

Dear Nashville Am Tour Member:

In October of last year Team USA finally broke through with a decisive Ryder Cup victory over a European team that had been dominating the competition for more than a decade. The senses of pride, elation, and even relief, were palpable for every player, captain and fan who had been working for two solid years toward winning at Hazeltine after the rout at Gleneagles just two years prior. Everyone associated with Team USA left Chaska, Minnesota with a newfound confidence in the Americans' ability to string together a winning streak of their own.

Just a month prior to the Ryder Cup a similar celebration was had by the members of Team Nashville in the inaugural Tour Players' Cup matches against Team St. Louis at Tunica National Golf Course in Tunica, Mississippi. The 20-man team consisting of four members from each of the five flights on our tour came together over the course of three days to form strong, successful teams leading to stronger singles play on the final day.

Team Nashville got out of the gates quickly on Saturday morning establishing a lead over Team St. Louis after the morning foursomes session, and stretched that lead slightly in the afternoon four ball session. St. Louis Captain Matt Minder arranged his Sunday singles lineup in hopes of cutting into the Nashville lead early to put pressure on the A Flight and Champ flight matches, but a strong performance from Nashville's B, C and D Flight competitors prevented St. Louis from gaining any momentum. Ultimately, we brought the cup back to Nashville with a decisive 25 to 15 victory!

Now, the challenge is to retain the cup when we meet St. Louis in Tunica again on the first weekend in October. I know players who competed in last year's event are eager to defend our trophy, and I hope word has spread to the rest of you about how much fun we had last year. Chris Guthrie will be posting a TPC Points update soon so you can see where you stand and what work you have left to do to make the team.

I have attached an information sheet about the Tournament Players Cup. The information sheet includes the format of the matches, the schedule of events, and perhaps most notably as you go through your preparations to begin the regular season, it also includes the points values for the qualification process. There are only four spots available in each flight and three of those spots will be earned by you on the course. The fourth spot will be filled by a Captain's Pick that will be selected after the three automatic spots are filled.

I have selected co-captains to assist me with managing our team this year. The TPC Co-Captains are as follows: Champ Flight - Brannan Atkinson; A Flight - Greg Haag; B Flight - Wayne Reynolds; and C/D Flight - James Jacobs. Neither I nor my Co-Captains are guaranteed a spot on the team, so we will have to earn our way onto the team just like you. These gentlemen will help me communicate with the players in each flight throughout the season and will report back to me on who is playing well as we

approach the selection time for our Captain's Pick. Please use them as a resource if you have any questions or suggestions to help us improve the player experience.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at Hideaway at Arrington next Monday.

Good luck!

Jody Barrett, TPC Team Captain