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This Week on Tour

- **PGA TOUR**
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DECEMBER 18 - 21
- **CHAMPIONS TOUR**
OFF
- **NATIONWIDE TOUR**
OFF
- **LPGA**
OFF

A Farewell to Friends

At year's end we always see those lists of famous people who passed away. Here's our list of some of the more memorable names associated with golf. So here goes... starting with the voice of golf, and much of sports, during the 70s to 90s decades is Jim McKay. He worked many tournaments with former PGA pro Dave Marr, whose son can be seen on the Golf Channel.

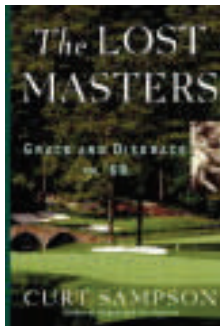
Famous golfers who passed included Orville Moody, Mike Souchak, and Tommy Bolt. Fittingly all of these guys were colorful characters and memorable. As a kid I enjoyed watching Orville "Sarge" Moody's sweet swing. Trevino predicted Sarge would win the 1969 US Open, and he made Lee correct. Tommy Bolt was the John Daly of his era. Watching golf in the 50s and 60s was akin to watching paint dry, so the club tossing antics of "Terrible" Tommy Bolt became like waiting for a NASCAR wreck. Mike Souchak would not have gained endorsements for fitness clubs (good thing as they were scarce). This former defensive lineman for Duke could crush a ball simply due to his size. Sadly one of his crushes went OB in that famous 1960 Open at Cherry Hills opening the door for young Arnold Palmer.

Locally, perhaps the biggest, nicest name in golf died in March. Ben Brundred had spent much of his life championing golf, fortunately for us, in the DC area. He directed the Kemper and Booz Allen Classics for two decades. Ben was a friend to Waggle and we will miss him. -Ayce



Book Review by C. Hofmann

The Lost Masters: Grace and Disgrace in '68 – Curt Sampson



Unlike any other sport, golf relies on the integrity of the player to know and self-enforce the rules of the game. It's not uncommon for players to penalize themselves and for players to treat the rules as sacred; enforcing them without compromise. But, never has strict adherence to the rules had a more profound impact than at the 1968 Masters when a simple oversight on the part of Roberto De Vincenzo cost him a major tournament after he signed an incorrect scorecard. During the final round his marker, Tommy Aaron, mistakenly wrote down a four on seventeen when De Vincenzo had actually made a three. And, because the rules say so, the higher score on the signed card had to stand resulting in De Vincenzo losing to Bob Goalby by one shot.

Ok, that's the story and as you might expect the actual event took about twenty-five pages to cover. So, it should come as no surprise when I tell you that quite a few red flags went up when I first considered reading this book. I've read a lot of his books and the notion of Curt Sampson once again writing anything about the Augusta National just seemed like a train wreck waiting to happen. And, given that this book was based on an incident that was dealt with in about an hour, I was a bit concerned when considering what else he would write about in order to fill the other 213 pages. But hey, I read it anyway...

For the most part, Sampson took the high road and behaved while stuffing the book with extensive biographical information on De Vincenzo and Goalby, their families, their caddies, and most anyone else directly involved. Other players profiled at length include Bert Yancy, Tommy Aaron, Billy Casper, Bobby Locke, and Vinny Giles with shorter discussions of other players from the late 60's. He also provides detail on the last years of Bobby Jones' life and how this incident was one of the last times Jones was involved directly with the Masters. But predictably, Sampson did manage to get in a few jabs at the Establishment of the Augusta National while also lobbing a couple of grenades in the direction of David Owen. I knew it would be there and when I read it I just had to laugh as I imagined Sampson standing in the middle of Washington Road with a big smile on his face giving the place the old one digit salute... with both hands.

But for me, the part of the book I found most intriguing was the part Sampson didn't actually write. That would have been the speculative discussion of what would have happened if Jones and the Augusta National had bucked the rules and allowed the original score to stand. Sampson went to great lengths to discuss the effect the event had on both De Vincenzo and Goalby, but he never really discussed the long term ramification or the precedent that would have been set had they gone against the USGA rules that were in effect. Through the years, this incident has been discussed over and over by golf writers, but I have to believe that had the ruling gone the other way, the writers would have been far more vocal and much less accepting of the result.

Upland Golf Club Closes



Upland was a better than average layout in Denton, Maryland that abruptly closed its doors last Friday after a quick 'fire sale' of pro shop merchandise. Calls were initially answered by staff confirming the closing, but by noon the phones ceased to be answered. Calls to the Chamber of Commerce and the local newspaper yielded bits of info surrounding the quick demise of the course built in 2002. Word was that financial issues dictated the decision to demolish the course for other purposes. So far this year golfers have lost at least Upland, Robindale, Presidential, Highland Springs and Somerset by our unofficial count. Waggle had enjoyed Upland and working with their amiable head pro. In fact, the course had a nice offer in the new Waggle Golf Pass just out. Page 2

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2008 By the Numbers

While reading Golf World magazine recently, I came across some interesting facts about the 2008 PGA Tour. I am trying to forget the article about surly Greg Norman's marriage to one of my hearththrobs Chris Evert (she deserves better, him worse) but having met both that story is for another time. Kenny Perry earned a record \$4.66 million without winning a single dollar at the four majors. Corey Pavin was last in driving distance averaging 261 yards. Sadly for him 143 players' average carry distance alone beat him. Davis Love III had played in 70 straight majors until he missed the Masters this year. Here's the shocker: the percentage of LPGA events which were won by women age 20 or younger was an amazing 23.5%. Talk about youth being served, and Annika retired at age 38! -Ayce

Membership Specials at Lee's Hill

Lee's Hill in Fredericksburg is currently offering some great deals on new memberships.

Individual Membership - Regularly \$1,500 - Now Only \$500 (savings of \$1,000)
Family Membership - Regularly \$2,000 - Now Only- \$750 (savings of \$1,250)

After the one time initiation, the monthly dues are:
5 Day Single Membership (Mon-Fri): \$90/month
5 Day Family Membership (Mon-Fri): \$103.50/month
7 Day Single Membership (Mon-Sun): \$139/month
7 Day Family Membership (Mon-Sun): \$168/month



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Lee's Hill Golf Club - 540-891-0111 - www.leeshillgc.com

10 Days of Christmas Giveaway

2009 is the 10 Anniversary of Waggle.com. We will be celebrating all year long with giveaways and special events. To kick off the celebration we will be having the 10 Days of Christmas (like the 12 Days of Christmas song where something is given away every day just 2 days shorter).



Everyday from Monday, December 15th thru Christmas Eve we will be giving away another gift. So visit Waggle.com during this time to sign up and win.

The Washington Golf Centers are the sponsor of this event and are giving away a TaylorMade R7 driver and a set of TaylorMade irons. Be sure to visit one of their 4 area stores for great holiday gifts while they celebrate their 30th anniversary. www.washingtongolf.com



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Upcoming Local Events

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12/20/2008 - Bulle Rock's Annual Brunch with Santa

Don't miss a visit from Santa at Bulle Rock on Saturday December 20th, 2008 from 10 am to 1 pm. Enjoy a brunch featuring all the good brunchy stuff (omelettes, sausage, ham, pasta, fruit, pastry, etc.) and a visit from the jolly old man himself. Adults are \$18, Kids 5-12 are \$10 and Kids under 5--no charge. Last year Santa's visit was a sell out, so call 410-939-8887 ext. 5 to reserve your seating.

12/20/2008 - Last Chance Tournament at Hains Point

Every golfer hopes for a mild Winter, but you can have a great round of golf on the last day of Fall at the East Potomac Last Chance Tournament at East Potomac Golf Course on December 20, 2008 at 10am. The event will be a 3-person scramble with a shotgun start. Every player receives 18-hole greens fee with cart, food and beverages, prizes, any hat from the Pro Shop and a Callaway Golf bag worth \$90. All that for only \$95. You should register before December 1, 2008 and spaces are filling fast so register today. For more information and to register, e-mail events@golfdc.com.

12/26/2008 - Battlefield's Cross Country Tournament

You Think You Got Game? Bring it On... The Battlefield Golf Club will be hosting our First Annual Cross Country Tournament on Friday 26 December, 2008. Tee off from places you never thought of before and work your way to a green some 500 to 1,000 yards away. 4 Person Scramble. 10am Shotgun Start. \$25 for General Public. This will be a 9 hole event and course maps will be provided to each team prior to play. Refreshments provided upon completion of play. Call 757-482-4779.

1/25/2009 - Greater Washington Golf Show

January 23 - 25, 2009 at the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly, VA. Don't miss the DC area's biggest golf expo. A 3-day golf extravaganza featuring deals on golf equipment and travel and a wide array of golf-related exhibits and displays, stage presentation and ball-striking activities, designed to entertain and educate the golf enthusiast. For more info, visit www.northcoastgolfshows.com

Quote of the Week

"Always throw clubs ahead of you, that way you won't waste any energy going back to pick them up."

-Tommy Bolt

