

This year's edition of the Perdido Key Golf Tournament is complete. We had a great time, as always. The weather was excellent as the Florida Panhandle almost always provides in November. Sandy Key's construction threw us off a little, but we all figured out how to work around it and didn't let it get in our way. We recognized Bob Kruse on Thursday by dedicating the tree at Gulf Shores Golf Club in his honor. Bob put a lot of effort into this tournament and I know everyone is thankful for his efforts. The white oak next to the first tee will be a lasting reminder of Bob's contribution to everyone that plays the course. I don't know what we would all do the first full week in November if we didn't have the Perdido Key Tournament to go to, and I sure can't think of anything that would be more fun than what Bob created down there. Thanks to Bob and all the participants and spouses that continue to make this tournament a lasting tradition. I see this tournament going on as long as I am able to make it happen, and then my expectation is that someone else will take it over.

We made some rules changes this year, and I think those changes were for the better. I asked for suggestions on how to make this tournament even better and I have received some. I think you will like some of the improvements that will be implemented next year based on these recommendations. Continue giving me your ideas.

The payout sheet is attached. As always, almost everyone made something with some making more than others. The most important objective of this tournament is that we all have fun, and we met that. These payouts are just a little extra for those that played well. The Skins payouts are based on flights which is why there are different amounts paid. It depended on the number of players that participated in Skins and the number of skins won per flight. After expenses, we paid everything collected in prize money. Steve plans to get the checks in the mail next week.

I plan to have the next Travel'n'Golf tournament, the Tunica Invitational, finalized and the entry forms sent out by Thanksgiving. The golf dates will be April 9-14, with the 72 hole tournament running from April 10-13. We will have a warmup tournament on Wednesday, April 9 and will wrap up the golf at TPC Southwind on April 14. The response to the survey on playing in this

tournament indicates we will have a field around 100 players for the 72 hole tournament, with enough signed up for the TPC course to make the commitment to play there.

We have had a great past, together we can forge an even better future. Look forward to seeing you all in Tunica.