

Golfers,

We have lined up an exciting six days of golf for May 15-20 in Scottsdale, AZ and at a reasonable cost given the quality of courses we are playing. We are going back to Troon North playing both the Monument and Pinnacle courses there, TPC Scottsdale playing both the Stadium and Champions courses, and SunRidge Canyon for a one day tournament. This year, we are adding the Westin Kierland Golf Club for another one day tournament. The entry form is attached, the total cost for golf all six days is \$655, which is a little more than a 10% increase from what we paid in 2015. Golf in Scottsdale is getting more popular, especially in May where the weather is transitioning from the mild winter temperatures to the hot summer climate. We found in 2015 that the upper 80's/lower 90's in the Arizona desert is a wonderful time for us to play these outstanding golf courses.

Here is what we are doing:

1. We are going to start the week off on Monday and Tuesday (5/15 and 5/16) playing at Troon North starting at 1:45 pm. On Monday we play the Monument course, Tuesday the Pinnacle course. Format will be a 36 hole two man best ball, if you have a partner there is a place on the entry form to add your partner's name. If you don't have a partner, no worries because we will pair you with another player.
2. Next, we go to TPC Scottsdale on Wednesday and Thursday with an 8:00 start time. On Wednesday, we will play the Stadium Course, which is the same course you have seen the PGA Tour play on TV for the Phoenix Waste Management Open. For Thursday we move on to the Champions Course where the Champions Tour plays the final stage of their Q-School every other year. The format will be a 36 hole individual tournament.
3. Then we go to the Westin Kierland Golf Club on Friday for a 7:30 start. Format will be an 18 hole two man best ball tournament. You can

use the same partner as at Troon, or change if you want, just note any change on the entry form. This is a new course to our lineup, and one that is highly recommended.

4. We will finish up at SunRidge Canyon on Saturday for an 8:00 start. Format will be an 18 hole individual tournament. We played at SunRidge twice in 2015, will only play the course once this trip.

Note the start times are different between courses. This is driven by the courses and we don't have much control over it. All days will be shotgun starts. All tournaments will be handicapped as has been our custom with the exception in the next paragraph.

If there is enough interest, we will try a new flight in this event. A Championship Flight will be included if we have at least 8 players sign up for it. This flight will play from the course's championship tees and will be medal play (not handicapped). There is a place to note your desire to play in this flight on the entry form if you are interested.

For lodging, we have already sent out info on the Gainey Suites, let me know if you need this sent to you again. There are a lot of other lodging options in the area, but if you want to use the great deal we have at the Gainey Suites please make your reservation as soon as possible.

Now for the contract/financial discussion. I have signed contracts with all the courses, most of the delay has not been the price but negotiating the terms and conditions. All of the Scottsdale courses now require non-refundable deposits, commitment, and early cancellation to get a partial refund for groups like ours. I have personally put up over \$10K in deposits on my credit card to hold these courses, and I need to pass this financial burden on to you. If you are going to enter any or all of the tournaments in the Scottsdale event, **I need for you to at least send me the deposit listed on the entry form**

by February 4. Note that each course we play has a different amount. If you are playing all six days, the amount of your deposit is \$200. In addition, I need your final payment by April 1. This allows me to make the final commitment to the courses on the number of players we will have playing in time to avoid penalties that we will have to pay for changing the contract. My preference is that you only send me one check for the full amount, but if you do this I need your entry and payment by February 4. Due to my putting the deposits on my credit card, if you can pay sooner than this it would help me with making my credit card payment.

I'm really looking forward to this event, it should be better than the last time we went to Scottsdale. The more players we have the better we will be. Many of you have told me that you want to go back to Scottsdale, and several of you that didn't get to go in 2015 have another chance to go to one of the best golf locations in the USA. Please feel free to forward this information to anyone that you think might be interested in playing in this event.

A travel note. I am arriving in Scottsdale on 5/14 and leaving on Wednesday, 5/24. If anyone is interested in playing some extra Scottsdale golf after the event, let me know. I don't know where we will play, but I will set some golf up for these extra days.

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