

MGA Newsletter



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Golf & Racquet Club

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The 2008 MGA Tour

Raise your hand if you agree that the only good thing about the Fedex Cup is the commercials!

The Top 24 in the 2007 MGA Tour would vouch that our Tour is much more fun and was a resounding success. Golden rule...don't mess with success! So the 2008 Tour will stay the same as last year. Like all the other Tours, participation is critical. Tiger would have won the

European Tour Order of Merit but he does not play in enough events!

The 2008 MGA Tour:

- 4 Majors (Spring Classic, Windmill Invitational, Club Championship and Fall Stampede)
- 6 Minors (Saturday events – Lone Wolf, Best of Buddies etc.)
- 3 Specials (President's Cups, Wednesday Night League)

Points will be earned for placing in the events with the Top 24 players, immediately after the Fall Stampede, advancing to a Ryder Cup style Championship on December 5 and 6 with great prize money. Finale is 12 v 12 players. The 1st and 2nd will be team captains.

Coto golf is extremely competitive so that is a given foundation of the Tour but we also want to promote participation, the social side and fun. To make the final 24, players have to participate in a **minimum of 6** of the events flagged as MGA Tour events in the calendar. You may have enough points but unless you have played 6 MGA Tour events you will not be included in the finale. The points gained will be separate from the prize money of the event itself. Points may vary depending on whether the event is team or individual based.

MGA Tour 2008 Points System

	<u>Base Points & Minors</u>	<u>Premiums for Majors</u>	<u>Premiums Pres. Cups</u>
		<u>Flights</u> <u>Overall Winners</u>	<u>Final 4 (Flight Winners)</u>
1 st Place	100	+ 20 + 30	+ 30
2 nd Place	80	+ 16	+ 25
3 rd Place	60	+ 12	+ 15
4 th Place	40	+ 8	+ 10
5 th Place	25	+ 5	
Participation	10		+ 10 for every round won
Wednesday Night Leagues	(100 points per person winning team) (Player must play 50% of games to qualify)		

Coming soon to a course near you.....

February 23rd – CotoBowl II (ABCD / Stableford format)





“Senior Club Championship”

(February 29, March 1 & 2, 2008)

The MGA season continues in full swing with the Senior Club Championship on February 29, March 1st and 2nd. Like last year, to make it a true championship an extra day has been added for the Championship Flight.

If you cannot make Friday or feel you cannot compete at the Championship level, play for the *Saddleback Cup* (Net over the Field) which is on the Saturday and Sunday only. This year the Championship flight will be eligible to

participate in the *Saddleback Cup*. These participants' Saturday and Sunday **NET** scores will be taken into account. However you cannot win both and the Championship flight will play from different tees (gold) from the Saddleback Cup flight on Saturday.

- **Participation:** Seniors over 50, Super Seniors over 60
- **Entry Fee:** \$55 a person
- **Tee Times:** Saturday South Course, Sunday North Course
- **Tees :** Blue for Seniors, Whites for Super Seniors
Championship flight – Gold South, Blue North
- **Prizes:** Lots of Script based on good participation
Gross and Net Winners in flights

Lunch and drinks will be served on Sunday as the final groups come in.

Distance Measuring Devices may be used

Tournament committee retains right to adjust handicaps.

(This event is not included in the MGA Tour 2008)





(March 28 - 29, 2008)

Sign up for the 1st Major Tournament of the 2008 MGA Tour season. Two days of great 2 man team competition, Best Ball Friday on the South and Modified Chapman on the North on Saturday. The Spring Classic Perpetual Trophy will be won by the 4 man team, two teams combined in a blind draw as usual on Thursday evening over cocktails. Also on Thursday will be the traditional team auction, dinner and cigars. Great tee prizes, breakfast and lunch included both days, the bar stays open all 3 days and goes mobile for the traditional Horse race which is on Friday afternoon after lunch.

- **Entry Fee:** \$275 per player
- **Buy-in :** \$120 per team
- **Tee Times:** 8:30 am Shotguns
- **Tees :** Modified Blues on South, Blues on North
- **Trophies:** 4 man winners, also 1st and 2nd in flights

Distance Measuring Devices may be used
MGA Tournament Handicaps will be used
8 stroke differential between team members



Tournament committee retains right to adjust handicaps at any time
Note: If team withdraws after 3/17/08, entry fee will still be charged unless they

personally find a substitute team
(An "MGA 2008 Tour" Event)

During the Canyon Cup, Jim Akers had a chance to spend some time with Pat Burke...he was very impressed with Pat's smooth 65 at Doveand, listening to Pat, he thought that our members may like to hear of Pat's background and his coaching philosophy, so he asked Pat to write something for the newsletter. Here it is....



As some of you know, I was given the opportunity to begin teaching at Coto last year. From the time my family moved here, I have always felt very welcome and supported by the members at Coto. The opportunity to teach at our club continues the relationship begun in 1996. Late 2007 offered great opportunities that required some extensive travel, but now I'm back home and looking forward to a much fuller schedule at Coto for 2008. Coto was an important part of my Tour career, and I look forward to giving back to the club that was so supportive to me in my "first career".

Many of the MGA members know about my playing days, but very few of you know about the lifetime I have spent in the golf business. I am a third generation golf professional, dating back to my grandfather Ben Toski. Ben was the older brother of Hall of Fame member Bob Toski. He turned pro in the late 1920's, and was one of 4 (golf) famous Toski brothers. My mother and father were both PGA professionals, my mom being the first female PGA member on the east coast. My dad won a New Jersey State Open and was a two time PGA section President. My older brother is a Head professional in New Jersey, and a great player in his own right (5 time NJ section player of the year, and 1998 PGA Club Pro Champion!).

This family background not only provided a tremendous advantage for playing well, it gave me the opportunity to experience all areas of the golf business. I've worked pro shops, cart barns, bag rooms and snack bars. I was the assistant superintendent at Friendly Hills CC for 5 years. I have experienced board meetings, greens committee meetings, and all shapes and sizes of member events. For two and a half years, I have been the Director of

Instruction for the Get a Grip Foundation. We have been voted the nations leading junior golf development program, and have helped hundreds of junior golfers pursue their golf dreams. This lifetime of golf experience along with playing in hundreds of pro-ams and corporate events shaped my approach to teaching. In a pro-am, the ability to help your partners play well and have some fun, helped produce a successful event. At the club level, the ability to help your student not only improve, but enjoy the game, helps produce a successful golf environment at our club.

My approach to teaching reflects my “old school” upbringing. I want to provide an opportunity for my students to simply play better. So often we all lose track of the object of the game. LOW SCORE WINS! While mechanics will produce good shots, solid fundamentals and good thinking will produce lower scores. With that in mind, I use the lessons learned in all my pro-ams to help my students play better. This is why I spend so much time on the course with many of my students. We work on the range, but learn to play on the course. People with real jobs and families rarely have the time required to make major changes in their golf swings, but much like a pro-am partner, improving the little things like set up and course management, can begin a huge improvement in your game.

To schedule lessons, fittings, or discuss your golf improvement goals for 2008, please call my cell phone (949) 350 2832. I can also be reached through my e-mail pat@getagripfoundation.com. I am excited about the opportunities Coto offers, and I look forward to helping you make 2008 an index lowering year.

Pat Burke

Off the Ranch

Will return in the April Newsletter. The editor is going to commission favorite 19th holes from several of you. I am sure there are enough memories if I drag them out of you!!



Team Play 2008

Team play takes place every January and February with two teams playing – the Thursday team and the Saturday team.

In warm-ups, the Thursday team had beaten the Saturday team and looked to have a lot of depth in the side. This proved to be the case as they won two away games against Pacific and Vellano, which is usually going to seal the deal. In the end, over the 6 matches played, they only lost once - to old rivals, Yorba Linda and are marching on to the play-offs. Well done to Captain Rick Contrucci, in his first season at the helm, and the guys.

The Saturday team started the season with a new captain in Stevie Ludwig . The Saturday team tends to suffer from turnover of the roster, which is not a great foundation for success. This year again proved that. In the Saturday group were Seacliff, Victoria, and Glendora. As they go into the final Saturday, the team is 2-2-1 and is unlikely to progress into the play-offs. There have been colorful moments especially the final putt of the tie with Seacliff at home.....

“We lost our season to a tie at home. Seacliff wore our colors and Booth thought that Joe Notaro made a long putt on 18 to secure the win and everyone was cheering, except it was the other team’s captain who made the putt and got the tie for his team!

This disappointing tie at home leaves us needing a win on the road at Victoria to tie for first, but we would not advance due to the tie breaker. Bryan Schneider stuck a shot to 6" on 18 last week to birdie and win a team and individual point that led to Coto's victory over Victoria. Team Captain Ludwig had 4 birdies but still lost on 18! Scott Carroll lost to a guy at least 100 years old, but pulled out the team victory with partner Brian Kelly to secure the win in the last group. We are 2-2-1 on the year with one match to go.” Stevie Ludwig....better luck next year!

President’s Cup Individual 2007

Congratulations to Eric Krantz on a great victory over Mike McGowan in the President’s Cup final. We know that Eric is tough off his handicap and in a 40 mile an hour gusting wind, Mike found it tough going as he was yielding almost a stroke a hole. The real low handicapper has almost to shoot par golf to win and that proved too tough a task in the conditions.

This competition is almost the toughest we play, so its hats off to Eric for a series of great victories culminating in taking the cup. Congratulations.

Hopefully this year (again) we can actually crown our champion in the same year. Everyone, please try and keep to the timetable!

On the lighter side



One day, a man came home and was greeted by his wife dressed in a very sexy nightie. "Tie me up," she purred, "and you can do anything you want." So he tied her up and went golfing.

A woman came home, screeching her car into the driveway, and ran into the house. She slammed the door and shouted at the top of her lungs, "Honey, pack your bags. I won the lottery!" The husband said, "Oh my God! What should I pack, beach stuff or mountain stuff?" "Doesn't matter," she said. "Just get out."

A Polish immigrant went to the DMV to apply for a driver's license. First, of course, he had to take an eye sight test. The optician showed him a card with the letters:

'C Z W I X N O S T A C Z.'

"Can you read this?" the optician asked.
"Read it?" the Polish guy replied, "I know the guy."

Mother Superior called all the nuns together and said to them, "I must tell you all something. We have a case of gonorrhoea in the convent."
"Thank God," said an elderly nun at the back. "I'm so tired of chardonnay."

While walking down the street one day a US Senator is tragically hit by a truck and dies. His soul arrives in heaven and is met by St. Peter at the entrance.

"Welcome to heaven," says St. Peter. "Before you settle in, it seems there is a problem. We seldom see a high official around these parts, you see, so we're not sure what to do with you."

"No problem, just let me in," says the man.

"Well, I'd like to, but I have orders from higher up. What we'll do is have you spend one day in hell and one in heaven. Then you can choose where to spend eternity."

"Really, I've made up my mind. I want to be in heaven," says the Senator.

"I'm sorry, but we have our rules."

And with that, St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell. The doors open and he finds himself in the middle of a green golf course. In the distance is a clubhouse and standing in front of it are all his friends and other politicians who had worked with him.

Everyone is very happy and in evening dress. They run to greet him, shake his hand, and reminisce about the good times they had while getting rich at the expense of the people.

They play a friendly game of golf and then dine on lobster, caviar and champagne.

Also present is the devil, who really is a very friendly guy who has a good time dancing and telling jokes. They are having such a good time that before he realizes it, it is time to go. Everyone gives him a hearty farewell and waves while the elevator rises...

The elevator goes up, up, up and the door reopens on heaven where St. Peter is waiting for him. "Now it's time to visit heaven."

So, 24 hours pass with the senator joining a group of contented souls moving from cloud to cloud, playing the harp and singing. They have a good time and, before he realizes it, the 24 hours have gone by and St. Peter returns.

"Well, then, you've spent a day in hell and another in heaven. Now choose your eternity."

The senator reflects for a minute, then he answers: "Well, I would never have said it before, I mean heaven has been delightful, but I think I would be better off in hell."

So St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell. Now the doors of the elevator open and he's in the middle of a barren land covered with waste and garbage. He sees all his friends, dressed in rags, picking up the trash and putting it in black bags as more trash falls from above. The devil comes over to him and puts his arm around his shoulder.

"I don't understand," stammers the senator. "Yesterday I was here and there was a golf course and clubhouse, and we ate lobster and caviar, drank champagne, and danced and had a great time. Now there's just a wasteland full of garbage and my friends look miserable. What happened?"

The devil looks at him, smiles and says, "Yesterday we were campaigning. Today you voted."

Also coming soon.....



MGA Tour 2008 Thursday Night League

- Dates:* **April – June, 2008.** (Exact dates to be determined)
- Teams:* 10 team members (8 play in team event, if more than 8 show up, extras play in skins only).
4 best scores count each week and compared to other teams to determine wins and losses.
- Time:* Wednesday night, shotgun at 5pm.
- Cost:* **Still to be finalized** but will be approximately \$500 a team, \$30 a person each week.
Food, drinks and camaraderie afterwards.
- Format:* 9 Holes, current SCGA index, strokes where they fall, blue tees (white tees optional for members who are 65+ with handicaps 18+)

Look for the sign up sheets. We will need a team captain, a team name and 10 players maximum. If you don't have a team, sign up anyway and you will be drafted.

(An MGA Tour 2008 event)

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MGA 2008 Calendar **(Red for Majors, Blue for Minors)*

MGA Tour Events

January 6	President's Cup - 2 man
February 23	MGA Tour "CotoBowl II"
March 28, 29	Spring Classic
April 26	MGA Tour (New format will be added)
April 10 ->	Thursday Night League (now 10 weeks!)
May 15, 16, 17	Windmill Invitational (sign up March 1st)
June 6, 7, 8,	Club Championship
July 5	President's Cup - Individual
July 19	MGA Tour (New format will be added)
August 23	MGA Tour "Best of Buddies"
September 13	MGA Tour "Lone Wolf"
October 25	MGA Tour "The Triple Play"
November 14, 15	Fall Stampede
December 5, 6	MGA Tour Championship

Other Events

January 20	Pinehurst Qualifier
Feb 29, March 1, 2	Senior Club Championship
March 9	Pinehurst Qualifier
June 1	Pinehurst Qualifier
June 22	Pinehurst Finals
TBA	Pro Skins at 1:00pm

(Any letter, comments, corrections, suggestions.....Email John McAdam)
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