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As a result of his three victories last year, Kenny Perry is now on the U.S. PGA Tour ballot for the World Golf Hall of Fame. When the ballots were released last Tuesday, Perry and Jay Haas were added to the Tour ballot and Darren Clarke made it on the International ballot.

Here's what it takes to qualify: PGA Tour players must be at least 40 and a tour member for at least 10 years, with a minimum of 10 PGA Tour victories or a combination of 20 PGA and Champions Tour victories. Perry has 12 wins. Haas won twice last year on the Champions Tour, pushing his combination of wins to 21.

You won't be seeing Vijay Singh for the next few weeks. The defending FedEx Cup champion underwent successful arthroscopic surgery on his right knee Wednesday and is expected to return to action on the PGA Tour in three weeks. Singh is likely to return in time for the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, which begins on Feb. 12. The surgery was to repair a torn meniscus in his right knee.

The Euros are gearing up with vengeance in their heart for the next Ryder Cup and it looks like they're turning to the fiery Colin Montgomerie as the potential captain. Jose Maria Olazabal was expected to captain the 2010 team, but he may be switching places in the order with Monty. Desperate to avenge last September's defeat at Valhalla and re-establish their dominance over the U.S., the European Tour will pull out all the stops in the run-up to next year's showdown at Celtic Manor. So the inspirational Scot, a veteran of eight Ryder Cups as a player, has been asked to consider taking the captaincy four years ahead of schedule.

Monty, 46 in June, had thought to have been ideal to lead Europe into action at Gleneagles in 2014, but the Euro's need him to become skipper right now. Olazabal, vice-captain to Nick Faldo in Valhalla, is still only 42 and remains determined to qualify for Wales as a player. He may skipper the European side in Chicago in 2012.

As you know there is another Singh making golf headlines these days and he's no relation to Vijay. Jeev Micah Sing, who won the Order of Merit for the second time in 2008 after winning four times around the world, wants to become the first Indian to post a victory in America on the PGA Tour. "I've won on every major international Tour except on the U.S. PGA Tour," said Singh, with 12 world victories. "That's why my main goal is to win in the United States. I've got the game to win over there and it will all come down to the short game and mental set up."

I missed not seeing Arnold Palmer play in the Skins Game this year. All of us in the Bay Hill Shootout tried talking him into it because he's playing really well but he just silently smiled which we all know means no. He flew out to Palm Springs late last week to prepare to host the 50th anniversary of the Bob Hope Championship.



SST PURE Opens '09 with Three Wins

SST PURE rocketed out of the 2009 starting gate with three big wins: Zach Johnson won the Sony Hawaiian Open, Retief Goosen won the African Open at the East London Golf Club and Paul Casey won his second Abu Dhabi championship.

What a great way to follow up the 37 victories and over \$137 million won last year by players with SST PUREd clubs in their bags. If the first week is any indication then players who have asked SST to PURE their clubs will once again dominate tournament golf as they did last year.

Johnson, the 2007 Masters champion, asked SST to PURE his clubs following his first major victory because he knew his clubs could perform even better once they were analyzed by the patented and proprietary SST PURE process that locates the most stable position of each shaft. He showed confidence in SST PURE and has won even more consistently since he began playing with clubs PUREd by SST.

Johnson may have won but, as they did last year, players with a history of asking SST to PURE their clubs also dominated the top 20. Charles Howell III, Kevin Na, Brian Gay, Boo Weekley, Tim Clark, Rory Sabbatini, K.J. Choi, Bob Estes and Sean O'Hair were all in the top 20.

Retief Goosen, two-time U.S. Open Champion, has worked on his game and is healthy again. He rocketed his way through the field to win. Even under apparently difficult conditions Goosen shot a seven-under par on Sunday to go from fourth to the top of the leaderboard.

Paul Casey beat a field that included world No. 2 Sergio Garcia for his first victory since he won the Abu Dhabi tournament in 2007. Casey finished at 21-under par.

The three victories provide powerful testimony how important it is for you to PURE your clubs. SST does not advertise and they do not pay the players to PURE their clubs. These TOUR victories demonstrate that the worlds' toughest golf equipment critics, the players, trust and rely on SST to PURE their clubs.

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