



## Happy Valentine's Day from Waggle.com!

### Where is D Love?

That seems to be the question for many folks, particularly around Feb. 14th. We have the answer for you golfers at least. He played last weekend in the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, Davis Love III that is! Having not played since incurring a severe ankle injury last September, DLIII underwent surgery in October and 4 months of physical rehab for his ankle. He claimed to be in great shape and more ready than ever to resume his PGA career, just prior to teeing it up last week. Apparently he was right, as he finished 24th. He is a two time winner of this historic tournament and finished 4th in 2007. Welcome back D Love.

### Steve Loves Pebble



Sounds like something you might have seen carved into a desk in grade school, but Steve Lowery has to love Pebble--Beach that is. Coming into the tournament not ranked in the top 300, he won for the first time in seven years, garnering a million bucks and a two year exemption on the PGA Tour. He becomes the oldest AT&T champion at age 47. Speaking of not having won in a while, Greg Norman played in the AT&T last weekend, his first PGA

start since 2006. His play was OK the first two days, but a third round of 79 made the cut unattainable for the Shark.

### Do You Know?

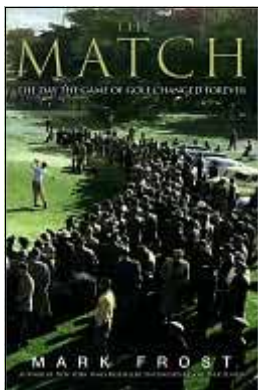
The 2008 PGA Tour started with a list of "did you knows" you may have missed. For all you leftys out there (attention Waggle's own Lefty) there are 8 player who also hit from the 'other' side: Mickelson, Weir, Flesch, Cochran, O'Hern, Watson, Axley, and Wilkinson. The tallest player is Jay Delsing at 6'5" followed by 15 others an inch shorter. Gavin Coles is the shortest at 5'4" by the way. The lightest player on tour at 140 pounds is Jeff Sluman. He gives away 125 pounds to the heaviest who is Guy Boros at 265 (Remember his father's sweet swing?). College representation on this year's tour is as follows: Ariz. State 12, Okla. State 9, Texas and UCLA 8 each, and Wake Forest with 7. The baby on Tour is Jason Day who was born 11-12-87. Wow, I have shoes older than him! -Ayce

### This Week on Tour

- **PGA TOUR**  
NORTHERN TRUST OPEN  
RIVERSIDE CC  
PACIFIC PALISADES, CA  
FEB 14 - 17
- **CHAMPIONS TOUR**  
THE ACE GROUP CLASSIC  
QUAIL WEST  
NAPLES, FL  
FEB 15 - 17
- **NATIONWIDE TOUR**  
HSBC NEW ZEALAND PGA  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
CLEARWATER CC  
HAREWOOD CHRISTCHURCH, NZ  
FEB 14 - 17
- **LPGA**  
SBS OPEN  
TURTLE BAY RESORT  
KAHUKU, HI  
FEB 14 - 16

### Book Review by C. Hofmann

#### The Match: The Day the Game of Golf Changed Forever – Mark Frost



I've read bits and pieces of this story over the years in various books and magazines, but I never really understood the magnitude of everything that happened during that practice round at the 1956 Crosby Clambake – until now. Conceived as a wager between millionaires Eddie Lowery and George Coleman, “The Match” faced the young amateurs Ken Venturi and Harvie Ward head to head against the aging professionals Ben Hogan and Byron Nelson with a lot more at stake than just money. Many say that what ensued was some of the greatest golf ever played on one of golf's greatest courses; Cypress Point.

By 1956 Hogan and Nelson were semi-retired, but both retained much of the form that had allowed them to dominate the game during their primes. Ward and Venturi were two of the top amateur players of the day and supported themselves by working for Eddied Lowery as car salesmen. Lowery, who forty years earlier had been the 10 year old caddie for Francis Ouimet in the 1913 U.S. Open, was now a USGA executive and a staunch supporter of amateur golf. He proposed the bet boasting that his boys could beat any two professionals Coleman could find. Coleman called his bluff, but rather than finding just any two professionals, found Hogan and Nelson, and The Match was on.

I want very badly to tell you about the golf played on that January day... I've never read anything like it. But, I'm really afraid that any details might ruin the book for you. (I will say that the four combined scores were 26 under par!) But, aside from reporting on great golf, the book also exposes the transition golf underwent during the mid-fifties. The Old Guard was desperately searching for a successor to Bobby Jones as the next gentleman golfer who would remain a lifelong amateur playing solely for love of the game. But with the arrival of big money and mass media, highly competitive amateurs were quickly becoming a thing of the past. Venturi and Ward lived at the heart of this dilemma and, as the subplot of the book unfolds, you the reader come to realize that The Match would be the last time such a competition could ever take place.

The book itself is organized in short concise chapters that allow the author to jump between the actual golf match, short yet through biographies of all involved, and the history of the golf course. At about 250 pages, it's an easy read that's written more in the style of a novel rather than a biography or history book. It does get a little wordy at times with long run-on sentences that can slow you down a bit, but aside from that, there's really nothing not to like about this one. It's a great golf book that finally tells one of the greatest golf stories ever and I highly recommend it. Put this one toward the top of your list – you won't be disappointed.

### A Course for Me by Ayce

Courses you love can come in all shapes and sizes so to speak. Brambleton is one of those courses. It has the proximity, value and playability that suits my game. On one of the near 70 degree February days this week (can't believe I wrote that here in DC!), we had a chance to enjoy this favorite track. The greens were in wonderful shape. I'll credit there condition for my sinking a lot of putts. One of the shortcomings of Brambleton is the drainage. Be careful not to play this one after anything resembling a rain as it will be a swamp. Such was the case this week, so lift clean and place was in order. Surprisingly the crowds were small for such gorgeous weather. Call ahead for tee times since Brambleton books up fast.

## We Love to Hear Your Feedback

Keep sending those comments about our newsletter. Tell us what you like, don't like, and would like to see in the future. We love to hear what you have to say and want to see.

## Upcoming Local Events

### 2/15/2008 - Couples Outing at Hilltop

Grab your significant other, heck just grab a friend here we are its February and it might be cold, it might not be we just won't know until the date arrives. The date is Friday February 15th, we need you and a partner for some Friday Fun as we host a 2 person shamble beginning at 3PM. So cut out of the office a little early and join us for 9-holes of golf with complimentary range balls to warm up with, on course contests, and dinner following the event. The cost is only \$25/per person register by e-mailing your name, phone number, and playing partner's name to [brad@hilltopgolfclub.com](mailto:brad@hilltopgolfclub.com).

### 2/17/2008 - VALENTINE'S Sunday Brunch and LIVE Jazz at Renditions

Renditions hosts Live JAZZ Brunch from 10am - 2pm on Sunday February 17th! Call (410) 798-9798 to reserve your seat.

### 2/18/2008 - George Washington's Cherry Tree Tournament

Chop them down at Lee's Hill in Fredericksburg, VA on Monday, February 18th for a 9am shotgun. \$20 entry fee plus green and cart fee. Individual format using the Stableford scoring system. Sign up in the Lee's Hill Pro Shop or call Chuck at 540-891-0111.

### 2/24/2008 - 2008 Baltimore Sun Travel & Golf Expo

Feb 23 and 24 at the Baltimore Convention Center. This popular travel show, now in its 11th year, is a consumer-focused travel event which is fun for the whole family. And, check out The Golf Pavilion sponsored by the LPGA. It's the newest addition to this event. In this area you will find the latest information on the most popular regional golf getaways, have your swing analyzed by professionals, shop for golf accessories, or participate in different golf contests happening throughout the weekend. (And visit with your friends from Waggle.com!) For more info, visit [www.baltimoresun.com/travelexpo](http://www.baltimoresun.com/travelexpo)

### 3/1/2008 - MD Section of ASCE 14th Annual Indoor Golf Tournament

Charitable indoor putting golf tournament open to the public for the benefit of the Maryland Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers Scholarship Fund. Where? Comfort Inn Hotel, Md Rte. 648 & Md Rte. 170, Linthicum. When? Saturday, March 1, 2008 - 7:30 p.m. Tee-Off Time (Shotgun Start). All Registration Fees Include the Following: Golf, Food (6:00 pm - 7:30 pm), Dessert Table/Coffee (after 7:30 p.m.), Open Bar (Throughout Event), Door Prizes for Golfers. There will also be a silent auction. For More Information, Please Call Ray Streib at 443-308-2100.

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#### Quote of the Week

**"Golf is like a love affair. If you don't take it seriously, it's no fun; if you do take it seriously, it breaks your heart."**

-Arthur Daley





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**This week we've highlighted some courses that we love!**

#### **Whitetail Golf Resort - Mercersburg, PA (Bogeyman Loves This One)**

Some courses you just enjoy but for no particular reason... this is one of them for me. Whitetail has opened/closed/been sold several times in it's relatively brief existence but through it all it has remained one of my favorite places to play. This scenic mountain course offers beauty and a challenge. The holes are enjoyable and require a variety of well thought out shots if you to play them well. And, the price is right! Whitetail offers one of the best golf values around. .

**\$27 (M-Fri, Anytime) and \$32 (Weekends & Holidays after 12pm) Cart Included. Valid 2x in 2008.\***

#### **Bulle Rock - Havre De Grace, MD (Lefty Loves This One)**

The only thing I like about this track is everything...from the way you are treated when you drop off you bag by the friendly staff, to the magnificent course featuring a challenge on every hole to the spectacular clubhouse for a cold one after the round – this course is worth the money and one of Lefty's favorites. Make the drive North for a special treat this season.

**Purchase a two round package and receive the third round free. Valid 1x in 2008.\***

#### **Westfield Golf Club - Fairfax, VA (Ayce Loves This One)**

Close to my home, Westfields always offers great course conditions and service to match. The Couples design has no housing around to detract from its beauty. Wonderful risk/reward holes complement some easier holes and some very tough ones, like the signature par 3 third hole. This is one of the few courses that I have NEVER heard a bad comment about!

**\$20 Off (M-TH Anytime, Fri before 12pm, Sat & Sun after 12pm). Valid 2x in 2008.\***

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