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**The U.S. Open begins on June 12 at Torrey Pines**, site of the annual Buick Open. The entry deadline has passed and the total number of golfers going for our national crown is the second-lowest total this decade. Time passes quickly some of the familiar with names we have seen for years at the top of PGA Tour now have sons in the field. They include: Gregory Norman (Greg), Shaun O'Meara (Mark), Jason Cook (John), Eric Weiskopf (Tom), and Jamie Sindelar (Joey).

**There are some other interesting names** playing in the early local qualification rounds: Dallas quarterback Tony Romo, tennis great Ivan Lendl and another former NFL quarterback, Billy Joe Tolliver. Former champions Corey Pavin and Steve Jones did not enter. Angel Cabrera is the defending champion, and as you know, SST PUREd his clubs last year prior to the U.S. Open.

**So is Rick George, until this past week the president** of the Champions Tour, next in line to be PGA Tour commissioner? George has been named to succeed Henry Hughes as the Chief of Operations for the PGA Tour, effectively second in command. The new head of the Champions Tour will be Mike Stevens, who previously was that tour's Senior Vice President and Chief of Operations. Hughes becomes CEO of the Players Championship.

**Quiz time. Masters Champion Trevor Immelman** came back to the Tour to play the Byron Nelson but missed the cut. Can you name the player who won his next event following a Masters victory? Okay, so you knew it had to be Tiger Woods but did you know he did it at the Nelson?

**So where has John Daly been the last couple of weeks?** Recovering from surgery to repair a torn stomach muscle. Big John will be taking his act on the road, the European Tour, starting next week in Spain.

**Ready for another quiz?** Name the course that's played the hardest so far this year on the PGA Tour. In relation to par the winner is the Innisbrook Resort-Copperhead, home of the PODS Championship, according to statistics kept by the PGA Tour. Copperhead played to an average score of 72.97, or 1.97 shots more than its par of 71. Sean O'Hair won with a four-under total. The second most difficult was PGA National, where they played the Honda.

**It's still hard for me to believe that one of the most traditional golf courses** will not be played this year because the PGA Tour has moved the Barclay's Championship to the Ridgewood Country Club in Paramus, New Jersey, from the storied Westchester Country Club. The Barclay's moves to the ultra exclusive Liberty National next year where membership costs \$750,000, but you have to be invited.



## \$41 Million Won So Far by SST PURE Players

**With a just a third of the season in the books**, players who have had SST PURE their clubs have already won a staggering \$41million-plus so far in 2008. And that's just on the PGA Tour. With most of the season, three majors, The Players, plus the FEDEX Cup still ahead it certainly looks like the total winnings by these players will exceed the more than \$90 million won last year.

Consistency is the main reason for the huge increase because of all the top-10 and top-20 finishes, plus 12 victories so far on both the PGA and Champions Tours. The Champions players' winnings were not figured into the \$41 million.

**Also not computed into the total were** the results from the European Tour. Darren Clarke, who is a longtime PUREist, picked up his first title in five years this week at the Asian Open.

**Consistency is also why the world's best players flock** to the SST PGA TOUR Shaft Alignment Lab each week to ask SST to PURE any new clubs they test or put into their bags. They understand that having a shaft PUREd to analyze and identify the only stable position it must be inserted in the club head eliminates harmful oscillations that can cause inconsistent sweet spot impact. Think of it this way: A shaft is PUREd to find its own sweet spot.

The following pros had clubs PUREd this week at the Byron Nelson: Robert Garrigus, J.J. Henry, Bob Estes, Paul Claxton, Rory Sabbatini, Tommy Armour III, Ron Whitaker and Jim Furyk.

**Many pros won't even test a club** unless the shaft was PUREd prior to club head insertion. Why? How would they know what they were testing? Randomly inserted shafts produce random results but testing club setups with PUREd shafts eliminates the oscillations so the real results can show up.

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