
Subject: Re: Conumdrum -- Or What's a Newsgroup For
Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Wed, 22 Feb 2012 16:33:33 GMT
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On Feb 21, 6:36 pm, David Fanning <n...@idlcoyote.com> wrote:

- > Folks,
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- > As long as we are just shooting the bull today, I
- > thought I would try this one on you. Not sure what
- > it has to do with IDL, except that thinking about
- > it has had me avoiding most of my work today.
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- > I played tennis on Saturday. There are about 2-3 times
- > a year when I'd really prefer NOT to be playing tennis
- > and that was one of those days. It was probably the
- > worst day of tennis I've had in the past 2-3 years!
- >
- > Last night, the Monday night doubles turned to singles
- > (which I seldom ever play anymore), I somehow left my
- > (badly needed!) glasses out of my tennis bag, and I'm
- > sure I played the two best sets of tennis I have ever
- > played in my life!
- >
- > Here is my question. What principle of the Universe
- > explains this, and how would you use this principle
- > to predict my future performance (tonight, for example)?

Wait, if you forgot your glasses, how do you know how well you played? :-)

Craig

Subject: Re: Conumdrum -- Or What's a Newsgroup For
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 22 Feb 2012 16:59:31 GMT
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Craig Markwardt writes:

- > Wait, if you forgot your glasses, how do you know how well you
- > played? :-)

Well, the guy told me I won the match. Since that *never* happens normally, I just assumed it was because I played well. :-)

I've promised my wife I will stop complaining about getting old, but this is a trial. Golfers must have this same problem. Glasses just move the ball ever so slightly. It seems to take

the brain an inordinately long time to catch up. Meanwhile, you just slightly mis-hit everything. In the league I play in, slightly mis-hitting balls is NOT a good idea. You're liable to get killed. Or, more likely, your partner will get killed, which tends to alienate you from the group even more than complaining about how old you are. :-(

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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Posted by [Matt Francis](#) on Thu, 23 Feb 2012 03:53:55 GMT
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I'm assuming you call your own lines in the league? There might be a clue there :)
