

Golfers,

The 2013 edition of the Perdido Key Golf Tournament promises to continue the great fellowship and competition we have come to know from past events. I wanted to get the entry form out this week, but had company and didn't get it worked, and I am going to Honduras later today for a medical mission trip. I will get the entry form within a day or two after I return on Sunday, June 9. Be looking for it.

This year, we have some fantastic courses lined up to make this an exciting year for golf. Here is a summary of the courses we are playing:

Monday, November 4 - Marcus Pointe. We played Marcus Pointe as our opening tournament last year, the course was in nice shape but the greens were only a few months old. Now that the greens have had over a year to mature, I am looking for them to be in excellent shape.

Tuesday, November 5 - Gulf Shores Golf Club. This is a break in tradition, we don't usually play the same course more than once a year in this event. However, several things led to a course to be cancelled and Ernie at Gulf Shores was willing to give us a good deal. Plus, this course is one of the best down there. Come play Tuesday and get in an 18 hole tournament plus get a practice round on one of the 72 hole tournament courses we will be playing. Remember, Gulf Shores is where we planted the tree in Bob Kruse's honor. We will dedicate the tree on Thursday and I expect everyone to behave Thursday. Several of you have told me that you want to do things to the tree that I won't put in this e-mail. Well, Tuesday will be your chance to do these things.

Wednesday, November 6 - Perdido Bay. We usually play Perdido Bay in our 72 hole weekend tournament, but last year they didn't meet our standard for service. Plus, several of you have told me that you wanted to play some other courses, so I moved Perdido Bay to one of our warmup tournaments. The people there know that they didn't meet our expectations last year and they want the opportunity to show us that they deserve a spot in our 72 hole tournament. I played this course just a few weeks ago and it is in almost perfect shape. Look for a great day of golf and service from the course as

we prepare to get our weekend tournament started.

Thursday, November 7 - Gulf Shores Golf Club. The day we dedicate the tree in Bob's honor. The tree is planted near the first tee, we will all meet at the tree for the ceremony before going to our shotgun start holes. This will be a short, but meaningful ceremony to honor Bob and what he has done for our tournament. Gulf Shores Golf Club has been a good friend of Travel'N'Golf through the years, and now Bob and Travel'N'Golf will have a permanent fixture on the course, assuming nobody kills the tree on Tuesday. This is the traditional first course for our weekend tournament, and I expect it to remain in that position for years to come.

Friday, November 8 - Lakewood Golf Club at Pointe Clear. This is a new course for our tournaments, and I think you will really enjoy it. Lakewood is a historic course at the Grand Hotel in Pointe Clear. Rather than me go into specifics, check out their website at <http://www.lakewoodatthegrand.com>. The people at Lakewood have given us a rate that is really low per their standards and in line with what we are used to paying. It will take about an hour to drive to Lakewood, but it is worth it. I have played the course a few times recently and taken others to play it as well. Everyone that has played with me tells me that it is a course they want to come back and play. I think this will make day 2 of our tournament a day to remember. Also, at 4:00 every day they shoot a cannon at the Grand Hotel and give a talk on the history of the Grand. This is worth going to. Also, if you are into Civil War history, there is a Confederate Cemetery on the golf course that is worth taking in.

Saturday, November 9 - Kiva Dunes. Many of you have told me that you want to return to Kiva Dunes, so we are going to do it this year. Kiva Dunes is a highly regarded course, some like it a lot and others don't. Whether you move up or down the leader board this year on moving day will depend on how well you can place your shots and how well you can putt these greens.

Sunday, November 10 - Lost Key. Once again, Travel'N'Golf tradition dictates that we finish up at Lost Key. Not only is this a course that requires you to be on your game, it is convenient for those that are wanting

to get on the road back home. The tournament can be won or lost on this course, and several have either won or lost the tournament here in the past. Something will happen here that we will be talking about for months.

We will be staying at the Sandy Key Condos, the same place we have stayed the past few years. A hospitality room will be provided for fellowship and telling lies (I know all those stories can't be true).

Cost will be slightly higher than in the past due to the higher quality courses we are playing, but no more than \$20 or \$30. I will include the skins money on the entry form this year, so if you want in the skins game just mark it on the form and include the cost in your check. This will allow us to play skins on Sunday too and we will payout the skins with the other tournament payouts. Cost of the condos will be the same as last year.

Look for the entry form to come out week after next. I look forward to seeing all of you in November at the beach. It will be an exciting week.

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