



Sunday Morning
Competitive Golf
Tournaments
HOME AND AWAY

Tilden Park Golf Club

**Tilden Park Golf Club
Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2010**

Thomas Spike, Secretary
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President Tim Easley:

Called meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Thanked VP and chef Charlie Barthold for the delicious barbeque dinner, with salad provided by Joe Casella. There were 17 members and guests. Motion passed to approve December Minutes.

Treasurer Ronald Vincent:

Treasurer advised that to date there are a total of 84 members. The bank balance is currently about \$6,000, of which \$3,000 is for NCGA fees. The remainder is for annual operations and course reservations.

Tournament Chairman Joe Casella:

2010 Schedule – Presented and discussed 2010 tournament schedule, and award structure (see web site for additional information). There was some additional discussion of point system for those members not in top seven who are nonetheless participating.

Deer Ridge – January 10, 2010

Deer Ridge, 32 players, 10:00 am
McDaniel – 65 (78 gross)
Ingmire – 66
Witt – 68
Cooper – 69
Utter – 70
Stone - 72

Upcoming Tournaments

NCGA Four Ball Net 2 Man Teams

January 24, 2010; max index 18.4

Ross Trophy

January 31 Qualifier for 16 teams followed by Round 1 on Feb 7, Rnd 2 Feb 14, Rnd 3 Feb 28, and Ross Final Rnd March 7.

Meeting Day Sweeps

Jeff McGee awarded the winners:
Les Johns - \$20, 35 gross, 34 net
Joe Casella - \$20, 35 net, 40 gross
Chris Utter - \$10, 35 net, 43 gross
Mark Liebenguth - \$10, 39 net, 45 gross

President Tim Easley:

Opened the meeting for any Old Business.

Tom Spike called for vote on previously introduced proposal to change the By-Laws of the TPGC to no longer require four signatures for the new member application process. Motion approved.

Tom Spike also called for a vote on a previously introduced proposal to require new members to play a set number of rounds at Tilden and/or away courses. As a result of the discussion held, this proposal is considered a Policy and Procedure issue, and not a By-Laws issue. The Board will return to the members with a revised proposal.

Opened the meeting for any New Business.

Information was provided that the USGA will be revising indexes two times per month on the 1st and 15th of the month.

The February 11th, 2010 monthly meeting dinner will be served around 6:30.

Tim Easley called for and received a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Thomas Spike

Secretary _____

INFORMATION ON NEW GROOVES

The USGA's new parameters on grooves for clubs of more than 25 degrees (basically 5-iron on up) allow for more volume than the original V-groove, but about 40% less than square grooves.

The new ruling on grooves means 2010 will be the final year clubs can be manufactured with faces that produce maximum spin. So maybe you should consider ordering another round of wedges to keep and use, since you can use these non-conforming clubs till year 2024.

Regarding Mickelson, he's playing by the rules: The Ping Eye 2 clubs (irons and wedges) were grandfathered for life as part of a settlement in 1993 of a suit Ping filed against the USGA. Therefore, any Ping Eye 2 manufactured prior to March 31, 1990 is within the rules as long as the

USGA governs the game. Now who keeps 20 year old clubs for use in the future, other than Mickelson and John Daly?? Note: Finding 20 year-old wedges with grooves suitable for tour use can be incredibly difficult. Repairs such a new shaft or an alteration to lie and/or loft remain OK, but players cannot have them re-grooved. That would be an advantage.

PGA tournaments require the new conforming irons for all events starting in 2010. The USGA requires them for the 2010 US Open, US Women's Open, and US Senior Open. For the 2010 US Open, conforming irons are only required for sectional qualifying, while in 2011, they will be required for local qualifying as well. Starting in 2014, the USGA will require conforming irons for its amateur championships, but the USGA has no plans to make current clubs "illegal" for use in other competitions until at least 2024, although any organization can do so by specifying the Condition to require conforming irons.

The NCGA has not made a final decision yet, but it appears the earliest the rule would be implemented is 2014, and it may only be for selected events at the highest level.

Thomas Spike

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