

DDGC Digest

COYOTE CREEK TOURNAMENT WIN AND STRONG MATCH PLAY FINISH PROPEL JAMES (JB) JACKSON INTO CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS LEAD

A winning performance at Coyote Creek, combined with a 3rd place Match Play finish, moved JB into the points leadership position over an idle Scott Robertson. JB leads the field by 115 points with two tournaments remaining.

The 2008 DDGC Championship Ranking			
1	904.00	James	Jackson
2	789.00	Scott	Robertson
3	721.00	Ervin	Mathews Jr
4	664.00	Curtis	Kimbrough

With only 250 maximum points available, there are only three players that have a mathematical possibility of



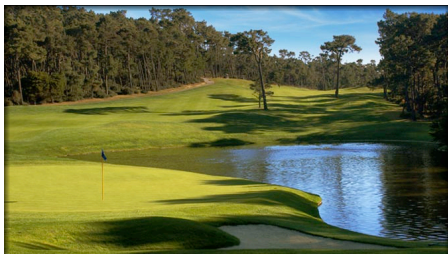
over taking JB for the club title. The Reserve and Poppy Hills will serve as the backdrop for the final leg of the club title chase. Registration is open for both tournaments. Monday, October 6 is the last day to register for the Reserve and October 13 is the deadline for the DDGC Year-end Tournament at Poppy Hills. For a full view of the Coyote Creek results, visit the DDGC web site and select "2008 Tournament Schedule and Results."

<http://www.deepdriversgolfclub.com/>

TOURNAMENT AND EVENTS



Place: The Reserve at Spanos Park
 Tournament Date: **October 11, 2008**
 Time: 11:00 AM start
 Tees: Blue, 6550 yards, 71.6/127 (rating/slope)
 Price: \$87 – Green fees, cart, range balls
<http://thereserve.americangolf.com/>



Place: Poppy Hills GC – Monterey, CA
 Tournament Date: **November 15, 2008**
 Time: 7:40 AM start
Registration Deadline: October 13, 2008
 Tees: White, 6175 yards, 71.0/134 (rating/slope)
 Price: \$105 – Includes: birdie pot, green fees, cart, range balls, and lunch
<http://www.poppyhillsgolf.com/pebblebeach/index.htm>

MATCH PLAY FOR 2008 IS IN THE BOOKS



Scott Robertson defeated Curtis Kimbrough to take this year's title as the DDGC Match Play Champion. Last year's champion, Ron Ellis, made it to the Elite Eight, but was unable to repeat last year's finish. Top eight finishers were awarded points equivalent with a Major. Other participants who were eliminated in the first three rounds, will receive 50 points. Curtis Kimbrough, Match Play Coordinator, did an excellent job running this year's Match Play and has agreed to again organize the Match Play Tournament for 2009. Additionally, he wants to *"thank all who participated in 2008 and is looking forward to seeing who will step up their mental game and tournament preparation in next year's Match Play Tournament."*

OFF THE COURSE BY KEVIN CANADY

Unfortunately, the amount of history related to Black golfers is somewhat limited. As a result, "Off the Course" is being established as an alternating section with the Golf History section. This editorial will raise and discuss issues outside of golf.

DO YOU BENEFIT FROM THE BAILOUT?

In the first round of "Off The Course" I want to discuss an issue that has been at the top of the leader board over the past few months, the economy. I don't think I'm alone in feeling like I get a bogey where my understanding of the issues surrounding the chaos on Wall Street is concerned. Frozen credit markets, hedge funds, credit default swaps, and the hundreds of billions of dollar in bailouts by the government are just a few of the things that add strokes to my financial market IQ handicap.

The Treasury and Federal Reserve are spending hundreds of billions of dollars to keep the sub-prime crisis from crashing the world economy. The collapse of twin mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, along with the failures of Lehman Bros. (the largest bankruptcy filing in U.S. history by \$500 Billion), Bear Stearns and insurer AIG, have exposed the instability of the current U.S. economy. The taxpayers, are now on the hook for more than \$1 trillion in liabilities. The common denominator in the collapses and the need for the subsequent bailouts, is supposed to be the inability of the firms to retain financing. At the core of the frozen credit markets are sub-prime mortgage loans. At this point, I've used enough golf metaphors to fit the theme of the newsletter, so now let me finish with what I see as the issue beyond the current crisis.



The Fed's current regulatory philosophy, generated in the Reagan years, shifted from what was in essence "a line between right and wrong, don't cross it," to a current underlying policy that "anything and everything that might be called financial innovation ought to be embraced." The losses related to sub-prime mortgages reported by the major banks and other financial institutions around the world (approximately \$506 billion as of August 27, 2008) is a result of this approach to regulation.

As expected, there has been a call for more regulation. Is this what is needed? The mega-bailout has the potential for being a reward for investing in risky financial ventures that failed. Should these banks be allowed to go under? What would have happened if AIG had been allowed to fail? Is this crisis just the market trying to reestablish some rational order in the economy? Is this the market tearing down these mega financial firms and disposing of the crazy financial products that they created? Is it the market punishing those who grew rich on paper money schemes, derivatives, sub prime mortgages, and hedge funds? Are these schemers the same people the taxpayer is being asked to bail out—Wall Street fat cats? Are any of us truly getting substantial help from this bailout? **Email me your thoughts and I can compile them in a follow up discussion.**

PLAY MORE GOLF

The 16th Annual Tri-Club Classic Golf Tournament

WSGA Affiliate Clubs (The Golden Tees, Long Beach Pack, and L. A. Fairways) is holding the 16th Annual Tri-Club Classic Golf

Tournament in Palm Desert, CA, December 13-14. Early entry ends October 15, 2008 and total entrants are limited to 144. There are currently 6 DDGC members planning to attend. For more information contact Donald Williams.



LATEST WORD FROM THE COMMITTEE

The DDGC Year-end Awards Banquet will take place immediately following our round at Poppy Hills and will be held at the Comfort Inn in Marina, CA. The registration deadline (**October 13, 2008**) is earlier than other tournaments because Poppy Hills requires that the club commit to the number of players 30 days in advance. The committee is working on a special rate for players who want to come in Friday. Current cost is \$79-\$89 for single or double occupancy.

THE LEADER BOARD

The 2008 DDGC Championship			
Rank	YTD Total	Player	
1	904	Jackson	James
2	789	Robertson	Scott
3	721	Mathews	Ervin Jr
4	664	Kimbrough	Curtis
5	589	Gamble	Eric
6	546	Marks	Clyde III
7	546	Williams	Donald
8	537	Lee	Antione
9	529	Robinson	Doyle
10	472	Cooper	Michael

Match Play Final Eight:		
Finish	Player	Points
1	Scott Robertson	250
2	Curtis Kimbrough	232
3	James Jackson(JB)	214
4	Eric Gamble	196
5	Cedric Fellows	172
6	Doyle Robinson	154
7	Ron Ellis	136
8	Michael Cooper	118

Coyote Creek Golf Tournament Results			
Rank	Player	Net	Points
1	Jackson, James	70	250
2	Davis, Claudius	70	232
3	Mathews, Ervin Jr.	71	214
4	Davenport, Kevin	71	196
5	Ambrose, Timothy	71	172
6	Robinson, Walter	71	154
7	Canady, Kevin	71	136
8	Williams, James	73	118
9	Hawkins, Tim	73	50
10	Lee, Antoine	74	50

Most Improved Golfer - 2008 Handicap			
Rank	Player	Start 1-Jan	Ending 1-Oct
1	James Jackson	10.5	6.1
2	Marcus Banks	27.4	20.0
3	Clyde Marks III	11.6	8.7
4	Luke Fashaw	24.4	20.2
5	Curtis Kimbrough	12.7	10.0
6	Ron Ellis	15.2	12.5
7	Alfred Gales	15.4	13.2
8	Darryl Rowe	10.5	8.8
9	Ervin Mathews Jr.	15.8	13.8
10	Gene Daniels	16.1	14.4

NCGA Handicap Ranking - 11/08		
Rank	YTD Total	Player
1	5.6L	Doyle Robinson
2	6.1L	James Jackson
3	8.1L	Scott Robertson
4	8.7L	Clyde Marks III
5	8.8L	Darryl Rowe
6	9.6L	Ernest Christmas
7	10.0L	Curtis Kimbrough
8	10.8L	Donald Williams
9	12.0L	Kevin Hamilton
10	12.2L	Michael Cooper