

Gentlemen of the Tour,

The long wait is over, and our 5th season of the modern era is... well... it's started hasn't it. While it seems somewhat anticlimactic to start the season with a "regular event" we did at least manage to get 15 guys off the first tee box at a Mercer East course in surprisingly good shape considering all that rain earlier in the week. And how about that weather this weekend! What may be more surprising is that the golf was actually pretty darned good. It took net under par to podium (as it should be!) and aside from our reigning order of merit champion everyone kept it below net 80. Leading the charge was a man on a new mission in 2010 who picked up right where he left off last season. Pee-Tah threw down an early big number going 94 net 66 and winning our first event of the season. This, after winning 4 times last season en route to falling 2 points short of an OOM title. A harbinger of things to come? Perhaps. He also dispatched with his first match play opponent taking out a very game XL-presidente by a 4 and 3 score. Nice work Pete.

In second place, despite his prediction of lost balls and bad golf was DiCo, who parlayed 2 birdies on the back into a very respectable 85 net 68 in his first round of golf since the closer last year. Apparently rust is good on this gate, although the round was not without incident. After blistering the first 8 of the back 9, DiCo approached the 18th tee box brimming with confidence and feeling a slight breeze behind him. Having driven the ball well pretty much all day and looking at that wide open fairway he just knew a big drive was coming. Alas, upon the completion of what can only be described as a Bunyan-esque swing the golf ball dribbled slowly about 10 yards off the tee box. The foursome all had a good laugh but I promptly left any chance at the victory on that hole posting a sloppy 8 to finish the round. Those types of finishes will not be kind in 2010 with many more active players on tour... so finish strong boys, finish strong.

The third place finishers didn't enjoy quite the same weather, as the Saturday pairings got the first spring fog of the year. Apparently the 8:30 group couldn't see more than 100 yards out. Good thing Carlos, Matt, and DavidMcC have trouble driving it that far... The murky start did not keep Matt D and David Link-Me from reaching the podium however as they both shot net 71s to earn the bonus points this week. From what I hear the Saturday crowd also saw some eagles out there but unfortunately none were of the golfing variety. Ahh the West Windsor wildlife.

So the season is off and running. Pete starts out on top, Mullet posts a basement (early handicap management... I like it!), DiCo like his beloved Mets continues his streak of strong opening days, and a couple of the younger guys get some early blood. We have one match down with about 100 to go, our first classic looms this week, and our first trip to a new tour track comes in 2 weeks time. To all this I say, Bring it!

Good luck to all this week.

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Mercer Oaks East

Par 72  
Slope 121  
Rating 69.4

| Name               | Course<br>Handicap | Gross | Net | OOM<br>Points |
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| Pee-Tah            | 28                 | 94    | 66  | 4             |
| Chris DiCo         | 17                 | 85    | 68  | 3             |
| David Link-Me      | 17                 | 88    | 71  | 2             |
| Matt D             | 24                 | 95    | 71  | 2             |
| Mike Crano         | 32                 | 104   | 72  | 1             |
| Carlos             | 13                 | 86    | 73  | 1             |
| TimE-way           | 6                  | 80    | 74  | 1             |
| Paul XL-presidente | 20                 | 94    | 74  | 1             |
| Garty              | 22                 | 97    | 75  | 1             |
| Paul M             | 36                 | 111   | 75  | 1             |
| Chris D            | 16                 | 92    | 76  | 1             |
| DavidMcC.          | 39                 | 116   | 77  | 1             |
| Joe The Faucet     | 17                 | 96    | 79  | 1             |
| Tommy Mullet       | 15                 | 98    | 83  | 1             |
| Scott L(A)         | 39                 | 112   | 73  |               |