

# DDGC Digest

## Match Play Championship To Be Decided This Month *Robertson and Kimbrough face-off for Club Match Play Title*

Scott and Curtis were victorious as the Final Four met on August 24 at Poppy Ridge. The Final Four showed Eric matched against Curtis, while Scott and JB faced-off in the other half of the bracket. Scott and Curtis will now play for the Club Match Play Championship by September 15.



Scott Robertson



Curtis Kimbrough

Leading up to the Final Four was a third round of matches that lived up to what you would expect from the best 8 players in this year's match play. In the closest match, JB and Cedrick battled for eighteen holes with both players shooting 80 and neither having a hole advantage after regulation. It took a "putt-off" to determine the winner, with JB making the putts to advance. In the remaining matches Eric defeated Doyle (2 and 1), Scott defeated Mike (2 and 1), and Curtis defeated Ron, the 2007 match play champion (5 and 4).

### Professional Match Play Tournaments

There are only a few professional tournaments that use a match play format. They include the Ryder Cup, the Presidents Cup, the WGC-Accenture Match Play Championship, and the older HSBC World Match Play Championship, an invitational event which is now part of the European Tour. Formerly, the PGA Championship, used match play, but it changed to a stroke play event in 1958.

Most recently, the Ryder Cup has been the most intriguing of the professional match play tournaments. This year's event will take place on September 16-21, 2008 at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Kentucky. *Read more about the Ryder Cup on page 2.*

### TOURNAMENT AND EVENTS

**Roddy Ranch Results.** On August 16 at Roddy Ranch the members fought the heat and tough greens to complete the club's 6th tournament of the year. Keith Mincey pulled out the win by playing up to his club handicap. *See additional results on pg. 3.* **Coyote Creek Golf Club**, located in San Jose is the site of this



Coyote Creek - 16th Hole

month's tournament, which is being held on September 13. The course features two spectacular 18 hole Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Courses. **Proposed event** – There are continuing discussions occurring about our year-end award banquet. At the Roddy Ranch tournament members were in favor of having an event open to members only, at a location (restaurant/bar/club - type venue) that provides a fun and entertaining atmosphere. **Please provide your feedback. Send your opinion and ideas to: [president@deepdriversgolfclub.com](mailto:president@deepdriversgolfclub.com).**

### Calendar

- September 13  
Coyote Creek GC
- October 11  
The Reserve GC
- November 8  
Poppy Hills

**GOLF HISTORY 101 - RYDER CUP HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS**

The competition was inaugurated following an exhibition match in 1926 of a team representing American professionals against a similar one representing the British PGA on the East Course, Wentworth Club, Virginia Water, Surrey, UK. The solid gold trophy was donated by Samuel Ryder, a golf enthusiast and successful entrepreneur. After years of US dominance following WW II, the representation was expanded beyond the British & Irish team to Europe in 1979.

The change was partly prompted by the success of a new generation of Spanish golfers of the time, including Severiano Ballesteros. He and Antonio Garrido were the first Spaniards to play in the Ryder Cup, in 1979. A less noted first, also occurred during the 1979 Tournament. It also marked the first year that a Black American was selected to play for the US Ryder Cup team.

Lee Elder was the first Black American to play on a Ryder Cup Team, after breaking the color barrier at Augusta only 4 years earlier as the first

Black American to play at the Masters. Elder became one of the first black golfers on the PGA tour in November of 1967. Elder first won on the PGA tour at the 1974 Monsanto Open, which gave him an automatic invitation to the 1975 Masters tournament.



1979 US Ryder Cup Team

**LATEST WORD FROM THE COMMITTEE** BY CLYDE MARKS**In the Spirit of Honor and Fair Competition**

Clyde Marks III

Scores in all forms of competition must be posted for handicap purposes so that the competition between players of different abilities are properly reflected. This includes non-tournament stroke play, match play, multi-ball, or team competition. It is important to note that if a player decides to discontinue play on any hole, he is still obligated to post a

score for that hole. Match Play is the most common example of a format where holes are frequently conceded. Even in stroke play, players can get frustrated, pick up their ball, and move to the next hole. In either of these scenarios, players still must post a score and are to use the following guidelines.

If 13 or more holes are played, the player must post an 18-hole score. If 7-12 holes are played, the player must post a nine-hole score. In either case, scores for holes not played must be recorded as par plus any handicap strokes that the player is entitled to receive on the non-played holes. If you just said "huh"; I understand. Look for more information to be provided on this over the coming months.

Exposing scores to peer review is also important. The best way to

do this is to post your score in person immediately following a round at the course where the round is played. This method should be used whenever possible.

Golf is a game of honor. Players are expected to call penalties on themselves. The other competitors in a tournament "protect the field" by monitoring each other in the group and at the end placing an attesting signature on a scorecard. In that vein, "peer review" is the method by which players attest to the ability of those in a club, through monitoring play and validating scores. These are basic principles applied to equalize the abilities of players at different handicap levels.

**PLAY MORE GOLF**

**Get Inspired By Watching the Best Golf Movies of All-Time** by Kevin Canady, DDGC Digest Editor

What are the best golf movies ever made? More of them have been made than you probably suspect. This is by no means from the review of any type of comprehensive list, but are my picks from the movies I have actually seen. Here are my choices for the best four golf movies of all time.

1. "Tin Cup" - Roy McAvoy (Kevin Costner) is a talented golf pro, who owns his own driving range in a tiny, unheard of Texas backwater town. He is going broke and his golfing talents remain untapped until he is wakened from his deathlike reverie by a visit from a newcomer in town, psychologist Molly Griswold (Renee Russo).

2. "The Legend of Bagger Vance" - Golf is used as a metaphor for one man's spiritual and philosophical journeys. Rannulph Junuh (Matt Damon) was a gifted amateur golfer sent into a spiral of alcoholism. Bagger Vance (Will Smith) volunteers to serve as Junuh's caddy and coach, using a mixture of ancient wisdom and past-life knowledge to help Junuh "remember" the swing he's lost.

3. "Bobby Jones - Stroke of Genius" - Based on the real-life story of golf legend Bobby Jones, who dominated golf in the mid-'20s and is the founder of Augusta National Golf Club. The story looks at the gifted, oftentimes tortured golfer who was forced to balance his family life and the public scrutiny regarding his golf career, lest both of them dissolve entirely

4. "Happy Gilmore" - Whether you're a fan of Adam Sandler or not, you'll enjoy this nutty flick about a hockey player, Billy Madison (Sandler), whose slapshot produces prodigious drives. You've got to see this just for the fight scene between Bob Barker and Sandler.

**THE LEADER BOARD**

DDGC Championship Point Leaders			
Rank	YTD Total	Last Name	First Name
1	539	Robertson	Scott
2	457	Mathews	Ervin Jr
T3	446	Williams	Donald
T3	446	Marks	Clyde III
5	440	Jackson	James
6	437	Lee	Antione
7	382	Kimbrough	Curtis
8	343	Gamble	Eric
9	325	Robinson	Doyle
10	304	Cooper	Michael

Lowest Handicap Ranking – as of 9/1 (Top 5)		
Rank	Name	H.I.
1	James Jackson	6.5L
2	Doyle Robinson	7.6L
3	Scott Robertson	8.1L
4	Darryl Rowe	8.8L
5	Clyde Marks III	9.4L

Most Improved Handicap - 1/1/08 - 9/1/08 (Top 5)				
Rank	Name	Handicap Index		Index Factor
		Start 1/1/08	Ending 9/1/08	
1	James Jackson	10.5	6.1	1.245
2	Marcus Banks	27.4	21.6	1.172
3	Clyde Marks III	11.6	9.4	1.103
4	Curtis Kimbrough	12.7	10.5	1.097
5	Darryl Rowe	10.5	8.8	1.080

Roddy Ranch Tournament Results		
Rank	Member	Net
1	Mincey, Keith	72
2	Dawkins, Michael	75
3	Kimbrough, Curtis	76
4	Williams, Donald	76
5	Wiley, Lewis	76
6	Robinson, Doyle	77
7	Gamble, Eric	78
8	Moore, Jackie	78
9	Middleton, Steven	78
10	Cooper, Michael	80