



## Twin Oaks Men's Golf Club

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Rules and Greens: Sorry this is out so late, but after returning from 9 days with 5 grandchildren, and a son who is still a kid at 40, I've just been a little worn out.

Just recently I had the absolute thrill of playing in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual JC Club Cup contested here at Twin Oaks Golf Course on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Various Men's Clubs affiliated with different JC Resorts courses competed on four man teams consisting of three members from that courses Men's Club, and the local pro from each of those courses. Twin Oaks was represented by me, Scott McClellan, Wes Mayer, and our Pro Troy Ferguson. What a thrill it was to watch our pro play; man that guy is good! It was a thrill to watch someone who has the power to reach the par 5's in two! The winning team was determined by taking the best gross score and the best net score on each hole for a combined total score. I'm happy to say that our Twin Oaks team won both the gross and the net trophies for the second year in a row.

While we played, I again paused to reflect on the importance of chipping and putting to our game. I mean Troy hit these magnificent drives and great approach shots, but it still came down to scoring inside of 100 yards! Sure those 300 yard drives are neat, but it still comes down to sinking the two and three foot putts which give me such fits, eh?

Did any of you happen to see Matt Kuchar three putt on one hole from inside three feet during the first round of the Open Championship? I mean that's like 900 yards worth of drives! When you see that sort of thing happening, you'd love to say, "hey, that's ok, you would have made that first putt 90% of the time, why don't you just take par and let's move on? No can do spanky! Until that ball is holed out, that player, as embarrassing as it might be, has to keep going until he puts it in the hole! I bring this up not only to remind us how important putting is to our own score, but also to remind us that good etiquette goes a long way to helping our playing partners enjoy their game. Remember there are three other people playing, not just you. Be mindful to stay out of your playing partner's line of sight while they putt. Be careful not to make movements or noises while one of your fellow competitors is making a stroke. Hold your grumbling and celebrations down until everyone has holed out. It is funny how the brain works and how easily it can be distracted from the task at hand by even the smallest things. Have fun and be thankful that you are able to get out and enjoy the course and the friendships we're all building here in the Twin Oaks Men's Golf Club! Should you have questions and/or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your attention; play the best you can play for that day, but keep it fun and enjoyable for everyone.

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