tree. "The ball usually hits on the right side and kicks left," Musselman said. "Unfortunately,

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# Brown churns to State Am title

By JOHN MCGILL

Courier-Journal Staff Writer

FRANKFORT — Join us in the dramatic conclusion to "Stomach Turns."

Can our hero, Jimmy Brown, survive in the broiling sun and sun-filled atmosphere, weak, weary and a trifle wretched after all, for 11 holes after having bid adieu to birdies and the bogey man.

And what about Nick Pearl, who crept within a single stroke of victory?

A soap-opera finish to the State Amateur Golf Tournament. No soap.

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his tee shot into a ditch. He was green but, with a shot within 20 yards where he two-

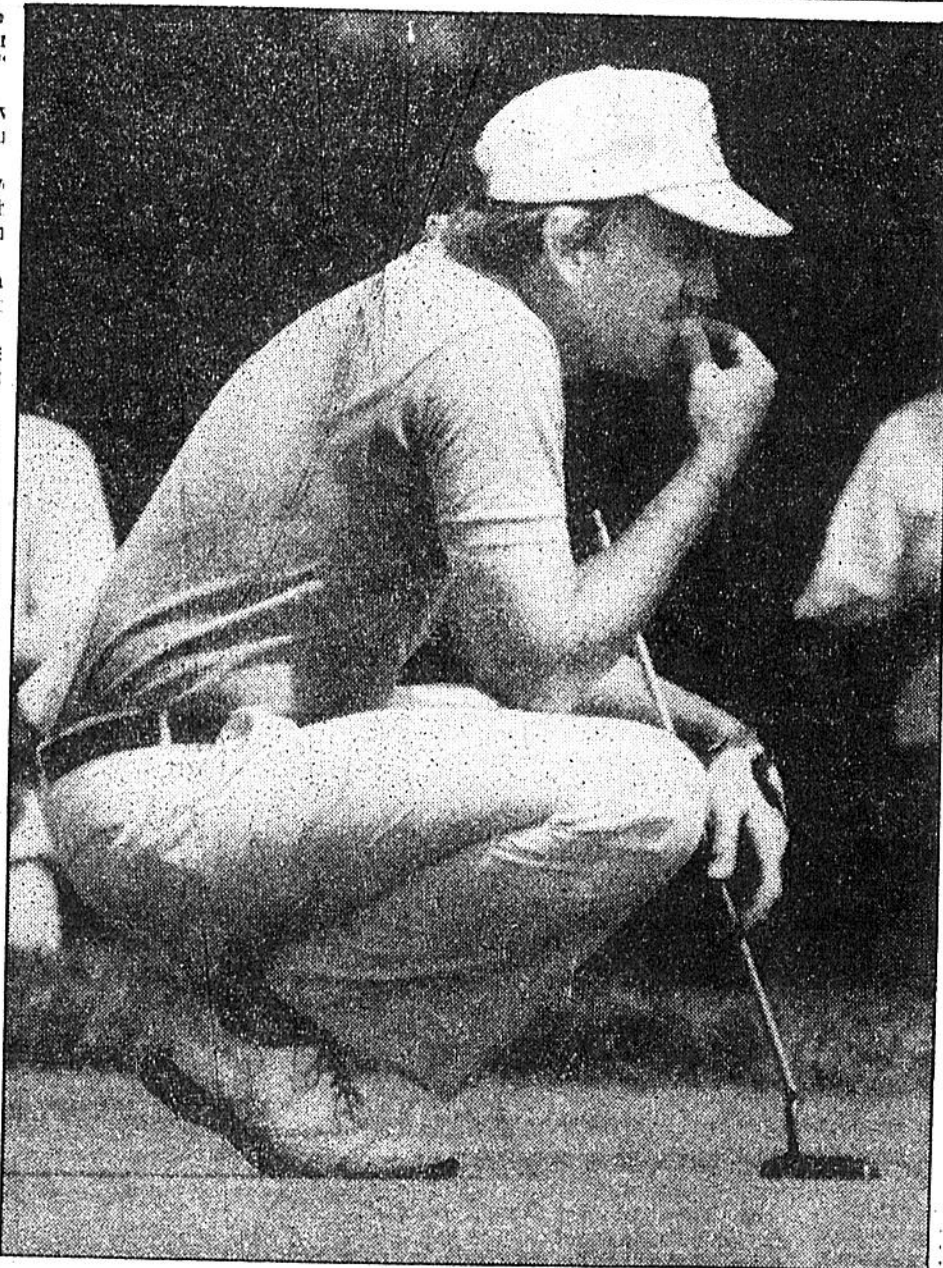
"I was now until the 11th; a break there ditch, I was left very little to do (at a distance between clubs) catch the ball.

When Pearl Brown followed birdie putt at strokes. Suddenly was three. But the 13th and stage was set. The 15th, a birdie hole, let Pearl could.

Never mind. At the 14th, he held on to the green with the Brown firmly putt. When the feet of its tail "GET IN THE

The ball of three-stroke Pearl left a and settled kept his lead.

Pearl, who has finished in the



Jimmy Brown (above) mulled over a putt en route to winning the State Amateur championship yesterday. Nick Pearl (right) who finished third, was a picture of dejection after missing a putt on the 18th hole.

Staff Photos by Scott Goldsmith

winning golf for the most crucial.

and he did it when he felt it was solid.

Halfway through, my stomach was ready to fall out," he said. "I had enough."

Halfway through, Brown's lead was down to a single stroke. Landon's Danny Miller, Brown's closest rival (two strokes) entered the final round, had blown himself out of contention with a triple bogey seven on the fourth hole.

But Pearl, playing in the third round ahead of Brown, toured the ninth at two under to draw

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David Clemens ..... 72-77-78-74-301

Don Hugo, Louisville ..... 72-76-71-DQ

# Brown handles the pressure, defends state amateur title

Defending champion Jimmy Brown, a 27-year-old stockbroker from Paducah, retained his Men's State Amateur crown with a pressure-packed victory in the 1982 event played over the short but demanding Frankfort Country Club course.

Frankfort Country Club measures just over 6300 yards, but out-of-bounds stakes loom perilously close to the fairways and greens on all 18 holes, and water hazards meander through ten of them. The greens are well-designed to afford a number of challenging pin placements and were slick enough to produce a number of three-putts during the week.

The course was in ideal condition (thanks to the efforts of superintendent Tim Willard and his crew), the weather was perfect throughout the week and the reception of the members in hosting the event was outstanding.

Let's take a look at the day-by-day action:

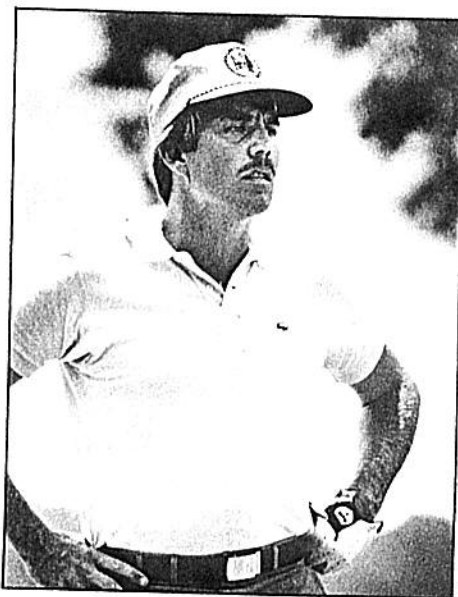
## First Round

The players took advantage of the ideal playing conditions to post some low first-round scores. Seven players broke par and seven more equaled par.

Defending champion Jimmy Brown used a hot putter to produce four birdies and an eagle (on the 476-yard par five 15th) and fired a three-under par 69 to tie for the lead with Louisville Mike Campbell, a 30-year old teacher at DeSales High School. Campbell also dropped some long putts (two for birdies and one for par) during his round and had only one bogey (due to a three-putt at the 6th.)

A pair of attorneys, Tim Philpot of Lexington and Nick Pearl of Radcliff, trailed the leaders by one, and a trio of golfers, Denny Thompson of Louisville, Danny Miller of Lexington and Howard Logan, Jr., of Shelbyville trailed by two shots after firing opening-round 71's.

The 505-yard par five 5th hole produced a number of high scores, including a horrendous ten by one of the pre-tourney favorites, OVC Champion Pat Stephens of Richmond. The EKU standout's first-round 80 left him far back.



The Lexington Herald-Leader

## Second Round

Brown took sole possession of the lead by firing a two-under par 70 for a 139 total, one shot ahead of University of Kentucky golfer Danny Miller. Brown hit all 18 greens in regulation, eagled the 15th hole for the second straight day, and added two birdies (on #2 and #5) to offset two bogeys (on #1 and #11).

Miller, a 21-year-old senior at U of K this fall, had five birdies and two bogeys enroute to a three-under par 69 to go along with his opening-round 72. Miller and Pat Stephens, who bounced back from his first-round 80 with a 69, shared honors for the day's low round.

Nick Pearl shot a 71 for a 141 total, which left him alone in third place. Tim Philpot and Howard Logan, Jr., were tied for fourth with 142 totals. First-round co-leader Mike Campbell was next at 143 after a second-round 74.

## Third Round

Brown demonstrated the scrambling ability that helped him win the 1981 State Amateur as he extended his lead over Miller to two shots with an even-par round of 72. Brown hit only eleven greens, but chipped in once (for a birdie on #13) and made several clutch par putts from three to twelve feet away.

Miller played a steady round, which included one birdie and two bogeys along with 15 pars. Miller's one-over par 73 ended a string of five straight sub-par competitive rounds at Frankfort Country Club. His string had begun with three sub-par rounds in winning the 1981 Daniel Boone Invitational and continued through the first two rounds of the 1982 State Amateur.

Three golfers were three strokes back going into the final round. Tim Philpot and Howard Logan, Jr., both shot 72's for 214 totals, and were joined by Stan Bickel of Bellevue, who shot a third-round 70. Nick Pearl slipped to a 74 and was alone in 6th place at 215. Bill Harding of Louisville fired the day's best round — a four-under par 68 — but was still nine shots behind the leader at 220.

## Final Round

Brown fought off a number of challenges and eventually pulled away to a three-stroke victory as he fired a final round 71 for a 72-hole total of 282, six-under par.

Miller flew the green with his second shot on the 348-yard par four 4th, and ended up out-of-bounds and out of contention after a triple-bogey seven. He finished in fourth place after a final-round 75.

Philpot and Bickel also had problems in the final round, ending with 75 and 77 respectively to finish in fourth and sixth places.

Two players, Pearl and Logan, remained close to Brown after the first nine. Pearl fired a two-under par 34 on the front and had cut Brown's

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Steve Golliber of Paducah found a new way to vent his frustration over missed putts. After he rimmed the cup on Nos. 10 and 11 Thursday, he chewed the cover off the ball. "That's cheaper than breaking clubs," he pointed out with irrefutable logic.