

Spring Training Special

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TOUR Talk

Teens will be front and center on the PGA Tour this week with Tadd Fujikawa and “the next Tiger” Rory McIlroy in the field at the Honda Classic. The 19 year old McIlroy has been trumpeted all week as the next great golfer, with pundits predicting a Nicklaus/Palmer type duel shaping up for Tiger. Time will of course tell, but I can’t help wonder where my mind was at age 19, maybe frosh girls! A better bet for a winner this week might be one of the international players. Lots of hot ones right now and history has a strong bias in the Honda for foreign players. This will be the first East coast event for local guy Steve Marino, so I am rooting for him. He was the fellow with the raucous local fans last year at the AT&T National. Ernie Els will attempt to be the second player to defend his championship at the Honda. The only other one was the previous Tiger, the aforementioned Jack Nicklaus.

This Week on Tour

- **PGA TOUR**
THE HONDA CLASSIC
PGA NATIONAL
PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL
MARCH 5 - 8
- **CHAMPIONS TOUR**
TOSHIBA CLASSIC
NEWPORT BEACH CC
NEWPORT BEACH, CA
MARCH 6 - 8
- **NATIONWIDE TOUR**
HSBC NEW ZEALAND PGA
CHAMPIONSHIP
CLEARWATER GC
HAREWOOD, CHRISTCHURCH, NZL
MARCH 5 - 8
- **LPGA**
HSBC WOMENS CHAMPIONS
CLEARWATER GC
HAREWOOD, CHRISTCHURCH, NZL
MARCH 5 - 8

Pinehurst Trip Report by Ayce

Little River Resort



Only 4 miles north of the Pinehurst traffic circle, lies a modern, small, lovely resort. The fairly new condo hotel setup accommodates golfers in adequate style, with rooms offering views of the course or range. Gentle elevation changes and great conditioning are the first two things that come to mind after a round at the Little River Resort (LRR). The first hole is a 430 yard (from the white tees!) par four that goes uphill once past a 150 yard carry over a lake on the tee shot. The second hole is a downhill par three played to one of two adjacent greens. Do not go long on either of these holes. The par fives are the most memorable holes. One such long hole meanders around a marshland on the left, making the hole as long or short as you dare. Another requires two good shots to set-up a dramatic downhill wedge to the green. The finishing hole is a stout uphill par four that is well bunkered.

The food at the LRR reflects the delightful Pinehurst ambiance, and is served in abundance. The practice facilities are good, save perhaps for the putting green which slopes too harshly towards the pond on the first hole. (Bet that more than a few warm-up puts have wound up wet!) The units are two bedroom condos which share a large kitchen and living room. Balconies or patios provide nice views. A week at LRR would be a wonderful respite almost year round. Winter golf can be frigid one week or spring-like the next so be prepared.

For more info visit www.littleriver.com

Longleaf Golf and Country Club

A friend suggested I play the “most playable course in Pinehurst” according to Golf Digest on my next trip to this golf mecca. Fortunately I took his advice, and now I owe him a favor! This semi-private facility lies a mere two miles from the famous Pinehurst circle, a stones throw from Mid-South Club. Dan Maples designed a club to pay tribute to a horse racing past. The result was a quality golf course unlike any other I have played. Sure, the course next door to the Brickyard in Indianapolis, home of the 500, has three holes inside the racing oval. But, the entire front nine at Longleaf sits amid the former thoroughbred training track by the same name. A former Preakness winning horse called Longleaf home, as now do many of the residents who live in the adjacent attractive development. Large portions of the original rails and quarter pole blend carefully into the racing motif of the course, offering unique views from many of the tees and fairways. The front nine looks similar to some links style courses with the flat terrain. The inward nine appears like a totally different course with woods and elevation changes. The service is above average thanks to GM Mike Floyd and his solid background in the industry. The bar is one of the nicest anywhere. This hidden gem is available for a fraction of the price of neighboring clubs, too. To quote the racing parlance “a guaranteed winner”.



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Upcoming Local Events

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3/7/2009 - ClubGolf Open House

Head to Clubgolf on Saturday March 7 from 11am-3pm and find out how you can take your game to the next level. Clubgolf, located off I-270 in the Rio Center, can diagnose and evaluate your problem areas. They'll design a customized program to help you play the best golf of your life. No matter what the weather, Clubgolf's state-of-the-art indoor facility provides the ideal practice and training environment. See why PGA pros, including Pdraig Harrington and Charles Howell III, have come to Clubgolf in Gaithersburg to work on their game. Make an appointment to try out the Clubgolf experience and get a FREE Swing Diagnostic - call 301-519-1920.

3/14/2009 - St. Patrick's Day Classic at East Potomac

On Saturday, March 14, 2009, East Potomac Golf Course will be holding its First Annual St. Patrick's Day Classic. This season-opening event will be an 18-hole shotgun start, with cart, food, beverages, prizes and great gifts all for the low price of just \$95. Call 202-554-7660.

3/14/2009 - 2009 Shamrock Open

Get lucky at the 2009 Shamrock Open at Cannon Ridge Golf Club on Saturday, March 14th. Format: 4-Player Scramble. Time: 1:00 Shotgun Start. Entry Fee: \$60/Player. Entry Fee includes: Greens fees, Cart, Range balls, Food, and Prizes. Entry deadline is Saturday, March 7th. Call 540-735-8000 to register.

3/14/2009 - Green Ball Challenge

Try the Luck of the Irish Green Ball Challenge at Blue Ridge Shadows in Front Royal, VA on Saturday, March 14, 2009. \$65 entry includes green eggs 'n ham, green balls, green beer, green tea, green tees, great prizes and mulligan's galore. We're playin' a one-man scramble, where you get one mulligan on a par 3, two mulligan's on a par 4 and three mulligan's on a par 5. We'll pay net and gross prizes and be settin' some records. Call 866.631.9661 for more info.

3/15/2009 - Goose Creeks Opening Day Scramble

Sunday March 15th, 2009 at Goose Creek in Leesburg, VA. 4-Person Scramble with a 10AM Shotgun Start. Price is \$60 and includes: Entry fee, cart fee, lunch, prizes, and skills contests. Raffle tickets will be sold before hand for mulligans during the tournament and raffle prizes after the conclusion of the event. For more information or to sign up your team contact the golf shop at 703-729-2500.

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Quote of the Week

"In the end it's still a game of golf, and if at the end of the day you can't shake hands with your opponents and still be friends, then you've missed the point.

-Payne Stewart

