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Strange but true: No one has won a PGA Tour event without making a bogey since Lee Trevino in 1974 at New Orleans.

Out in L.A. this year before being selected as President's Cup Captain, Fred Couples suggested that if he were the Ryder Cup Captain he would relax the team by naming Robin Williams and Michael Jordan as assistant captains. His thinking was that Jordan would motivate the players and Williams would keep them loose. Now that he is Presidents Cup captain, Freddy admits that the Robin Williams thing was a bit of a joke but that Michael Jordan is still a possibility. His first assistant captain appointment, however, went to Jay Haas. Haas had a 5-3-1 record in two Presidents Cups as a player. "Jay was my No. 1 guy," Couples said. "He was the first guy who came to mind. The only other guy I thought about was Davis (Love) but I want Davis as a player." Haas gives the team two captains who are laid-back and soft-spoken.

Two-time U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen (who SST PUREs his clubs) has been working with his pro at Lake Nona, Gregor Jamieson, for almost two years and now he feels he's ready to compete at the highest levels. After all, he did finish one shot off the lead last week at the World Golf Championship at Doral. "It's nice to get the game going a little bit," Goosen said after posting his first top-10 on the 2008 PGA Tour. "It's a pity I couldn't have had just one shot better, but overall I'm very happy. This was my fifth event in a row and I was determined to keep going to get my game in shape. I don't like to practice a lot so I felt playing a lot was the only way to get my game back into shape.

Because of the nematode-damaged greens at Bay Hill, Arnold Palmer is mulling over redoing the greens this year. He ripped them up and re-turfed them seven years ago. Arnie told me he had planned to completely re-do the Bay Hill layout and redesign holes but decided not to follow that path. But if he has to rip up greens anyway I'll bet he reconsiders and we'll see a new Bay Hill course next year.

When you play the New Orleans event they take you by helicopter down to Lafitte to catch redfish and drum. Then when you get back to the range, celebrated chef Paul Prudhomme cooks them for you. This year as he was setting up he felt a sting in his right arm. Prudhomme shook his shirt sleeve and a .22 caliber bullet fell to the ground. Police believe Prudhomme was hit by a falling bullet, probably shot about 9:30 a.m. from somewhere within a 1 1/2-mile radius of the golf course. Fortunately he did not require medical attention and the feast went on!



Langer makes it 11 SST wins in '08

Bernhard Langer won the Ginn Championship on the Champions Tour on Sunday and delivered the 11th win of the year for SST PURE. Langer dominated the event, finishing 12-under par with the closest competitor at only 4-under. The Ocean Club at Hammock Beach in Palm Coast, Fla., is a demanding oceanfront course with winds that play havoc with your game, but Langer met the challenge to win his second event this year. The first came a few weeks ago at the Toshiba Classic in Newport Beach, Calif. Now the two-time Masters champion is brimming with confidence as he sets his sights on Augusta in two weeks. Other players with a history of having SST PURE their clubs also enjoyed the seaside conditions. Fred Funk, Nick Price and John Cook all had top-10 finishes.

The past two weeks the SST PURE Shaft Alignment Lab has PUREd clubs for some of the world's best for the first time. Henrik Stenson, ranked 13th in the world had clubs PUREd at the World Golf Championship in Miami, as did Bart Bryant, fresh off his second place finish at the Arnold Palmer Invitational. They were joined by players who have had clubs PUREd for years: K.J. Choi, Vijay Singh, Tim Clark, Anders Hansen and Bo Van Pelt, who has led some events in early rounds this year. In New Orleans the lab PUREd clubs for Jim Furyk, rookie sensation Alejandro Canizares, Tim Clark, J.L. Lewis and Chad Collins.

At New Orleans, players with SST PUREd clubs had another excellent week. Harrington, Woody Austin, Tim Petrovic, Tommy Armour III and Steve Elkington all enjoyed top-10 finishes. Armour blistered the course in his fourth round with a six-under-par 66 moving from 38th place to seventh.

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