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**President Obama may have some health care** performed on his golf game as he vacations this week on Martha's Vineyard. Tiger Woods may join him and offer a few pointers for a few of the many rounds he plans to get in. The Secret Service has been scoping out the Vineyard Golf club.

**The round with Obama will have to be earlier in the week as Tiger** is committed to playing in the first FedEx Cup playoff event. Tiger, who has not played in the metro New York area for six years, entered the Barclays which will be played on the very exclusive Liberty National course next week.

**The Liberty membership fee is \$450,000 and** it's just a short distance from the Statue of Liberty, so this will be a great TV event for viewers offering spectacular scenes of Lady Liberty as aiming points for the golfers on certain holes. I also have to tell you about the garbage dump that's around the corner. If the wind is blowing in a certain direction the sweet smell of success is not what golfers and fans will notice.

**Greg Norman was supposed to play the Jen-Weld Tradition** this week because he's also building a course in the area. It's in Canada, but when you have a private jet "in the area" takes on a new meaning. "I'm building a course in Kelowna, British Columbia, so this was an easy tournament to commit to because I can say an extra week." He pulled out with a sore back.

**When Norman turned 50 in 2005 he played** in two majors that year but skipped all Champions events in 2006 and 2007. This year Greg has played in six events. He hates the regular 54-hole format they have for regular events "I like four rounds, simple as that," he said. "I played in a regular event down at Cap Cana, Dominican Republic, earlier this year and it felt like the tournament was over when we finished Friday afternoon."

**Norman says he doesn't practice like** the No. 1 player in the world. "My body doesn't allow it, my mind doesn't accept it," he said. When he was on top, Norman would hit balls on the range eight to 10 hours a day. "I can't do that anymore, I would never be able to get out of bed the next day. It's just a matter of playing your way back into the game, and it's more the short game than anything else." These days, Norman hits balls for a couple hours, then plays 18 holes. "Sometimes the best way is to play I know my golf swing and really don't need to keep refining it."

**What a difference a year makes.** Carl Pettersson won the Wyndham Championship last year but his best finish in 2009 was in the season-opening Mercedes Championship, and that was only for 17<sup>th</sup> place. In 14 of the 23 tournaments he's played since then he missed the cut.



## FedEx Cup Dominated by SST PURE Players

You might say that SST PURE is the defending FedEx Cup champion. Last year every event in the FedEx Cup playoffs was won by a player who had asked SST to PURE their clubs. All the events were won by two players: Eventual FedEx champion Vijay Singh and Camilo Villegas.

**Now, on the eve of the first of this year's events,** the standings going into the playoffs are dominated by players we know are playing with clubs PUREd by SST. Let's start with the top five on the list because every one of them has had SST PURE clubs for them: Tiger Woods, Steve Stricker, Zach Johnson, Kenny Perry and U.S. Open Champion Lucas Glover. The top 10 also includes Brian Gay and Sean O'Hair. The top 20 finalists include Retief Goosen, Jim Furyk, Rory Sabbatini, Paul Casey, Dustin Johnson and John Rollins.

**Tiger Woods, you'll recall, was the subject of a Golfweek magazine article** which said in a blind test of 12 sets of Nike irons Tiger picked the only two PUREd sets as his gamers and backup.

**With so many SST players taking last week off it was still a great week** for SST PURE as far as the top 20. Jason Bohn and Kevin Stadler were in the playoff. Other top 20 players were Fred Couples, PGA Senior champion Michael Allen, Brandt Snedeker, Justin Rose, Chez Reavie, Charles Howell III, Scott McCarron and last year's Asian Tour champion Jeev M. Singh.

**So here's the most up to date stats that prove how dominating SST PURE is on the PGA TOUR. Players with PUREd clubs have won 31 times and won over \$123 million.** Look at this list of players who have asked SST to PURE their clubs just in the last two weeks alone: Oliver Wilson, Rory Sabbatini, Will Mackenzie, Steve Elkington, Anders Hansen, Stuart Appleby, K.J. Choi, Davis Love III, J.B. Holmes, Jim Furyk, Michael Sim, Charles Howell III, Fred Couples, Pdraig Harrington, Bob Estes. J.B. Holmes, Brent Geiberger, D.J. Trahan, Robert Garrigus, David Duval, Billy Andrade, Rich Beem, Fred Couples, and J.J. Henry.

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